

MINUTES
TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH
Regular Called Meeting/Public Hearing/Work Session
APRIL 5, 2010
6:45 p.m.

Members Present

Mayor Ron Klein
Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita
Councilman Bob Bobinski
Councilwoman Karen Joseph
Councilwoman Carol Scott
Councilman Wilson Sherrill

Others Present

Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney
Gary Parker, Town Administrator
Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION/MEETING 6:45 pm

Sherrill inquired what had happened to the bin “Cans for Kids” outside Town Hall. Parker replied that the company removed it. It was costing more to have to separate the trash that people were placing in the bins so they felt it was no longer cost effective.

Scott commented she had received a call about the golf carts on the strand for the handicapped, and felt this ordinance should be reviewed or tweaked and that they should keep an eye on it and maybe revisit it in the future.

DeVita recounted that there had been discussion on the form of minutes and asked it be added as New Item “g” to resolve it.

Joseph asked to add item “h” under new business regarding the event for the day the new bridge opens.

Scott announced that they were still taking names of those that wish to join the Beach Parking Committee until April 15th. They would then make their selection.

Joseph thanked the Fire Dept. for their quick action on the sewer spill that happened in Sandpiper Bay on Friday.

Parker handed out information about the Beach Parking problem they had discussed at the retreat. They had three potential scenarios and asked Council to add it to the next meeting in order to set a workshop to discuss it.

Mayor Klein confirmed that the item on the agenda under New Business to appoint a new Planning Board member was just to set a date for interviews. Council set the interview date for the four applicants for April 20th, beginning at 2:00 pm.

7:00 pm

1 & 2. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE.

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order and led the Council in the pledge of allegiance.

3. APPROVE OR AMEND AGENDA-Addition of items “g” -Method of Creating Minutes and “h”- Bridge Opening Ceremony, placed under New Business.

4. PRESENTATION BY JEFF VICSOUNT-MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

SOCIETY Re: MS Bike Ride

Mr. Viscount gave a presentation on the MS bike ride and the fact that they had been doing this for 25 years. They would start from various cities and end at a specific site. This year, the Society was requesting Council consider that they be allowed to end the ride on Sunset Beach. There would be 20-25 buses to pick up the riders at the end in the pier parking lot, where there would be food and refreshment stands. There was discussion of the large buses and Sunset Beach being able to accommodate them and the varying outfall, such as traffic, restrooms, trash, etc. The Society had *all* logistics worked out completely. Everything had been considered. Council all agreed it would be a positive thing for the town.

Motion by Joseph to work with the MS Society on the plans and allow them to end the event here, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion Carried.

Isenberg assured Council there would be a written agreement later they would have to enter into, to ensure all parties and logistics would be covered.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

(3 minutes allowed per speaker. If representing a group, one person may be chosen as spokesperson):

Charlie Nern, resident spoke in favor of recycling though he knew how expensive it was going to be.

**6. SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES FROM FIVE YEAR FORECAST/WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 16, 2010.**

MINUTES FROM REGULAR CALLED MEETING MARCH 1, 2010.

SPECIAL CALLED MINUTES FROM WORKSHOP WITH SAS COMMITTEE MARCH 4, 2010.

Motion by Scott to adopt minutes with corrections, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion Carried.

7. REPORTS:

- a. Administrator- none
- b. Police- see report
- c. Public Works -see report.
- d. Building Inspections-see report
- e. Fire- see report. Chief Barbee stated they would be flushing fire hydrants for their regular spring maintenance, so if the water was a little cloudy, that was the reason.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Appointment of Planning Board Member

Council set interviews with applicants for Tuesday, April 20th at 2:00 pm. Clerk will send out the time schedule to those being interviewed.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

**a. Adoption of Resolution Naming the New Bridge to send to D.O.T.
(originally adopted in 2004)**

Motion by Joseph to adopt the Bridge Resolution naming it the Mannon C. Gore Memorial Bridge, Seconded by DeVita, Motion Carried Unanimously.

b. Energy Survey

Parker introduced a proposal about a program with the State that provides an energy survey to see how well our buildings are performing on saving energy. They also provide technical assistance to other private facilities, such as the Sea Trail Clubhouse, etc. Scott stated she had a problem with accepting federal grant monies for private facilities. Even so, we had other places in town that were eligible, such as the Sandpiper Bay Clubhouse and the Sea Trail's POA building. After discussion, Council decided they had no obligation to do anything after the audit, and if it was free, they agreed to go ahead with it to see if we're losing energy anywhere that could save the Town money.

Motion by Sherrill to proceed with the audit only, Seconded by Scott. Motion Carried.

c. Wildlife Resources Commission Lease Agreement

Parker provided the agreement with the NC Wildlife Commission stating they would provide and pay for the ramp design, construction and parking. It was a 99 year lease that reflected basic guidelines, but the town would be responsible for picking up garbage and mowing.

Scott asked if they constructed restroom facilities, and if so, did the town have a say in the type that went there? She was concerned with light pollution and the looks of any building or trash cans that might be placed there. Parker stated there was no restroom facilities designed in this agreement. Scott asked if the Town Attorney could draft language securing commitment that the town had say in any proposal of what type of restrooms and waste cans that might be used. Isenberg stated he would tweak the language to include these specifications.

Motion by DeVita to support and sign this lease agreement based on what was to be designed and built **according to the site plan** provided by NC Wildlife. Anything more that was to be done would need Council approval. Seconded by Joseph, Motion carried unanimously.

d. Recycling

Parker informed Council that the bid from Waste Industries came in at \$311,000. It was very expensive. Council was aware that the County was looking into recycling and was requesting bids by April 16th. He subsequently reminded them that Bob Tone stated at the last meeting he would oversee the bin if one was placed on the island. Scott felt it was definitely needed by June 1. Council discussed the fact that county finances were in terrible shape, and there was no telling how long it would be, so they agreed to place a bin on the island and one on the mainland to be monitored.

Motion by Scott to get a bin for the island and find a place for one on the mainland if they could locate one, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion carried.

e. Bike Path Quotes

Parker presented three bids for the bike quotes. Council all agreed that they needed a closer look as the mileage was different and the linear footage of the town was different. There were several things that didn't match on the bids. Scott stated the bids were like comparing apples to oranges, because they were not bidding on the same things, such as the footage for the bike paths. Sherrill emphatically stated there was a specific footage for the whole town and they needed to base their price on that. He asked what *was* the length? Parker replied it would vary with sidewalks, etc. Sherrill countered that sidewalks would not matter.....it was still only certain footage and that was what was required for accurate bids. Council deferred decision on these quotes, and tabled the topic until May's meeting.

f. Beach Restroom Quotes

Parker recommended "Urban Design" for the architect. Scott asked if he knew anything about the company and the kind of work they did. She suggested slowing down, as a decision was not imperative right now because they didn't even know where it would be placed and Council needed to look at this a little closer at a later date.

Motion by Scott to delay action until a future date. Seconded by DeVita. Motion carried.

g. Method of Creating Minutes

After general discussion and naming the three ways minutes could be prepared, Scott asked if it was legal to continue as is. Some Council were for longer minutes and some shorter, because they felt it sometimes dragged on needlessly.....anyone wanting detail could always listen to the recording. Scott and DeVita both agreed to take no action and continue on as it was being done.

Motion by Sherrill to continue minutes as they are,Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

h. Bridge Opening Ceremony

Joseph informed everyone that the Sunset at Sunset Committee was asking to hold a special event in October for the dedication of the new bridge. Jan and Dick Dalton, a couple in Sandpiper Bay, offered to help by having dozens of Corvettes (owners in Sea Trail and Sandpiper Bay) to ride designated officials over the bridge. She stated all of this would be coordinated with the Police and D.O.T. to drive the cars over and make sure the time and date was appropriate.

Motion by DeVita to take up the offer from the Daltons, Seconded by Sherrill. Motion Carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *(This is an opportunity for citizens to make comments on a matter on the agenda, or on any matter of concern, but there is no dialogue with Council at this time, nor is it an opportunity to engage in questions and answers. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda for discussion, please contact the Town Clerk)*

John Hutchinson, resident, commented on the discussion of the length of the minutes and asked if Council would rather have them too long or too short? He felt longer was better.

Ron Watts, Sunset Blvd., had a few comments to make; 1) he stated many people were not in favor of the new bridge and asked that whatever the town did; make it a reflection as a mode of transportation, not a celebration.

2) He stated he would also help promote and support the Multiple Sclerosis bike ride.

3) He was in support of recycling, but please keep in mind that they didn't want a container on the Sunset Blvd. Causeway. It would be an eyesore and would have to have fencing placed around it like last time, and it was just unsightly. He stated Ocean Isle has one behind Town Hall and it works fine, so please keep that in mind when they were deciding where to place the bins.

Linda Ruddick, Park Road, suggested putting up signs on the recycling containers to keep people from co-mingling the recyclables. She felt the town should make people aware by educating them on recycling through the website, pamphlets, rental agencies putting out booklets, etc.

Rich Cerrato, Twisted Oak Lane, stated he was confused about the second fire station grant. He challenged the data and sent a letter to them all asking that they read the grant again. He felt it was not accurate. He was requesting the Council return the funding and re-submit the application without being deceptive. He had contacted Senator Burr and Congressman McIntyre and they had assured him they would investigate it thoroughly with FEMA. He requested Council resubmit the application again "with accurate information".

Ray Zetts, 402 2nd St., stated he didn't want to offend anyone, but apparently the administration had not taken a stand on terminal groins. We had one of the most beautiful islands in the Carolinas. He felt the groins would cause erosion and asked Council to take a look at the reports and take a stand against it.

He then thanked the Council for naming the bridge after Mannon Gore, as it was appropriate since he was the developer of the island and felt it was deserved ; a nice gesture.

He also requested Council to take a look at speeding on the island. He felt last summer was the worst he had seen. He himself placed logs on the sides of the road because people were going around the speed bumps. Someone had to do something.

Bill Blake, resident, felt the boat ramp should have restrooms facilities. He raised the issue that most day trippers do not have facilities on their boats and he felt there would be a major influx of waste and pollution.

He also felt the bike paths should not be built until the sewer was put in.

Regarding recycling, he stressed the need for it, but recognized the county still had a problem and needed to take control. He felt that if the official at the recycling center that sits in his office at the top of the center, would move down to where he could see what people were bringing in, it would make a huge difference.

Len Steiner, 613 Kings Trail, commented he had read Mr. Cerrato's quote in the paper and that that as former Councilman, he *had* read the application and it was not inaccurate. After elaborating the many items that Mr. Cerrato had stated were false, he was adamant that they were *not false*. He asked where Cerrato got his figure for all the firemen. We had 11 firemen and 18 volunteers. Everything in the grant report was accurate and he didn't understand where Cerrato was getting all this incorrect information from and why he was complaining.

3. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by DeVita, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion carried.

Adopted this 3rd day of May, 2010.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

Mayor Ron Klein

Attest: By Cindy Nelson

Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

