

**Town of Sunset Beach
Monthly Council Work Session
July 21, 2015**

MINUTES

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

Members absent: None

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator; Rawls Howard, Planning Director; Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Joe Smith, Detective and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk.

Mayor Watts called the Work Session to order.

Draft Agenda Amendments

Mayor Watts and the Council agreed to the following agenda amendments:

- Place Consideration of Dissolving the Jaguar's Lair Negotiating Team on the August 3, 2015 agenda
- Remove the Closed Session from this agenda
- Add Consideration of Cancelling the August 18, 2015 Work Session

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

Public Comments

None Heard

Discussion Concerning the proposed Revisions for the UDO Amendment for Article 10

Landscaping and Buffering Requirements

Rawls Howard outlined the proposed changes resulting from his meetings with Dave Stuart, and Councilmen Johnson and Sherrill. Councilwoman Scott requested Howard to ensure that the oceanfront front yard buffer requirement remains an active ordinance and suggested a cross reference be added to Article 10. The Council reached a consensus to add the Consideration of UDO Amendment Approval of Article 10 to the August 3, 2015 agenda.

Consideration of Approval of Resolution Expressing Opposition to the North Carolina General Assembly's Proposal in House Bill 97 to Remove the Historical 1879 New Inlet Dam

Mayor Watts introduced Calvin Peck, Village at Bald Head Island Town Manager sponsor of the proposed resolution. Susan Parker advised that Staff was unable to obtain additional information concerning the removal of the New Inlet Dam from local and state representatives. Mr. Peck advised that numerous and extensive environmental impact studies need to be performed prior to the removal of the dam but the proposed bill doesn't address studies. Peck explained the negative impacts that the east beach on Bald Head Island will experience if the dam is removed and the escalating dredging cost that will occur due to the frequency for dredging projects in the location of the existing dam. Councilwoman Scott voiced opposition to approving the Resolution without examining the supporting views for removing the dam.

Consideration of Approval of Resolution Expressing Opposition to the North Carolina General Assembly's Proposal in House Bill 97 to Remove the Historical 1879 New Inlet Dam (Cont.)

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PROPOSAL IN HOUSE BILL 97 TO REMOVE THE HISTORICAL 1879 NEW INLET DAM. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA, COUNCILMAN SHERRILL, COUNCILMAN JOHNSON AND COUNCILMAN WILLIAMS VOTED YES. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT VOTED NO. THE MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE.

Consideration of Approval of the Non-Profit Agency Grant Funding Policy

The Council reviewed the proposed Non-Profit Agency Grant Funding Policy and made minor grammatical and clarification amendments. The Council discussed the inability of the Sunset Beach Merchants Association to receive Town funding under this policy. Mayor Watts offered to develop a Promotion and Events Request for Proposals (RFP) with the scope of work concentrate on Town-wide promotion and events for the Council to consider during the August 3, 2015 Meeting. The Council agreed.

Consideration of Cancelling the August 18, 2015 Work Session

The Council discussed cancelling the August 18, 2015 Work Session so members could attend the Preliminary Flood Map Public Meeting being held on the same day at the Brunswick County Cooperative Extension Center in Bolivia.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT MADE A MOTION TO CANCEL THE AUGUST 18, 2015 WORK SESSION. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comments

None Heard

Adjournment

COUNCILMAN JOHNSON MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JULY 21, 2015 COUNCIL WORK SESSION. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR WATTS CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach

Ron Watts, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

*The July 21, 2015 minutes were approved by Council during the September 8, 2015 meeting.