



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**125 W Fort Macon Road and**  
**Electronically via Zoom**  
**Monday, May 23, 2022**



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:00 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 (via Zoom)

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Michelle Eitner, Planning Director; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director

**CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Councilman Navey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Finance Report
- b) Budget Amendments
- c) Budget Transfers
- d) Tax Collection Report
- e) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- f) Notice of Surplus Sales -April/May 2022
- g) Approval of Phase II 2022-2023 Vegetative and C&D Debris contract with Primary Contract State Tree Services (Sumter, SC) and Secondary Contract Custom Tree Care (Topeka, KS)
- h) Approval of 2023-2024 Emergency Pump Rental Contract with United Rentals (NA)
- i) Acknowledgment of Receipt of FEMA Letter of Map Amendment Final Determination (22-04-3412A) for Public Safety Complex at 125 Fort Macon Road
- j) Approval of **Resolution 22-05-01**: Placement of Four-Way Stop Signs for the Cottage District
- k) Postponement of Public Hearing on ZTA-22-02: Residential Uses Updates (update residential use types to reflect the number of dwelling units in a project, rather than the construction type)
- l) Approval of Main Intersection Project to include temporary construction easement with NCDOT; Dirt alley (South of Wings)

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* the Consent Agenda as prepared. Seconded by Councilmember Dean. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

**CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS**

Brad Jones, 111 Atlantic Blvd., it was so good to go to the Beach Music Festival and complimented the efforts of Public Works and the Police Dept on a successful event. It was a wonderful festival and the town should be congratulated.

James Norville, Pirates Den, he is here regarding the dumpster at Pirates Den and the sidewalk the town is installing in the right-of-way. They do not have any other place to put the dumpster, it is an issue. It has been there 30 years and serves 32 units.

Mayor Cooper suggested they obtain an Encroachment Agreement with conditions to put a slab under the dumpster and screening. The Town Manager will work with the applicant to submit an application with fee and the Town Attorney to prepare an Encroachment Agreement for Council's approval at a later date.

## **INTRODUCTION OF POLICE INTERN JACK TYSON**

Chief Harvey introduced Jack Tyson as the summer intern. He is a recent Carteret Community College graduate and will be attending UNC Charlotte. His project this summer will be to work on the proposed camera system, which includes a license plate reader system, cameras on the bridge, main beach and beach driving accesses. The public would have access to the cameras. He will work until July 14 and make a presentation of his findings to the board.

## **SRO COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH MHC**

There are not any additional officers added with this grant. The Town's share would be approximately \$6,900 for two years to cover the Town's fair share for Atlantic Beach students to attend schools in Morehead City.

Councilmember Baker made a motion *to approve* the SRO Cost-Share Agreement with Morehead City for \$6,900 per year for two years to fund School Resource Officers in several schools in Morehead City. Seconded by Councilmember Dean. Vote was unanimous, 5-0 by Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON FY 2022-23 OPERATING BUDGET**

Mr. Walker reviewed the proposed budget, the same as presented at the worksession.

Opened Public Hearing at 6:30pm

No comments

Closed Public Hearing at 6:30pm

Mayor Cooper expressed his appreciation for presenting a budget that did not include a tax increase.

## **ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE 22-05-01**

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* **Budget Ordinance 22-05-01**. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0 by Roll Call Vote. Motion carried.

## **TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Mr. Walker reviewed the current capital projects. The Beach Music Festival had a perfect weekend with weather and all departments doing an excellent job. The dredging project is complete with all of the spoils on the former showboat motel site. With the developer buying the spoils, it keeps our project costs low. The DoubleTree west beach access is almost complete, with hopes of being usable by Memorial Day. The stormwater project on East Atlantic is in its final stages. The DOT project paving all of East Fort Macon is complete.

Mr. Walker then announced his plans to retire in February/March 2023. He will remain in office until Council names his successor. If requested, he will be available for consulting afterwards. He has enjoyed his association with Mayor Cooper and all current and former councils. He feels fortunate and blessed to have been a part of Atlantic Beach for over a third of his career, 15 out of his 40-year career.

Mayor Cooper agrees Mr. Walker has had a huge impact in municipal government and thanked him for the advanced notice to find a replacement. He thanked him for service to Eastern NC and Carteret County.

## **MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Waters inquired on the status of the boardwalk design and was informed by Mayor Cooper, the winners will be announced with a press release tomorrow. KUTONOTUK of Charlottesville, VA was the winner selected by the jury. He hopes to have a draft contract to present in June.

Mayor Pro Tem Navey noted one of the reason things so go well, is David Walker making things happen, he is an active leader. Active in dredging, vehicle purchases, and the creation of the Beach Music Festival.

Mayor Pro Tem Waters noted if him or anyone on Council needed anything, Mr. Walker would respond immediately, which is unusual this day and time.

**ADJOURN**

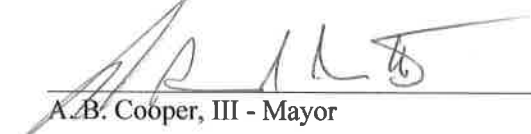
There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:45pm.

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

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

ATTEST:

(seal)  
  
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk

  
A.B. Cooper, III - Mayor

