



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Work Session Meeting
125 W Fort Macon Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Wednesday, October 12, 2022



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:00 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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: David Walker, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief (left at 3:38pm); Marc Schultz, Public Works Director; Morgan Gilbert, Communications and Parks and Recreation Director (left at 3:47pm); Jennifer Ansell, Planning Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Due to a delay with Kutonotuk Architects connecting via Zoom, Council discussed the Commercial Corridor project first.

UPDATE ON COMMERCIAL CORRIDOR "GATEWAY PROJECT"

Mayor Cooper discussed the concerns business owners, especially at the foot of the bridge, have brought up with the proposed design and access to their businesses. There has been feedback concerning the plan appearing more residential than commercial.

Council discussed the contract with Redbird and the commercial requirements to connect. They discussed mixed use buildings versus stand alone businesses. Council does not want to see rows and rows of retail with condos above.

Mayor Cooper will relay this discussion to Yard and Co for development of the UDO amendments.

BOARDWALK AND BATHHOUSE SCHEMATIC DESIGN PRESENTATION

Matthew, David and Robert with Kutonotuk Architects were present in person to review the updates to the design plan. Several other firm members were present via Zoom. Matthew reviewed the revised plans including adding misting stations and Fire/Lifeguard storage for handicap wheelchairs. The total parking spaces will remain the same as we have now, but with more handicap spaces on the western end of the property. The height of the lower boardwalk will be the same height as the current seawall, this height will eliminate the expense of handrails. Phase One consists of the lower eighteen feet wide boardwalk with pavers, lighting and vegetation. Phase Two will contain the upper fifteen feet wide wooden boardwalk and pavilion.

Earlier in the day, the architects met with Marc to understand the challenges of sand buildup, sand removal and stormwater runoff.

There was lengthy discussion on the bathhouse design. It was the consensus to add more women's facilities than men's and to re-add the family changing stations that were deleted to make room for the Fire/Lifeguard storage. Councilmember Baker noted the AB King Mackerel Tournament is considering purchasing an enclosed portable trailer for their storage needs. The location of the AC units needs to be considered to make sure they are cosmetically pleasing. Kutonotuk stated a middle entrance to the bathroom was not included in addition to the north and south entrances to prevent people from congregating and using the area as a waiting area.

Council was asked to consider how much shade is needed, the shade structure material, the paver type and design, and the seating material to be used so they can proceed with designing Phase Two. Council would like to see ample shade, with consideration for placing it in the middle of the walkway and using flat benches that can be utilized from either side. Concerns were expressed over

installing permanent seating due to shade changing location. The durability, material, color and design layout of the pavers was discussed. Council would like to ensure historical markers and information stations are provided.

Mayor Cooper left the meeting to attend a Zoom with Yard and Co. at 3:24pm. Mr. Walker and Jennifer left also. Mayor Pro Tem Waters presided over the meeting.

Councilmember Dean left the meeting room at 4:03pm and returned at 4:07pm.

Mayor Pro Tem stepped outside to take a phone call at 4:05pm and returned 4:06pm.

Councilmember Starling discussed the need for additional staffing to maintain and clean the boardwalk and bathhouse on a daily basis.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 4:11pm.

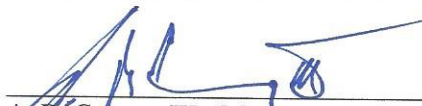
These minutes were approved at the November 21, 2022 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

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ATTEST:

(seal)


Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk


A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

