

**Town of Sunset Beach  
Monthly Council  
Work Session, Regular Meeting and Public Hearing  
June 6, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mayor Ronald Klein, Mayor Pro-Tem Lou DeVita, Councilman Bob Bobinski, Councilwoman Karen Joseph, Councilwoman Carol Scott, and Councilman Wilson Sherrill.

**Members absent:** None

**Attorney & Staff Present:** Gary Parker, Town Administrator; Mike Isenberg, Town Attorney; 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.

**Work Session  
6:45 pm**

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

**Council Discussion**

**Solar Compactor Trashcans**

Mayor Pro-Tem DeVita advised that a representative for Big Belly Solar will attend the June 21, 2011 Work Session to demonstrate and discuss the solar compactor trashcans with the Council.

**Sewer Vent Pipes Discussion**

Councilwoman Scott requested that the June 21, 2011 agenda include a discussion concerning an ordinance regulating the placement of the Sewer Vent pipes “Candy Canes” on individual lots. The Council reached a consensus to include the Sewer Vent Pipes discussion on the June 21, 2011 agenda.

**Pay Scale**

Councilwoman Scott requested Council to consider re-evaluating the current Pay Scale specifically the lowest paid positions. Gary Parker will review the pay scale and report findings to the Council at an upcoming Work Session.

**Council Discussion (Cont.)**

**Sandpiper Bay Water Pressure**

Gary Parker advised the Council that Brunswick County Public Utilities has checked the water pressure going into the Sandpiper Bay Community and determined that the quantity is sufficient to service the community. Gary Parker advised that the residents who are experiencing low water pressure might have a pressure-reducing valve installed and suggested calling Brunswick County Public Utilities to have a service person check their system. This information along with the phone number will be put on the website.

**Bridge Roadway Reflectors**

Councilwoman Scott requested Staff to contact NC DOT concerning the amount of reflectors that have disappeared from the bridge roadway. Dustin Graham advised that NC DOT was onsite today checking the reflectors.

**Parking Permit System**

Councilwoman Scott requested the Council to consider implementing a parking permit system to allow island renters and property owners to have overflow parking in areas that are now classified as no parking areas for specified functions such as wedding, reunions, etc. The Council reached a consensus to include a discussion concerning a parking permit system on the June 21, 2011 agenda.

**Public Hearing Rules**

Mayor Klein reviewed the public hearing rules for the audience. Due to the number of citizens wishing to speak during the public hearing, the Council discussed the time limit allowance per speaker and agreed to allow two (2) minutes per speaker to ensure that all citizens could be heard.

**COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO SET A TWO (2) MINUTES TIME LIMIT PER SPEAKER FOR THIS PUBLIC HEARING. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**Monthly Meeting**  
**7:00 pm**

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Klein called the Monthly Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

**Public Hearing - Financing Agreement for the Acquisition of the 5.2 Acre Tract of Land Located at 206 Sunset Blvd. North Sunset Beach, NC 28468**

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mayor Klein advised the audience that the purpose of the public hearing is to hear comments on the options available to the Town for the financing of the purchase of 5.2 acre tract of land located on the Intracoastal Waterway at 206 Sunset Blvd. North, that is intended to become the Town's first public park. The three options are: finance a portion of the purchase price, finance the entire amount of the purchase or use reserves from the general funds to purchase the property in full.

Brian Blaine 726 Long Leaf Drive – Voiced opposition to the Council decision to purchase the property; Spoke in favor of using reserve funds instead of financing to purchase the property.

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Voiced opposition to the Council decision to purchase the property; Spoke in favor of using reserve funds instead of financing to purchase the property.

Sue Weddle 706 North Shore Drive – Spoke in favor of the purchase and financing instead of using reserve funds.

Nina Marable 502 North Shore Drive – Spoke in favor of the purchase and requested the Council to explore all the options available and to purchase the property utilizing the best deal for the Town.

Susan McDonald 7487 Balmore Drive – Spoke in favor of the purchase, suggested financing the purchase and pursuing other grant opportunities available from the State.

Robert Donnelly 213 Planters Ridge Drive – Spoke in favor of the purchase and requested the Council to use reserve funds if the Council could agree upon a committed repayment plan to restore the reserve funds but if the Council is unable to agree upon a committed repayment plan then to finance the purchase of the property.

Rick Callinan 7406 Balmore Drive – Voiced opposition to the Council decision to purchase the property; Spoke in favor of using reserve funds instead of financing to purchase the property.

Jan Harris 206 North Shore Drive – Spoke in favor of the purchase and financing the full amount of the property purchase.

**Public Hearing (Cont.)**

William Sams 1075 Sea Bourne Way – Voiced opposition to the Council decision to purchase the property; Spoke in favor of using reserve funds instead of financing to purchase the property.

Karen Dombrowski 719 Fairway Dr. East – Spoke in favor of the purchase and suggested financing half of the purchase price.

Herb Tinger 711 Oyster Bay Drive – Spoke in favor of using reserves to purchase the property.

Larry Booth 1703 Canal Drive – Spoke in favor of financing at least half of the purchase price.

Pam Silberman 900 Great Egret Circle – Spoke in favor of the purchase and suggested financing at least half or more of the purchase price.

Gene Methods 112 Discovery Lake Drive – Voiced opposition to the Council decision to purchase the property; Spoke in favor of using reserve funds instead of financing to purchase the property.

Charles Nern 647 Oyster Bay Drive – Spoke in favor of financing at least half of the purchase price.

Ann Bokelman 404 3<sup>rd</sup> Street – Spoke in favor of the purchase and suggested financing at least half of the purchase price.

Len Steiner 613 Kings Trail - Spoke in favor of using reserve funds instead of financing to purchase the property.

Linda Rudick 1008 Park Road – Spoke in favor of using reserve funds instead of financing to purchase the property.

Mayor Klein called for additional comments with none heard.

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

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes Approval**

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 2, 2011 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES AND THE MAY 16, 2011 BUDGET WORK SESSION MINUTES AS WRITTEN. COUNCILMAN BOBINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Departmental Reports**

Administrator

No Report

Police

Report submitted in writing and is on file with the Town Clerk.

Public Works

Report submitted in writing and is on file with the Town Clerk.

Building Inspections Department

Report submitted in writing and is on file with the Town Clerk; no verbal report given.

Fire

Report submitted in writing and is on file with the Town Clerk. Chief Barbee advised that the smoky conditions are due to a 45,000 acre fire located in Dare County.

**Old Business**

Consideration for Selection of the Financial Institution for the Financing of the Acquisition of 5.2 Acre Tract of Land Located at 206 Sunset Blvd. North Sunset Beach, NC 28468

The Council reviewed the financial bids received from BB&T, RBC Bank and First Federal. The Council discussed the three financing options available: finance a portion of the purchase price, finance the entire amount of the purchase or use reserves from the general funds to purchase the property in full. The Council discussed the financial stability of the Town and the return on investment as opposed to the interest paid if the reserve funds were used for the property purchase.

COUNCILMAN SHERRILL MADE A MOTION NOT TO SEEK FINANCING FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY. MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**New Business**

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Local Government Commission (LGC) for Approval of a Financing Agreement for the Acquisition of the 5.2 Acre Tract Located at 206 Sunset Blvd. North Sunset Beach, NC 28468

The Council deleted this agenda item since financing for the property purchase will not be needed.

Consideration of Closed Session Minutes for the Purpose of Unsealing Minutes

MAYOR PRO-TEM DEVITA MADE A MOTION TO UNSEAL THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES CONTAINED ON THE RECOMMENDATION LIST PROVIDED.

COUNCILWOMAN SCOTT SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Consideration to Duplicate and Sell the Historic Sunset Beach Bridge DVD

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO ORDER 100 COPIES OF THE HISTORIC SUNSET BEACH BRIDGE DVD TO BE SOLD AT TOWN HALL FOR \$4.00 PER COPY PLUS POSTAGE IF MAILED. COUNCILMAN SHERRILL SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Public Comments**

Bob Tone 9030 Sea Lane – Requested Council to review the Beach Patrol citations and associated fines for improvements in the collection ratings.

Rich Cerrato 517 Twisted Oak Lane – Read a prepared statement concerning the attorney fees regarding the public records policy; Thanked Councilman Sherrill and Councilwoman Scott for their continued opposition to the property purchase and voiced dissatisfaction with the former Chief Building Inspectors employment status.

Anita August 279 Heather Drive – Thanked the Council for negotiating the best and most reasonable purchase price for the park property; Thanked the Council for ensuring citizen participation and thanked each member for serving on Council.

**Adjournment**

COUNCILWOMAN JOSEPH MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 6, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING. COUNCILMAN BOBINSKI SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR KLEIN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Town of Sunset Beach**

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Ronald F. Klein, Mayor

Submitted by:

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Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk