



**MINUTES**  
**Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina**  
**Town Council Worksession**  
**125 W Fort Macon Road and**  
**Electronically via Zoom**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2024 – 9:00am**



The regularly scheduled meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Thursday, March 19, 2024 at 9:00am in the Council Meeting Room, 125 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina.

**Members Present:** Mayor Danny Navey; Mayor Pro Tem Austin Waters; Councilmembers: Harry Archer, Renea Baker, Joey Dean

**Members Absent:** Councilmember Joseph Starling

**Others Present:** John O’Daniel, Town Manager; Katrina Tyer, Town Clerk;

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Navey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilmember Baker made a motion *to approve* the agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waters. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Waters made a motion *to excuse* Councilmember Starling due to work commitments. Seconded by Councilmember Archer. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

**ATTORNEY FIRM INTERVIEWS**

Council conducted interviews for Town attorney to replace Derek Taylor who announced he would no longer be representing the Town after April 29, 2024 due to taking a full-time position with the Town of Morehead City. Staff released a Request For Proposals and received responses from three interested firms.

- 9:00am Kirkman Whitford Brady Berryman & Gordon, PA; Jane Gordon
- 10:00am Mewborn & DeSelms, Attorneys at Law; Tim Wilson and Sharon Griffin
- 11:00am Sumrell Sugg, PA; James “Trey” Ferguson

Based on the Whitford firm's local history it was the consensus of Council for the town manager to negotiate contract terms with Kirkman, Whitford, Brady, Berryman & Gordan, PA for Council to approve the contract at the April regular meeting.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ATTORNEY DISCUSSION**

Depending on town attorney selection, the town will proceed with selection of an attorney for the board of adjustment.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further action taken or business before Council the meeting stood adjourned. The time was 12:13pm.

These minutes were approved at the March 24, 2024 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

TOWN OF ATLANTIC BEACH

ATTEST:

*Katrina Tyer* (seal)  
 Katrina Tyer - Town Clerk



*Danny Navey*  
 Danny Navey - Mayor