

Minutes Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina Town Council – Work Session Thursday, August 16, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.



A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.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,

Rich Johnson, Danny Navey and Austin Waters

Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Mike

Simpson, Fire Marshal; Arrington Moore, Management Assistant

Mike Shutak, Carteret News-Times; Fred Dean, Board of Adjustment member

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Architect Interviews

Mayor Cooper reviewed the plan for a new facility the Town has been working on for a while. Three architects were selected to receive proposals from today.

- JFK Architectur Greenville, NC: John Farkas, President; Steve Janowski, civil engineer and landscaping with Rivers and Associates; and Brian Farkas, Principle and Director of Development
- Hobgood Architects Raleigh, NC: Kenneth Hobgood, founder
- Stewart, Cooper, Newell Gastonia, NC: Jim Stumbo, Principle; Ken Newell, Principle; and Ron Cullipher, civil engineer

Each group was allowed an hour to present their proposal and design concept, and to answer any questions from Council. Council inquired about the timeframe for completion, practices for working with elected officials especially if a new board is elected, and past experience.

Break: 11:46 Lunch provided in the boardroom

Resume: 12:20

2. Review of UDO Amendments "Clerical Errors" and "Substantial Changes"

Michelle reviewed the proposed amendments that were presented to the planning board during their August 7 meeting.

After lengthy discussion regarding setbacks, it was the consensus for staff to do more research and inquire with other towns regarding their setbacks and calculation procedures before proceeding with any proposed amendments.

3. Review of Proposed Land Use Plan Amendments

At the request of Council, the Planning Board reviewed the proposed Land Use Plan amendments during their August 7 meeting. After reviewing each item in detail, the board recommended approval. A request for approval will be presented to Council at the August 27 Council meeting.

4. Discussion on Golf Cart Usage (continued from July 23)

Chief Harvey reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding golf cart usage again. There was discussion on the allowable crossings over Hwy 58. Councilmember Waters would like crossing to be allowed at Island Quay Court/Island Quay Drive and Ocean Ridge Drive/Ocean Ridge Court. Councilmember Johnson would like crossing to be allowed at the Town Park and Atlantic Station traffic light. It was the consensus to only allow crossing at the Charlotte Avenue/Hwy 58 stop light, prohibiting crossing at Durham Ave., Raleigh Ave., and Kinston Ave. due to congestion and traffic. There was discussion

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about allowing crossing at Money Island Drive to Anchorage Marina and at the DoubleTree by Hilton, but access cannot be allowed to a private parking lot or a driveway.

Carolyn Bridgwater was in the audience and allowed to speak regarding her recent petition for golf cart parking at the Tom Doe Beach Access. The petition is included in the record.

After brief discussion on designating golf cart parking areas it was decided to address that at a later date after implementation of the program.

Mr. Walker noted if this ordinance is adopted, it will take six weeks before the Police Department could begin administering and suggested an effective date of November 1, 2018.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 1:33 pm.

These minutes were approved at the October 22, 2018 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor