

**Town of Sunset Beach  
Monthly Council  
Work Session, Public Hearings and Regular Meeting  
June 6, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mayor Ron Watts, Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Scott, Councilman Lou DeVita, Councilman Peter Larkin, Councilman Mark Benton and Councilman Rich Cerrato

**Members absent:** None

**Attorney & Staff Present:** Grady Richardson, Town Attorney; Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Bonnie Schwerd, Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Kevin Dempsey, Fire Chief; Richard Childres, Assistant Fire Chief; Lisa Joyner, Police Chief; Joe Smith, Assistant Police Chief; Richard Hathcock, GIS/Planner; and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

Mayor Watts called the Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Closed Session**

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) TO CONSULT WITH ATTORNEY RICHARDSON IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER. COUNCILMAN BENTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Council met in Closed Session for approximately 45 minutes. The Council consulted with Attorney Richardson concerning Senate Bill 875 and discussed a personnel matter.

COUNCILMAN DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COUNCILMAN DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO RECONVENE THE MEETING. MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 4-0 VOTE.

**Work Session**

The Work Session convened at 6:45 pm. Mayor Watts called for agenda amendments and general discussions by the Council.

**Draft Agenda Review**

The Council reviewed the agenda and agreed to move the Senate Bill 875 Discussion from Old Business 8f to 8a and to table Item 8b Chapter 51 Discussion until the July 19, 2016 Meeting.

## **General Council Discussions**

### **Wind Farms**

Councilman Larkin advised that the Brunswick County coastline is being lumped in with the Grand Strand area in an attempt to speed up the permitting process. The Town remains adamantly opposed to the farms being located closer than 24 nautical miles from shore. Councilman Larkin advised that NOAA is on record as saying the North Atlantic Right Whale will be affected and has been successful with getting the number of turbines reduced from 150 to 9.

### **GSATS**

Councilman Larkin advised that the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study Committee will be meeting next week.

### **Brunswick Family Assistance**

Mayor Watts advised that Fred Stephens long time Director of Brunswick Family Assistance is retiring. Mr. Stephens has served Brunswick County well during his tenure.

### **Riverside Drive Property**

Mayor Watts advised that the new owners of the Riverside Drive property will be holding an Open House soon.

### **Sunset Beach Waterfront Market**

The Merchants Association has added music by local artist to the Waterfront Market.

### **Jet Ski Accident**

Mayor Watts read a letter received from the mother-in-law/grandmother of the victims of the jet-ski accident that claimed the life of a father and his 10 year old son at the Boat Ramp on Sunset Blvd. North. Mayor Watts commend the Town Staff for their quick action and response to the accident.

### **Monthly Meeting**

The Meeting convened at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

### **Approval of the Draft Agenda**

COUNCILMAN DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. COUNCILMAN BENTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### **Public Hearings**

COUNCILMAN LARKIN MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. COUNCILMAN BENTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### 1. **Proposed 2016/2017 Budget**

**John Corbett 1313 Canal Drive** – Commented that the proposed budget was a good budget; supported the tax rate of \$.16 and the funds appropriated for the Summer Concert Series and Ingram Planetarium; agreed with the decision not to cut employee benefits.

## **Public Hearings (Cont.)**

Veronika White 7406 Hermitage Lane – Voiced disappointment that the Council did not reduce the tax rate; agreed that the savings in the 15/16 budget should be returned to the taxpayers.

2. To add Section 2.20 Maintenance of Docks, Piers and Bulkheads of Article 2 General Regulations  
No comments heard.
3. To amend Section 6.03 and to add Section 6.07 to Article 6 Zoning Districts Concerning the Gateway Corridor Overlay District  
No comments heard.

Mayor Watts closed the public hearings.

## **Minutes for Approval Consideration**

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES, MAY 2, 2016 MEETING MINUTES, MAY 4, 2016 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES AND THE MAY 17, 2016 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

## **Public Comments on Agenda Items Only**

John Corbett 1313 Canal Drive – Supported the speed limit remaining at 20 mph; requested additional enforcement on the island.

Katie Hovermale 1429 Bay Street – Encouraged the Council to contact all representatives to gather support to oppose Senate Bill 875.

Dave Eastburn 424 32<sup>nd</sup> Street – Offered to provide a list of contact information for the House of Representatives members.

Nancy Whitman 127-2 Rice Mill Circle – Voiced concerns that about how the senate bill was introduced and; thanked the Town Council for the opposition letter and resolution submitted.

Jo O'Keefe 30 Gate 3 Carolina Shores – Informed those in attendance that her website contains an email address list for all members of the House of Representatives.

## **Town Administrator Report**

Susan Parker, Town Administrator, advised that the Park restroom construction is complete and the facility is open. Parker reminded everyone to obtain their hurricane passes at Town Hall. Parker announced this is rip current awareness week. Parker advised that the Public Works Department will begin spraying for mosquitos next week. Parker advised that Staff is watching Tropical Storm Colin and will provide updates if necessary. Councilman Cerrato advised that he is receiving complaints about the bathroom lights being on all night and as why the lights are on. Parker advised the lights are on from dusk to dawn due to security reasons and the restrooms are locked at night.

## **Departmental Reports**

**Police** – Chief Joyner thanked everyone for participating in the Memorial Day ceremony and helping to make the event a success. Chief Joyner invited everyone to Coffee with the Chief scheduled for June 22, 2016 at 10:00 am.

**Public Works** – Dustin Graham, Public Works Director, advised that the ten (10) beach access walkway extension project is completed.

**Planning & Inspections** – Richard Hathcock, GIS/Planner advised that the no new house plans were submitted in April; however, several new house plans were submitted in May, ten (10) CAMA permits were issued in April. The Council questioned the short term plans for the department with the departure of Rawls Howard as Director. Parker advised that she was acting as the Department Director, UDO Administrator and Zoning Administrator and will be observing the department over the next 30 days before making recommendations to the Council. Parker advised that in the interim Alan Serkin and Wes McLeod with the Cape Fear Council of Governments will be on contract to the Town for planning services.

**Fire** – Chief Dempsey advised that the Beach Patrol staff is now working daily and no major issues have occurred. Dempsey advised that dogs off of their leashes are becoming a major problem. Dempsey advised that storage of the items left on strand overnight is becoming a problem. Dempsey advised that Fire Station #2 is temporarily closed while air quality tests are being performed and will remain closed until the results of the tests are received.

**Finance** – Bonnie Schwerd, Finance Director, announced that Lori Frye was hired as the Deputy Finance Director and will start on June 16, 2016. Schwerd reviewed the April Finance Snapshot with the Council.

## **Old Business**

### **Discussion Concerning Senate Bill 875**

Mayor Watts advised that Senate Bill 875 passed the Senate last week and was introduced in the House today and is being forwarded to the House Local Government Committee now. During the Special Meeting held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> the Council authorized Attorney Richardson to communication with the three (3) parties to determine if an agreement could be reached, no agreement has been reached as of yet.

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY RICHARDSON TO TAKE WHATEVER PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE TOWN'S INTEREST. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO HIRE CHARLES F. MCDOWELL, IV, OF KILPATRICK, TOWNSEND & STOCKTON ATTORNEYS AT LAW TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES ON ITS BEHALF CONCERNING SENATE BILL 875. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Old Business (Cont.)**

**Consideration of Chapter 51 Building Code Review and Adoption**

This item was removed from the agenda by Council and placed on the July 19, 2016 meeting agenda.

**Discussion Concerning Island-Wide Speed Limit of 25 mph**

Several months ago, Mayor Pro-Tem Scott requested the Council to consider a 25 mph island-wide speed limit in hopes that the excessive amount of speed limit signs on the island could be removed. Assistant Police Chief Joe Smith reviewed the request and determined that a speed limit greater than the existing 20 mph was not recommended for the side streets due to the size of the right of way and heavy pedestrian traffic. The Council briefly discussed contacting NC DOT to determine if they would consider reducing Main Street and Sunset Blvd. South to 20 mph. Mayor Watts advised that NC DOT performed the traffic study last year and agreed to reduce the speed limit no lower than 25 mph on Main Street and Sunset Blvd. South.

**Consideration of Appointment of Board of Adjustment Members**

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT ROBERT FORRESTER TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WITH A THREE (3) YEAR TERM. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO RE-APPOINT LEON AUGUST TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WITH A THREE (3) YEAR TERM. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPOINT VERONIKA WHITE TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO FILL THE VACANCY WITH AN UNEXPIRED TERM OF APRIL 2017. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO READVERTISE THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT ALTERNATE ETJ MEMBER VACANCY. COUNCILMAN BENTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Consideration of Amendment of the Shoreline Management and Pre-Dredging Analysis Agreement to Proceed with Phase 2**

The Council reviewed the proposed Phase 2 Design Scope of Work for the 2016 Shoreline Management and Pre-Dredging Analysis for Agreement Amendment consideration. Project Manager Robert Neal advised that the tasks listed derived from comments received during the 03/24/16 agency coordination meeting and conclude with the next agency coordination meeting. Mr. Neal noted that the proposed work does not consider the necessary efforts to permit an upland disposal site, but does provide a path to identify a site for further development. Phase 2 will provide an engineered design suitable for permitting and a dredge volume necessary to estimate construction costs. Phase 2 will also include some initial

**Old Business (Cont.)**

**Consideration of Amendment of the Shoreline Management and Pre-Dredging Analysis Agreement to Proceed with Phase 2 (Cont.)**

environmental work necessary for Mary's and Turtle Creek. The schedule for Phase 2 completion is 6 months with construction potentially occurring in the winter. The total sum of Phase 2 is \$212,154. Mr. Neal reminded the Council that grant funding is available through the State and County. The Council briefly discussed the voting requirements of Mayor Pro-Tem Scott due to the appearance of a conflict of interest with the ownership of property within the potential dredging area. The majority of Council agreed that Mayor Pro-Tem Scott would be required to vote and if not the vote would be recorded in the affirmative. Councilman Cerrato requested that a notification letter be mailed to each property owner that could be affected to determine if they are in agreement with the dredging project.

COUNCILMAN CERRATO MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE SHORELINE MANAGEMENT AND PRE-DREDGING ANALYSIS AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR PHASE 2 TO REVIEW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. COUNCILMAN BENTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE. COUNCILMAN CERRATO AND COUNCILMAN BENTON VOTED YES. COUNCILMAN LARKIN, COUNCILMAN DEVITA AND MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT VOTED NO. THE MOTION FAILED 2 TO 3.

COUNCILMAN DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT FOR PHASE 2 TOTALING \$212,154. COUNCILMAN LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE. COUNCILMAN LARKIN, COUNCILMAN DEVITA AND MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT VOTED YES. COUNCILMAN CERRATO AND COUNCILMAN BENTON VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

**Consideration of Authorization for Town Clerk to Re-advertise for Environmental Resource Committee Members**

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS DUE TO PENDING LITIGATION WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE THE COUNCIL TO HIRE EXPERTS AS NEEDED. COUNCILMAN LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR DISCUSSION.

Councilman Cerrato advised that citizen participation is needed. Councilman Benton advised that those that have applied need to be interviewed. Councilman DeVita advised that the Council created the Committee with three (3) members and therefore the Town Clerk needs to re-advertise for additional members.

MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE. ALL MEMBERS VOTED NO AND THE MOTION FAILED.

The Council reached a consensus for the Town Clerk to re-advertise for additional members and for Council to determine which members would be performing the interviews during the July 27, 2016 meeting.

**New Business**

**Consideration of Adoption of the 2016/2017 Operating Budget Ordinance Including the Establishment of the 2016/2017 Ad Valorem Tax Rate at 16¢ per \$100 valuation**

Councilman Benton and Councilman Cerrato voiced opposition to the proposed budget which includes an Ad Valorem tax rate of 16¢ per \$100 valuation and encouraged the Council to consider reducing the tax rate to 12 ¢ per \$100 valuation. Councilman Cerrato requested the Council to adopt a Capital Project Ordinance for the Stormwater Management Plan with the funding to be transferred from the reserves. Councilman Larkin and Mayor Pro-Tem Scott voiced opposition to the reduction of the tax rate at this time citing the unknown cost of the projects upcoming which include the stromwater repairs, fire department roofs, dredging, parking, the completion of the Town Park and pending litigation.

COUNCILMAN DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2016/2017 OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCE AS PROPOSED AND TO ESTABLISH THE 2016/2017 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AT 16¢ PER \$100 VALUATION. MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE. COUNCILMAN DEVITA, MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT AND COUNCILMAN LARKIN VOTED YES. COUNCILMAN CERRATO AND COUNCILMAN BENTON VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

**Consideration of Awarding Auditor Contract**

COUNCILMAN DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE 2015/2016 AUDITOR CONTRACT TO THOMPSON, PRICE, SCOTT, ADAMS & CO., P. A. COUNCILMAN BENTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Consideration of Adoption of UDO Amendments for Article 2 General Regulations to add Section 2.20 Maintenance of Docks, Piers and Bulkheads**

The Council reviewed the proposed language and requested Richard Hathcock to incorporate a penalty statement, the length of the extension and that the property owner is to pay the expense into the proposed language. Council will reconsider the amendment during the June 21, 2016 meeting.

**Consideration of Adoption of UDO Amendment for Article 6 Zoning Districts to amend Section 6.03 and to add Section 6.07 Concerning the Gateway Corridor Overlay District**

The Council reviewed the proposed amendment and voiced concerns. The Council agreed that the reviewer in the text should be the Planning Board and not the Planning Director. The Council returned the Overlay District to the Planning Board for further review.

**Consideration of Acceptance of Planning Board Recommendation Concerning Article 5 Section 5.02 Pre-Application Meeting and Sketch Plan To Add Proof of Ownership Requirement and Schedule Public Hearing for June 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm**

The Council reviewed the recommendation concerning Article 5 Section 5.02 to add the proof of ownership requirement. Councilman Larkin suggested amending all applications to include the following statement:

“I hereby affirm that I am the property owner, or authorized agent representing the property owner for the specific property for which this permit application is being made.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Property Owner/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Property Owner/Agent: \_\_\_\_\_”

**New Business (Cont.)**

**Consideration of Acceptance of Planning Board Recommendation Concerning Article 5 Section 5.02 Pre-Application Meeting and Sketch Plan To Add Proof of Ownership Requirement and Schedule Public Hearing for June 27, 2016 at 7:00 pm (Cont.)**

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING BOARD RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT CONCERNING ARTICLE 5 SECTION 5.02, TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2016 AT 7:00 PM AND TO AMEND ALL PERMIT APPLICATION FORMS TO CONTAIN THE AFOREMENTIONED STATEMENT. COUNCILMAN LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Consideration of Adoption of UDO Amendments for Article 2 General Regulations to amend Section 2.18 Filling, Grading and Excavation**

The Council reviewed the proposed amendment and agreed the language was difficult to understand. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott requested each Council member to review the proposed language for changes that would make the language easier to read.

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO TABLE THE AMENDMENT CONSIDERATION FOR ARTICLE 2 SECTION 2.18 UNTIL THE JUNE 27, 2016 MEETING. COUNCILMAN DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Consideration of Membership in the North Carolina Beach, Inlet and Waterway Association (NCBIWA)**

MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT MADE A MOTION NOT TO RENEW THE MEMBERSHIP WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA BEACH, INLET AND WATERWAY ASSOCIATION AT THIS TIME. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Consideration of Review and Adoption of Chapter 99 Town Park Regulations**

Susan Parker requested the Council to review the draft Chapter 99 Town Park Regulations for a discussion during the June 27, 2016 Meeting. The revised Fee Schedule will also be discussed during the June 27, 2016 Meeting.

**Discussion Concerning Property Owners Survey**

Mayor Pro-Tem Scott requested the Council to develop survey questions to be considered during the July 19, 2016 meeting.

**Discussion Concerning Island Paid Parking**

Mayor Watts advised that the Senate Bill introduced by Senator Rabon to allow the Town to use the net funds collected from paid parking as operating revenues has been approved. Mayor Pro-Tem Scott and Councilman Larkin will develop proposed parking recommendations for the Council to consider in September.

**New Business (Cont.)**

**Review and Consideration of Organizational Restructure to Include Assistant Administrator Position**

The Council reviewed the revised Organizational Chart and Assistant Administrator Job Description.

COUNCILMAN BENTON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REVISED ORGANIZATIONAL CHART AND ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR JOB DESCRIPTION AND TO APPOINT BONNIE SCHWERD AS THE ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR. COUNCILMAN CERRATO SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE. COUNCILMAN BENTON, COUNCILMAN CERRATO, MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT AND COUNCILMAN LARKIN VOTED YES. COUNCILMAN DEVITA VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED BY 4 TO 1 VOTE.

**Consideration of Support for Emerald Isle – NC Supreme Court – Public Trust Beach Area**

Mayor Watts advised that Frank Rush, Emerald Isle Town Manager, contacted all of the coastal municipalities requesting an Amicus Brief concerning the NC Supreme Court Case of Nies v Town of Emerald Isle.

Mr. Rush conveyed to the Town that currently, “Emerald Isle is engaged in a case before the NC Supreme Court that will likely determine the public’s future right to access, use, and enjoy the “dry sand” beach everywhere in North Carolina. At issue is the specific delineation of the “public trust beach area”, and whether or not it includes only the area between mean high water and mean low water (the “wet sand” beach covered by high tides) OR if it continues to include the entire “dry sand” beach between the base of the dunes and the water (as has been historically used by the people of North Carolina since colonial days). If the historical delineation is not upheld, it could potentially allow oceanfront property owners to exclude others from the “dry sand” beach in front of their homes, which could have disastrous impacts on the oceanfront tourism economy and the enjoyment of recreational activities on our beaches (swimming, sunbathing, fishing, driving, playing, walking, etc.).”

An Attorney has been retained to develop a consolidated response Amicus Brief and coastal municipalities/counties are contributing funding for the attorney fees. Susan Parker, Town Administrator, recommended the Town contribute \$1,000.

COUNCILMAN CERRATO MADE A MOTION TO CONTRIBUTE \$1,000 FOR THE AMICUS BRIEF CONCERNING THE NC SUPREME COURT CASE OF NIES V TOWN OF EMERALD ISLE. MAYOR PRO-TEM SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Review upcoming Agenda Items and Identify New Agenda Items for June 21, 2016 Meeting**

Councilman Cerrato requested to add Council Consideration of a Capital Project Ordinance for the Stormwater Management Plan. Mayor Watts advised that will be discussed during the upcoming Financial Policy discussion in July.

**Public Comments**

**Katie Hovermale 1429 Bay Street** – Questioned the proposed pre-dredging analysis concerning Palm Cove and Riverside Drive.

**Public Comments (Cont.)**

Jo O’Keefe 30 Gate 3 Carolina Shores – Advised of the east end erosion and the birding area on the east end.

Karen Joseph 915 Sandpiper Bay Drive – Thanked everyone involved with the successful Memorial Day event; encouraged the Council to complete the Park amenities. Thanked the Council for their forethought when deciding to maintain the 16¢ tax rate; questioned the enforcement aspect of the proposed Park rules.

Charles Nern 647 Oyster Bay Drive – Thanked the Council for the budget and maintaining the tax rate.

Bruce Ullman 306 North Shore Drive – Questioned the root cause of Senate Bill 875, how can this type of action be prevented in the future, is the Town doing something wrong, and encouraged the Council to negotiate with the parties to reach a compromise.

**Adjournment**

COUNCILMAN DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 6, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILMAN BENTON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Town of Sunset Beach**

*Carol Scott, Mayor Pro-Tem*

Submitted by:

*Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk*

\*The June 6, 2016 Minutes were approved by Council during the September 6, 2016 meeting.