



Minutes
Town Council Meeting Agenda
Town Boardroom
1010 West Fort Macon Road, Unit 17 and
Electronically Via Zoom
Thursday, February 11, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 1010 West Fort Macon Road, Unit 17, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina and electronically via Zoom.

Members Present: Mayor A. B. Cooper, III; Mayor Pro Tem Richard Johnson; Councilmembers: Harry Archer (via Zoom), M.J. Forrest, Danny Navey and Austin Waters

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Michelle Shreve, Planning Director

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. and called the roll. Everyone was present in the boardroom, except Councilman Archer, who was present via Zoom.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Archer made a motion *to approve* the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Forrest. Approved unanimously, 5-0. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF LAND USE PLAN REVISIONS

Michelle stated the changes requested by Council during their December 10 work session have been made to the CAMA Land Use Plan. The Key Plan Goals were updated as follows:

1. Protect Community Character
2. Causeway Redevelopment
3. Improve the Circle area: added new recommendations for the boardwalk renovation and amphitheater/performance/seating area
4. Flooding & Water Quality
5. Enhance Pedestrian & Bicycle Mobility: renamed this to Enhance Mobility to include golf cart parking; change focus from 'Connectivity of Ft. Macon State Park to the Aquarium' to 'Continue to Enhance Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility' to encourage more mobility in town.
6. Appearance & Property Maintenance: instead of Requirements for Public Art, changed to Incentives for Public Art
7. Tracking Tourism: this item was removed and incorporated into Goal 1, Protect Community Character
8. Address CRC Management Topics: added complete implementation of the 2019 ADA Transition Plan and to prepare a small area plan for the Causeway

The draft Plan incorporating these changes was sent to Council and posted on the town's website on February 4. Following this discussion, staff will submit the draft to the Division of Coastal Management for completeness review. Once the plan is deemed complete, it will be presented to the Planning Board for review and Council for a public hearing and adoption.

REVIEW OF SUMMER PARKING PROGRAM OUTLINE (DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION)

It was presented to Council to increase the parking rate from \$2 an hour to \$3. Council discussed the current rate and the current annual parking pass fee. The re-entry passes will continue to be used for free parking and the annual parking pass be \$75. Discussion on the parking hours concluded they shall remain the same 10am-6pm. The Circle businesses will continue with a couple 30-min parking spots in front of their business.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF GFL'S RECYCLING AND GARBAGE CAN PROPOSAL

Most of the comments staff has received from the public have been about color, people do not want to see the solid neon carts throughout town, they support the proposed policy.

We were able to work with GFL and have agreed on the following details, based on Council approval:

- Trash will be a black cart with a lime green lid, recycling will remain solid royal blue.
- All new carts will be distributed by GFL after Easter thru the middle of May.
- We will provide a sticker for customers to place on their older cart lid indicating they want to keep the existing cart for their own use.
- Older carts will not be served for trash pick-up, the former green bins will not be picked up for recycling.
- GFL totally services maintenance on all new carts. Customer no longer needs to buy carts, axles or wheels.
- The current contract ends June 2024, this will extend the contract until 2026.

After lengthy discussion about possible cart colors, Mayor Pro Tem Johnson requested Mr. Walker inquire about solid black carts for trash and a black cart with a blue lid for recycling. This will make it so there are only two colors on the carts instead of the three presented. We need to focus on colors now that are more aesthetically pleasing. Councilman Archer feels solid black carts will be a hazard at night.

REVIEW OF TOWN HALL PROJECT: REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY ONE-WAY TRAFFIC PATTERN

During construction of the new town hall, South Kinston Ave and West Bogue Blvd may need to be closed or dedicated to one-way temporarily by Thomas Construction Group to allow for deliveries or construction events. A resolution allowing the temporary closures will be submitted at the next meeting for approval.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council discussed options to fill the open seat on the Planning Board due to Doug McCullough moving out of state. It was the consensus of Council for Michelle to email each applicant requesting additional information about their expertise and qualifications including: full time residency; how long have they been in Atlantic Beach; ask to provide additional background that could be useful to the planning board; inquire about prior service on a town board; how have they contributed to Atlantic Beach; regular attendance to board meetings; what the future of Atlantic Beach looks like to them; and if not selected, interested in any other service to the town? Council was also encouraged to reach out and meet with each applicant. Councilman Archer wants to vote on the new member by ballot. There was additional discussion on amending the ordinance to allow for one member of the planning board and board of adjustment to be property owners (seasonal resident), but not required to be a full time resident.

Councilman Forrest wanted to report complaints of speeding on Bayview Blvd., which mostly seems to come from construction vehicles. Chief Harvey has been made aware of this problem and they are monitoring.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 3:11 pm.

These minutes were approved at the April 26, 2021 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

Katrina Tyer
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk