



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
Town Boardroom - 125 West Fort Macon
Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, October 26, 2020



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. electronically via Zoom and 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 Johnson; Councilmembers: MJ Forrest, Danny Navey, Austin Waters

Members Present via Zoom: Councilmember Harry Archer

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Betty Odham, Planning Secretary filling in for Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Attorney; Michelle Eitner, Planning Director; Julian Griffie, Planner; Mike Simpson, Fire Chief; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Morgan Gilbert, P&R Director; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Mike Shutak, News-Times

Others Present via Zoom:

Due to the Social Distance restrictions associated with the COVID-19 Virus, there was a limited amount of seating in the Boardroom for the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and called the roll. All Councilmembers were present, either in person or via Zoom, and able to be heard. Councilman Navey led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDAS

Councilman Archer made a motion *to approve* the agenda as prepared. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Johnson. Approved unanimously by roll call vote, 5-0. Motion carried.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Financial Report
- b) Tax Collection Report
- c) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- d) Notice of Surplus Sale of Vehicle
- e) **Clerk Note: REMOVED** ~~Schedule Public Hearing on rezoning request at ZMA-20-01_127/129 New Bern Street Rezoning Amendment Change for November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.~~
- f) Approval to repeal seasonal speed limit on West Fort Macon Road
 - i. Resolution 20-10-01: Repeal Seasonal Speed Zone on West Fort Macon Rd between Cedar Lane and the western municipal limit of Atlantic Beach; maintain 35MPH year round
 - ii. Ordinance 20-10-01: Amending 16-15 Seasonal Speed Zones to repeal the seasonal speed limit on N.C. Highway 58 between the intersection of Cedar Lane and the western municipal limit of Atlantic Beach.
 - iii. NC DOT Certification of Municipal Declaration to repeal speed limits and request speed limit concurrence
- g) Minutes: 9/28/2020; 10/8/2020 WS
- h) **Clerk Note: ADDED** Approval of Police Boat Slip Rental Contracts

Councilman Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda as amended by removing item 4e) Schedule Public Hearing on rezoning request at ZMA-20-01_127/129 New Bern Street Rezoning Amendment Change for November 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. from the Consent Agenda as the advertisement did not run in the newspaper and adding to the Consent Agenda Approval

of Police Boat Slip Rental Contracts. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Approved unanimously by roll call vote, 5-0. Motion carried.

5. CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Clint Routson-Attorney with Ward and Smith, via Zoom, representing property owners of Ocean Ridge. Routson stated they have submitted a petition to Council regarding property at 504 Ocean Ridge. The residents of Ocean Ridge would like to request the zoning for the lot to only allow a single-family home. Mayor Cooper confirmed receipt of the petition at Town Hall today.

6. PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX FINANCING APPROVAL

a) Public Hearing: Financing of Improvements at 125 W Fort Macon Rd for Public Safety and Town Hall Complex

Town Manager David Walker reviewed with Council the three items on the agenda tonight and confirmed the required advertising has been completed. We have not received all of the bids and if at any time Council wishes to do so, the planning can be halted. This begins the process to apply to the Local Government Commission for the debt application and again, these resolutions are not binding until the Council receives and approves a Gross Maximum Price following the second bid opening on November 2, 2020.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion *to enter* the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Archer. Approved unanimously by roll call vote, 5-0. Motion carried.

No comments

Councilman Navey made a motion *to exit* the Public Hearing. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Approved unanimously by roll call vote, 5-0. Motion carried.

b) Resolution 20-10-02: Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by NCGS 160A-20

Councilman Waters made a motion *to approve* Resolution 20-10-02: Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Approval of a Financing Agreement Authorized by NCGS 160A-20. Seconded by Councilman Forrest. Approved unanimously by roll call vote, 5-0. Motion carried.

c) Resolution 20-10-03: Installment Financing Contract for Improvements at 125 W Fort Macon Rd for Public Safety and Town Hall Complex

Councilman Archer made a motion *to approve* Resolution 20-10-03: Installment Financing Contract for Improvements at 125 W Fort Macon Rd for Public Safety and Town Hall Complex. Seconded by Councilman Navey. Approved unanimously by roll call vote, 5-0. Motion carried.

Town Manager David Walker reminded Council there were 26 categories on the original bid date for the Public Safety and Town Hall Complex. Only eight of these received at least three bids. The remaining will have a second bid date on Nov 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Public Works Conference Room at 1400 West Fort Macon Road, and via Zoom as the Board of Elections will capture the use of the Council boardroom both Nov 2 and Nov 3, 2020.

10. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

None

11. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Harry Archer is seeking home health assistance as the three companies locally have waiting lists. If anyone knows of someone, please contact him.

Councilman Austin Waters discussed the great success of the Atlantic Beach King Mack Tournament and thanked the ABKMT Board, volunteers, the Fire Dept and Morgan Gilbert, Parks and Recreation Director for their help during the Tournament.

Councilman Danny Navey added that the Tournament's boat entries increased by 25% this year and the Tournament continues to be extremely competitive. The difference between the 1st and 4th place fish was only 2 pounds.

Councilman MJ Forrest asked for confirmation that the Christmas parade has been cancelled. Mayor Cooper confirmed based on the Governor issued, Phase 3 COVID requirements restricting parades, we needed to cancel the parade to comply with the order.

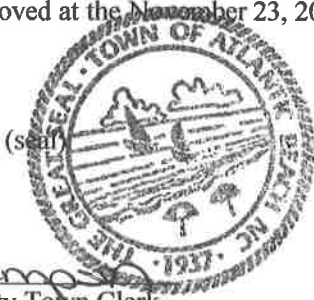
Mayor Cooper advised Council and staff that he has received a few complaints in regards to speeding and reckless driving on the beach. He reiterated that the best thing to do is contact the Police Dept as they see infractions in order for the concern to be addressed immediately, likely before the vehicle leaves the beach. He asks all those beach driving to do so carefully.

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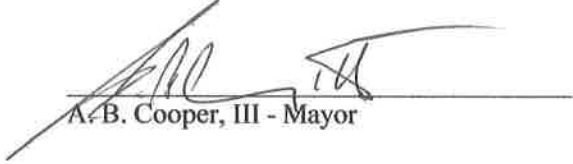
There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:26 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the November 23, 2020 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH


A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor


Sabrina Simpson – Deputy Town Clerk

Minutes prepared by Betty Odham, Planning Secretary.