



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
1010 West Fort Macon Road, Unit 17 and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, October 25, 2021



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 1010 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Members Present: Mayor AB Cooper; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson; Councilmembers: MJ Forrest (via Zoom); Danny Navey, Austin Waters

Members Absent: Councilman Harry Archer

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Michael Simpson, Fire Chief; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Mike Shutak, Carteret News Times; Joey Starling; Fred Joey Dean, Planning Board Member (via Zoom); Eddie Briley (via Zoom); Denene Blackwood, UNC Marine Sciences (via Zoom)

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Councilman Navey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Navey made a motion to excuse Councilman Archer. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilman Waters made a motion *to approve* the agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilman Navey. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Finance Report
- b) Budget Amendment
- c) Budget Transfer
- d) Tax Collection Report
- e) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- f) Receipt of Certification of the Town of Atlantic Beach CAMA Land Use Plan Update
- g) **Resolution 21-10-03:** Resolution Authorizing Local Government Execution of Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Grant for DoubleTree East Beach Access CAMA Grant (\$146,576)
- h) Reject bids received for modification to WTP for Chloramines due to non-compliance of federal standards for use of ARPA funds and set a new bid date of Wednesday, November 24 at 2:00pm at the Public Works Facility.
- i) **Resolution 21-10-02:** Resolution Declaring Property Surplus and Authorizing the Sale of Said Property
- j) Minutes: 9/9/21 WS; 9/27/21

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion *to approve* the consent agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilman Navey. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

No comments in person or via Zoom.

RESOLUTION 21-10-01: Resolution of Appreciation to Debbie Younce

Mayor Cooper read the Resolution aloud. With 34 years of service, Debbie is the first employee to retire with over 30 years.

Councilman Johnson made a motion *to approve* the resolution as prepared. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

RECEIPT OF RECREATIONAL WATER SAMPLING REPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson gave a background of the program that started four (4) years ago with the Recreational Water Committee. The Committee brought about the Town's major stormwater plan and this state water testing of the town's canals, which are areas not usually tested.

Denene Blackwood, a research specialist with UNC Marine Sciences, presented the results from each testing site and detailed the dynamics of the fecal contamination study of soundside waters. They used molecular source tracking methodology to determine the source of fecal indicator bacteria for bird marker and two (2) human fecal contaminations. Sampling sites were a weir on Old Causeway Road; 126 Pond Drive; Boatramp at 211 Atlantic Beach Causeway; boat ramp at Croatan Mobile Home Park; and Boat Ramp at 300 Atlantic Beach Causeway. Thirty samples were collected on low or falling tide to capture ground water/septage seepage influence. The testing demonstrated the following findings: Water quality was generally acceptable over the duration of study, however a few sites violated State water quality standards; analysis did not show evidence of bird fecal contamination at study sites; HF183 human fecal marker was positive at only one site and was at a level well below that which would pose a human health risk; newly added sewage associated marker gave mixed results in relationship to more traditional markers (FIB and HF183) and its use is not recommended for marine waters of Atlantic Beach at this time

She does not think the levels are high enough to give cause for concern. She stated next year we could do more sampling following heavier rain events, another human marker (not sewer), and a marker for dogs.

Councilman Navey feels good about the results, with the rise and fall of the tide and the ecosystem cleaning itself, we have pretty clean water. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson was surprised the bird indicator did not show up.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cooper reviewed the proposed Public Safety and Admin Complex Memorial Tree Program. The landscape designer has planned for 16 live oak trees. Trees and maybe brick donations should have some restrictions to them; limited to memorials and not business promotions. Plaques would be limited based on space allowed to keep it in the spirit of the memorial.

It was the consensus \$750 was a good asking price and that guidelines need to be established. This item can be discussed further at Council's retreat in January.

Councilman Navey made a motion *to reschedule* December Council meeting to December 13, 2021 at 6:00PM. Seconded by Councilman Waters. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

Councilman Waters noted this year was the largest year for the AB King Mackerel Tournament to date, with 154 boats registering. The tournament is attracting larger boats. All of the events throughout the tournament were very nice events and raised the largest amount of money to date. He thanked the fire department for all of their assistance throughout the event.

Councilman Navey stated the KMT tournament provides a lot of publicity for the Town. He also attended a beach commission meeting today and noted that Bogue Banks actually increased naturally with sand this year. The collected occupancy tax money for August and September set a record. The County is seeking a replacement for Greg "Rudi" Rudolph, who recently resigned.

Mayor Cooper thanked Councilmen Navey and Waters and Curt Winbourne for their service to the AB KMT, it feels the way the old KMT tournament felt. He appreciates all that the board and the volunteers do.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 7:09 PM.


These minutes were approved at the November 22, 2021 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

(seal)

Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH


A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor