

**Town of Sunset Beach
Council Community Meeting
January 14, 2015
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Ron Watts, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilwoman Carol Scott, Councilman Wilson Sherrill, Councilman Terry Johnson and Councilman Mike Williams

Members absent: None

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Bonnie Schwerd, Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Kevin Dempsey, Fire Chief; Lisa Joyner, Police Chief; Rawls Howard, Planning Director, and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

Mayor Watts called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Mayor Watts requested Susan Parker to give an update of Town projects.

Town Park - Parker advised that the Public Works Department Staff is currently installing riprap along a portion of Mary's Creek that is eroding. The Permatrek material is being moved to Station 1 for storage to allow the contractor to continue installing the pavers. Parker advised that ties with Withers & Ravenel (Town Park Engineer Firm) have been severed and the Town is pursuing legal remedies for the Permatrek material cost.

Jaguar's Lair - Parker advised that the Negotiating Team is continuing discussions with Coastal Communities concerning mediation.

Palm Cove - Parker advised that the subdivision lot owners have submitted an application to the Board of Adjustment concerning their vested rights.

Stormwater Drainage Issues - Parker advised that bags are being placed in the catch basins to reduce the amount of debris being discharged. A 5 – 10 year Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan will be submitted to Council for funding consideration soon.

2015/2016 Budget Process - Parker advised that the internal budget process has started with department head meetings with the Finance Director. The Council Planning Session is scheduled for February 17, 2015 and the agenda includes but is not limited to: Stormwater Capital Improvements Plan, Dredging project, etc.

Planning Director - Parker advised that Rawls Howard has been hired as the Town's Planning Director and he is scheduled to start January 20, 2015.

Council Upcoming Work Session - Parker advised the Council will be discussing Tents on the Beach and paid parking during the January 20, 2015 Work Session.

Mayor Watts called for public comments and the following topics were heard:

- Opposition to the Sunset Beach West Development
- Canal Dredging Project
- Landscaping of the Sea Trail parking lot on the island
- Parking suggestions and concerns on the island
- Speed limit on Old Georgetown Road
- Placement of tents on the strand and the issue of unoccupied tent on the strand for long periods of time.

Adjournment

Mayor Watts advised the next Community Meeting will be held in June 2015. Mayor Watts adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

Town of Sunset Beach

Ron Watts, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

*The January 14, 2015 minutes were approved by the Town Council during the March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting.