



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
125 W Fort Macon Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, December 19, 2022 – 6:00pm



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, December 19, 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; Sarah Currie, Finance Director; Jeff Harvey, Police Chief; Vada Palma, BOA member

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 amend* the agenda to include calling for a Special Worksession on January 3 and 4, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Baker. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Finance Report
- b) Budget Amendments
- c) Tax Collection Report
- d) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- e) Notice of Surplus Equipment Sold
- f) Approval of 2023 Meeting Schedule
- g) Fire Dept Trade-in Tools and ABKMT donations
- h) Approval of Contracts with NC Sound for installation of town-wide external camera system covering the bridge, main intersection, Henderson Blvd, New Bern Blvd and Circle Beach accesses in the amount of \$204,784.20 and for the Town Park in the amount of \$50,542.05 (Budget Amendment included)
- i) Minutes: 11/9/22WS; 11/21/22SM; 11/21/22; 12/9/22SM

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

None.

AMEND 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

Councilmember Baker made a motion *to amend* the 2023 Meeting Schedule to add a Worksession for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 9:30am and Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 9:30am in the Boardroom, 125 West Fort Macon Road to interview Town Manager Applicants. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waters. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

APPOINT/RE-APPOINT PLANNING BOARD MEMBERS (WITH CHANGE IN TERM DATES)

Mayor Cooper explained at the March 2022 retreat, it was the consensus of Council to change the start date of Planning Board terms to July 1 to be consistent with the Board of Adjustment terms. The current December 31 term expiration forces Council to appoint/re-appoint members immediately after their term begins, not allowing them time to meet and interview applicants.

Councilmember Starling made a motion *to re-appoint* Neil Chamblee, Phil Jones and Llewellyn Ramsey to the Planning Board with terms expiring on June 30, 2023. When it is time to re-appoint these seats, we will add as a consent item.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

We are seeking a Water Resources Development Grant for a portion of two eastern lots adjacent to our existing boardwalk/festival easement to upgrade the boardwalk and surrounding amenities. The proposed grant request is for \$200,000. Local government entities are required to provide at least a 50% match, and our match would be \$300,000 based on the negotiated sale price of the properties. The Resolution of Commitment of Funds must be signed in order to submit our application for the program which is due by December 31, 2022.

Councilmember Navey made a motion *to approve* Resolution 22-12-01: Resolution of Commitment of Funds Water Resources Development Grant. Seconded by Councilmember Starling. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

There was discussion on the process during the upcoming special meetings for interviews.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Navey wanted to recognize a success story for the ABPD. They solved a recent breaking and entering case on Club Colony quickly and recovered and returned all the stolen property.

Councilmember Baker stated she received a thank you regarding the ABPD's speed monitoring on Old Causeway Road.


ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:15 pm.


These minutes were approved at the January 23, 2023 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

ATTEST:

(seal)

Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk




A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor