

CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 - 6:30 PM

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



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER WITH INVOCATION GIVEN BY JEFF BURNS WITH CAROLINA COASTAL COACHING

Mayor Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM, followed by the invocation by Jeff Burns of Carolina Coastal Coaching and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ADOPT THE AGENDA

ACTION: Motion to adopt the agenda

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Set a public hearing for August 10, 2021 to consider adopting standards for gates located on streets and drives. Applicant: Town of Carolina Beach
2. Budget Amendments/Transfers
3. Year End Budget Transfers
4. Adopt Resolution 21-2239 Accepting the American Rescue Plan Act Funds
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5/25, 6/8/, 6/15 and 6/22

ACTION: Motion to adopt the consent agenda

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6. Events Update by Tim Murphy

Tim Murphy, Recreation Programs Superintendent/Community Events Coordinator for the Town, reviewed special events for July/August:

- Carolina Beach Market – May 15-October 2 (Saturdays) at Lake Park
- Life Rolls On, Sponsored by Ocean Cure – August 7
- 35th Annual Beach Music Fest – August 14
- Whomporama – August 21 at Hamlet Access
- Fireworks continue weekly on Thursdays through September
- Family Night continues weekly on Tuesdays through the end of August
- Movies at the Lake series continues weekly on Sundays through September

Council Member Garza recommended that Mr. Murphy give a quick overview of each event for residents so they can understand the positive community impact. Mr. Murphy said Life Rolls On helps people with challenges and disabilities get in the water, and all proceeds from Whomporama go to the Federal Point Help Center.

Mr. Murphy said staff has accepted a permit application from the Netflix series “Florida Man.” He introduced Mike Hewett, who is the Locations Manager for the production.

Mr. Hewett said “Florida Man” is looking to film in the Town for a few days in August with plans to revisit the island once per month through November for additional filming. He said the production is requesting to film on the beach in front of SeaWitch Motel August 17-19 for the purposes of depicting a shark attack. He said the scenes have plans to include about six vehicles on the beach.

Council Member Garza asked if Fire Chief Alan Griffin was consulted. Mr. Murphy said Mr. Hewett presented at a recent Events Committee meeting and received backing from Police and Fire.

Council Member Barbee asked if representatives from sea turtle groups were part of the discussion. Mr. Hewett said he has opened dialogue with those groups. He said there is some nighttime beach filming proposed, but it will be confined to the area in front of SeaWitch Motel.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked if tourists have the ability to cross the area during the filming days. Mr. Hewett said people would be able to cross at times in between the camera rolling and that accesses to get on the perimeter of the area would be open. He said the production is requesting than a Police Officer be present in official capacity to encourage people to take the walkway around the area.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he thinks this filming request will not be a problem because by then school will be back in session and crowds will be lighter.

Mayor Pierce asked if there would be road closures. Mr. Hewett said they are possible in a small section right in front of SeaWitch Motel, but they would affect a very minimal area.

Council Member Garza said his primary concerns are that the location is a prime spot and the sea turtles. Mr. Murphy said the production will be on board with the sea turtle groups before moving forward with anything.

ACTION: Motion to approve the use of the beach strand for the Netflix series “Florida Man”

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 Pierce said there has been other filming in the Town all summer and it’s gone well. She said Mr. Murphy has done a great job managing the activity and asked him to contact the adjacent property and business owners.

Mayor Pierce said Mr. Murphy as well as Parks & Recreation Director Eric Jelinski and the rest of that department have done a great job putting together summer activities. She said this is the first year that the Town has taken over the music and fireworks, and she thanked them for their hard work. Mr. Murphy credited the Operations Department with providing assistance.

7. Manager’s Update

Mr. Oakley updated Council on current and future projects. He said at the last meeting, Council Member Garza asked staff to run through some highlights from the past fiscal year.

Highlights from FY 20-21

- COVID-19
- Efficiency study
- Hurricane Isaias – response and reimbursements
- Pack It In, Pack It Out
- New Police Chief

FY 20-21 Accomplishments

- Police Department
- Grant funding for body cameras and less lethal weapons (Tasers)
- Drone for public safety and situational awareness (donated funds)
- UTV beach vehicle
- Implemented eCrash program to improve efficiency
- Revision and implementation of electronic policy
- Obtained active shooter helmets
- Efficiency study
 - Filled Captain’s position
 - Increased training

FY 20-21 Accomplishments

Parks & Recreation

- Renovated the front desk of the Rec Center, installed new flooring throughout the first floor, painted the walls and doors, and installed wainscoting (COVID project)
- Installed new playground at McDonald Park
- Joseph Ryder Lewis Park Ribbon Cutting
- Tennis courts resurfaced
- New scoreboard (donation)
- New dugouts at both ball fields
- Safety netting coming (donation)
- New backboards being installed
- Continued work on turf improvements
- New benches at playground and dog park
- Received Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU) approval for new shed

FY 20-21 Accomplishments

Public Works

- Debris management for Hurricane Isaias
- Staining and maintenance of Boardwalk and marina docks prior to summer
- Flood control and prevention
- Implementation of Pack It In, Pack It Out
- Many stormwater improvements throughout Town
- Replacement of can machine for Freeman Park and beach strand
- Emergency bypass for Greenville stormwater pumpstation
- Replacement of knuckleboom debris truck

FY 20-21 Accomplishments

Fire Department

Mr. Oakley said there is a team of lifeguards in Jacksonville Beach, Florida, competing in an annual competition, and he wished them well.

- Beach Patrol – three part-time officers now active
- Enhanced in-house training
- Live burns
- Class 2 Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating (top 5 percent in nation)

Council Member Shuttleworth asked Mr. Oakley to give residents an idea of what the ISO rating means for the community in terms of insurance savings. Mr. Oakley said he can present specifics at the next meeting, but in general homeowner insurance costs go down when there is a higher rating.

FY 20-21 Accomplishments

Planning Department

- Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Land Use Plan update
- Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- 160D adopted
- Conditional zoning
- Sign ordinance

FY 20-21 Accomplishments

Utilities

- Customer service improvements
- Invoice Cloud – increased online billing and paperless bills
- Aclara/AMI – automated meter reading improvements
- Well rehabilitation
- Lift station – electrical upgrades

Manager's Update

- Girl Scouts Greenway markers – Mr. Oakley said these are now up and are a great addition.
- Hamlet Ocean Rescue/bathrooms – Mr. Oakley said this project has gone out for bid and bids are due on July 27, so there should be an update in August.
- Utility bills – \$1.50 administrative fee for all paper bills; no charge for paperless bills
- Coastal storm mitigation – Mr. Oakley said the U.S. House Committee on Appropriations has released a draft bill that includes the Town's project for beach renourishment. He said it's not a done deal but a positive first step.
- Lake dredge – Mr. Oakley said engineers still have work to do, and they are working on permitting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He also said State Rep. Charlie Miller is working on funding, and hopefully good news would come soon.
- Tree ordinance – Planning Director Jeremy Hardison said the Town has never adopted anything definite on this issue. He reviewed a tree planting option but said single- and two-family lots are exempt from tree-planting requirements.

Regarding the Hamlet Ocean Rescue/bathrooms item, Council Member Shuttleworth asked what the construction schedule will be if the Town gets an acceptable bid. Mr. Oakley said he hopes the project would start right after Labor Day and be done by Easter.

Mayor Pierce said the Town is also bidding out bathroom projects for Mike Chappell Park and Lake Park, and she asked Mr. Oakley when the Town anticipates a request for proposals (RFP) for those two projects. Mr. Oakley said this would happen very soon. Mayor Pierce said the Town should try to do all three at the same time.

Council Member Shuttleworth asked what the Town is doing to be proactive about letting people know how they can avoid the administrative fee for utility bills. Mr. Oakley said the Town has printed this information on the paper bills but could push out more messages. Council Member Garza said the Town should consider printing this information on the outside of envelopes as well as posting it on the Town website and Facebook page.

Regarding beach nourishment, Council Member Barbee asked when it would be too late to get the project done this year. Council Member Shuttleworth said the deadline is looming now, coming within a few days or a week. Mayor Pierce said the Town asked the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to continue with plans and specs while the Town searches for money and ways to get it. She said she hopes to hear news on this soon.

Council Member Barbee asked if something has changed with beach management. He said he has started to get complaints about items being left in the dunes. Mr. Oakley said he will check with Operations about the schedule and ask for more vigilance in looking for items in the dunes. He said people should locate the Beach Patrol or call 911 if someone is spotted in the dunes.

Mayor Pierce asked how people will recognize Beach Patrol officers. Mr. Oakley said they wear yellow shirts and dark shorts. He said the Beach Patrol hopes to educate but can also write tickets and otherwise handle issues.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy asked if there has been any luck with filling the Code Enforcement Officer position. Mr. Hardison said someone will be starting on August 1.

Council Member Garza said he would like to see the fiscal year accomplishments review become a regular thing every July, and he encouraged Mr. Oakley to also include failures and how the Town plans to address them. He also reminded residents that we are in hurricane season and encouraged everyone to have a plan. In addition, he said he has heard positive things about the Pack It In, Pack It Out program.

Regarding the tree ordinance, Council Member Garza brought up Senate Bill 436 and House Bill 496, which he said counteract each other. House Bill 496 seeks to keep counties and cities from adopting ordinances regulating the removal of trees from private property without the express authorization of the General Assembly, while Senate Bill 436 seeks to authorize counties and cities to adopt ordinances providing standards for the preservation or replacement of trees. Ms. Fox said per the last draft of House Bill 496, it would not affect enabling legislation granted to all New Hanover County municipalities in 1987 to allow them to adopt tree ordinances.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he would be in favor of Council coming up with a policy statement expressing opposition to and rejection of House Bill 496.

Council Member Barbee said he opposes the General Assembly taking away any authority from the Town.

Mayor Pierce said the State doesn't always know the particular needs of the Town. She said it's best for the Town to have control over its own tree ordinances. She read proposed Resolution #21-2240, which voices opposition to House Bill 496 and support for retaining local control over tree ordinances. She said Council can vote on this following public comment.

Council Member Garza suggested writing something in favor of Senate Bill 436. He also brought up his support for House Bill 781, which seeks to allow open containers of alcoholic beverages in certain social districts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patrick Boykin of 712 Glenn Avenue said activity is starting at the solid waste center before 6:00 AM. He mentioned the noise ordinance and requested that the Town prohibit activity there before 7:00 AM. He also said residents of Ocean Heights are complaining about Town-owned vehicles cutting

through the neighborhood. He said this needs to stop because the streets are narrow and children play in the area. In addition, he said tree buffers will be necessary to separate the residential area from adjacent businesses, and he requested that business entrances and exits be on Bridge Barrier Road instead of Glenn Avenue. He said there is already enough traffic on Glenn Avenue.

Mayor Pierce said these are all good points, and she asked Mr. Oakley to check on the start time of the solid waste center activity.

James Sattie of 610 Glenn Avenue also asked that the Town not allow activity at the solid waste center before 7:00 AM or possibly even 8:00 AM. He said there is currently lots of noise at 6:00 AM. In addition, he said population density in the neighborhood is excessive and that allowing entrances and exits onto Glenn Avenue from businesses would complicate things. He said he isn't sure how the property for the business in question at 608 Glenn Avenue is zoned Highway Business when there is currently a residence being rented out on the property. He said his understanding is the house will be demolished and the business expanded.

Mr. Hardison said the property is currently zoned Highway Business and the owner does want to redevelop it, although no plans have been submitted. He said there would be a buffer requirement with redevelopment. Mayor Pierce asked him to look into the matter. Council Member Garza encouraged Mr. Hardison to reach out before any plans are submitted.

Barbara Arntsen of 1007 South Fifth Street said she supports the resolution to oppose House Bill 496.

Brittany Evans, who said she has lived in the Town for 11 years, voiced opposition to House Bill 496 and encouraged planting of trees. She said she would volunteer to dig holes for residents who want to plant new trees.

Mike Hoffer of 608 Seafarer Drive, Chairman of the Bike/Pedestrian Committee since its inception, asked Council not to consolidate the Bike/Pedestrian Committee with the Operations Committee. He said his committee is efficient and that volunteer members do a lot of physical work that usually goes to the Operations Department.

Mayor Pierce, liaison to the Bike/Pedestrian Committee, said the committee does a phenomenal job, and she thanked members for their hard work. She said in addition to the physical labor, members perform a lot of mental labor that saves Council Members from having to do research.

Cindy Dunn, Chairman of the Beautification Committee and Secretary to the Operations Committee, said she supports the resolution to oppose House Bill 496. She said the Beautification Committee is proposing to recommend that the Town become a Tree City USA, which would require compliance with four standards. She said the Beautification Committee would like to be part of any discussion about tree ordinances.

Mayor Pierce thanked Ms. Dunn for volunteering and said the Town is fortunate to have a lot of people who are willing to volunteer.

Bill Carew of 1520 Bonito Lane said illegal fireworks are getting out of control and pose a hazard due to their proximity to homes. He said the Town needs a way to address the issue proactively because it is difficult for Police Officers to address so much activity reactively.

Mayor Pierce said safety is a priority.

David Berkel of 404 Ivy Lane said illegal fireworks were out of control on Fourth of July weekend. He said they are dangerous, and those using them have no regard for others, including pets and people with post-traumatic stress disorder and dementia. He said it is frustrating that this behavior goes unchecked and that it happens at times other than the Fourth of July. He suggested a substantial fine for violators and assigning sufficient resources to combat the issue, especially because houses and businesses are in close quarters on the island.

Lisa Berkel of 404 Ivy Lane said a Police Officer responded when she called the number for reporting illegal fireworks, but she was told there was not enough staffing to take action. She said some fireworks were going off at 2:45 AM on a Tuesday and expressed concern for pets and the elderly. She said she wants to know why more Police Officers were not on patrol and suggested that some be assigned to deal specifically with community policing.

Mayor Pierce asked Ms. Berkel to get in touch with Mr. Oakley for possible solutions. Mayor Pierce said she apologizes for any issues that Ms. Berkel did not feel were properly resolved. She said the Town-sanctioned fireworks were not allowed to go off the previous week because Fire Chief Alan Griffin determined it was too windy.

Virginia Holman of 921 Oceanward Lane, a resident of the Town since 2004, Founder and Chairman of Island Wildlife, and a Board member of the Alliance for Cape Fear Trees, said she stands united in opposition to House Bill 496. She said the Board of Island Wildlife has written a letter to Council advocating for the creation of a tree ordinance by the Planning and Zoning Commission. She encouraged Council Members to make a note of how they appreciate mature trees that remain in the Town and pledge to conserve more of them. She asked them to look at ways to increase native tree plantings in residential and commercial areas.

Mayor Pierce thanked Ms. Holman for her efforts.

Beth Bernstein of 300 Seafarer Drive said she would appreciate enforcement of the illegal fireworks law. She said she enjoys the weekly Town-sanctioned fireworks but would like to see some control over the others. She suggested raising the fine and asked if violators get tickets or just warnings. She said she has some great ideas that she can share and thanked Council Members for all they do.

Mayor Pierce asked Mr. Oakley if there is a fine for illegal fireworks. Mr. Oakley said the Town fine is \$50, but the offense is punishable at the State level up to \$500. He said the Town could raise its fine anytime, not just during the annual budget process. Mayor Pierce suggested proactive measures such as putting a "no fireworks" message on the digital sign during busy weekends.

Paul Levy of 1606 Mackerel Lane, Chairman of the Operations Committee, said committees are the best way to improve communication between the residents and the Town, and he is opposed to merging the Operations Committee with the Bike/Pedestrian Committee. He said the missions of the two may not be compatible, the merged committee may too large, and having fewer committees reduces constructive citizen input.

Mayor Pierce thanked Mr. Levy for serving and said this will be part of the discussion about committees later in the meeting.

Melanie Boswell of 107 Island Palms Drive said she has been trying to get a tree ordinance in place since 2018. She said she supports the resolution opposing House Bill 496 and retaining local control over tree ordinances.

