



**MINUTES**  
**TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH**  
**Work Session, Regular Meeting & Public Hearing**  
September 5, 2006  
6:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mayor Ron Klein  
Councilman Len Steiner  
Councilman Lou DeVita  
Councilman Bob Bobinski  
Councilman Ron Watts

**Members Absent**

Councilman Carl Bazemore

**Others present**

Linda Fluegel, Town Administrator  
Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney  
Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

**Work Session - 6:30 pm**

Linda Fluegel presented a petition for annexation from Dr. Richard Young for two lots behind CVS. The Youngs wished to open a medical office. She asked Council to direct the Clerk to certify the petition and call for a public hearing in October.

Steiner had questions about the personnel policy change in the Agenda packet. He asked Fluegel what had precipitated this change. Fluegel stated the policy used to be similar to this proposal but the current policy on vacation was changed in 1997 for the wrong reasons and she was trying to make Sunset's policy comparable with other places. The proposed change would affect only new employees hired after the adoption, not the current ones. Watts offered that his employees were pretty much on the same schedule, i.e., 5 days after 6 months, 2 weeks after a year, etc. and suggested all employees be put on the new schedule. DeVita asked if this was based on their hire date. ....private industry was usually based on a calendar year. Fluegel confirmed it was based on hire date. Steiner was concerned about the staff coverage and the ability for employees to carry over time. He asked Fluegel to compare ours with the county. Mayor Klein felt it didn't apply to the town, as this work was not like an "assembly line" where it was required

that everyone be in place at the same time to get the jobs done. Fluegel said the Town couldn't and didn't have the coverage in the past so the employees couldn't always take vacation when they wanted, she therefore felt it was not appropriate to take their accrued time away. Council decided to table this topic until Fluegel could find out what various other towns were doing and find out the cost of adding all employees on the same schedule.

There was discussion about the open house schedule for Wednesday. DeVita asked Fluegel if, when parts of Sea Trail were annexed, did the streets become part of the town also? Fluegel said no, they did not automatically become the town's property. They had to be up to state standards before they could be dedicated. Bobinski asked if there was any news on Sandpiper golf Course, Fluegel said no.

#### **Council Meeting -7:00 pm.**

##### **1 & 2. Call to Order & Pledge**

Mayor Klein called the meeting to order and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

##### **3. Minutes of Work Session and Regular Called Meeting August 7th, 2006 and Special Called Meeting on August 23rd, 2006.**

Motion by Steiner to adopt both sets of minutes, Seconded by Watts. Motion Carried.

##### **4. Reports**

**a. Administrator** – None

**b. Police-** Chief Massey gave a brief report. She informed the public there would be beach sweep on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am and the high school JROTC had volunteered to help.

**c. Fire Department** – Chief Barbee gave a brief report. See attached

**d. Public Works:** see report attached.

**e. Building Inspections:** see report attached.

##### **6. New Business**

###### **a. Planning Board appointment**

DeVita confirmed the only applicant was Carol Santivicca. She was dedicated and been on the board for some time now. Motion by DeVita to reappoint Santivicca, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion carried

###### **b. Amendment to Personnel Policy.**

Motion by Steiner to table amendment, Seconded by Bobinski. Motion Carried.

###### **c. Annexation of lots 86 &87 in Seaside.**

**This item was added in the workshop at the beginning of the meeting.**

Motion by Watts to direct clerk to certify petition and call for a public hearing in October if certified, Seconded by DeVita. Motion carried.

Motion by Watts to hold a public hearing October 2, Seconded by DeVita. Motion carried.

## 7. Old Business:

### a. Trash Cans

There was discussion of pushing the cans back and the resulting motion made at budget time. Mayor Klein said he understood council had set aside money for the cans to be pushed back. Steiner stated they also discussed soliciting entrepreneurs that wished to start a business doing this. He felt it should not be part of the tax being expended.

**Motion** by Steiner to direct Linda to continue searching for an entrepreneur to develop their own private service, Seconded by Bobinski.

Mayor Klein clarified that the city would be stepping out of this...that they had no say in whom or how this service was provided.

Watts reiterated that everyone wanted the cans pushed back. A couple of people had approached him regarding the advertisement that was run in the paper. He stated from his perspective, there were a couple of downfalls with this approach. He felt they would not get the entire island covered by this, which he perceived the other three council members didn't care about...the other Councilmen said that was an unfair statement. Watts asked how they felt this would work. Steiner stated just as you (the owners) have windows to be washed and roofs to be repaired, and they hire people to do it, and they could hire someone to push their cans back. Watts observed just as there were those that *didn't* clean their windows or repair their roofs, there would be those that wouldn't push the cans back or hire the service. So who would enforce this?

Fluegel said she envisioned that once someone was in place to do this, if the cans weren't pushed back they would be notified on the first violation and then ticketed if it continued. Each day was another violation. Watts said he couldn't believe we didn't have the resource on staff to push the cans back. Instead of having the police force spend 1-2 days issuing citations, and a room full of people upset about \$50 tickets, why couldn't we use the public works a day or two to roll them back?

Steiner stated this was not a beach problem; it was a problem for the whole town.

Watts confirmed he and Councilman Bazemore were under the impression they would be hiring someone to do this for the \$4,000 that was budgeted--- apparently they had misunderstood. He stated he had spoken to several residents on the beach that would entertain a special "tax district" of some sort to handle this if it could be done.

**Mayor Klein called the motion.**

**Ayes- DeVita, Steiner, Bobinski**

**Opposed - Watts**

**Motion Carried.**

## 8. Public Comments:

Carol Scott, 1214 Main St. E, stated she had two problems with the trash can issue... 1) she felt it would be very difficult for council to control. She locked her can up when she left, but had had hers stolen once and when people run out of room, they start using other's cans. 2) Who would be the person to provide the service? Wouldn't it be easier to find out how much the people emptying the cans now would charge to roll them back? Watts informed her they had and it was around \$90,000.

Carolyn Meyers, Sea Trail, stated she had encountered teenagers at the gazebo smoking drinking and throwing their cans over the gazebo. She had heard it was patrolled and wanted to know if this was true. If not, couldn't they have it patrolled?

2. She stated someone had brought up separate cans for recyclables. She came from an area where they did this and it was a major problem when there were high winds. 3. She asked how many units were being built in the new development on #904 in front of the Methodist Church. Fluegel informed her we had no idea, as it was not within Sunset Beach. This was within the County's jurisdiction.

Ray Zetts, 402 2<sup>nd</sup> St. thanked Council for having the gazebo cleaned. He stated he had cleaned it up himself and counted 103 beer bottles, 31 glass and 24 plastic bottles. He asked if they could budget next year for a high school or college student to do this on a regular basis.

Rich Marchell, Sea Trail, thanked Council for installing signs at the pier warning people of the rip currents and fishing lines and general danger of being too close to the pier. He felt it had cut down on issues.

Patty Scholl, Eastwood Park, asked Council if they had advertised the Open House, as she knew nothing about it. Council confirmed yes and there was also a nice write up in the Beacon about it.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Steiner.

Attest:

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Kim Cochran, Town Clerk

