

**Town of Sunset Beach
Town Council
Special Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2015**

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

Member Absent: None

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Bonnie Schwerd, Finance Director; and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk.

Mayor Watts called the Special Meeting to order and advised that the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the Sunset at Sunset Celebration organization. The Council agreed to add a public comment period to this meeting.

Public Comments

Carol Santavicca 9109 Forest Drive – Advised that the Sunset at Sunset Celebration was established by the Council as a Town event and thinks it should remain a Town event.

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Reminded Council of his letter to them dated January 3, 2015 urging the Council to separate the organization and funding of the Sunset at Sunset Celebration from the Town.

Councilman Williams introduced the Sunset at Sunset Committee members: Karen Joseph, Marci Berry, Lois McClellan, Ann Bokelman, Jean Hutchinson, Bev Williams, and Karen Dombrowski. The Committee gave an overview of the history of the event and outlined the roles and responsibilities of the committee members necessary to organizing the event.

The Council, Committee members and Staff discussed the pros and cons with the event remaining a Town event, forming a 501(C)3 and operating under a current 501(C)3 such as the Sunset Beach Merchants Association or the Old Bridge Preservation Society. Staff advised that if the Sunset at Sunset remained a Town event the Committee must adhere to all financial requirements as established and a Staff member must be appointed to oversee the event planning.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION FOR THE SUNSET AT SUNSET CELEBRATION TO REMAIN A TOWN EVENT. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE FEBRUARY 23, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach
Ron Watts, Mayor

Submitted by:
Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

*The February 23, 2015 minutes were approved by the Town Council during the April 6, 2015 meeting.