



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
1010 West Fort Macon Road, Unit 17 and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, September 27, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 1010 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Members Present: Mayor Pro Tem Richard Johnson; Councilmembers: Harry Archer; MJ Forrest, Danny Navey, Austin Waters

Members Absent: Mayor A. B. Cooper, III

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Michelle Eitner, Planning Director; Michael Simpson, Fire Chief; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times; Fred Joey Dean, Planning Board Member (via Zoom); Jonathan Hinkle (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Forrest led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Forrest made a motion to excuse Mayor Cooper who is out of the country. Seconded by Councilman Navey. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Archer made a motion *to approve* the agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilman Forrest. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Finance Report
- b) Tax Collection Report
- c) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- d) Approval to Contract with Municode for Legal Review and State Law Compatibility of Code of Ordinances (\$6,150)
- e) **Resolution 21-09-01:** Resolution Establishing Town Council Rules of Procedure for the Town of Atlantic Beach
- f) Minutes: 8/12/21 WS; 8/23/21

Councilman Navey made a motion *to approve* the consent agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Bischoff - 171 Atlantic Blvd. He understands the current boardwalk is a safety hazard and something needs to be done. He questions the elevation height of proposed new boardwalk. He and the other area residents do not want it too high where it blocks their view of the ocean. He questioned which side of the seawall will be built and where the Ferris Wheel will be.

Mr. Walker stated we envision at least three feet off the sand above the seawall, on both sides of the seawall, extending about 15 feet south of the boardwalk. We are not locked into any design plan yet though. Councilman Archer thinks a Ferris Wheel would be advantageous depending on where it goes.

No comments via Zoom.

RESOLUTIONS

- a) **Resolution 21-09-02:** Resolution of Sympathy to the Family of Former Councilmember John Rivers
- b) **Resolution 21-09-03:** Resolution of Sympathy to the Family of James "Jim E. V." Vaselovic
- c) **Resolution 21-09-04:** Resolution of Appreciation to James Godette

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson read each Resolution aloud and allowed comments from Council. Former Councilman Rivers loved Atlantic Beach. He was always smiling and was a good friend, one of the good guys. He was a sharp businessman.

Councilman Forrest made a motion *to approve* the three resolutions as prepared. Seconded by Councilman Navey. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

AB Watershed Restoration & Stormwater Resilience Plan: Planner Michelle Eitner acknowledged receipt of the Atlantic Beach Watershed Restoration & Stormwater Resilience Plan Approval from NC Department of Environmental Quality. This approval will now allow the Town to apply for the Section 319 Grant for funding to implement the plan, which is typically due in the Spring.

BRIC Grant: The Letter of Intent for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) Grant is due by October 1, 2021. We are hoping to move forward with the improvements identified in the Causeway Corridor Master Plan in conjunction with the stormwater infrastructure. The Causeway Corridor Master Plan includes elimination of curb cuts, formalization of service roads and parking spaces, landscaping, and sidewalks. The stormwater infrastructure will take place as permeable paving on the parking spaces and rain gardens in the landscaping. The whole project has been estimated by our engineering consultant with a preliminary/high-level cost of \$6 million, 75% of which would be provided through the grant. The 25% local match of \$1.5 million would be provided with combined funds from NCDOT, other state grants such as CAMA and Clean Water Trust Fund, and Town funds. Jonathan Hinkle with GPI was available via Zoom, had Council had any questions.

With Council's direction, staff will submit the Letter of Interest (LOI) to the state for review and if selected to move forward will be required to provide in-depth information on the project. Commitment to fund this project is not necessary from Town Council until that time.

Councilman Archer made a motion *to submit* the Letter of Interest. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Walker provided a review of the annual paid parking program for the 2021 Summer which provided a net parking revenue of \$339,999, which was over \$100,000 more than the 2020 Summer, mostly due to the rate increase from \$2 to \$3 per hour.

The new Public Safety complex is still on schedule and they have started hanging sheetrock.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:38PM.

These minutes were approved at the October 25, 2021 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

ATTEST:


Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk

(seal)




A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor