

# CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Workshop

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 - 9:00 AM

Council Chambers, 1121 N. Lake Park Boulevard, Carolina Beach, NC



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## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

### PRESENT

Mayor LeAnn Pierce

Mayor Pro Tem Jay Healy

Council Member Lynn Barbee

Council Member JoDan Garza

Council Member Steve Shuttleworth

### ALSO PRESENT

Town Manager Bruce Oakley

Assistant Town Manager Ed Parvin

Town Clerk Kim Ward

Town Attorney Noel Fox

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Conditional Zoning** to consider a drinking and eating establishment classified as a bar to serve on-premises alcohol located at 612 N. Lake Park Blvd.  
Applicant: JSL CB Properties LLC

**ACTION:** Motion to open a public hearing to hear a Conditional Zoning request to consider a drinking and eating establishment classified as a bar to serve on-premises alcohol located at 612 North Lake Park Boulevard

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

Planning Director Jeremy Hardison presented the details.

Proposal

The Vault, 612 North Lake Park Boulevard (former First Citizens Bank building) – will serve coffee, beer, and wine

Ordinance

When on-premise alcohol is being served and you are not classified as a standard restaurant, then the ordinance defines you as a bar. A bar is allowed through the approval of a Conditional Zoning (CZ) District in the Highway Business (HB) District.

## CZ

CZ allows a particular use to be established only in accordance with specific standards and conditions pertaining to each individual development project. Some land uses are of such a nature or scale that they have significant impacts on both the immediately surrounding area and the entire community that cannot be pre-determined and controlled by general district standards. There are also circumstances in which a general district designation allowing such a use by right would not be appropriate for a particular property, even though the use itself could. The review process provides for the accommodation of such uses by a reclassification of property into a CZ District, subject to specific conditions that ensure compatibility of the use with the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties.

No new bars/taverns shall be permitted within:

- 200 feet of an established church or school
- 200 feet of any residential district

## The Vault

- HB District
  - Businesses in HB serve entire community and beyond
  - Located on major thoroughfares
  - Can be conveniently reached by automobile and avoid sending heavy automobile traffic through smaller streets or residential areas

Mr. Hardison reviewed the site and floor plans for the project. He said there is not a sidewalk in this area, and the ordinance does not require sidewalks for existing buildings unless there is more than 50 percent of improvements to the tax or appraised value.

## CZ Process

- Public meeting Wednesday, September 29
- 6 people attended
- Concerns – potential for loud music
  - 75 decibels (daytime level) 7:00 AM-11:00 PM
    - On Friday and Saturday, the daytime levels shall remain in effect until midnight
  - 65 decibels 11:00 PM-7:00 AM

## Criteria

- When evaluating, Council shall consider the following:
  - Application's consistency to the general policies and objectives of the Town's Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Land Use Plan, any other officially adopted plan that is applicable, and the zoning ordinance
  - Potential impacts and/or benefits on the surrounding area and adjoining properties

- Report of results from the public input meeting
- Council may include additional standards such as landscaping, design guidelines, buffers, infrastructure improvements (i.e., water), and pedestrian, street, and right-of-way improvements

Land Use Plan

The project is in general conformity with the 2020 Land Use Plan; it supports to sustain a healthy and vibrant locally oriented economy.

Council Member Barbee asked Mr. Hardison to explain why this item is scheduled for a workshop rather than a regular meeting. Mr. Hardison said the December regular meeting is ceremonial and set aside for non-business activity as new Council Members take office, so the applicant asked for this to be heard now instead of being moved to the January meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked if this would be considered a dog-friendly establishment. Mr. Hardison said this is up to the owner. Applicant Jeff Hogan, part-owner of applicant JSL CB Properties LLC, said yes, it will be dog-friendly.

Mayor Pierce opened the floor for public comment. No one requested to speak.

**ACTION:** Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

Mayor Pro Tem Healy said he thinks the proposed business will be good for the community.

**ACTION:** Motion that whereas in accordance with the provisions of the NCGS, the Town Council does hereby find and determine that the adoption of the Conditional Use District to allow for a bar at 612 North Lake Park Boulevard is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long-range plans and the potential impacts on the surrounding areas listed any conditions associated with the approval

Motion made by Council Member Garza

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. Hogan for again investing in the Town.

2. **Text Amendment:** Consider amending Chapter 40, Article III & Article IX, to address private parking lots that charge for parking  
Applicant: Town of Carolina Beach

**ACTION:** Motion to open a public hearing to consider amending Chapter 40, Article III and Article IX, to address private parking lots that charge for parking

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

Mr. Hardison presented the details.

#### Central Business District (CBD) Parking 2021 Season

- 7 private parking lots: 595 spaces
- 5 Town-owned lots: 365 spaces
- 3 Town-managed lots: 220 spaces

Mr. Hardison said this was the first year in the CBD that private lots exceeded public lots.

#### Current Regulations

2007: created allowance for private lots to charge (2 options)

#### Temporary Lot

- Can charge Friday week prior to Memorial Day to Sunday week after Labor Day
- Trash receptacles
- Concrete or asphalt aprons
- Signage required

#### Permanent Lot

- Can charge all year long
- Trash receptacles
- Concrete or asphalt aprons
- Signage required – Town decals not accepted
- Landscaping
- Stormwater
- Handicap parking

Mr. Hardison said the Town has only issued permits for temporary lots and no one has applied for a permanent lot.

#### Town Parking Requirements

Town parking lot areas shall be exempt from commercial parking lot requirements.

#### Issues

- Landscaping
- Stormwater
- Handicap parking
- Trash

- Confusion – Town/private
  - Rates
  - Different management
  - Customer service complaints

#### Proposed

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended to remove temporary parking lots and amend the permanent parking lots with additional standards. To assist those property owners who operated temporary parking lots during 2021, the Town proposes to treat those parking lots as “non-conforming” upon the adoption of the text amendment. Immediate compliance with most of the requirements has been deemed necessary for public health, safety and welfare. A total of 24 months for compliance with the stormwater requirement is being proposed to allow the 22 property owners a reasonable amount of time to recoup any investment and allow other uses for the property to be considered.

Council Member Garza asked if the Town has reached out to private lot owners to let them know changes are coming. Mr. Hardison said yes and that the management company is present.

Mayor Pierce opened the floor for public comment.

Dan McNutt of UPP Global LLC, which operates locally as NC Parking Co., said he wanted to share some information to clear up any misinformation or misconception about the company’s operating strategies and customer service. He said they support and are looking forward to complying with the requirements discussed today and that the company is already practicing some of them, such as trash removal, signage, and handicap parking.

Council Member Garza mentioned complaints about the temporary parking lots’ system not being shut off after Labor Day weekend, causing people to be charged and ticketed beyond the permissible time frame. Mr. McNutt said this was an oversight that was resolved within a few days.

George LeCompte, a Town resident for 19 years and member of the Operations Advisory Committee, said he wanted the management company to consider ensuring drivers can see signage, including rates, from the street so they don’t have to pull into a lot and clog up traffic flow to get the necessary information. He also suggested consistent placement of pay stations, such as always on the right side, so there is a standard that makes it clear which station belongs to a certain parking lot. Mr. LeCompte also recommended color-coded backgrounds on signage to indicate which lots will accept Town parking permits.

Michelle Alberda of 205 Greenville Avenue said she would like to see a map of lots where Town parking permits are accepted in lots where they are not accepted. Council Member Shuttleworth said he would be reluctant to ask for this because the owners of private parking lots would likely not be willing to point people to Town lots. He said the Town could consider putting a general board with that information in some areas. Ms. Alberda also said parking lots need to make it very clear when they are no longer charging because this has been very confusing.

Justin Donaton said he is concerned that too much signage along the main road could be distracting and cause accidents. He said if people pull into a lot and it's not what they are looking for then they can exit, but otherwise it could be a safety issue. Mr. Donaton also asked about the rationale for why Town parking lots are exempt from the requirements, and he wanted to know if this applies only to lots owned by the Town or also to those leased by the Town.

Mr. McNutt said he would like to see the Town create a parking committee to create open lines of communication with the public. He said he would also be open to discussion about making a percentage of spaces open to Town parking permits to create value for local residents.

Mr. LeCompte said he would like to see consideration of private partnership situations where a parking lot may include a long string of bike racks, including e-bikes, to promote better traffic flow across Town.

No one else requested to speak.

**ACTION:** Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

Mr. Hardison said the proposed ordinance would strike language about the Town not having to meet requirements for any new parking lots. A discussion followed about whether existing Town lots, which are already considered permanent, would have to meet the stormwater requirement that private lots going from temporary to permanent must eventually meet. Council Member Shuttleworth said this is currently not required, so a new budget process would have to take this into consideration. He said the Town is often exempt from requirements imposed on the private sector. Council Member Garza said Council can change this because it's the right thing to do. Council Member Barbee said he was worried this would set a precedent for other matters, but Council Member Garza said he only intends for this to apply to the parking lot discussion. He asked what the cost would be. Public Works Director Brian Stanberry said it would be in excess of \$30,000 per lot. Town Attorney Noel Fox said the Town would have to draft language, put it in the right spot, and bring the ordinance back before Council to impose the requirements on Town lots.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy said every sign for a parking lot that isn't a Town lot needs to make it clear, and he was in favor of the color-coding idea. He said this is important for the image of the Town.

Mayor Pierce said she liked the idea of a committee to improve communication and clarify issues.

Council Member Barbee said everyone has the same goal of clarifying parking regulations to promote a better product. He said he loved comments about establishing a partnership and feels 90 percent of issues with consumers could be corrected with a committee and better communication.

**ACTION:** Motion that whereas in accordance with the provisions of NCGS, the Council does hereby find and determine that the adoption to eliminate temporary parking lots of Chapter 40, Section 40-72 and Section 40-261, is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long-range plans

Motion made by Council Member Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

Council Member Garza recommend the Town look into making its existing permanent lots meet the same requirements as private temporary lots becoming permanent. He said it's not fair to have a loophole and this will show the Town is willing to do its part.

Mayor Pierce encouraged Council Member Barbee and Mayor Pro Tem Healy to discuss this at the Council retreat in January. She said a long discussion on parking with the new Council would be helpful.

### 3. Parking Ordinance

Mayor Pierce opened the floor for public comment.

Steve Stefanovich, Chairman of the Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce, said he sent an email to Chamber members soliciting input about proposed parking regulations and got numerous responses. He said customer satisfaction was the main topic. Mr. Stefanovich said there were many ideas and feedback proposed, including interest in a business parking committee. He also said most members were in favor of free parking after 7:00 PM instead of 10:00 PM during the peak season.

Michelle Alberda of 205 Greenville Avenue said she would like to see free parking return for the month of October and was interested in a cost-benefit analysis of revenue vs. loss of business for October of this year. She said she agrees with free parking beginning at 7:00 PM but was concerned about a violation ticket increasing from \$50 to \$100. Ms. Alberda also said she had questions about equipment the Town is purchasing and who is paying the 9.75 percent loan.

Mayor Pierce said she had the same question about October and has asked to see those numbers.

Council Member Garza asked George LeCompte, who serves with him on the Operations Advisory Committee, to address Council with some of his ideas.

Mr. LeCompte said he would like to see the Town explore the concept of a multi-modal transportation community, which promotes walking, bicycling, shuttle buses, and other means of getting around in combination with automobiles to alleviate congestion. He also mentioned using Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU) land by Mike Chappell Park for a 100-space workforce parking lot that would incorporate a shuttle bus to take employees back and forth from their jobs in the CBD for free.

Mayor Pierce said these are great discussions for the Council retreat in January.

Assistant Town Manager Ed Parvin presented recommendations for parking rates and fees for the upcoming season.

#### Residential Passes

- \$40 each
- Documentation: (New Hanover County tax bill, lease copy, or utility bill showing a Town address)
- Limits for consideration
  - None with documentation and vehicles registered in the Town
  - 1 with documentation but vehicle not registered in the Town

#### Parking and Re-entry Passes

- Re-entry: free from 1/1 to 3/31, \$20 after 3/31
- Businesses: No change (all license plate recognition, or LPR)
- Non-resident: \$100/week

Council Member Shuttleworth said Council needs to discuss the issue of losing private lots that it used to control because Town parking permits were being accepted and costing revenue for the lot owner. He said there has been mention of doing tiered parking where a lot would or would not accept Town parking permits. Council Member Shuttleworth said this could entail oceanfront or other prime parking lots not accepting Town parking permits. He also said the Town needs to come up with creative solutions for employee parking. Council Member Shuttleworth said it's important to make parking a business so more revenue can be generated to decrease reliance on property taxes.

Council Member Barbee said the idea of a tiered parking structure needs to be further reviewed.

Council Member Garza asked if LPR will be used for resident passes. Mr. Parvin said yes. Council Member Garza said not everybody wants their license plate scanned and put in the system. Mr. Parvin said the Town is already collecting that information now.

#### Low-speed Vehicles (LSVs) and Golf Carts

##### Resident

- LSV: \$40/LPR
- Golf cart: \$60/sticker

##### Non-resident

- LSV: \$100
- Golf cart: not eligible

Council Member Barbee asked if the reason the golf cart pass is more expensive is because those vehicles are not registered and must use stickers. Mr. Parvin said yes. Council Member Barbee said these vehicles must be treated different for enforcement purposes. Mr. Parvin said the enforcement process would be manual and more administrative on the front and back end.

#### Parking Season



- March 1 to October 31 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- November 1 to February 28 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Council Member Garza said Council has been adamant about not adding paid parking in the off-season.

Mayor Pierce said Council has indicated it's not in favor of this at a previous meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy suggested hearing the remainder of the presentation before further discussion about this.

Mayor Pierce said November through February is the slowest time of the year and that the Town should be encouraging people to visit.

Council Member Barbee said once the Town converts all temporary lots to permanent, then private parking lots can operate year-round.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he thinks the Town should charge year-round to keep things simple. He said he doesn't get free parking in November in downtown Wilmington.

Council Member Garza said most business owners do a majority of their business from 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the off-season.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked how much revenue year-round parking will generate. Mr. Parvin said the Town will net about \$65,000.

#### Rates

##### Vehicles/small trucks

- March 1-October 31: \$25/day or \$5/hour
- November 1-February 28: \$10/day or \$2/hour

##### Buses, limos, and oversize vehicles

- March 1-October 31: \$40/day or \$10/hour
- November 1-February 28: \$20/day or \$5/hour

Council Member Shuttleworth said he would be in favor of keeping the March 1-October 31 rates all year long to maintain consistency. He said the season is expanding all the time.

Mayor Pierce said this is the slowest November she's seen in 3 years and reminded Council that another business owner just asked Council to drop paid parking in October. She said she would have a hard time voting for year-round paid parking.

Council Member Barbee said if the Town is going to compete with private parking lots, then uniformity is important. He said the option that pays the property owner the most money is going to win every time. Council Member Barbee asked why owners of private parking lots would consider dealing with the Town when they could instead charge year-round.

Mayor Pierce said the incentive would be that dealing with the Town would be adding to the Town tax base to keep taxes down.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy said the proposed parking changes would not affect Town residents. Council Member Shuttleworth said it would affect business owners and their employees, many of whom live on the island, but by not doing it the Town could potentially lose some revenue.

Mayor Pierce asked what other beach towns are doing. Mr. Parvin said some beach towns outside of the State charge year-round for parking, but those in the County do not.

Council Member Garza he is against year-round parking fees. Mayor Pierce said she is also.

Council Member Garza said year-round parking fees would change the Town's dynamics, so he doesn't feel good about doing that. He said it affects business owners.

Council Member Shuttleworth said the purpose is for consistency with private lots for competition purposes. He said doing something different would be confusing.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy said charging peak-season rates for parking all year long is brutal. He said he is in favor of the lower rates November through February. Mayor Pro Tem Healy said the reduced rates would not stop him from driving over the bridge.

Mayor Pierce said it might stop others. She asked how the numbers for off-season parking revenue were calculated. Mr. Parvin said it was an estimate reached by working with Pivot Parking.

#### Violations

- Ticket increase from \$50 to \$100
- Non-payment after 5 days: \$50 fine
- Non-payment after 10 days: \$50 fine

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked if people know what the parking fines are when they park. Mr. Parvin said no, they find out after the fact because fines are not currently listed on signs.

#### Freeman Park

##### Annual permit

- Early bird (\$110): December 1-31 (shall be picked up in person)
- Season pass (\$225): all sales end March 1

##### Daily passes

- April 1-September 30: \$50
- October 1-March 31: \$30

Council Member Garza asked historically how much revenue the Town is making after March 1 on season passes. Mr. Parvin said about \$67,000.

Council Member Barbee said people who don't buy a season pass by March 1 will buy daily passes, so the Town will probably not lose all of that money and could even make more.

Council Member Garza said he is in favor of everything proposed except off-season parking fees.

Mayor Pierce said she is also not in favor of charging for parking year-round. She said it's a bad decision for business owners.

**ACTION:** Motion to approve the rates as presented with the additional requirement that households with vehicles not registered in Carolina Beach would be limited to 1 parking permit

Motion made by Council Member Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Shuttleworth

Voting Nay: Mayor Pierce, Council Member Garza

*Motion passed 3-2*

Council Member Shuttleworth asked if there would be an opportunity in the future for the new Council to come in and change today's vote. Town Manager Bruce Oakley said yes.

#### 4. Presentation by Pivot Parking

Tina Reid of Pivot Parking gave a presentation on logistics to implement proposed updates.

The paid parking proposed updates timeline included a 30-day assessment that Pivot started in November and is finishing within the next few days, with details presented in December. Pivot plans to set up new platforms and order new systems and signage in January, install the new LPR system with the new enforcement platform in February, and have final signage, testing of platform, and staff training in mid-February so the program can begin on March 1.

For vehicles with license plates, the license plate will become the digital permit; there will be no decals. Registration for parking permits, re-entry passes, CBD employee registration, golf cart registration, and Freeman Park passes will be available online and in person. Golf carts not considered LSVs and Freeman Park will continue to use stickers in 2022, but there is the potential for automation of Freeman Park passes in the future.

The LPR enforcement process consists of cameras constantly scanning plates and alerts going out when there is a plate not registered or not paid in the system so a citation may be issued. Enforcement ambassadors will act as informative ambassadors first and enforcement agents second.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked Ms. Reid to think about how the Town will address situations in the future when Freeman Park has reached maximum occupancy level and must close. He said this has often resulted in traffic backups.

Pivot and the Town will continue to work together over the next 90 days to implement parking updates and be ready for the 2022 season.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked if Pivot has looked at increasing the amount of available parking spaces. Ms. Reid said that process has begun following the equipment evaluation.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked if Pivot will bring final renderings of signage before Council. Ms. Reid said Council will see mockups and drafts first.

Council Member Shuttleworth gave Ms. Reid some information from the Operations Advisory Committee. He said they were great suggestions and recommended that Pivot meet with the committee.

Council Member Garza said working equipment should be a priority because for the past 4 years the Town has spent close to \$700,000 on it. He suggested that Pivot representatives come to Council workshops to stay informed about any parking issues that arise.

#### 5. Budget Amendment

Mr. Oakley said the Town is seeking to appropriate \$125,000 to account 10-570-046 Parking Professional Services from the General Fund balance to contract with Pivot Parking. He said this would front 2 months of operating costs as well as signage and capital expenses required to continue operating parking for the remaining 8 months.

Mr. Parvin said he wanted to clarify that year-round paid parking would not start until next fall.

**ACTION:** Motion to appropriate \$125,000 to account 10-570-046 Parking Professional Services from the General Fund balance to contract with Pivot Parking

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

#### 6. Budget Amendment

Mr. Oakley said the Town is seeking to appropriate \$5,500 to account 10-450-008 HR Premium Pay from the General Fund balance to supplement premium pay being paid out of American Rescue Plan funds.

**ACTION:** Motion to appropriate \$5,500 to account 10-450-008 HR Premium Pay from the General Fund balance to supplement premium pay being paid out by the American Rescue Plan funds

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

Finance Director Debbie Hall said Council needs to vote on another ordinance to transfer American Rescue Plan funds from the General Fund to the capital projects fund.

**ACTION:** Motion to create a budget for American Rescue Plan water, sewer, and stormwater projects as presented by staff

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

## 7. Award Parking Contract

Mr. Oakley said the proposed contract with Pivot Parking is for 1 year with the potential to be automatically renewed for 2 years if Pivot meets certain requirements and the Town is satisfied. He said there is a \$1,850 management fee with an 8.5 percent incentive management fee for anything over \$3.3 million. Mr. Oakley said there are reporting requirements, and he added that legal counsel and Town staff have reviewed the proposed contract.

**ACTION:** Motion to award the parking contract to Pivot Parking as presented

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

### Council Member Garza

- Asked Mayor Pro Tem Healy and Council Member Barbee for their ideas on how the appointment to the open Council seat will be handled. Council Member Barbee said he is in favor of looking at those who previously ran or served. Mayor Pro Tem Healy said he thinks the new Council will vote on the open seat. Both said they want to see the best person in that seat. Council Member Garza said they were being extremely vague. Mayor Pierce added that the process is for sitting Council Members to nominate and vote on whomever they choose at that time. She said she is hopeful they will put somebody in that seat as quickly as possible, ideally at the next regular meeting on December 14.
- Reiterated his idea that the Town needs to upgrade its parking lots to meet the same requirements as private parking lots transitioning from temporary to permanent.
- Suggested the conversation needs to start now with Boardwalk business owners about establishing a Municipal Service District. He said he has brought this up for several months, but no one has been contacted. Mr. Oakley said he is waiting for direction from the new Council at the January workshop because he is not sure if this idea will move forward.
- Recommended bringing back the Freeman Park Committee.
- Asked where the Town is with creating a tree committee. Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Deb LeCompte said Pleasure Island Habitat is working on this to bring forward to Council.

- Requested an update on the lake. Mr. Oakley said he will go back to the contractor to see what can be done to get the bid in line with the budgeted cost. Council Member Shuttleworth said the Town should meet with all of the bidders to determine the best route for a rebid or clarification.
- Shared that he doesn't think there is a need for a separate parking committee because it ties into the Operations Advisory Committee, but if Council moves forward with this he suggested inviting members of the existing committee as well as Police and Fire representatives to be liaisons.
- Suggested the Town begin discussion about creating a district in the Boardwalk area that allows for open containers of alcohol due to the passage of House Bill 781.
- Suggested having a December workshop this year so new Council Members can be better prepared.
- Expressed appreciation to Town staff and said he has enjoyed his time as his term draws to a close.
- Asked Town staff to use Facebook to update the public all week long about road closures for the Christmas Parade on the evening of December 3.

#### Council Member Barbee

- Asked residents to take notice of the priority Council has placed on efficiency and consistency as they look at the parking changes made today because they will keep taxes lower in the long run.

#### Mayor Pro Tem Healy

- Asked residents to remind themselves how fortunate we are to live in a place full of events while keeping a small-town feel.

#### Council Member Shuttleworth

None

#### Mayor Pierce

- Shared that the Town will be awarded \$1 million in the State budget for a park and hopes the future Council will apply this to Freeman Park.
- Praised State Rep. Charlie Miller for helping the Town with the park funding, securing an additional \$2 million for the lake, obtaining money for Powell Bill funds, and getting a turn lane on Dow Road.
- Asked Mr. Oakley to apply for rollover funds from room occupancy taxes.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** Motion to adjourn

Motion made by Mayor Pierce

Voting Yea: Mayor Pierce, Mayor Pro Tem Healy, Council Member Barbee, Council Member Garza, Council Member Shuttleworth

*Motion passed unanimously*

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.