



# TOWN OF SURF CITY

## August 21, 2020 WORK SESSION MINUTES

9:00 AM / Friday, August 21, 2020

Surf City Welcome Center, 102 N. Shore Drive or [www.youtube.com/townofsurfcity](http://www.youtube.com/townofsurfcity)

### **Council Members Present:**

**Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor**

**William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem**

**Donald Helms**

**Teresa Batts**

**Jeremy Shugarts**

**Dwight Torres – Remote Participant**

### **Call to Order**

Mayor Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

### **Invocation & Pledge**

### **Introductions & Welcome**

Mrs. Batts made a motion to allow for remote participation of Mr. Torres. Mr. Shugarts seconded the motion and it was carried.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Budget Ordinance Amendment - Surf City Explorers Club

2. FEMA Resolution - Designation of Applicant's Agent

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

### **Town Council Work Plan Items:**

3. Well Head Protection Program Presentation

David Price, Utilities Director, gave a presentation on the proposed Wellhead Protection Program. The program is up for public inspection and comment. Council will be given an

electronic copy and the program will be considered for adoption at the next council meeting. The Wellhead protection program for managing the wellhead protection areas to avoid contamination to the water supply system.

4. Resolution No. 2020-13 - Smith Dental Sewer Only Customer

Mr. Breuer stated Smith Dental is requesting the use of sewer only due to the fact they are in the Rocky Top water district with Pender County. Pender County will not release Smith Dental. The proposed new dental office has requested annexation and is scheduled for a public hearing at the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. This does fall in line with the land use plan.

There was a consensus to move forward with adding the resolution to the September 1<sup>st</sup> consent agenda.

5. USACE PPA Execution

Mayor stated that Surf City and N. Topsail Beach have been working together for over twenty years to get to this point for the federal nourishment project. The town is excited to move forward with getting the storm mitigation reduction project completed.

Mr. Breuer gave a brief description of the project. The Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) is what is before the board today for adoption. This agreement is between Surf City, N. Topsail Beach and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Mr. Edes, Town Attorney, discussed the creditable cost associated with acquiring real estate. In the beginning of the conversations the town would get credit for real estate acquired five years prior to the PPA execution. However, the PPA has different language now than what was previously discussed. The Wilmington district office is working on a waiver to this clause that real estate acquisition should be included five years prior. This is a policy driven change and not a statutory change.

Mr. Helms made a motion to adopt the PPA and execute the document. Mrs. Batts seconded the motion and it was carried.

6. Surf City Explorers Club - MOU

Mr. Chad Merritt, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the newly created Surf City Explorers Club. This would be a program for school age children to attend while now at school on their cohort days. Due to COVID restrictions children in Pender and Onslow County are attending schools in two cohorts with three days of virtual learning. We have a lot of staff and parents that are needing childcare so they can go to work. The state guidelines require and Memorandum of Understanding with Pender County Board of Education. Staff is requesting execution of the MOU.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the MOU with Pender County. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

7. Ordinance Amendment No. 09 - Sec. 14-66 Skating on Streets or Sidewalks

Mr. Breuer discussed the current ordinance Sec 17-66 skateboarding and the proposed amendment. He also submitted a map displaying all streets within town limits that are 25mph or lower. The amendment also limits skateboarding on the new high-rise bridge, municipal buildings and parking lots. The amendment also provides clarification about riding on handlebars for child mounted seats.

Mr. Torres made a motion to approve the ordinance amendment as presented. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

8. Offer to Purchase 305 N. New River Drive Property

Mr. Breuer stated that the town has received three different offers on the police department property. Option one is for all lots and the building with a rental back option, option 2 is for lots 2 and 4, the third option is lots 2, 3, & 4. He discussed the bid process and the NC general statutes that apply to the bid process.

The council had discussion on closing Goldsboro Ave.

9. Beach Wheelchair Program

Mr. Chad Merritt, Parks & Recreation Director, discussed the renovated beach wheelchair program. The Parks & Recreation committee have come up with a structured program where you could go online and request their rental. Each wheelchair has a cost of about \$2,000. The new program would allow the town to collect a \$50 refundable deposit to ensure the chairs are returned and in good condition.

Mr. Torres asked to include veteran selection on the application. This way it will open the doors for veteran non-profits to donate if they choose to do so.

Mr. Edes asked that one bullet point be added that the renter has the right to obtain their own legal counsel prior to signing the release.

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