



SURF CITY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINTUES
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Surf City Town Hall – 201 Community Center Drive

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Douglas C. Medlin

Mayor Pro-Tem William J. Fowler

Nelva Albury

Donald Helms

Teresa Batts

Jeremy Shugarts

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor
- II. INVOCATION – William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Donald R. Helms, Councilman
- IV. BEAUTIFICATION & APPERANCE COMMITTEE AWARDS-
Home of the Month: Jeffrey & Susan Ashton at 1610 S. Shore Drive
Business of the Month: Island Family Medicine at 2540 E. Hwy 210

V. MAYOR'S REMARKS –

We ask that all in attendance please set your cell phones to silent or vibrate mode. The Council offers the public an opportunity to speak during the meeting. Comments should be limited to three minutes each and must be directly issue-oriented with agenda items for this meeting, or an issue upon which the Council has control.

Citizen speakers will be acknowledged in the order in which they sign up to speak and will address all comments to the Board as a whole and not one individual Council member. Speakers will address the Council from the speaker's podium at the front of the room and will begin their remarks by stating their name and address. Discussions between Speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed. Public comment is not intended to require the Council to answer any impromptu questions. Speakers are expected to be civil in their language and presentation. Any comments where the primary purpose is to promote business or candidacy shall not be allowed.

In accordance with the Council's adopted Rules of Procedures, Councilmembers shall reserve responses, if any, for the Council Forum on the agenda.

VI. PROCLAMATION FOR TAVISH WITHERILL

VII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Helms made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Shugarts seconded the motion and it was carried.

VIII. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA –

1. Approval of the Meeting Minutes- June 4th, June 21st, July 1st, July 19th, 2019
2. Beautification & Appearance Committee Appointments
3. Resolution No. 2019-18- Approval of Rules of Procedure
4. Ordinance Amendment No. 2019-06- Section 17-114 Parking In Designated Parking Areas

Mr. Helms made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING –

5. Zoning Text Amendment- Ordinance Amendment No. 2019-05 Sec. 6.0 Regulations of Signs

Public Hearing Open 6:54pm

Mike Dickson with Community Development introduced the text amendments to the sign ordinance.

Desiree Charing asked about signage attached to a home.

Mr. Dickson replied it could be free standing or attached to the dwelling.

Public Hearing Closed 6:58pm

Mrs. Batts made a motion to remove the waiver clause “section III” from the document and approve as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENT – Citizens have an opportunity to address the Council for no more than three minutes per speaker on topics which concern agenda items of this meeting.

Kathleen Sumner 204 B N. Boca Bay Drive thanked the board for their forward thinking, addressed concerns with the parks and recreation department, and public works department.

Sharon Olsen 9108 9th St. addressed the board with concerns regarding the trash can ordinance and the timeframes.

Richard Vessov 2503 S. Shore Drive addressed issues with the website, the monetary cost of the “stay off the dunes signs,” and potential public parking areas.

Jeff Meyer 2112 N. New River Drive invited all candidates to come to a meet and greet at the Brass Pelican on September 22 at 3:30pm.

Peter Sloan 502 Trellis Road questioned policies for appointment to advisory boards.

Marty Martin 1825 N. New River Drive thanked the council for their time.

Phil Durr 1714 N. New River Drive addressed concerns with handi-cap access to the beach, and water at the Nelva Park access.

IX. MANAGER’S REPORT–

Mrs. Loftis requested a budget ordinance amendment regarding a Walmart Grant to the police department.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the budget ordinance amendment. Mr. Shugarts seconded the motion and it was carried.

The plans for the new town hall will be revealed at the September 14th groundbreaking. At the August workshop there will be a presentation from Highfill Engineers regarding Juniper Swamp. We are making upgrades to the waste treatment plant currently. Staff is re-visiting the trash can issues, and Waste Industries was recently purchased by GFL. We are working with the new company to hopefully offer more services. We are waiting on guidance from FEMA on the new berm.

X. NEW BUSINESS-

6. Text Amendment – Ordinance Amendment No. 2019-07 Sec. 3-6 Keeping certain animals prohibited, Chapter 5 article III Building and building regulations, & Chapter 16 Streets & sidewalks

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the text amendments. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

7. Resolution on Directing the Clerk to investigate a petition for contiguous voluntary annexation and set a public hearing: 1.406 +/- acres on Tortuga Drive Pender County Pin# 4235-25-7470-0000

Mrs. Albury made a motion to approve the resolution directing the clerk to investigate the annexation, send the annexation to the planning board for zoning classification and set the public hearing for September 3rd at 6:30pm.

XI. COUNCIL FORUM-

Mrs. Batts stated she personally thought that Surf City has come a long way in 10 months after surviving a hurricane. It takes patience when dealing with federal agencies and funding. The most important thing we have learned is to be pro-active, which James Horne has been working with staff on training and monitoring weather conditions. He is also working on our hazard plan and this will move us forward to be better prepared. She gave an update on the federal beach nourishment project and potential federal funding.

Mr. Fowler also supported Mrs. Batt's comments, and how far we have come. He stated we have tried working with CAMA on handi-cap access but thus far we have been denied due their restrictions. He thanked all the volunteers in Surf City specifically the Long Board Association. He stated he walks the beach every morning and we are blessed for what we have, and those who help us. He asked everyone to look at the positive and where we have been and where we are going.

Mrs. Albury thanked Julian Dugan a public works employee for assisting a handi-cap employee get back on the sidewalk. She let everyone know that the town has four beach wheelchairs for free rental. She spoke on not giving tickets for trash now, they need a timeframe till we get the situation worked out. She officially stated she will not be running in the November 2019 election. She stated she has been on the board since 1994 and this town has grown to great things.

Mr. Shugarts thanked Ashley for working on the bridge sweeping. He thanked Chad & Stephanie for the July 3rd ceremony. He spoke on the stop sign addition in the Arbors. He gave a brief overview of a meeting with Camp Lejeune officials regarding the actions of marines on our beach.

Mr. Helms thanked everyone for coming out. He spoke on the devastation of the hurricane and how far we have come in the 10 months since hurricane Florence, and how the board understands we still have a way to go.

Mayor gave an update on our Canine Kayda, she was recently diagnosed with cancer just a little over a week ago. She has been scheduled for surgery and radiation with NCSU. We ask that you keep both Kayda and Cpl. Peterson in your thoughts and prayers during this time. She is part of our family here at the town. He gave a police department update. He spoke of recent meetings with James Horne and the board regarding hazard plan upgrades and communication during storms.

XII. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS-

Mr. Edes thanked the council for the opportunity to serve. He spoke that he has been working with the Army Corps in Savannah and seems very positive with the funding of the federal beach project. He spoke that for all lawsuits moving forward condemnation the town will have to pass a resolution to move forward. He gave a brief overview on 160-19 will be repleaded and replaced in January 2021, this will reflect on amendments to the town ordinance.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT-

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.