

# CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Workshop Minutes  
Tuesday, October 30, 2018 @ 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 30, 2018 at 9:00 AM at Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT:

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

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

### 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### a. Solid Waste Contract Presentation

Norma Yanez, Government Contracts Manager for Waste Industries gave a presentation on the services they provide.

Kenny Inman, Pink Trash presented what his company can provide to the Town. He also had a representative from "Going Beyond Pink" who explained what Pink Trash gives to their organization and this community.

#### b. Parking Management Presentation

Jason Sutton, Regional Manager of SP Plus along with Bob gave an update on what SP Plus currently provides for the Town.

Jack Skelton, Senior Vice-President of Republic Parking gave a presentation on what Republic Parking can do to enhance the Town's parking program.

Isaiah Mouw, Vice-President of Lanier Parking also presented what their company has to offer.

Council Member Garza asked about information on bringing parking back in house.

Council Member Pierce would like a bullet point list comparing the companies.

Council Member Shuttleworth mentioned that during the summer trash is picked up twice a week and residents are billed double without the ability to opt out. He also asked for some apples and apples on comparing parking and waste companies.

Council concluded that they would like to be able to make a fair comparison of all three companies by condensing the information.

c. Freeman Park Discussion

Council discussed possible changes to Freeman Park.

Council Members were in favor of reducing or eliminating the blue barrels on Freeman Park and the beach strand and possibly adding a few larger bins.

Council Member Garza said that education is the key.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked Mr. Parvin to look into having Freeman Park staffed in house.

**Council Member Garza made a motion to drop the early bird rate from \$150 to \$100 (December 1-15) in conjunction with removing the blue barrels. Motion carried unanimously.**

MPT Bridges asked if the Town could handle the reduction in budget.

Mr. Parvin said he would research the numbers.

d. Discussion on Replacing Lifeguard Stands

Fire Chief Alan Griffin gave a presentation on replacing lifeguard stands that were destroyed during Hurricane Florence. He gave some options of either replacing the stands with similar stands, upgrading all of the stands, or upgrading stands that flank the boardwalk and using the current style for all the others.

Council Member Garza asked if the Town had explored having residents donate stands similar to the benches on the boardwalk.

Chief Griffin said he had thought about that with the Marriott and the Hampton Inn. He mentioned that they would be short on time this year because they would need to get started now to be ready by the Spring.

Council Member Pierce said she is in favor of putting up the more modern looking stands. She likes the idea of having nicer stands around the boardwalk. She is not in favor of businesses having their names on the stands. She prefers a neutral brown color.

Council Member Shuttleworth suggested asking businesses for donations but not putting their logo on them. He added that he is in favor of moving forward with the two different designs. All Council Members agreed.

Chief Griffin said that he would bring this back to the December meeting for budget approval.

e. Approval of Contract for Professional Services

Ed Parvin suggested using professionals to assist the Town in recovering from Hurricane Florence. He mentioned that Rostan has been assisting the Town with recovery efforts.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked about the process for the operational side of recovery. He felt that it was a little "wobbly" after the storm.

Council Member Garza said that there has not been a debriefing from the storm. Council agreed that they wanted a post-event meeting.

Council Member Garza asked staff to give Council a heads up on what the final numbers for the storm would be.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the contract for Rostan Solutions to manage the FEMA claim from Hurricane Florence.

Motion: Tom Bridges

Vote: UNANIMOUS

f. Stormwater Discussion

Gil DuBois provided the following information to Council:

Carolina Beach Lake receives water from 340 Acres of surface area. To calculate the volume of water we are going to convert this to square feet then cubic feet. 1 acre of surface area is 43,560 square feet.  $43,560 \times 340$  equals 14,810,400 square feet times 1 foot equals 14,810,400 cubic feet. 1 cubic foot of area holds 7.48 gallons of water. 12 inches of water in the specific area equals 110,781,792 gallons of water. During the Hurricane Florence storm we recorded 30 inches of rainfall which is 2.5 feet. Just the lake area of Carolina Beach received 276,954,480 gallons of water.

Lake Pumps:

2 each 12 inch pumps (permanent) Lake House Pump Stations, pump approximately 3600 GPM each or 7200 GPM when both are running.  $7200 \times 1440 = 10,368,000$  Gallons

1 each 6 inch pump (permanent) Pump House on the east end of Clarendon Avenue at the lake, pumps approximately 1000 to 1100 GPM (1000 GPM)  $1000 \times 1440 = 1,440,000$  Gallons

1 each 6 inch pumps (trailer mounted and located as needed on Driftwood) pump approximately 850 to 900 GPM. When the manifold is connected and the water is pulled from the lake to the pumps on the east end of Driftwood Drive, 3 (three) pumps will push out about 2550 GPM.  $2550 \times 1440 = 3,672,000$  gallons

In normal lake pumping periods with all three pumps running we can pump  $8,200 \text{ GPM} \times 1440$

(MPD) equals 11, 808,000 GPD. When the three pumps are in operation at Driftwood they will pump 3,672,000 gallons per day. Combined pumping ability is 15,480,000 gallons. Pumping without stopping it would take 17.89 days to pump the entire volume of water from the lake that could have been received in the lake drainage area during hurricane Florence.

The stormwater pump station at Greenville Avenue and an additional 6 inch trailer mounted pump was utilized to pump as much water as possible during the storm event from the Greenville Avenue area at Second Street to the stormwater detention pond (approximately 3.5 acres) which is located to the west of Carolina Sands.

Lake:

1. Removal of approximately 33,000 cubic yards of material provided additional storage or 6,664,680 gallons of water. Removal of the additional 50,000 cubic yards would provide an additional 10,098,000 gallons of water. If all the material was removed from the lake as engineered, it would provide 16,762,680 gallons of stormwater storage.
2. The surface area of the lake is 501,609.5 SF. The current overall water level which is above the engineered removal is approximately 1.5 feet which equals 752,414.1 cubic feet or 5,628,057 gallons of water.
3. There is another 1.5 feet of free board before the lake would over run the bank which is approximately 5,628,057 gallons.
4. If the lake was dredged to the engineered depth and adding the existing water level and the free wall over flow volumes, the lake would hold approximately 28,018,794 gallons
5. A 1 ½ inch rainfall will produce approximately 13,847,724 gallons of water in the Carolina Beach lake drainage area. 1 ½ inch rainfall have become very regular here at Carolina Beach.
6. With the lake dredged to the engineered depth and the engineered volume of material was removed, the town stormwater would easily handle a 1.5 to 2 inch rainfall event with the existing pumps, if the lake was pumped down to the appropriate level prior to the arrival of the forecasted storm. We feel that with proper preparation and all equipment was operational, I feel that the town stormwater team could easily handle a 3 inch rainfall event that should total about 27,695,448 gallons of stormwater, which would be the approximate volume of the lake once the dredging is completed.
7. Prior to any dredging, the lake would hold approximately 10,000,000 gallons of water if we could pump the lake pretty much dry in preparation for a storm event.

Ed Parvin reviewed the process for making stormwater complaints and how the CitiWorks program will help.

Mayor Benson gave a recap. Staff will give an update to Council at the November 13, 2018.

Mayor Benson mentioned that this is a workshop and not a public hearing but given the number of people in attendance, he opened the floor for public comment.

Fred Grady 608 Cape Fear Boulevard mentioned that new construction is being built up causing the water to run down to the houses on a slab.

Ed Colling 107 North 8th Street said he had \$20,000 worth of flood damage during the storm. He stated he made complaints about water sitting in the pipes on Raleigh but he has never heard back

from staff.

Kent, 716 Hamlett Avenue said that he is on a slab and the houses that are being built around him are being built up and there is nothing he can do.

Rob Pomeranz 405 Bay Court said that there is a drain pipe that empties onto his property.

Council Member Garza mentioned that he feels the Town is doing a great job and they are working hard. He asked that residents recognize that they are doing the best they can. They have had a really stressful month.

g. Hurricane Florence Exempt Employee Pay Discussion

Ed Parvin presented three options for Council to consider for paying exempt employees that worked while the Town was closed. Council had previously voted on this matter during the September 25th meeting but there seemed to be confusion from staff on how those hours would be calculated. The estimated cost went from \$33,000 to \$66,000 as calculated by the Human Resources Director.

Council Member Garza stated that he was aware that the cost would be significant and still feels that Council should support this.

Council Member Shuttleworth agreed saying that the cost is much higher than originally proposed but that Council agreed to this formula and should honor it.

**ACTION:** Motion to pay current exempt employees bonus pay of 1.5 regular rate of pay for each day their hours exceeded 8 hours for the Monday – Friday work days of September 10th, 11th and 12th, and September 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st. Pay Exempt employees bonus pay for each hour worked on Saturday and/or Sunday in recognition of weekends not being a part of regular work week. (Exempt employees do not have to exceed 8 hours of work time to receive bonus pay for Saturday or Sunday.) Exempt employees required to be sequestered on the Island on September 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th will be paid for 16 hours of Bonus Pay for each 24 hour period at an estimated cost of \$66,000.

Motion: JoDan Garza

Vote: UNANIMOUS

h. For Hire Vehicle Text Amendment Discussion

Miles Murphy gave a presentation on how taxis, golf carts, LSV's, and other vehicles for hire are dealt with in Carolina Beach.

The question staff is posing to Council is, should golf carts/LSVs be allowed to operate if they are not using the same pay-scale, but otherwise meet all standards of Article VI Taxicabs? Staff and Council are receiving complaints from taxi services that the golf carts are charging a flat fee and not using a meter.

Ms. Fox stated that the ordinance currently reads that a taxi must have a meter. The two permits that were issued to the golf cart taxis were issued in violation of the ordinance.

Mr. Murphy replied that he feels since the definition of a taxi cab is different from a golf cart taxi, the town manager used his discretion to say that they are not the same thing and it did not require a meter.

Council Member Shuttleworth said that he feels that the process should run through the planning department first and if they approve it, then they send it to the police department and the manager for final approval.

Council Member Pierce added that there needs to be a check list established.

Mr. Parvin said that he feels meters are becoming a thing of the past. He also would like to set the process up and let the staff manage it. He does not think everything should have to come through the manager for approval.

Mr. Murphy clarified what he has heard from Council and that is: leave the taxi ordinance as is but pull out the golf carts and LSV's to establish a separate ordinance that would follow the same procedures as taxis but removes the meter requirement.

Council Member Pierce requested to keep it under one ordinance and remove the meter requirement.

### **3. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Council Member Shuttleworth stated that he would like to see more diversity on the Land Use Plan Steering Committee. Council agreed.

Council Member Pierce felt strongly about having positions to hold certain roles in the community. For example, there needs to be people like developers, hotel owners, realtors, restaurants, environmentalist, etc. She requested to have an 11 member committee and asked that staff show Council what categories will be open. Council was in favor of this idea.

Mr. Parvin said that he would have a list together for the November 8th kick-off meeting and that Council would vote that night.

### **4. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:35 PM**

Adopted at a regular meeting on November 13, 2018.

Recorded by Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk