



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**Monday, October 28, 2019**



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, October 28, 2019 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; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Michelle Eitner, Planning Director; Nick Krebs, Planner; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Michael Simpson, Fire Chief; Morgan Gilbert, Parks & Rec Director; Betty Odham, Planning/Insp. Admin; Eddie Briley, BOA Chairman; Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times

#### **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. 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) Tax Refunds
- e) GovDeals Sales Report – Police Boat/Trailer/Floating Dock
- f) Approval of October 16, 2019 Dredging Committee Meeting Recommendation
- g) Request for NPDES Renewal
- h) Donation from the Brent Milgrom Foundation; \$5,000 flagpole
- i) 2019 Parking Program Summary of Revenue and Expenses
- j) Town Council Meeting Minutes: 8/26/19; 8/26/19 CS; 9/12/19 WS; 9/23/19; 9/26/19

Mayor Cooper brought attention to the Brent Milgrom Foundation Donation. Councilmember Johnson made a motion *to approve* the agendas as amended. Seconded by Councilmember Navey. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

#### **5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS**

Susan Hatchell, 206 Caswell St. Concerned with the excessive and illegal fill dirt on Glenn St. and would like it removed immediately. It has not been stabilized and is blowing on her property. Her second concern is regarding an August 2008 Memorandum from Michelle regarding fill amendments, it reads we need to reevaluate our UDO and she does not think we are quite done with amendments.

Danny Moody, 208 W. Atlantic Blvd. Concerned with loud noise coming from two businesses around the Circle where million dollar houses are being built. He has been told there is an 11:00pm cutoff and that he needs to purchase a decibel meter to record data. He has read Chapter 11 of the Town Ordinance and does not see a cutoff time or decibel scale. He was told by an officer that businesses are exempt from this rule. Nothing is working, he wants to know what to do now.

Wally Courie, 400 Money Island Dr. Concerned with the flooding on Glenn St., especially since the recent fill dirt at 204 Glenn St., and feels the Town needs to expedite upgrading the stormwater system. He understands the Town was trying to obtain easements from property owners and suggests proceeding just using the five feet granted with the Ward Holdings Easement. He also recommends as a pilot project to install a generator, but he doesn't want to slow the project down by having to reconfigure the plans.

Eddie Briley, 205 Moonlight Dr. Speaking on the success of the AB Saltwater Slam King Mackerel fishing tournament that ended its third year this past weekend. There was a lot of radio advertisement promoting the tournament and Atlantic Beach. He thinks this is a great tournament. When they started the tournament they set a 5 year goal of 100 registered boats and they exceeded that in year three. He asked that next year when the tournament asks the Town for money, that it gets funded.

**6. Approval of Resolution 19-10-01: Resolution of Sympathy for Carl Vernon Williams**

Mayor Cooper read the resolution aloud for the audience. Councilmember Archer commented that Mr. Williams was a fine man and a dapper dresser, he will be missed. Councilmember Navey had spoken with his son recently and expressed his gratitude to the town for this recognition.

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to approve* Resolution 19-10-01: Resolution of Sympathy for Carl Vernon Williams. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Porter. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

**7. Update on Halloween Activities and Christmas Planning**

Morgan recapped Barktoberfest, it was well attended by over 400 people, with pleased vendors and patrons. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat is Wednesday and will feature new event stations to keep the kids busy, rather than just standing in line for candy. The Annual Light Up the Night Christmas Parade will have a new route, beginning at Cedar Lane, with staging at Peppertree. She is encouraging all the businesses on the south side of Ft. Macon Rd. to host parking lot parties for parade viewers. The main viewing area will be on Atlantic Blvd., with bleachers set up in the Pavilion lot. Council was pleased with the new route and suggested putting additional signage on Fort Macon Rd. to ensure attendees are aware of the new route.

Mayor Pro Tem Porter complimented police, fire and public works for the amazing job they did over the weekend with three big events in Town: Tuna Run, Bike Race and Kites Unlimited Kite Festival.

**8. Update on Resiliency Grants for Stormwater Planning**

Michelle Eitner, Planning Director, noted the recent grants of \$15,000 from Duke Energy Storm Resiliency Grant and \$29,759 the 2015j Grant from EPA administered by NCDEQ (to COG) with a \$15,000 match from the Town. The Town is partnering with NC Coastal Reserve, Eastern Carolina Council of Governments and LDSI Engineering to create the Stormwater Resiliency Plan. The Stormwater Resiliency Plan aims to address stormwater pollution by identifying pollution and flooding sources and outlining options for mitigation.

**9. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Status of Capital Projects: Water plant fencing; Water Well Aux generator: pending taking bids within November; East-end Welcome sign; DoubleTree West Beach access; East Fort Macon toward State Park sidewalk link; Dredging projects; Park digital sign; Raleigh Avenue stormwater project; Additional Parking Spaces this past summer at the Circle we changed 26 spaces to 1 hour parking, added 29 new at the Water Plant, and added 58 spaces at Henderson Blvd.; and the Beach Nourishment Project will bring sand to the westend for the first time in 17 years.

There was discussion about installing generators at the town pump stations. Mr. Walker stated the cost was too high right now, quotes have been \$100,000–150,000.

**10. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS**

Wally Courie, 400 Money Island Dr., disagreed with the cost of the generator quote. He does not feel they are that high.

**11. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Archer thanked the public for their interest tonight and assured we would look into their problems.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:51pm.


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

ATTEST:

  
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

  
A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor