



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Monday, April 23, 2018



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, April 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 125 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Members Present: Mayor A. B. Cooper, III, Mayor Pro Tem Richard Porter; Councilmembers: Harry Archer, Richard Johnson, Danny Navey, Austin Waters

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Service Director; Michelle Shreve, Planner; Arrington Moore, Events/Mgmt Asst; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Mike Shutak, Carteret News-Times; Michelle Lampin, Sea Turtle Program
Llewellyn Ramsey, Planning Board member; Fred Dean, BOA member; John Rivers, former Councilman

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Councilmember Navey led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDAS

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to approve* the agendas as presented. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Porter. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Financial Report
- b) Budget Transfer
- c) Tax Collection Report
- d) Tax Releases
- e) Approval and Awarding of the 2018-19 Phase II – Vegetative and C&D Debris Removal Contract to Santee Modular Homes as primary award and Custom Tree Care as secondary award
- f) Approval and Awarding of 2018-20 Emergency Pump Rental Agreement to DRI Pumps
- g) Town Council Meeting Minutes: 3/15/18 WS and 3/26/18

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Nancy Brady, 204 E Bogue Blvd

She received the Code Red notice for the recent boil water advisory on East Drive, but questioned why she didn't receive a notice lifting the advisory.

Mayor Cooper stated we will follow up with Carteret County since the Town requested the rescinding notification to be sent out. (The advisory was due to a contractor damaging a water line).

6. PRESENTATION ON LIGHT POLLUTION AND ITS EFFECT ON SEA TURTLE NESTING BEHAVIOR

Anna Windle, Duke University Master of Environmental Management Candidate, presented to Council her recent findings from a light pollution study. Light pollution is caused by direct and indirect light from waterfront homes, businesses, parking lots, public beach access sites. Female sea turtles can become disoriented or confused when crawling toward any

bright lights causing the female sea turtle to turn around, potentially dropping her eggs into the ocean with no chance of developing. The hatchlings have an inborn tendency to move in the brightest direction. On a natural beach, the brightest direction is most often the moon and the moonlight reflected by the ocean. Disoriented hatchlings can travel towards lights on roads and get run over by cars, or have been known to collect underneath bright lampposts and die from dehydration.

All sea turtle species are listed as either endangered or threatened under the ESA with only 1 in 1,000 hatchlings making it to adulthood, or 0.1%. This can be due to nest washouts, predation (raccoons, ghost crabs, birds, sharks), disease, entanglement in fishing gear, ingesting plastic. This past summer in North Carolina, there were 1,222 recorded nests, with an estimated 85,758 emerged hatchlings. If only 0.1% of these make it to adulthood, that means only 86 sea turtles will make it to adulthood this year. If we want sea turtles to continue nesting on NC beaches, we cannot afford to lose any more to light pollution. Past studies have pointed to a correlation between lighted beaches and reduced nesting. Observations and experiments have noted that nesting sea turtles prefer darker areas where buildings and tall dunes act as light barriers.

For her study she attached two continuously logging sky quality meters to an autonomous terrestrial rover. The rover operates similar to an aerial drone and drives a predetermined route with regards to beach topography. The sky quality meters collected high-resolution ambient light measurements at a sea turtle's eye-level in a completely novel way.

She inquired what the Town felt the Sea Turtle Sanctuary sign at the foot of the bridge meant. She requests the Town to enact lighting ordinances to protect the turtles not only during hatching season, but also during nesting season. She is willing to assist with the ordinance amendments and offered suggested changes to height, type, mounting restrictions and limiting periods of use. Her goal is to find a reasonable solution to fix the problematic lighting. She would also like to start a non-profit group educating residents and visitors on the importance of "Beachfront Lights Out" and "Dark Skies Save Sea Turtle Lives".

Mayor Cooper stated the Town will look at the lighting issues and the ordinances to see how we can amend the UDO to make an impact. He directed Michelle Shreve to review the ordinances and asked Anna to provide the Town with the lighting hot spots.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter asked if coyotes were a threat to the turtles on the beach. Mrs. Lampin commented there were not any reported incidents, but Fort Macon State Park monitors nests on their property to protect them. Mrs. Lampin also noted that they have been conducting DNA testing for the past 7 years and have determined that Atlantic Beach is the nesting stop for many first time nesting turtles and many repeat female nesters.

7. PROPOSED REVISION OF LUP TO CONFORM WITH ADOPTED UDO AND CALL FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 25, 2018 AT 6:00PM IN THE TOWN BOARDROOM

A proposed amendment to the Land Use Plan has been prepared to change the zoning district information in the 2010 CAMA Core Land Use Plan so that it will match the recently updated Unified Development Ordinance. We will be following the recently changed CAMA Land Use Plan Amendment process to implement these changes.

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to schedule* the public hearing on June 25, 2018 at 6:00 pm on the proposed revision of the Land Use Plan to conform with adopted UDO. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Porter. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

8. Review of Summer Programs

Arrington Moore, Mgmt Asst/Special Events reviewed the upcoming events in Town:

- Saturday in the Park – Saturday, May 12 from 11–1. There will be a DJ and free mini golf.
- Mini Golf Opens - Saturday May 12 marks the opening of the mini-golf course for the season. We will have 11 part-time employees to run the concession stand.
- AB Beach Music Festival – Planning for the 5th Annual event is great and with a record number of sponsors
- Walking Trials - This summer we will be launching a Walk Atlantic Beach Program. There will be large maps spread around throughout town with corresponding mile markers on the routes. There will be four routes each with varying distances. We hope to have all the signs up and installed by Memorial Day Weekend.
- Summer Boardwalk Movies – We will show nine free movies again this year on Wednesday nights at the Circle with a double feature on July 5.

- Sounds Like Summer in the Park - we have put together a music lineup for the new Sounds Like Summer music program in the park this summer. These will all be held on Thursday nights from 5-7pm.
- July 4th Fireworks
- Beach Run Series
- Summer Volleyball Program
- AB King Mackerel Saltwater Slam Tournament – the 2018 tournament is scheduled for October 6-27.

Council discussed possibly promoting and advertising events in Town even though they are not Town sponsored events.

9. PROPOSED FY18-19 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET: REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING

David Walker, Town Manager, provided the same budget presentation as he did at the last work session.

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to enter* the Public Hearing on the proposed FY2018-19 Annual Operating Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter made a motion *to exit* the Public Hearing on the proposed FY2018-19 Annual Operating Budget. Seconded by Councilmember Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried

10. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Walker reviewed the current contract with Waste Industries for refuse and recycling. We are continuing to receive requests from citizens wanting the blue rollout recycling carts. When these carts were first introduced, Waste Industries only allowed us to sell 200 of the carts. Since that time, Waste Industries has expanded and is willing to amend the contract allowing rollout recycle carts for all citizens desiring one.

The Town's original contract with Waste Industries was dated July 1, 1987 with several amendments throughout the years. The 7/1/2006 - 6/30/2011 contract was priced at \$4.87/trash and \$2.30/recycling. It was extended for 3 years from 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2014 with no CPI adjustment for 11-12 Amendment (this allowed the 200 recycling carts). We extended it again from 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2019 with no CPI increase for FY14. The current proposal extends from 7/2019 thru 7/2024 with no CPI for FY19, opens up roll out recycling to the entire Town and there is no change in the service schedule or price increase, except for annual CPIs.

Council instructed the Town Manager to research other firms to confirm this is the best rate. Also, inquire with Waste Industries to see if they will roll the carts back to people's homes rather than leave on the street. It was noted that Pine Knoll Shores has an ordinance penalizing residents for not putting their cart up.

11. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

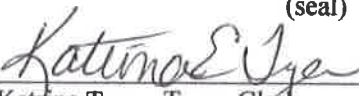
None.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 7:38 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the May 21, 2018 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)

Katina Tyer - Town Clerk



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH


B. Cooper, III - Mayor