



CAROLINA BEACH
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES • JULY 27, 2015

Council Chambers

Workshop

9:00 AM

1121 N. LAKE PARK BLVD.
CAROLINA BEACH, NC 28428

I. CALL TO ORDER

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Dan Wilcox | Mayor | Present | |
| LeAnn Pierce | Mayor Pro Tem | Present | |
| Steve Shuttleworth | Council Member | Present | |
| Sarah Friede | Council Member | Present | |
| Gary Doetsch | Council Member | Present | |
| Michael Cramer | Town Manager | Present | |
| Ed Parvin | Assistant Town Manager | Present | |
| Debbie Hall | Finance Director | Present | |
| Kim Ward | Town Clerk | Present | |

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Presentation by Waste Industries

(Requested by Michael Cramer, Town Manager's Office)

Brent Kershaw, Manager of Waste Industries gave an update on the amount of trash being collected from Carolina Beach.

Your numbers dipped from 2012/2013 to 2013/2014 from almost 232 tons a month to 220. Then it jumped back up in 2014/2015 to 236 tons. Last year it averaged 73 tons a month and it has increased a little more to 75 tons a month for recycling. It's increasing on both sides for the trash and recycling. We are attributing that to the influx of additional people or they are throwing away more.

Council Member Shuttleworth - This says residential, does that include the roll offs from the waste transfer?

Mr. Kershaw - No.

Council Member Shuttleworth - One of the things we have been looking at is the commercial collection along the beach strand on the north end and then our commercial users and trying to understand on the non grey or blue cans what our volumes have been doing. Those are all pass through costs that our residents bear the burden of. Just so I'm clear, the municipal waste stream includes all the stuff on the beach strand, the north end, the harbor and anything that is collected to the roll offs at the waste transfer station. Is there anything else?

Mr. Cramer - The boardwalk collection and any collections from trails or parks tend to go to the same location.

Council Member Shuttleworth - So right now we are not recycling out on the beach strand or the north end so it is just one complete total volume, then we take that

charge from Waste Industries and spread it out through our residential/commercial costs?

Mr. Cramer - That is correct.

Council Member Shuttleworth - This goes back to what the Mayor has said before that there is a cost to our residents for the tourist industry that we support. It's been hard to determine the difference in volume.

Randy Gainey, Waste Industries - We can get you the tonnage, that's no problem. We've got that. We looked at tonnage from this July 4th versus last July 4th and there was over 2400 pounds less this year. This year your tonnage was down because of some of the changes that you made on the north end.

Council Member Friede - The question I always get is why we don't recycle on the beach when we recycle every place else and isn't it against the law. The law says you are supposed to recycle everything that is recyclable. The Town does not provide means to recycle.

Mr. Gainey - It's very costly to recycle things on the north end but you could do that.

Mayor Wilcox - You said we reduced by 2400 pounds, what were the actual numbers in tons?

Brian Stanberry - I think we went from 24 tons to 22 tons in a 3 day period. There has been a drastic reduction on Freeman Park but there has been an increase on the beach strand.

Daniel Keating - I think since the fees for Freeman Park increased and the parking fees for the beach strand did not go up, it has caused the patrons to switch where they want to go so you are seeing more patrons on the beach strand. We have added extra barrels to contain that.

Mr. Cramer - We are down almost half for the manpower resources that we are using to collect on Freeman Park compared to last year but the overall tonnage is only down slightly. We are spending more time picking up trash on the beach strand but it isn't a 1 to 1 comparison so it's hard to know exactly how much of that is attributed to more people coming to the beach or people from Freeman Park moving down to other portions of the beach.

Mayor Wilcox - How often do we police the trash on Freeman Park?

Mr. Keating - Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It is a 30 minute transit each way with the can machine because it does not go fast. That is an hour right there each time you dump. During the off season that can have it complete by 10:00. Right now, it can go to 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Wilcox - If we are cleaning it 3 days a week, is that something where Waste Industries could bring in a dumpster and leave it on the trailer or park it somewhere for four hours then pick it up and haul it off the island?

Mr. Cramer - The difficulty that we are having is, the main piece of equipment that we are using is our can machine. The can machine only dumps material out of the bucket so we have to have some sort of a high rise or a way to dump that trash into a compactor or container.

Council discussed various options of trash removal from Freeman Park.

Mr. Cramer - The intent of this presentation with Waste Industries was really more directed at the questions that we received dealing with residential waste and recycling and the different tonnages. One of the other things that we have heard from Council in the last couple of weeks is much more about revisiting the waste stream issue for municipal waste which is what we are talking about now. I think if we want to have that discussion today, we can but we don't have a lot of the statistical information to give you today for that but yes, I think if we focused on trying to pack it in, pack it out we could collect with a different can machine, we could pick up the waste that is there so that we could take that can and maybe put it at the Canal lot where the lifeguard station used to be. We could dump the cans there and have Waste Industries would then come pick up the cans to dump them. If I understand the goal, staff needs to focus on reducing the trash and eliminate the need for a centralized location to dump and collect the waste.

Mayor Wilcox - Right.

Mr. Cramer - There are only a couple of ways to that. One is to spread out that waste in containers and two would be to have some off location way of transport and that is difficult.

Mayor Wilcox - I am not referring to putting a dumpster at the entrance of Freeman Park, we could block off a couple of parking spaces in parking lots.

Council Member Shuttleworth - The goal is to get rid of the waste transfer station. Michael is saying in order to get rid of the waste transfer station, you are going to have six or seven transfer stations throughout the Town.

Mayor Wilcox - It would not be a transfer station where material is sitting for a day or two.

Mr. Keating - One thing to keep in mind is, the footprint for a truck to be able to pull up unobstructed to grab that container is quite large. It will need a lot of space.

Mr. Cramer - Daniel, how many times do we have to take the can machine off the beach strand to dump it?

Mr. Keating - No more than two.

Mayor Wilcox - How long does the trash sit at the yard?

Mr. Keating - Waste Industries comes to get it Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Council Member Doetsch - We need to look at the south end. They don't put cans out there. People have to take it out with them. As long as we keep putting cans on the beach, we are offering an alternative. I would rather move the cans off the beach and require people to take it with them when they leave.

Council Member Shuttleworth - Michael, could you maybe work with these guys and do an analysis of if we had a different can truck that was able to hold some sort of dumpster, about how often we would fill the dumpster and need to be picked up and if we would have to have several of them, could we find a central location or several locations that could be turned around quickly? What we are hearing from our

residents is that it is noisy, smelly and disrupts their lives. If we do smaller transfer stations, then there is going to be more of them so instead of three residents in here we are going to have 300 residents in here. Our goal is to get rid of the transfer station. We are still going to have organics to pick up. Can you guys come up with how many roll offs we would have to do and what the cost would be to switch out the can truck?

Mr. Cramer - Definitely but keep in mind that some of this will be our educated guess.

MPT Pierce - How often do we dump the compactor at the boardwalk and can we put another one down there since the business owners are already used to hearing the noise?

Mr. Keating - Monday, Wednesday and Friday. One thing you have to keep in mind is that you have to have room to operate the hydraulics on that compactor so you need space.

Mr. Cramer - We have some options and it sounds like what you are looking for is something where we have limited number of places that we store our material in containers until Waste Industries can come in and get it so we don't have to have a centralized location.

Mayor Wilcox - The transfer station as we know it today.

Mr. Cramer - We will bring you those options.

2. Yard Waste Presentation

(Requested by Michael Cramer, Town Manager's Office)

Ed Parvin presented an update on yard waste and discussed four options for debris pick up.

Mayor Wilcox asked Council to give staff some direction.

All Council members were leaning toward option four that Mr. Parvin presented which outlines residential debris removal zones. The pros and cons were as listed below:

PROS:

- Predictability for public concerning pick up times
- Gives the resident the flexibility to use bundles and paper bags
- Clarifies the types of bulk items the Town will pick up.
- Gives enforcement options if items are put out that are not acceptable materials or are not called in as work orders.
- Better management of workloads.
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CONS:

- Potentially more costly as we are now only accommodating one pick up per quarter for those that follow the current program's practices.
- Guidelines on sizes, and required containers that the residents must follow.

Mr. Cramer - We will bring back a more flushed out Option 4.

3. Carolina Beach Coastal Storm Damage Reduction Update

(Requested by Michael Cramer, Town Manager's Office)

Layton Bedsole, Shore Protection Coordinator for New Hanover County gave an update on managing the beaches. We are still continuing to engage the feds. We are acquiring the permits to do the projects ourselves. We are also looking at a Plan C that in the event we do assume responsibility, we refine that template to ensure that we are putting the right volume of sand into the right places.

We have an event that is scheduled to start this fall. They are looking at putting about 770,000 cubic yards of sand on the beach. This contract has been solicited. The bid opening is next week. We hope to have it awarded in September. The station numbers are just north of the pier, the transition area is south to Harper Avenue and then again about 770,000 cubic yards of placement.

Last Friday, we received the guidance for the 15 year extension for the Carolina Beach Project as defined in WRRDA 2014. The template - we don't have to reformulate that, we just have to reassess and reaffirm it's validity. That's really good. We will be looking at the public access, making sure it's still compatible with federal requirements.

I have not received a firm yes or no on whether or not it requires a chief's report. That question is being asked. If it is deemed a chief's report, then it has a time line of process through the Secretary of the Army Civil Works. The way it is interpreted now is that 15 years started with year 51. This will be inclusive which is not to our benefit. There is a meeting coming up on August 20th and they are going to cover a lot of stuff.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked the Manager to touch base with the County Manager regarding setting up a meeting with the advocate, the County and Carolina Beach.

The Merritt should be mobilizing today to go into the Carolina Beach Inlet for 5 days. We have about 7,000 cubic yards and an 8 foot template. It's about a \$90,000 project. We are hoping to have another hopper dredge operation late summer, early fall. We have another side cast operation in the middle of winter and other hopper operation late winter, early spring next year.

III. ADJOURN

Mayor Wilcox made a motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Kimberlee Ward
Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk

8-11-2015
Date Approved