Mayor Pierce thanked Ms. Boswell for being on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Debra LeCompte of 307 Charlotte Avenue, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, said the Commission will be addressing the tree ordinance during a workshop on August 12 at 5:30 PM. She said she is in support of Council signing the resolution opposing House Bill 496.

Mayor Pierce thanked Ms. LeCompte for being on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

No one else requested to speak.

ACTION: Motion to approve Resolution #21-2240, which is in opposition to House Bill 496

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 Pierce said Council will submit the resolution to the proper authorities. She thanked everyone for all the public comment and said it was great to see so many people at the meeting.

Council Member Shuttleworth said the tree ordinance is a very complicated process, and he wants to see staff come back with a proposed tree ordinance for a public hearing in September.

Mayor Pierce said she agreed with this and wanted to see the tree ordinance more forward.

Council Member Barbee said the issue has been sitting for a while, and doing nothing is not acceptable.

Council Member Garza said he agrees and wants Council to formally show support for Senate Bill 436 as a way of being proactive. He also suggested getting the Town to ask contracted landscapers to start planting things for longevity.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he appreciates this idea but thinks there should be a larger conversation and a more holistic approach to what the Town can do about trees.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy said there is nothing more important right now in the Town than preserving trees. He said the Tree City USA endeavor is a great step. He praised the Beautification Committee and said trees are important for improving the community's quality of life.

Council Member Garza said he wants to discuss the tree ordinance at Council's August workshop in preparation for it to be on the agenda at Council's regular meeting in September.

Mayor Pierce asked staff to put something together to go through the Planning and Zoning Commission and then Council. She also said Mayor Pro Tem Healy should get the Beautification Committee to present the Tree City USA requirements at a future Council meeting.

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

8. Restructuring of Citizen Advisory Committees

Mr. Parvin said the proposed changes to the code regarding Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs) are a result of discussions during Council's June 22 workshop. He said there are currently more than 30 groups working with Council, and this is a lot of information to manage. He said the goal is to ensure these groups are in line with Council's vision for the community moving forward. He said there have been struggles with communication, so the intent is to create a better process moving forward.

Mr. Parvin presented additional details.

Forming New Committees – Majority Vote by Town Council

Questions Council must answer when forming a new committee:

- Was this CAC developed solely by the Town and not required by state or federal law?
- What are the mission, vision, and goals? Have or could these be resolved by staff or reallocated to another responsible party?
- How many members should be on the CAC?
- Will there be a staff liaison and/or Council liaison?
- Will the CAC be ad hoc or standing?
- How many members will be on the CAC?

Goals of New Policy and Ordinance

1. Improving productivity and transparency of CACs by laying out clear expectations and reporting requirements
2. Enhance Council ability to manage CACs by streamlining the ordinance and policies for creating and modifying CACs

Motions for Consideration

- Motion to adopt ordinance number 21-1152
- Motion to adopt the proposed policy for committees
- Motion to dissolve:
 1. Canal Drive Committee
 2. Harbor Commission

3. Freeman Park Committee

- Motion to combine the Bike/Pedestrian Committee and Operations Advisory Committees
- Motion to have the Town Manager appoint a staff liaison to the Marketing Advisory Committee

Possible considerations to restructure the following:

1. Police Advisory Committee: Create an auxiliary/volunteer group to augment Blueliners and help with planned activities
2. Parks and Recreation: Create an auxiliary/volunteer group to augment Friends of the Parks

Council Member Garza asked if the Town had communicated with all committee volunteers about possible changes. Mr. Parvin said staff has talked to some Chairmen and staff liaisons but not everyone. Council Member Garza said it's important for transparency to let them know their committees could be dissolved.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy said he is in favor of dissolving the Canal Drive Committee, Harbor Commission, and Freeman Park Committee. He said he is against combining Bike/Pedestrian and Operations. He said the Parks and Recreation Committee doesn't want any changes and recommended that the Beautification Committee become standing instead of ad hoc.

Council Member Barbee said the Police Advisory Committee should remain to continue the relationship with new Police Chief Vic Ward and encourage critical community feedback.

Council Member Garza said he is in favor of everything laid out except for combining the Bike/Pedestrian Committee and Operations Advisory Committee.

Council Member Shuttleworth said he is comfortable with Mayor Pro Tem Healy's ideas. He added that he thinks the Mr. Oakley should appoint a staff person to serve on the Marketing Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Motion to dissolve the Canal Drive Committee, Harbor Commission, and Freeman Park Committee

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

ACTION: Motion to not combine the Bike/Pedestrian Committee and Operations Committee, and the Town Manager shall appoint a staff liaison to the Marketing Advisory Committee

Motion made by Council Member Shuttleworth

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

Motion passed unanimously

ACTION: Motion to keep the Parks and Recreation Committee and Police Advisory Committee as they are

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Healy

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

Council Member Shuttleworth

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor Pierce asked if the Town will also move forward with Friends of Parks and Greenways. Mr. Parvin said yes. Mayor Pierce explained that this would be a 501(c)(3) group to help raise funds for the Town's Parks & Recreation Department.

Ms. Fox said Council should make a motion to adopt the ordinance and proposed policies.

ACTION: Motion to adopt the proposed policy for committees, ordinance number 21-1152, with staff agreeing to bring back the social media portion of that policy

Motion made by Council Member Shuttleworth

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

Motion passed unanimously

Mr. Parvin said the Town is still crafting the social media part of the ordinance.

Council Member Garza asked about the possibility of having honorary members for committees as a way to include those who previously served for a long time. Ms. Fox said all committee meetings are open to the public, so any former members can participate that way.

Mayor Pierce asked Pro Tem Healy to get with Mr. Oakley about a possible honorary member of the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Council Member Garza said he wants Council to hear from committee Chairmen at least twice a year, possibly in March and September. He said quick updates would help to build relationships and demonstrate transparency.

Council Member Barbee praised those who served on the three disbanded committees for their expertise. He said they should be celebrated for finishing their work. Council Member Garza suggested inviting them to next month's meeting to publicly thank them.

Mayor Pierce said she appreciates everyone who serves on Town committees.

ACTION: Motion for the Beautification Committee to go from ad hoc to a standing committee

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Healy

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Shuttleworth

Motion passed 4-1

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Council Member Garza

- He agreed that illegal fireworks are frustrating. He apologized for residents feeling like Police Officers were not responsive but said it was a very busy weekend for them.

- House Bill 781 would be good for the Town; it will allow open containers in certain business districts.
- Senate Bill 436 supports tree ordinances, so the Planning and Zoning Commission may want to look into this.
- Golf cart parking violations that are an attempt to save regular spaces for tourists should not be strictly enforced unless the situation is harmful.
- The Town needs a booth staffed by employees at the Saturday morning market at the lake. He would like to know the status of this idea.
- There should be a better onboarding system for new Council Members, especially during their first 90 days.

Council Member Barbee

- It was a rough Fourth of July weekend with the illegal fireworks. The Town should ask for mutual aid assistance with issuing citations. It will take resources and time, but the Town can do better and should take action.
- Residents have complained that handicap parking spaces around the Boardwalk are in bad locations. Staff should look at those after the season to determine better placement.

Mayor Pro Tem Healy

- The buzzer used to time public comments should be changed. A nice little ding would be sufficient.
- It's good to see what the Town has achieved during the past year. The Town needs to do a better job of communicating positive news with the public.

Council Member Shuttleworth

None

Mayor Pierce

- Mr. Parvin should find a less aggressive-sounding buzzer to time public comments.

CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: Motion to go into closed session to discuss an attorney/client matter in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3). Matters being discussed are:

18 CVS 3151 Town of Carolina Beach vs. Carolina Freeman LLC

18 CVS 3152 Town of Carolina Beach vs. B&F Enterprises LLC

18 CVS 3153 Town of Carolina Beach vs. DRDK LLC

18 CVS 3154 Town of Carolina Beach vs. Freeman Beach LLC

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 Pierce called the meeting back to order and said Council took no action during closed session.

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 9:30 PM.