

CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Workshop Minutes
Tuesday, September 24, 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, September 24, 2019 at 9:00 AM at Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT: 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. MAYOR BENSON CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Employee Recognition

Chief Griffin introduced the new Master Firefighter Will Heath.

Mark Meyer introduced Holly Satorre and Amanda Gauthier. He also recognized Rachel Shelton for her promotion to the Utility Billing Supervisor position.

Brian Stanberry introduced Dan Woodford as the new Environmental Supervisor. He also recognized the promotion of Mark Dudenhaver to the Utility Construction Permit Technician position and Hugh Jones to the Building Maintenance position.

Debbie Hall introduced Sue Granquist as the new Finance Accounting Technician.

Jeremy Hardison introduced Gloria Abbotts as the new Intern in the Fellows Program.

Captain Humphries gave an update on the hiring status in the Police Department. They will be fully staffed by November 1, 2019.

b. Marina Update by Mark Weiss

Mark Weiss with ARDURRA gave an update on the Marina Project.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked what Council can do to help move the process along with FEMA.

Mr. Parvin asked Council to reach out to Congressman David Rouzer.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked Mr. Parvin to get some talking points together for Council.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he would like to have some flexibility in the design to possibly eliminate the third head boat slip if there is more of a demand for charter boats.

Council Member Pierce asked for staff to evaluate the revenue that would come from both scenarios.

c. Review of the Harbor Ordinance

Ed Parvin presented a draft Harbor Ordinance. He has not yet reviewed it with Attorney Fox or the Technical Review Committee.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked if anchoring meant long term or temporarily fishing.

Mr. Parvin said that it referred to long term.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked if staff was suggesting adding more mooring balls.

Mr. Parvin said he would like to add 10 more.

Council Member Pierce said she would not be in favor because it takes away from the natural look of the waterway.

Council Member Shuttleworth expressed concern on dragging the process out. He would like for staff to tighten up the enforcement.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he is not totally opposed to expanding the mooring field.

MPT Bridges said that he was not opposed to it either.

3. NON-AGENDA ITEMS

a. Business and Economic Development Committee Discussion

Council would like to stay at 7 to meet quorum and not so many ideas.

Discussed mission - bring family business and what incentives are available. Year round support services for home business, etc. Residents say we are heavily leaning toward tourism industry.

Shuttleworth - software design or warehouse design marine repair from the colleges.

Pierce tomorrow set up roles chair, polling the committee and community

b. Mr. Parvin said that he left a few items in front of Council for their review offline. They will come back to a later Council meeting. One of the items is some discussion on Freeman Park recommended changes. The other item is parking for delivery drivers for boardwalk business owners. Staff is suggesting the allowance of golf carts on the boardwalk for loading and unloading.

Council Member Shuttleworth does not want the bollards locked. He would like to allow them 30 minutes to unload, after 30 minutes ticket them, after an hour tow them.

Mayor Benson asked if the results have been received for the well testing.

Mr. Meyer replied that they should have results today.

Mayor Benson asked staff to share the results with Sunny Point.

Mayor Benson asked if anyone had heard back from NCDOT on the requests that were submitted.

Mr. Stanberry replied that they are expecting to hear from them any day now.

4. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Closed Session to Discuss an Attorney/Client Matter

ACTION: Motion to go into closed session to discuss an attorney/client matter in accordance to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3).

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: Joe Benson

Vote: UNANIMOUS

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mayor Benson called the meeting back into open session stating no action was taken.

Mayor Benson made a motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopted at a regular meeting on October 8, 2019.

Recorded by Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk