



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
125 W Fort Macon Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, October 24, 2022 – 6:00pm



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, October 24, 2022 at 6:00pm 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; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Jennifer Ansell, Planning Director; Sarah Currie, Finance Director; Sabrina Simpson, Administrative Services Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief (joined at 6:14pm); Michael Simpson, Fire Chief (joined at 6:33pm)

CALL TO ORDER and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Finance Report
- b) Tax Collection Report
- c) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- d) Surplus Sales (2014 Jeep Cherokee)
- e) Minutes: 9/14/22WS; 9/26/22SM; 9/26/22

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Chris Fuller, 103 Oak Forrest Rd. He has noticed boards were removed from the boardwalk last week and wants to know if that means progress is being made on the renovation plan.

Mayor Cooper stated the boards were removed to see the conditions underneath and realized the concrete was in good condition, so all the boards were removed to help create a safer walking environment while we finalize the design. The final design still includes two walkways of different heights and we continue to work with the Circle developer negotiating plans for the pavilion.

PRESENTATION FROM KITTY HAWK WIND ON POTENTIAL IMPACTS IN ATLANTIC BEACH

Amanda Mayhew, Ashley Mcleod and Megan Higgins were present to introduce the Kitty Hawk Wind project and discuss the potential impacts on the Town. After the project progresses, they will return to Atlantic Beach to conduct a public hearing. The physical farm will be located near the NC/SC border, 27 miles offshore and will not be seen from Atlantic Beach. The only impact planned for Atlantic Beach is a hub connector about the size of a manhole. The windmills will produce 3.5gw of energy and use less electromagnet power than a hairdryer. In addition to energy, the windmills have markers that can record maritime data for boaters such as wind and weather. Leases were obtained in 2017 and they have been working on the project since. Cables from the windmills to shore are very large and buried six feet deep with sensors programmed to send out notifications if damaged. Construction is scheduled to begin no later than 2028.

RESOLUTION 22-10-01: Resolution of Sympathy to the Family of the Honorable Douglas McCullough

Mayor Cooper read the resolution aloud and expressed appreciation for Judge McCullough's service to the Town, military and public service.

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* Resolution 22-10-01: Resolution of Sympathy to the Family of the honorable Douglas McCullough. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 22-10-02: Resolution of Sympathy to the Family of Russell Eugene Hollowell

Mayor Cooper read the resolution aloud and noted Mr. Hollowell served in the Air Force, owned Hollowell's Motel and Lighthouse Plumbing.

Councilmember Baker made a motion *to approve* Resolution 22-10-02: Resolution of Sympathy to the Family of Russell Eugene Hollowell. Seconded by Councilmember Starling. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CALL FOR A JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AT THE DECEMBER 6 PLANNING BOARD MEETING FOR REVIEW OF CONCEPTUAL PLAN AT 109/115 WEST FORT MACON ROAD (former Highlights building)

Jennifer Ansell, Planner, briefly reviewed the concept proposal for redevelopment of the former Hi-Lites property located at 109/115 West Fort Macon Road. The application has been submitted by Ron Cullipher and Lee Dixon on behalf of BTS for a 6,156 sq. ft. retail store with 1,000 sq. ft. storage mezzanine.

Mayor Pro Tem Waters made a motion *to call* for a joint public hearing at the Dec 6, 2022 Planning Board Meeting for review of the conceptual plan at 109/115 W Fort Macon Rd (former HiLites building). Seconded by Councilmember Dean. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

None.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Baker stated the 2022 ABKMF Tournament concluded this past weekend. The tournament had 133 boats register to fish this year. First place winner was Henry Tillett, Captain of Windy Conditions, taking home \$33,000. Over the past five years the ABKMT has contributed over \$200k to the fire department. Sponsorships have increased over the years.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:44 pm.

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

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

ATTEST:

Katrina E. Tyer (seal)
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



A. B. Cooper, III
A/B. Cooper, III - Mayor