



Minutes
Town Council Meeting Agenda
Town Boardroom
1010 West Fort Macon Road, Unit 17 and
Electronically Via Zoom
Thursday, August 12, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.



A regularly scheduled work session of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, August 12, 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; Councilmembers: Harry Archer, M.J. Forrest, Danny Navey and Austin Waters

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Johnson

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Leghe Gerald, Water Department Supervisor; Michelle Shreve, Planning Director; Morgan Gilbert, Parks and Rec Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Julian Griffie, Planner; Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Councilman Navey made a motion *to excuse* Mayor Pro Tem Johnson due to travel. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Approved unanimously, 4-0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Archer made a motion *to approve* the agenda. Seconded by Councilman Forrest. Approved unanimously, 4-0. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING MID-YEAR UPDATE

Mayor Cooper provided an update of the Strategic Plan five key focus areas:

- **Great Government:** Streamline Meeting Procedures, we have accomplished this by working on the Council Procedures Manuel, which is under attorney review; Leverage Technology, we are brainstorming new website designs and ways to make communication from citizens easier
- **Smart Growth/Redevelopment:** Causeway/COR Zone improvements are on hold pending sewer options; continuing to monitor recreational water and planning, and continuing with stormwater management improvements
- **Recreation & Entertainment:** the goal to increase small and large events is continuing; additional shade at the town park has been installed
- **Placemaking:** boardwalk revival and redevelopment is a top priority for Council; sidewalk improvements are planned with construction starting soon in some areas; town appearance is a top priority for all departments
- **Environmental Stewardship & Resiliency**

STATUS UPDATE ON PENDING PROJECTS

Fire Department: Chief Simpson noted lifeguard service went well for the season using five lifeguards daily with one ATV rover and six lifeguards Friday-Sunday with two ATV rovers. The new Beach Marker Program is working extremely well, reducing response times for calls along the beach strand. Over the season they had 39 rescues, 16 ATV rover rescues, 52 first aid, 6 lost children, 1 near drowning and 1 fatality drowning. The Jr. Lifeguard Program had three successful sessions for a total of 110 kids. Thanks to AB King Mackerel Tournament donations, they received a new 2021 Yamaha Jet-Ski, Trailer & Rescue Board (\$16,000 package) and a New Main Lifeguard Tower has been ordered from BEI-Watch Towers (Bausch Enterprises Inc. \$36,800). A new 2060 Bayrider Yamaha 4-Stroke with trailer and sonar was ordered with FEMA Excess Storm Mitigation Funds.

Police Department: Chief Harvey stated due to the shortage of vehicles being produced, he has looked into the leasing program again. He discussed salaries and his efforts to try and get more training opportunities brought to Carteret County. He wants to revive community policing efforts and get citizens involved, including Coffee with a Cop, the Citizens'

Academy and the VIPS program.

Planning: The Stormwater Plan has been approved and sent to NCDEQ; Land Use Plan Update has been adopted and sent to DCM for certification; DoubleTree East Access grant application sent to DCM for reimbursement; CRS Recertification has been submitted.

Requests have been submitted to DOT for the following:

- Crosswalk with push button signal at Charlotte Avenue and the Ft. Macon Road intersection at McDonalds - DOT will not add a crosswalk at this location because there is not a sidewalk there.
- Crosswalk with push-button signal at Cedar Lane - DOT proposed a different location westward of Palm Suites and the ABC store. A sidewalk would have to be installed in front of Palm Suites.
- Push-button signal added at Town Park crosswalk - DOT will submit for Sept/Oct funding cycle with possible installation Spring 2022.

Upcoming Projects include: Stormwater infrastructure mapping (GIS/GPS); review projects from stormwater plan for implementation; discussion of allowable ROW encroachments; Update Code of Ordinances Chapters 6, 11, & 18 (minimum housing/nonresidential standards, nuisances, etc.)

Public Services: The ongoing DOT Bridge project will start back up before Labor Day. In 2019 we started our request for main intersection improvements (NCDOT Project No. R-5816) to drainage (larger pipes and catch basins) and traffic flow, creating one lane turning east and two turning west. DOT proposed to start the improvements in April 2022, if we want them to start after Labor Day, we need to request so now. It was suggested to request lane restriping now and delay drainage improvements until after Labor Day. The new Public Safety Town Hall Complex is still on schedule even with supply chain disruptions. Phase 2 of the paving project will include Commerce Ave, Greenville Ave., Beaufort Ave., Raleigh Ave., Bayview Blvd. and Freeman Lane curbing.

Upcoming drainage improvements include:

East Atlantic: improve capacity and reliability at the 200 and 300 block. The 300 block will also add a catch basin.

West Terminal Blvd.: install several catch basins at the 300 block.

Henderson/Asbury/Cooper: all survey work has been completed.

Bayview Blvd.: all survey has been completed.

East Boardwalk: repair/reinstall impervious pavement. The Engineer said the current pavement failed due to improper installation. A reasonable price has been quoted.

Water Department:

Chlorine to chloramines change over: we are still working on changing over and awaiting authorization to construct.

GIS/GPS: we have been interviewing firms for GIS/GPS mapping of the water lines.

Parks and Recreation and Events:

Morgan reviewed Beach Music Festival week. After expenses of \$38,269.42, we still profited \$16,264.83 from sponsor donations. The 2022 BMF has been scheduled for Saturday, May 21.

Town Park and events: 9 Summer movies in the park were scheduled, with approximately 75 attendees per movie. Three family foam parties have been held, with one foam, slime and glow party still scheduled for August 14. Estimate 250 in attendance at the first two events and 500 at the third event.

Town Park Revenue (April-August): Mini-Golf: \$60,695; Concessions: \$25,040.75; Hats: \$185; Total: \$85,920.75.

Mini-Golf Stats: 12,141 Paid; 1,933 Free (6 & under); Open for 102 Days; Will remain open until Halloween.

Mr. Walker added it has been a very profitable year. Also, we have approximately \$600,000 in balance for upcoming stormwater projects, which include paving.

Proposed sidewalk projects for 2021-2026: AB Causeway to Pond Drive (975ft); Pinnacle Condos to the west end of Amos Mosquito's parking lot (715ft); Davis Blvd to Salt Marsh Way (East) (460ft); Salt Marsh Way (East) to Atlantic Station Shopping Center Stoplight (1,210 ft); and Croatan Mobile Home Park to Lee Drive (1,205ft). There was additional discussion about the Town still unable to correct the slanted sidewalks from the main intersection to the ABC store due to right-of-way issues.

BOARDWALK REVIVAL DESIGN BRIEF DISCUSSION

Mayor Cooper has been developing a competition brief providing an outline of the project to design teams. We hope to attract entries from architects and landscape architects leading to some great designs. The new boardwalk will include a pavilion, new bathhouses, shade areas, public art and historical markers. Council was asked to review the draft brief and provide any ideas or suggestion for inclusion.

Mr. Walker noted replacement of the boardwalk is urgent. The current structure is in such bad shape there is no way to repair, nothing to nail together.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Forrest noted he was on an unplanned trip out of state and was unable to file for Council. He regrets he is not running this term.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 3:39 pm.

These minutes were approved at the September 27, 2021 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

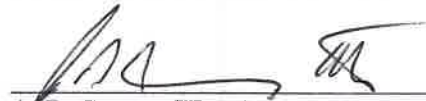
ATTEST:

(seal)


Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



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A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor