

CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, October 22, 2019 @ 9:00 AM
Council Chambers
1121 N. Lake Park Boulevard
Carolina Beach, NC 28428

ASSEMBLY

The Town of Carolina Beach Town Council Workshop was held on Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 9:00 AM at Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Tom Bridges, Council Member LeAnn Pierce, and Council Member Steve Shuttleworth

ABSENT: Mayor Joe Benson and Council Member JoDan Garza

ALSO PRESENT: Interim Town Manager Ed Parvin, Finance Director Debbie Hall, Town Clerk Kim Ward, and Town Attorney Noel Fox

1. MPT BRIDGES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Wilmington MPO presentation on Alternate Funding Sources

Abby Lorenzo, Senior Transportation Planner for the Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization reviewed the Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 alternative funding opportunities. The MPO is federally required to adopt and maintain a long range transportation plan for the region know as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). It must be updated every 5 years and have a minimum planning horizon of 20 years. Projects must be in the adopted MTP to be eligible for federal funds. Some examples of alternative funding sources include taxes, grant and loan programs, and financing.

The WMPO will determine which alternative funding sources will be supported and applied in the 2045 MTP. Based on project rank and cost, the WMPO Board will endorse additional fiscally constrained projects.

b. Review the Ocean Rescue Design Build Contract

Ed Parvin presented the status of the Hamlet Avenue Ocean Rescue Building. He showed the preliminary layout. Staff met with WIMCO last week to review the scope.

Council Member Shuttleworth expressed concern about having such a large break room and so many doors at \$600 per door.

Council Member Pierce said that it is taking up parking spaces as well. She asked what the square

footage was.

Project Manager Ben Meister said about 3,300 square feet.

Mr. Parvin said they would sharpen their pencils on the cost of the project. He went on to show some ways they could reduce costs. He said they are speaking with WIMCO daily to discuss changes.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked if there could be some shared space with the Police Department to have a police sub-station in there as well.

Council Member Pierce suggested reducing the size of the building.

c. Freeman Park Recommendations for 2020 Season

Mr. Parvin presented some recommendations that were given by staff and the Freeman Park Committee.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked Mrs. Hall to show numbers from month to month to show the impact on the estimated \$1.9 million projected revenue. He wants to see how the costs have gone down since removing some of the operational costs.

Council Member Pierce asked if staff had polled visitors to see if they would purchase annual passes again.

Council Member Shuttleworth said that he has been pushing automation and that is what Lanier Parking sold them on.

Council Member Pierce said you cannot do away with the annual passes. People are not going to pay \$40 every time they want to watch a sunset.

Council Member Shuttleworth suggested doing a 3-day pass for \$100.

Council Member Pierce said she would like to have a public hearing before they make a decision.

Council Member Shuttleworth was not in favor of closing the park at 8 p.m. Council Member Pierce agreed saying the sun doesn't go down until 9 p.m. in the summer.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he wanted the alcohol rules to be one consistent rule along the entire beach strand. MPT Bridges agreed.

Mr. Parvin suggested having a special meeting for further discussion on Freeman Park.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked staff to put the recommendations out on social media and in the Island Gazette.

Council agreed to meet on November 13th at 6:00 p.m. with a follow-up meeting on November

19th.

d. Draft Harbor Ordinance

Mr. Parvin presented the suggested Harbor Ordinance changes. He discussed the issues that are occurring in the Harbor. They include:

Abandoned vessels, live aboards, regulating waste, breaking anchor, unauthorized use of public property, managing public resources, and communication with the boating community.

NC Session Law 2010-73 Section 2 gives the Town concurrent jurisdiction.

Mr. Parvin reviewed the differences between an abandoned vessel, a derelict vessel, and an unauthorized vessel.

Council Member Pierce asked what authority the Town has over the open water.

Ms. Fox said that the Town has special enabling legislation. You cannot deprive people of their public trust rights.

Council Member Pierce asked how you demolish vessels that are too large to be pulled out of the water. She asked if you can garnish their taxes to recover costs?

Ms. Fox said that she would find out.

Mr. Parvin discussed the mission of the Harbor Commission. He felt that it has become more of a boat captains group and he recommended possibly eliminating the Harbor Commission and establishing a boat captains meeting group that would meet a few times a year. The Canal Drive Committee has taken over a lot of what they were working on but he would like to keep them separate.

Council Member Pierce asked if Mr. Parvin was suggesting to combine the Harbor Commission with another committee or revamp the committee.

Mr. Parvin asked if Council felt there was a need for a harbor commission. He said they have only been meeting once a year.

Council Member Pierce said not the way it is set up now. It should be about the harbor and not just the fishing fleet. She added that she feels it needs a different mission than it has now.

Council Member Pierce said that she would like to meet with the clerk and the attorney to revamp the mission and she would be glad to take that committee.

MPT Bridges suggested that they have a boat captains meeting and that citizens who use the waterway should serve on the Harbor Commission. Council Member Pierce agreed.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he would like to bring in 3 committees to each workshop to give an update on what their roles and missions are. He also said that Council should be receiving the

minutes from all committee meetings.

Mr. Parvin said that the Powerline Committee wants to be on the November Council agenda.

MPT Bridges asked how staff plans to regulate the day dock times.

Mr. Parvin said that he and the Mooring Field Contractor Larry Denning will handle it right now. There will be some sort of posting that will be put on the vessel. It will take some oversight.

3. CLOSED SESSION

- a. MPT Bridges made a motion to go into closed session to discuss an attorney/client and personnel matter in accordance to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6). The matters being discussed include:

TCB vs. Carolina Freeman LLC NHC 18 CVS 3151

TCB vs, B&F Enterprises LLC NHC 18 CVS 3152

TCB vs DRDK, LLC NHC 18 CVS 3153

TCB vs Freeman Beach, LLC 18 CVS 3154

Motion passed unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- a. MPT Bridges made a motion to return to open session stating that no action was taken during closed session. Motion passed unanimously.

MPT Bridges made a motion to adjourn at 12:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Adopted at a regular meeting on November 12, 2019.

Submitted by Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk