

**Town of Sunset Beach  
Monthly Council Work Session  
January 24, 2012**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mayor Richard Cerrato, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilman Mike Williams, Councilwoman Karen Joseph and Councilwoman Carol Scott.

**Members absent:** Councilman Wilson Sherrill

**Attorney & Staff Present:** Gary Parker, Town Administrator; Donna Rogers, Finance Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Department Director; Chris Barbee, Fire Chief; Lisa Massey, Police Chief; Sandy Wood, Chief Building Inspector and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk.

**Planning Board ETJ Member Position**

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO INSTRUCT THE CLERK TO ADVERTISE THE PLANNING BOARD ETJ MEMBER POSITION, TO ESTABLISH AN INTERVIEW DATE OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012 AT 6:15 PM AND TO ADD THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PLANNING BOARD ETJ MEMBER TO THE FEBRUARY 6, 2012 REGULAR MEETING AGENDA. COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CERRATO CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Public Comments – Agenda Items Only**

Carol Church 515 Shoreline Drive East – Requested Council to add additional handicapped parking for residents on the island.

John Hutchinson 436 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Requested Council to approve only parallel parking on Main Street due to safety concerns.

Fred Cole 404 29<sup>th</sup> Street – Encouraged Council to allow parking on the side streets.

Charles Kszywanos 358 Sea Trail Drive – Advised Council that the Code Enforcement Officers do a good job for the Town.

Jean Hutchinson 436 6<sup>th</sup> Street – Reminded Council that roll cart pulled to the roadway too early is also an issue.

Herb Tinger 711 Oyster Bay Drive – Advised Council that visitors and residents need to be treated the same.

Bill McDonald 7487 Balmore Drive – Encouraged Council to make the Town more business friendly and advised Council of his efforts to organize a merchants association.

Marty Friedman 209 Rice Mill Circle – Advised Council that his business has mailed information to all island property owners concerning contracting with him to roll carts back.

**Discussion with Business Owners**

Mayor Cerrato thanked the island business owners for attending the meeting. Those in attendance were Ron Watts, Mark Kaplan, Cliff Ericksen, John Hobgood, Andy Dusenbury, Dave Nelson and Pat Wolf.

The Council heard remarks from the business owners concerning island parking issues, the current roll cart ordinance and related procedural/compliance issues, island appearance, tourism promotion, communications between the owners and Town, code enforcement officers and the police department. The business owners also offered possible solutions.

The Council recessed for 10 minutes.

**Island Parking Discussion**

Councilwoman Scott requested Council to consider implementing parallel parking only on Main Street for safety reasons. The Council discussed “parallel parking only” signs and placement. Gary Parker was requested to contact Attorney Isenberg to determine if signs “stating parallel parking only unless otherwise designated” are placed at the island entrance and in both directions of Main Street could it be enforced; Gary Parker will report findings at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Council also reached a consensus to instruct Gary Parker to prepare a draft RFP seeking an expert to conduct an island parking study utilizing the Parking Committee recommendations, safety and environmental issues and the current projects list that will affect the island, and to discuss the island parking with Michael Norton, Compass Pointe Engineer, who will be attending the Retreat to give an update on the Bike path project.

**Roll Cart Discussion**

The Council discussed the appearance issues caused by the dumpster on the island. The Council reached a consensus to remove the dumpster in one month. The Council discussed enforcement issues and cost associated with the current roll cart ordinance in comparison to the Town hiring a part-time employee to roll back the carts. The Council reached a consensus to hire a part-time employee or employees to roll back the carts. Dustin Graham advised that in the past only empty carts were rolled back; full carts, that were pulled out after the garbage had been collected, were not rolled back. The Council instructed that the carts are to be rolled back regardless if they are full or empty. Council reached a consensus to suspend the current roll cart citation and fine program.

**Ordinance 50.03**

The Council discussed the 6 pm time limitation listed in the current ordinance and the need to include owner to ensure either the occupant or the owner can be held responsible for a violation. Gary Parker was instructed to contact Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney, to determine if the ordinance verbiage could be changed to enforce the ordinance on a complaint basis only.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE 50.03 TO CHANGE THE TIME LIMITATION IN SECTION (A) (2) FROM 6 PM TO 2 PM, TO ADD OWNER IN SECTIONS A (1) (a) AND (B) (1), TO CHANGE OCCUPANT TO OWNER IN SECTIONS (A) (1) (b), (c) AND (d) AND TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTACT THE LOCAL TRACH CONTRACTOR FOR MORE DETAILS IN SECTIONS (A) (1) (b), (c) AND (d). COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CERRATO CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Accommodations Tax Usage**

The Council discussed the allowable uses for the 2% of the accommodations tax restricted for Beach Re-nourishment and Protection. The Council defined Protection as beach re-nourishment, construction of beach walkways & repairs, beach garbage pickup & disposal, gazebo porta-johns and restrooms.

**Special Meeting**

Council called for a Special Meeting to be held at 9:00 am on February 13, 2012 in the Town Hall Conference Room and moved the Salary Adjustments for Certifications and the Performance Based Merit Pay System discussions to that meeting as the only agenda items.

**Adjournment**

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 24, 2012 WORK SESSION. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CERRATO CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Town of Sunset Beach**

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**Richard Cerrato, Mayor**

Submitted by:

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**Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk**