



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Work Session Meeting
125 W Fort Macon Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Tuesday, April 19, 2022



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, 125 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

Members Present: Mayor A. B. Cooper, III; Mayor Pro Tem Austin Waters; Councilmembers: Renea Baker, Joey Dean, Danny Navey, Joseph Starling

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Michael Simpson, Fire Chief; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Morgan Gilbert, Recreation Director; Michelle Eitner, Planning Director; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tem Waters made a motion *to approve* the agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Dean. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY STREET ENCROACHMENT REQUEST AT 218 OLD CAUSEWAY ROAD by William Woodard Anders, Manager/Member (Renaissance Developers, LLC, Kinston)

Mr. Anders was not present so Michelle Eitner presented the request. After tearing down the house at 218 Old Causeway Road and applying for permits, the County Health Department noted the current septic system is in the Town's right-of-way. The property owners are requesting an Encroachment Agreement from the Town.

There was discussion on other right-of-way encroachments in Town and how to address them in the future. Perhaps by narrowing the right-of-way area, but we have waterlines and other utilities in that area. No action was taken.

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Right-of-Way Street Encroachment with 218 Old Causeway Road, LLC at 218 Old Causeway Road. Seconded by Councilmember Baker. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

FY22-23 DRAFT BUDGET STATUS SUMMARY

Mr. Walker presented the \$8,825,340 Budget. We are awaiting the preliminary tax values from the County, normally we have these numbers by March. The proposed budget maintains the 20-cent tax rate with a flat and declining tax base. There was a volatile increase in employee health care cost, by 23%. The public hearing is scheduled for May 23, 2:00pm, with proposed adoption following.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cooper discussed inflation after Mr. Walker's budget presentation. We are looking at a 7.5-8% COLA, plus merit so some projects may be delayed by a year or so to keep employee salaries competitive.

Break 4:52pm
Resume 5:00pm

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(A)(6): PERSONNEL

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to enter* Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried

The Council and the Town Manager discussed multiple personnel issues. No action was taken.

Councilmember Starling made a motion *to exit* Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel. Seconded by Councilmember Baker. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried. The time was 5:45pm.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 5:45pm.

These minutes were approved at the June 27, 2022 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

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ATTEST:

(seal)

Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk


A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

