



CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Workshop - Night Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 22, 2017 @ 6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1121 N. Lake Park Boulevard

Carolina Beach, NC 28428

ASSEMBLY

The Town of Carolina Beach Town Council Workshop - Night Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM at Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT:

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

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Budget Ordinance for Ocean Heights

ACTION: Motion to approve Ordinance 17-1063 amending the utility fund budget to fund revenue and expenses related to the Ocean Heights development.

Motion: Steve Shuttleworth

Vote: UNANIMOUS

b. Discussion on Golf Cart Safety

Chief Chris Spivey gave a presentation on golf cart safety and offered recommendations from the police department.

Keith Bloemendaal, 505 Carolina Beach Avenue North feels that the Town should only require seat belts, tail lights and blinkers. It would cost around \$500 to make those upgrades. He also mentioned the golf cart permits are hard to see. He feels that it is important to educate cart owners of the rules when they purchase their permit.

Bryan Dowdy, 1609 Sea Ray Lane would also like to see a compromise on the restrictions. He feels that it is invalid for the Town to require a permit for a state registered low speed vehicle.

Lou Messina, 500 Jarrett Bay said he cannot get out of his neighborhood with his golf cart. Port Side ingress/egress is in a 45 mph zone.

Keith Boswell, 107 Island Palms Drive said that he agrees with the others and mentioned the stats

that were shown in the presentation were from 2012.

Tod Rehanek, 1516 Swordfish Lane feels the biggest problem is enforcement. Officers need to enforce carts on Dow Road and kids driving the carts.

Joe Bradish, 203 North 7th Street- said that he agrees with the others. Golf carts are not designed to hold child safety seats. He also mentioned that parking is minimal and should be able to park multiple carts in one space.

Mr. Cramer addressed the issue of Port Side residents not being able to use their carts. The Town has petitioned NCDOT to reduce the speed limit in that area to 35 mph. The Town should have a response back around the end of September.

Council Member Bridges and Mayor Wilcox requested the Manager to have the 35 zone start on the north side of the bridge.

Council Member Shuttleworth is concerned about the residents at Port Side and would like to find a solution for Bertram Drive. He also mentioned that he would like to see an increase in enforcement.

Council Member Doetsch agreed with Council Member Shuttleworth. They both agreed they should have seat belts and lights by the end of the year.

Mayor Wilcox agreed and feels that installing seat belts, lights and turn signals would solve 90% of the concern.

MPT Pierce would like to give the police department support in enforcing the rules and feels that Council should implement the minimum safety requirements.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked the attorney to research the laws regarding children riding in golf carts that are of age to be in a child safety seat.

3. CLOSED SESSION

Council will go into a closed session to discuss a real estate matter in accordance to NCGS 143-318(a)(5). The property location is 3 Carolina Beach Avenue South.

a. **ACTION:** Motion to go into closed session to discuss a real estate matter.

Motion: Dan Wilcox

Vote: UNANIMOUS

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Wilcox reconvened the regular meeting and stated that there was no action taken during closed session.

ACTION: Motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Motion: Dan Wilcox

Vote: UNANIMOUS