



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 17, 2018 at 6:00pm



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, December 17, 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; Arrington Moore, Events/Mgmt Asst; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Jason Hutchinson, Police Major; Ross Jacoby, Police Captain; PD Officer Drennan; Doug Harvey, Police Lieutenant; PD Officer Clark; PD Officer Haning; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Morgan Kerns, Events Director; Nick Krebs, Planner; Mike Shutak, Carteret News-Times
Board of Adjustment: Vada Palma, Joey Dean/alternate; Planning Board: Lynne Brown

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 amend and approve* the agendas by adding item 7c to schedule a public hearing for the January 28, 2019 Council meeting on UDO Amendment regarding setback calculations. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Porter. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Financial Report
- b) Tax Collection Report
- c) Tax Releases Report
- d) Budget Amendment: Fee Schedule
- e) Approve 2019 Meeting Schedule
- f) Town Council Meeting Minutes: 11/15/2018 WS

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

CITIZENS COMMENT.

Vada Palma, 116 Island Quay. She is concerned with the century oaks and large cedar located on the residential lot at 104 Cedar Lane that the ABC Store would like to turn into a parking lot. She urged Council to preserve these trees, the street is named Cedar Lane and this is the only cedar on the street.

Mayor Cooper noted Council is aware of the trees on the lots and that it was addressed at the Planning Board meeting in December.

PRESENTATION OF THE LETTER OF COMMENDATION FOR LIFESAVING TO OFFICER JAMES DRENNAN

Police Chief Jeff Harvey presented Officer James Drennan with a letter of commendation for lifesaving efforts. With his exemplary service and dedication to the Atlantic Beach Police Department, he is commended for a job well done. His professional performance and quick action, while responding to a suicidal person on the Atlantic Beach/Morehead City Bridge, is worthy of special recognition. Officer Drennan's dedication and willingness to provide creditable police action during a life-threatening situation is a great merit to him and to the department.

Planning and Development:

- a) **Call for a Public Hearing for January 28, 2019 on Proposed Zoning Map Amendment to change 104 Cedar Lane from zoning district RSD to MHI**
- b) **Call for a Public Hearing for January 28, 2019 on proposed Land Use Plan amendment to change 104 Cedar Lane from Future Land Use type Residential – Medium Density to Mixed-Use Residential**

Michelle Shreve gave a brief review of the rezoning request and the effect a rezoning would have on the Future Land Use Plan.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter asked what steps would need to be taken to rezone the adjacent lot, which houses the CenturyLink building and is non-conforming, at the same time. Michelle advised it could be addressed in the future.

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to schedule* a Public Hearing for January 28, 2019 on Proposed Zoning Map Amendment to change 104 Cedar Lane from zoning district RSD to MHI and on the proposed Land Use Plan amendment to change 104 Cedar Lane from Future Land Use type Residential – Medium Density to Mixed-Use Residential. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Porter. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

c) Call for a Public Hearing for January 28, 2019 on the Proposed UDO Text Amendment regarding Setback Calculation

Mayor Cooper explained amending the current setback calculation rules has been discussed by Council and the Planning Board separately and feels it will be beneficial to discuss during a joint meeting. The goal is to implement a straight dimensional standard for setbacks, not basing it upon the adjacent lot. Michelle will provide a GIS map of current setbacks in zones now and the proposed amendments.

Councilmember Waters made a motion *to schedule* a Public Hearing for January 28, 2019 on Proposed UDO Text Amendment regarding Setback Calculation. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- a) Notice of Award of NC CAMA Grant: Doubletree Westside Public Beach Access Project: \$95,705
- b) Review 2018 Council Goals & Objectives Accomplishments

Mr. Walker reviewed Council's goals from the January retreat and noted completion of each goal. He also reviewed what each department listed as their 2018 achievements.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Johnson has enjoyed his first year and learned a lot. He is pleased with fellow board members and department heads. The community has come together in an unbelievable way since the hurricane.

Councilmember Waters said he has been a part of this beach since he was five or six years old and he has never been more proud. He had no idea we had the quality of people working for the Town and the hard work they do, and it makes him even more proud. Without the staff, we wouldn't have the Town we have today.

Councilmember Archer congratulated Mr. Walker on his leadership qualities and to department heads and staff for making everything happen. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. And we will work to protect the live oaks and cedar tree for Vada.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter notices and appreciates the level of commitment of the line level staff with police, fire and public works. He is looking forward to next year.

Councilmember Navey said the staff continues to amaze him. He has seen people come and go and even with the transitions staff does not miss a lick. With every disaster we find an opportunity. His service on the board has been so rewarding.

Mayor Cooper acknowledged this Council has been here a year now, and it has been a tough second half of the year following the hurricane. The energy the new members brought has been great. We are looking toward the future not the past. He thanks staff for their hard work and also Council.

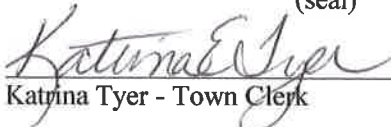
ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:54 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the February 25, 2019 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

(seal)

Katina Tyer - Town Clerk




B. Cooper, III - Mayor