



Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council – Work Session
Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.



A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, May 9, 2019 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; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Michelle Shreve, Planning Director; Morgan Kerns, Parks and Rec Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Mike Simpson, Fire Chief; Marc Schultz, Public Works Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Review of Proposed FY19-20 Budget

Mr. Walker presented the proposed budget to Council. It proposes a 1.5% beach nourishment/dredging tax to be set aside in a separate fund for future projects. This figure is included in the proposed tax rate of \$0.18 per \$100 valuation.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter stepped out of the meeting for a phone call at 10:02am and returned 10:03am.

We are waiting on medical insurance quotes, but we are going to be recommending using the NC League of Municipalities next year rather than Aultra. It would keep our cost per employee under \$700 a month. There was extensive conversation regarding ways to assist employees with the increased dependent health coverage cost if we switch to the League plan.

Review of Draft Causeway Improvement Options

Alta Consultants submitted drafts of a plan for Causeway improvements and street landscapes. They illustrated how improvements to the corridor will help bring people to the businesses on the Causeway. They did not submit changes to Marsh's Surf Shop and Chasin' Tails driveways and parking areas due to requests from the owners. Chasin' Tails has a lot of boat trailer traffic they want to continue to accommodate. There were not any changes to the parking lots from Capt. Stacy to El Zarape, the focus will be on streetscape improvements.

Councilmember Navey pointed out the dangers of blocking the center turning lane by Old Causeway especially with the existing traffic congestion problems.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter stepped out of the meeting for a phone call at 10:46am and returned 10:47am.

Mayor Cooper asked Council to put their thoughts together on the proposed draft so they can be submitted to the consultants to prepare a final for submitting to NCDOT.

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 11:17 a.m.

These minutes were approved at the July 12, 2019 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)



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Katrina E. Tyer
 Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk

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