



Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council – Work Session
Thursday, October 18, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.



A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 10:00 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; Arrington Moore, Management Assistant; Michelle Shreve, Planning Director; Nick Krebs, Planner; Morgan Kerns, Parks and Rec Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Adam Snyder, Fire Chief
Mike Shutak, Carteret News-Times; WCTI-12 News streaming a live video
Planning Board members: Curt Winbourne
Board of Adjustment members: Fred Dean and Curt Winbourne, Alternate
Chris Jones, County Building Inspector; Greg Rudolph, Shore Protection office

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. This special meeting was called to discuss Hurricane Florence damage to commercial structures, town property and beach erosion.

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

1. HURRICANE FLORENCE DAMAGED COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES REPORT

After the hurricane, the planning and inspections department reviewed the substantially damaged commercial structures identified by the Damage Assessment Team and notified the county building inspector for inspection. Some owners have already applied for permits to repair their structures.

There was discussion about all of the debris from buildings and signage being unsafe. Some of the signs were non-conforming before the hurricane. If they were damaged more than 50%, they must be rebuilt to conforming standards.

There was open discussion about how to inform business owners to clean up their property and what timeline the town can enforce. Mayor Pro Tem Porter wants to put everyone on notice they have a certain amount of time to make repairs before we start code enforcement otherwise next summer we will be asking why these properties are not repaired and safe. Councilmember Archer understands people are stressed during this time and waiting on insurance adjusters. He feels the planning and inspection department should communicate with businesses and inquire about their plans. Mayor Cooper feels most business owners will repair their businesses timely, but we have some that were non-conforming before the storm. Council received input from County Building Inspector Chris Jones.

It was the consensus to send a letter to business owners with substantial damage explaining the town ordinances and provide contact information so owners have a clear line of communication.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter inquired if the RVs that needed to be moved from the island per ordinance were removed. Michelle did not have confirmation on numbers. He wants to review the ordinance again and consider making removal town-wide or require hurricane straps.

Mr. Jones noted a new building code will go into effect on January 1, 2019, which takes Carteret County from 130 mph wind zone to 150 mph wind zone, there will be new requirements to follow.

2. BOGUE BANKS BEACH DAMAGE REPORT

Greg "Rudi" Rudolph, Shore Protection Office, confirmed Hurricane Florence was a storm of record at the Beaufort tide gauge as far as water height, higher than Hurricane Hazel. Florence beat the record twice, during two tide cycles. He explained the difference in storm tide and storm surge and how each affects the beach. Florence also had the longest duration of significant wave height than any other storm. He showed dune erosion from Emerald Isle to Fort Macon

comparing photos taken prior to the storm on September 10 and after the storm on September 16. Prior beach nourishment efforts really helped protect Atlantic Beach. There was not any evidence of water breaching the dunes, but there was dune loss west of the Circle. The entire island lost 3.5cy of sand, the equivalent of 3 nourishment projects. The goal moving forward needs to be working with the USACE to place sand west of the Circle. We are looking into funding options since our beach is not eligible for FEMA reimbursement due to the fact that we have never paid for a nourishment project, therefore considering us an 'engineered beach'.

3. TOWN PROPERTY DAMAGE REPORT, RECOVERY AND REPAIR ESTIMATES

In preparation of a budget amendment that will be presented to Council on Monday, Mr. Walker reviewed the initial estimated costs from Hurricane Florence for vegetation and C&D removal- \$315,000; Sand Fencing Replacement estimate- \$172,260 (\$65.25 x 2640 sections); Payroll Overtime- \$82,800; Town Owned Building Repair- \$85,000; Equipment Rentals- \$26,180 for a grand total of \$681,240. We anticipate these expenses to be reimbursed from insurance or FEMA.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter wanted to address some drainage issues in the Pelican Drive area and location of pumps on Club Colony Drive. Mr. Walker explained the Town's responsibility is to keep the streets clear, not private properties.

4. REVIEW OF RECREATIONAL/SPECIAL EVENTS SUGGESTED GOALS AND PROJECTS

Morgan has been meeting with Councilmembers gathering their ideas and goals and has created a great list to work on. She is going to work on submitting a PARTF grant for additions at the Park. She would like to initiate some half day educational summer camps for kids to visit the beach and bait shops, etc.

Mayor Cooper would like to see a Parks and Recreation Committee established consisting of 8-9 members, with Councilmember Johnson serving as chair. He asked Council to suggest multi-generational, various careered and interests residents/property owners for the committee.

5. COUNCIL COMMENTS

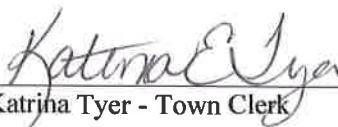
None.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 11:44am.

These minutes were approved at the January 28, 2019 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)


Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



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A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor