

Town of Sunset Beach
Special Meeting Minutes
August 31, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present: Mayor Robert Forrester, Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Scott (left the meeting at 10:47 am), Councilman Richard Cerrato, Councilman Peter Larkin, and Councilman John Corbett

Members absent: Councilman Mark Benton

Planning Board Members Present: Tom Vincenz, Chairman; Members Noelle Kehrberg, Bob Tone and Len Steiner

Planning Board Members absent: Member Greg Jensen

Special Guest: Lauren Kolodij and Mike Giles, NC Coastal Federation

Attorney & Staff Present: Susan Parker, Town Administrator (arrived late due to prior meeting); Dustin Graham, Public Works Director; Hiram Marziano, Planning Director; Cindi Stephenson, Public Works Department Administrative Assistant; Cindy Nelson, Planning Board Secretary; and Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk

Mayor Forrester called the Special Meeting to order and stated the purpose of this joint meeting is for Council and Planning Board members to hear a presentation from Lauren Kolodij, Deputy Director and Mike Giles, Coastal Advocate with the NC Coastal Federation concerning stormwater runoff mitigation solutions.

Mayor Forrester advised that the Town worked with McGill and Associates to conduct a Stormwater Drainage System study and to develop a Stormwater Drainage System Capital Improvements Plan (CIP). Mayor Forrester advised that the Council has adopted the Plan. The Plan includes a 5 – 10-year schedule at a cost of \$1.77 million. Mayor Forrester advised that the Council has approved a Stormwater Manager/Field Technician position to oversee and execute the adopted Plan. The Town is currently accepting resumes/applications.

Planning Board Chairman Tom Vincenz introduced Lauren Kolodij and Mike Giles to the Council and audience.

Ms. Kolodij presented a slideshow explaining stormwater runoff and mitigation solutions including low-impact development techniques, rain gardens, infiltration basins, swales, permeable pavers for parking lots and driveways, rerouting downspouts, rain barrels, native landscaping and tree planting, backyard wetlands and living shorelines.

Ms. Kolodij advised that the Federation partners with local governments, developers, and community groups to promote solutions for stormwater pollution and shoreline erosion. Ms. Kolodij informed the group of funding sources including Estuary Restoration Act, NC Attorney General's Environmental Enhancement Program, Community Conservation Assistance Program and the EPA Section 319 Program.

The Council and Planning Board Members held a brief questions and answer session with Ms. Kolodij and Mr. Giles following the presentation.

Adjournment

COUNCILMAN CERRATO MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE AUGUST 31, 2017 SPECIAL MEETING. MAYOR FORRESTER CALLED FOR A VOTE AND THE MOTION CARRIED BY A 3-0 VOTE.

Town of Sunset Beach

Robert Forrester, Mayor

Submitted by:

Lisa Anglin, Town Clerk