

**Town of Sunset Beach
Monthly Council
Work Session, Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
October 6, 2014**

MINUTES

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

Members absent: None

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Cindi Stephenson, Deputy Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Kevin Dempsey, Fire Chief; Lisa Joyner, Police Chief; Randy Walters, Building Inspector, and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

**Work Session
6:45 pm**

Mayor Watts called the Work Session to order, called for agenda amendments, and general discussions by the Council.

Agenda Amendments

The Council reached a consensus to amend the agenda by adding a revisit of the UDO Landscaping Requirements, Consideration of a Police Department Mutual Aid Agreement with Ocean Isle Beach and a Sunset at Sunset report.

Council Discussion

Sunset at Sunset – Councilwoman Scott thanked Councilman Williams for his involvement with the Sunset at Sunset event.

Planning Board Membership – Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita advised that interviews for two (2) of the three (3) available seats have been completed and the third interview is expected to be completed next week with the Planning Board members being appointed during the November Council meeting.

Board of Adjustment Training – Susan Parker advised that Staff is tentatively scheduling a training session for the Board of Adjustment members in late October.

Beach Sweep – Mayor Watts thanked Chief Joyner and Clara Newell for organizing this year's Beach Sweep event.

NC Wildlife Green Growth Toolbox Seminar – Mayor Watts thanked Chief Dempsey and Assistant Chief Childres for hosting the NC Wildlife Green Growth Toolbox Seminar last month.

Council Discussion (Cont.)

Recycling – Mayor Watts advised that the new cans are being delivered within the next two weeks.

FEMA – Mayor Watts advised that the preliminary FEMA maps have been released and a link to view the map is on the Town website. FEMA is expected to hold a public hearing in November of December followed by a 90 day review and appeal period. The Council is expected to adopt the maps in mid-2015.

Council Meeting filming – Mayor Watts advised that the Council will be discussing and reviewing a filming schedule for Council meeting to appear on Channel 99 during the October Work Session. Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita advised that only ATMC customers are able to view Channel 99 and discussed alternative viewing options.

Volunteers Needed – Mayor Watts advised that volunteers are needed with two upcoming events, the Wounded Warrior ride which is expected to stop at the Gazebo on October 17th at approximately 11:30 am, light snacks are needed and the MS Bike Ride which includes approximately 550 riders plus family members on October 17th – 19th. Those interested in volunteering is requested to contact Mayor Watts.

**Monthly Meeting
7:00 pm**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Watts called the monthly meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consideration of Draft Agenda Adoption

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

Public Hearing – UDO Amendments

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mayor Watts called for public comments.

No comments were heard.

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NC Sold Out Program – Michael Wheat, ABC Store Manager

Michael Wheat, ABC Store General Manager, informed the Council of the NC Sold Out Program that works with school districts across the State delivering a comprehensive year round alcohol abstinence program to junior and high school students with the goal of seeing students commit to alcohol abstinence throughout their junior and high school career. The ABC Boards for Brunswick County, Shallotte, Southport, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach have collectively agreed to fund the NC Sold Out Program for the junior and high schools in the County. Each store will contribute approximately \$2,000 to the program. This funding will in no way lessen the distribution amounts due to the Town as per NCGS. Mr. Wheat advised that the Sunset Beach ABC Board is requesting acknowledgement from the Council of the participate with and fund of the NC Sold Out Program from ABC Store funds other than the distribution funds to the Town. The Council reached a consensus to add this to the October 29, 2014 Work Session.

Public Comments

None heard.

Minutes

Councilwoman Scott noted two errors in the August 4, 2014 minutes, in the Twin Lakes section change assuming to assumed, and in the Sunset Commons Senior Citizens' Apartment Building section an apostrophe after citizens.

MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 4, 2014 MINUTES AS AMENDED, AND THE AUGUST 18, 2014, AUGUST 19, 2014 AND THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 MINUTES ARE PRESENTED. COUNCILMAN JOHNSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town Administrator Report

Recycling – Susan Parker advised that 622 customers have signed up for the recycling program including 491 renewals and 86 new customers for the every other week service and 131 customers signing up for the weekly service during the season including 86 new customers.

Finance Director – Parker advised that a Finance Director has been hired and is scheduled to begin with the Town on November 3rd.

Attorney – Parker is actively searching for a new Town Attorney.

Departmental Reports

Police – Chief Joyner thanked everyone who participated in the Beach Sweep event.

Public Works – Dustin Graham, Public Works Director, advised that Barnhill Contracting Company, starting the street resurfacing project on the island today and is expected to be finished by the end of this week. Graham advised that the storm water issue on Kings Trail has been corrected and Staff is waiting on the engineering report concerning the storm water issue at 30th Street and North Shore Drive. Susan Parker explained that Staff has mailed letters to all vacant

Departmental Reports (Cont.)

lot owners within Town limits and the ETJ explaining how the bush hogging service, provided by the Town in the past, has change and the related Ordinance amendment.

Building Inspections – Randy Walters, Building Inspector, advised that the new flood map rating for the majority of Sunset Beach properties is favorable and should promote building growth in the future. However, a building decline is expected in anticipation of the Council adopting the maps. A link to the preliminary map is available on the Town website.

Fire Department – Chief Dempsey reminded everyone to get their CO monitors and heating units serviced in advance of the winter season.

Finance Department – No report

Old Business

Sunset at Sunset

Councilman Williams thanked the Committee members for another successful event and the employees and Council for working the Town booth. Councilman Williams called upon Karen Joseph to give the final report. Ms. Joseph advised that 8th Annual Sunset at Sunset Celebration was the best yet with a record number of vendors (112) participating including 15 new vendors to the event. Joseph stated that this year's event also had the highest number of attendance judging by the surrounding parking lots being full. Joseph advised that 89 runners participated in the 5K run. This year the Committee added a viewing tent and chairs in front of the bandstand for attendees to utilize when observing the entertainment that was well received and an added bonus. ATMC produced an event commercial free of charge that aired on CNN, MSN, NBC, Lifetime, Fox, Golf Channel, ABC, and CBS including others. Joseph thanked everyone involved with the event and encouraged everyone to mark their calendars for the 9th Annual Sunset at Sunset Celebration scheduled for October 3, 2015.

New Business

Authorization for Clerk to Advertise Fireman's Relief Fund Board Member Position

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE FIREMAN'S RELIEF FUND BOARD MEMBER POSITION. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Consideration of Adoption of the UDO Amendments Resolution

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPTION THE UDO AMENDMENTS AS PRESENTED. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Review and Discussion of proposed Parking Ordinance Amendments

Councilwoman Scott and Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita advised that page 4 & 5 of the information distributed during the September 22, 2014 Work Session are the suggested additions to Chapter 72 which are intended to strengthen the existing ordinances. The Council reached a consensus to

New Business (Cont.)

Review and Discussion of proposed Parking Ordinance Amendments (Cont.)

submit the proposed additions for a legal review and for Staff to produce an Ordinance amendment for Chapter 72 for Council consideration during the November 3, 2014 meeting.

Revisit of the UDO Landscaping Ordinances

Councilwoman Scott advised that the recently adopted Article 10 Section 10.05 (B) (1) includes multi-family condominiums and apartment buildings as residential instead of commercial properties. After a brief discussion, the Council reached a consensus to request a Planning Board review of the Landscaping Ordinances.

Consideration of Approval of the Ocean Isle Beach Mutual Aid Agreement

MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH OCEAN ISLE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comments

Duane Lewis 522 Medcalf Drive – Distributed an Etiquette and Professional Courtesies pamphlet produced by the Brunswick County Association of Realtors; disagreed with the Council decision concerning Twin Lakes and disagreed with the Council decision not to fix pot holes on Medcalf Drive.

Ray Zetts 403 2nd Street – Requested the Town not to remove the speed humps on North Shore Drive due to safety reasons.

Leonard Lewandoski 554 Medcalf Drive – Requested the Town to fix the pot holes on Medcalf Drive.

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Read a prepared statement concerning Town deficit spending and project funding issues.

Closed Session

MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) (6) LEGAL ADVICE AND A PERSONNEL MATTER. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS MADE A MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. COUNCILMAN SHERRILL SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO RECONVENE THE OCTOBER 6, 2014 REGULAR MEETING. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Adjournment

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 COUNCIL 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 October 6, 2014 minutes were approved by Council during the November 3, 2014 meeting.