



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
125 W Fort Macon Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, March 27, 2023 – 6:00pm



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, March 27, 2023 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: John O'Daniel, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Sabrina Simpson, Admin Services Director; Sarah Currie, Finance Director; Jennifer Ansell, Planning Director; Morgan Gilbert, Parks and Rec Director; Mike Simpson, Fire Chief; Police Officer Haider Ali (for security in lieu of Chief or Deputy Chief presence); Brad Rich, Carteret News-Times (via Zoom)

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 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 Equipment Disposal by private sale to AK Grading and Demolition for unused trash carts
- g) Approval of Contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co, PA for \$16,000 for FY2022-23 Audit
- h) Ratify Mayor signature on Offer to Purchase dated 2/27/2023 for the purchase of land at 119 & 121 Atlantic Blvd
- i) **Resolution 23-03-01:** Resolution of Commitment of Funds Water Resources Development Project Grant (Dredging)
- j) Minutes: 2/27/2023

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.

PRESENTATION ON PARTF GRANT APPLICATION FOR CIRCLE BOARDWALK PROJECT

Planning Director Jennifer Ansell stated that staff is preparing an application with Adrienne Harrington of SmartMoves for the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) to fund Phase I of the Boardwalk project. Phase I is replacing the existing lower boardwalk with a new concrete boardwalk and constructing a new wooden upper boardwalk, seating, lighting, shower/rinse stations, and connections to parking and restrooms. The preliminary grant application was submitted on March 15 and is under review; the final application is due May 1. PARTF awards up to \$500,000 for qualifying projects and is a 50% grant, requiring \$1 spent for every \$1 in grant funds. We have estimated Phase I to be \$1,074,618, with \$500,000 requested in PARTF funds, leaving a local match of \$574,618. A resolution for the Commitment of Funds will be presented for approval at the April 24 Council meeting. As part of the PARTF application process, we will hold a public meeting for public input on April 13 at the Circle from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

Councilmember Dean requested confirmation that the bathhouse is part of Phase II, and we will apply for another PARTF grant at that time. Jennifer confirmed that was accurate.

UPDATE ON GATEWAY PROJECT – COR DISTRICT ZONING CHANGES

Mayor Cooper provided an update on the Gateway Project and the status of Yard & Company presenting the proposed UDO amendments. He anticipates a joint Council and Planning Board meeting to review the amendments. Yard & Company has proposed sub-zones in the COR District. The goal for the amendments is to: anticipate the future while respecting our past; embrace our eclectic village feel; support our local businesses; create a walkable district that is sensitive to its neighbors and connected to the water; and get a community return on our infrastructure investments.

He stated that the project committee met recently to go over Yard & Company’s options and will be meeting with the Town Manager and Planning staff tomorrow to review the same.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Tomorrow the Fire Dept will be having some helicopter training at the Town Park, and Saturday, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt on the beach. We will have a budget discussion during the April work session; if Council has anything they want to discuss, just let him know.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

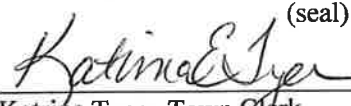
ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council, the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:23pm.

These minutes were approved at the April 24, 2023, meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

ATTEST:

 (seal)

Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor

