



MINUTES
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Meeting
125 W Fort Macon Road and
Electronically via Zoom
Monday, August 28, 2023 – 6:00pm



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, August 28, 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; Marc Schulze, Public Works Director; Planning Director Jennifer Ansell; Sarah Currie, Finance Director; Morgan Gilbert, Parks & Rec Director; Harry Archer III

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

Manager O'Daniel asked Council to table Item #6 Review of Boardwalk Project and Grants Status until the September 6 work session for Attorney Taylor to be present. Mayor Pro Tem Waters made a motion *to amend* the agenda tabling #6 as recommended. Seconded by Councilmember Dean. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Finance Report
- b) Budget Amendment (Fee Schedule for Mini Golf Group Rates)
- c) Budget Amendments
- d) Tax Collection Report
- e) Tax Releases and Refunds Report
- f) Notice of Surplus Equipment Disposal (PD radios)
- g) Appointment of John O'Daniel to the Eastern Carolina Council General Membership Board
- h) Notice of Withdrawal of Petition to Close a Portion of the New Bern Beach Access Right-of-Way by Josh Johnson, Stroud Engineering
- i) Minutes: 5/22/23; 6/6/23Joint; 6/14/23CS; 6/14/23; 6/26/23

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

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Bryan Nicklow, 1502 Salter Path Road, owns bike and beach rentals. He is here to talk about political prisoners and ask the board to contact the County in opposition of the voting machines.

Richard Lee, 205 Moonlight Drive. He wanted to compliment the AB Police Department for responding so quickly to a call he made the other night regarding a notification from his camera of people at his front door. It turned out they were at the wrong house. He wanted clarification on the paving project on Moonlight Drive and the striping showing it is a public street, people get confused with the boat ramp and stop in the middle of the road.

POLICE CHIEF RECRUITMENT UPDATE

Staff would like to start advertising for a new Police Chief on September 1, advertising for 30 days then conduct interviews and selection with a start date in mid-December.

It was the consensus of Council to proceed with the plan as discussed.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

NCDOT will begin lane restriping, stop light reconfiguration, and drainage work on the main intersection on September 18, 2023, it is expected to last until April 12, 2024. The contractor plans to start erecting temporary construction signage and barricades in early September. Once completed there will be two lanes turning right and only one turning left. NCDOT will be relocating potable water lines, mostly at night and it may cause temporary water outages. Due to the drainage work, the elevation of the road may increase, but the sidewalks should not change.

MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Navey provided an update on the Beach Commission meeting he and Mayor Pro Tem Waters attended today. Carteret County Beach Commission contracts for a survey of the beachfront in order to apply for federal funds. The survey did not identify any hot spots in Atlantic Beach. The USACE will start dredging this fall for nourishment from Fort Macon to the Circle in the spring.

Councilmember Baker commented on a great turnout for the King Mackerel Tournament Soiree, they are ready for the tournament, starting with the captain's meeting on October 6.

ADJOURN

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 6:27pm.

These minutes were approved at the September 25, 2023 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

ATTEST:

Katrina Tyer (seal)
Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

A. B. Cooper, III
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Clerk's Note: On July 24, 2023, Council called for a Public Hearing to be held on August 28 on the Causeway Small Area Plan/Commercial Corridor Text Amendments, due to the need for additional Planning Board discussion and approval a Public Hearing could not be held.