



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2019



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, December 16, 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
Councilmember elect M.J. Forrest

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Attorney; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Michael Simpson, Fire Chief; Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Boy Scout Troop #130 led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDAS

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to approve* the agendas as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Financial Report
- b) Tax Collection Report
- c) Tax Releases
- d) Certification of 2019 Election Results
- e) Notice of Receipt of CAMA Grant; Durham Beach Access \$88,750
- f) Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes: 11/14/19WS and 11/25/19

Mayor Cooper reviewed the consent agenda items for Council and the audience. Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

5. Recognition of Mayor Pro Tem Richard Porter for Dedicated Service

Mayor Cooper presented Mayor Pro Tem Porter with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service to Atlantic Beach. During his time on the Planning Board and Council he has made the Town a better place. He was effective in hiring a Parks and Recreation Director and always stepped in to assist and attend any committee meetings. He asks a lot of good questions and gets answers.

**** 5 MINUTE RECESS ****

NEWLY SEATED BOARD 2019-2021

6. Exchange of Sister City Proclamations with Atlantic Beach, Florida

Mayor Cooper introduced Mayor Ellen Glasser from Atlantic Beach, Florida. In 2018, during Hurricane Florence, while Mayor Cooper was sitting at town hall thinking about all of the recovery the town was going to go through Mayor Glasser reached out to him via email to let him know Atlantic Beach Florida was thinking about us. This was the start of their friendship and they met today to exchange Sister City Proclamations.

7. Oaths of Office

Mayor Ellen Glasser of Atlantic Beach, Florida administered Mayor A. B. Cooper, III's Oath of Office. Derek Taylor, Town Attorney, administered Oaths of Office to Councilmembers Rich Johnson, Austin Waters, Danny Navey and Harry Archer. Jill Rich, Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to M.J. Forrest.

8. SELECTION & OATH FOR MAYOR PRO TEMPORE 2019-2021

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to appoint* Richard Johnson as Mayor Pro Tempore. Seconded by Councilmember Navey. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried. After the meeting the Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tem was administered to Richard Johnson by Derek Taylor.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of 2020 Meeting Schedule
- b) Approval of Bids for 2020 Drainage Project at Charlotte/Durham (\$182,932) & Robin Ave.(\$116,041) to SF Ballou

There was discussion about changing the meeting time for the Council work sessions, Council will discuss at their retreat. Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilmember Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

10. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

None

11. APPOINTMENT and RE-APPOINTMENT OF PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to re-appoint* Neil Chamblee, Llewellyn Ramsey, and Doug McCullough to the Planning Board for terms expiring December 31, 2022. Seconded by Councilmember Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

Councilmember Archer made a motion *to appoint* Sharron Wilson to the Planning Board. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried. She is filling the vacancy left by Lynne Brown for a term expiring December 31, 2020.

12. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEMBERS

Councilmember Waters made a motion *to appoint* Harrison Smith as a regular member of the Board of Adjustment. Seconded by Councilmember Archer. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried. Harrison currently serves as an Alternate. His term will expire June 30, 2020.

13. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Walker congratulated the board and looks forward to working with this Council.

14. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Navey thanks everyone for their vote. He took an oath years ago for the Air Force and loves to give back.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson thanked the board for his appointment as Mayor Pro Tem. He has learned a lot in the last two years and wants to apply what he knows in the next term.

Councilmember Archer feels it is a pleasure to serve and accomplish things. He served on the Parks and Recreation board and now we have a park.

Councilmember Waters has been coming here since a child and wants to see the good projects we have started completed.

Councilmember Forrest is humbled to serve with this group.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:53 pm.

These minutes were approved at the January 27, 2020 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.


ATTEST:

(seal)

Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH


A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor