

# CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Workshop Minutes  
Tuesday, November 28, 2017 @ 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, November 28, 2017 at 9:00 AM at Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT: Council Member Gary Doetsch

ALSO PRESENT: Town Manager Michael Cramer, Finance Director Debbie Hall, Town Attorney Noel Fox, and Town Clerk Kim Ward

### 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR WILCOX

### 2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### a. Freeman Park Update

Michael Cramer lead the discussion on possible operational changes to Freeman Park. He recommended these changes be implemented in two phases.

Phase 1:

#### **Establish Additional Ordinance Rules for the Campsites:**

Identify the number of vehicles that may be present at a campsite

No more than 2 vehicles per campsite

Vehicles must park in campsite

Identify the number of people allowed on a single campsite

No more than 8 people per campsite

Wrist Bands for campers

Eliminate some and move some Emergency Campsites

Camper must check in at booth

#### **Increase Education on Rules:**

Signage and Brochures (English and Spanish)

Videos on Rules (English and Spanish)

**Parking Lot Improvements:**

No Overnight Parking Ordinance Change

No Showers or Public Restrooms after 10:00 pm

Phase 2:

**Close Park to Vehicle Entry at 9:00 pm**

All Ocean Side Day Trip Visitors must leave the beach by no later than 11:00 pm.

Only Registered Campers and fishermen may stay on the beach

Eliminate Campsite past Zone 10

**Require Pack it in / Pack it out for Day Trip Visitors**

Blue Barrels and White Dumpsters are only for Campers

**4 Wheel Drive Vehicles Only**

No 2 or All Wheel Drive Vehicles

Vehicle Clearance Line

**Change Daily Access Pass to Day Trip Access Pass**

Hours of use from 6:00 am to 11:00 pm

Stop Day Trip Pass Sales at 7:00 pm

Council recommended a public discussion in January.

Mr. Cramer stated that CAMA has received a permit application for sand fencing on the far end of Freeman Park. CAMA is asking for an opinion from staff. Ms. Fox explained the public trust rights from the mean high tide mark to the frontal dune. Behind the dune is private property and always has been.

b. Lake Dredging Project

Mr. Cramer gave an update on the Lake Dredge Project.

**Contract Suspension:**

Mr. Cramer reviewed the time line of events for the Lake Dredge Project.

Erin Nortonen, 217 Atlanta Avenue, asked how long the equipment would be staged on Atlanta.

Mr. Cramer replied that he is hoping it will be removed sometime next week.

**MOTSU Discussions:**

MOTSU would like the Town to move the spoils (30,000 yards) to the spray field that is located on the same property. The Town would have to rent equipment or contract this project out. It would just be a cost of equipment. Staff would provide the labor. The materials would have to be moved from the spray field within 3-5 years. MOTSU is allowing 10,000 additional cubic yards to the existing 30,000 cubic yards to be placed on the property.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked about the spoils that the Ferry has on MOTSU property.

Mr. Cramer stated that the Ferry has spoils on MOTSU property that does not have restrictions. They also do not have any requirements to remove the spoils. Council feels that this is not equal treatment and asked Mr. Cramer to address this with MOTSU.

**Environmental Testing:**

Jim Cornette, Project Manager with ARM Geothermal, Environmental and Well Drilling presented the testing results that he found with the third environmental study conducted on the lake. The only arsenic that was above State action levels were located in the central portion of Zone 1 and the central and southern portion Zone 2.

**Secondary Disposal Site:**

Mr. Cramer gave an update on possible secondary locations for the spoils. Those sites included: local construction sites south of Monkey Junction, New Hanover County Landfill, and the 5 acres of Town property behind the LORAN station.

The Town contracted SEGI for an environmental assessment of Town property. Dana with SEGI gave a report on their findings.

Council Member Shuttleworth suggested the Town terminate the contract and establish a new contract once all of the details have been settled.

Mr. Cramer suggested getting Council information on the cost and move to terminate at the December 12th Council meeting.

Mayor Wilcox and Council Member Shuttleworth expressed concern about costs of remobilizing

and changes in prices for the contractor. Mr. Cramer stated that he would meet with the contractor to try to get an idea on what they anticipate.

Mayor Wilcox suggested that the new council be made aware of what is going on and get their input. He wants to know how they would vote if this item would have been put off to January. Council Member Shuttleworth asked that the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem get with Mr. Benson and Mr. Garza and get their input.

c. WWTP Discharge Pipe Update

Mr. Cramer gave an update on the damage to the Waste Water Treatment Plant discharge pipe. The work must be completed by April 1, 2018 which is state mandated deadline so a decision must be made soon to restabilize the pipe and to do mitigation work. The general cost estimate for the boom is in the \$150,000 range. The cost to restabilize the pipe could be anywhere from \$120,000 to \$300,000. This item will come back to Council at the January meeting. The Sewer Authority will be notified of these costs.

**3. NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Cramer gave an update on the Clean Water Trust Fund Management Grant for the storm water box that leads into the Mona Black Marina area. The material has been ordered and the easement has been received from Harris Teeter. The bids are under \$100,000 so the Town Manager can sign off on it. This was approved in the budget but the Manager will notify Council of the final cost.

a. Closed Session to Discuss a Personnel and Real Estate Matter in Accordance to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) and (6)

**ACTION:** Motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel and real estate matter in accordance to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) and (6).

Motion: Dan Wilcox

Vote: UNANIMOUS

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Council returned from closed session at 12:30 pm stating that no action was taken.  
Mayor Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 12:30 pm.

Recorded by Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk  
Approved on December 12, 2017