

CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 - 6:00 PM

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



MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barbee called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the invocation by Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte and Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT

Mayor Lynn Barbee
Mayor Pro Tem Deb LeCompte
Council Member Jay Healy
Council Member Joe Benson
Council Member Mike Hoffer

ALSO PRESENT

Town Manager Bruce Oakley
Deputy Town Manager Ed Parvin
Finance Director Debbie Hall
Town Clerk Kim Ward
Town Attorney Noel Fox

ADOPT THE AGENDA

ACTION: Motion to adopt the agenda

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Year-End Budget Transfers Wages and Benefits
2. Year-End Budget Transfers FY25
3. Budget Amendments/Transfers FY26
4. Budget Amendments for Carryovers
5. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Benson noted that the \$2 million in carryovers represented non-invoiced but committed funds, with approximately \$1 million from the General Fund and just under \$1 million from the Utility Fund. Mr. Oakley said this was primarily for budgeted projects that had not yet started. He also clarified that \$35,000 was for replacement vehicles, not new vehicles.

ACTION: Motion to adopt the consent agenda

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

6. Events Update by Tim Murphy

Assistant Parks and Rec Director Tim Murphy reviewed upcoming events:

- Surf Dog Experience – August 23 at North End Pier
- Founder's Day Picnic – September 7 at Lake Park
- Dragon Boat Regatta: September 13 at the Boat Basin
- Flamingo Bingo – continues every Wednesday through August 27 at the Gazebo
- Boardwalk Blast Fireworks/Music – continues every Thursday through August 21 and concludes Friday, August 29
- Movies at the Lake – continues every Sunday through August 31

Mayor Barbee commented on the successful run of fireworks shows without weather cancellations. Mr. Murphy said they had been fortunate with weather for the past two years.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte said the next blood drive would be on September 17 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Rec Center.

Mr. Murphy introduced Kevin Murphy from Ocean Cure, who requested approval for a concert fundraiser at Lake Park on August 23 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. The event would be a family-friendly concert with food trucks, QR codes for donations, and alcohol service with Police assistance.

Tim Murphy said the Events Committee had already reviewed and approved the plan, and with the weekly market ending at 1:00 PM that day, there would be ample time for setup of the later event.

ACTION: Motion to approve the benefit concert for Ocean Cure as presented

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

Kevin Murphy thanked Council and the community for their support of Ocean Cure's Life Rolls On event held on August 2. He said it had filled up within 48 hours and was the largest such event in the country, with participants from 18 states and over 400 volunteers. He emphasized how the Town's support had been crucial to the event's success and showed a video highlighting the positive impact on both participants and volunteers.

Mayor Barbee commended Kevin Murphy for changing accessibility from a checkbox on a form to meet some requirement to a part of the culture in the Town.

Council Member Hoffer noted that shade would be added to the Skate Park for next year and pointed out that the event has consistently had good surf conditions, despite August typically being a low-surf month.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte encouraged people to volunteer with Life Rolls On.

Tim Murphy also mentioned that the Whomporama event had been canceled this year but would hopefully return next year.

Mr. Murphy introduced Katie Pettengill from The Silver Dollar, who presented information about the proposed Savannah Boats Classic King Mackerel Fishing Tournament scheduled for September 26-27. He said the event would include a kickoff party and captain's meeting on Friday with fishing on Saturday.

Ms. Pettengill said the event would benefit Team Red, White & Blue – which supports veterans' physical health, mental health, purpose, and relationships – and the Carolina Beach Inlet Association.

Mr. Murphy said event organizers were considering alternative locations due to potential conflicts with the bathroom renovation project at the Gazebo stage area.

Mayor Barbee expressed concern about the mobilization schedule for the bathroom project and potential conflicts with other events. Mr. Oakley indicated that while the work was planned to start after Labor Day, specific details would be presented at the upcoming retreat on August 26.

ACTION: Motion to approve The Savannah Boats Classic King Mackerel Fishing Tournament as presented

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

7. Manager's Update

Mr. Oakley gave an update on various projects:

- Mid-year retreat: This is scheduled for August 26 at the Fire Department, covering topics including bathrooms, transportation-related items, projects, and financial review.
- Information kiosk: The Wilmington and Beaches Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is proposing interactive kiosks similar to those planned for Wilmington. The kiosks would provide information about events, restaurants, and attractions. The estimated cost would be \$11,000-\$15,000, with funding coming partially from room occupancy tax (ROT) money and partially from the marketing budget. The CVB will pay monthly fees and the majority of installation.

Mayor Barbee noted that one feature might include a photo booth function that allows visitors to take pictures in front of Town landmarks and have them emailed.

- Beach nourishment: The Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM) project is scheduled to mobilize in October and start in November. A public meeting will be held at Town Hall for property owners and residents. Mayor Barbee said the project will use sand from the inlet borrow pit to nourish areas including Kure Beach, which means pipes will remain on the beach longer than in previous projects. Council Members requested additional survey work in specific areas, including at Sand Fiddler Lane, where there has been loss behind the rock revetment.
- Lake Park Boulevard/Winner Avenue Crosswalk: Construction is expected to start soon and be completed within about six weeks. The project includes a signal and crosswalk to improve pedestrian safety across Lake Park Boulevard. The crosswalk will facilitate crossing from Bert's Surf Shop to Island Tackle.
- Wilson Street and Lake Park Boulevard intersection: Based on Technical Review Committee (TRC) and Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WMPO) input, recommended changes include adding "do not enter" signs at Lake Park and at Wilson and Third, adding one-way signage, removing the stop sign, and adding on-street parking on the south side of Wilson.
- Carl Winner Drive/Canal Drive intersection: A proposed redesign would clean up the confusing intersection by making the northbound lane of Canal a straight or left turn instead of a dedicated left turn. Council Members agreed this would improve both driver experience and pedestrian safety.

Council Member Benson asked for an update on Potential Tropical Cyclone (PTC) 8, specifically about any blockages the contractor had encountered while moving from south to north. Mr. Oakley said Public Works Director Brian Stanberry will prepare a report for Council.

Council Member Healy inquired about the Lake Park Boulevard sidewalk project. Mr. Oakley said it was still scheduled for this fall, though specific plans had not yet been received.

Mayor Barbee expressed concern about encroachment on public rights-of-way throughout the Town, noting issues with café permits exceeding their boundaries, residents treating public rights-of-way as private parking, and other encroachments. He suggested addressing this issue at an upcoming workshop because public space is becoming increasingly precious as the island reaches capacity. Mr. Oakley agreed to include this topic in a future workshop discussion.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte asked if there was an update from the N.C. Department of Transportation (DOT) on the paving of Lake Park Boulevard. Mr. Oakley said he had not heard anything other than it's happening this fall but will make contact for a status update.

Council Member Benson said staff may get a call from Dr. Joe Covi from the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW) regarding an algae bloom neutralizer that may benefit the Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Matt Saas of 201-B Atlanta Avenue expressed concerns about plans for a new bathroom facility that would be approximately 50 feet from his front doorstep. He worried about impacts on his property

value, blocked views of the Lake, potential odors, and the proximity of shower facilities to his 6-year-old daughter's window. He suggested relocating the facility to either the front of the amphitheater or the east side of the pavilion rather than the planned west side.

Olin Furr of 440 Oceana Way spoke in support of the water-oriented business boat rental amendment, praising the Planning and Zoning Commission's work on the issue. He urged Council to approve Option 1 of the proposal, which he said he believes would correct current issues and prevent future problems.

Duke Hagestrom of 920 Riptide Lane opposed the proposed text amendment to allow electric assist push carts on the beach. He argued that manual push carts naturally limit size and reach, while electric assist would be "a slippery slope" leading to additional commercialization and safety concerns. He also requested that stakeholders such as existing vendors be included in future discussions of changes that would impact them.

Todd Piper of 413 Clarendon Boulevard also opposed the electric assist beach cart amendment, citing concerns about enforcement challenges, safety issues with potential equipment failures, and the loss of the slower pace that allows cart operators to serve as Town ambassadors and answer visitors' questions.

Natalie Gamble from CB Swagz supported the electric assist cart amendment. She described how her cart that goes only 2 mph was deemed non-compliant, forcing her to remove the motor despite the challenges of manually pulling heavy carts, especially with high tides. She questioned the inconsistency of allowing electric bicycles traveling at much higher speeds while prohibiting slow-moving electric carts. Mayor Barbee acknowledged her concern but noted that e-bikes are classified as non-motorized vehicles by State law, which the Town cannot override.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Text Amendment to Amend Article 3, Section 3.6 Accessory Use Standards for Structure Size, Number, and Height
Applicant: Ashley Hunter

Applicant Ashley Hunter is applying for a text amendment to modify Article 3, Section 3.6 Accessory Use Standards. The applicant is pursuing this text amendment because they wish to build an accessory structure on their property that is inconsistent with the current ordinance regulations. She proposes the following changes:

1. allow larger lots the ability to have more than one accessory structure,
2. base the size of the accessory structure(s) on the size of the lot instead of the size of the primary structure, and
3. increase the height allowed for the structures.

Number of Accessory Structures

The applicant desires two separate accessory structures. This would apply to all accessory structures, residential and nonresidential. They would like to build a garage and office space and keep their existing storage shed. The current ordinance states there can be only one accessory building per lot, with limited exceptions.

Size of Accessory Structures

Based on the current ordinance, the size of the accessory structure is limited by the size of the primary structure. The applicant proposes an amendment that the size of an accessory structure would be based on lot size rather than the footprint of the home. Lots with smaller homes would be more limited in the size of their accessory structure, regardless of the size of the lot. Basing the size of the accessory structure on the lot size would be more equitable for adjacent property owners within a residential zoning district because the lots have similar characteristics but could not exceed the lot coverage of the primary structure. This amendment applies to all residential accessory structures.

Height of Accessory Structure

The applicant also desires to increase the height allowed because they would like to match the roof pitch of their single-family home, which she stated would be difficult to accomplish with the current 15-foot accessory structure height limitation.

The current Town Ordinance:

- permits only one accessory structure per lot,
- requires the accessory structure be no more than 25% the size of the primary structure, and
- limits the total height of the structure to 15 feet in height.

The text amendment is in general conformity with the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) Land Use Plan. The plan does not specifically touch on specifics related to accessory structures and their height, size, or number. Goal 4 of the Land Use Plan does state a desire to reduce overall non-conformities in the Town but also respect existing uses and entitlements and the rebuilding of structures. There are parcels in the Town that have more than one accessory structure that have potentially existed since before the accessory structures were limited to one per lot. There could be instances where the proposed text amendment may reduce non-conformities.

Staff is in general in support of the proposed text amendment. Staff has been working with the applicant on this and crafted language staff is comfortable with regarding the number of structures and the size of the structures. However, staff has concerns regarding the increase in the height of the accessory structures. Historically, the Town has been restrictive with the height of accessory structures in an effort to limit illegal conversion of these structures to living area or Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Staff does also recognize there is a desire from homeowners to use these 2nd stories as office space or use the increased height allowance to add a roof pitch that better matches the primary structure roof pitch.

The Planning and Zoning Commission denied the proposed text amendment 6-0 due to it being inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long-range plans.

ACTION: Motion to open the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

Planner Haley Anderson presented the details, including historic context, and gave examples.

Applicant Ms. Hunter of 221 Teakwood Drive explained that her home is on a 10,000-square-foot lot with a small primary structure (1,120 square feet). She emphasized that she wasn't seeking to change the 40% lot coverage or 65% impervious surface limits but rather wanted more flexibility in how that coverage was distributed on her property. She addressed concerns about rental units by pointing out existing safeguards in the ordinance, including the three-fixture limit for plumbing in accessory structures.

Mayor Barbee asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one came forward.

ACTION: Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

Council Member Hoffer expressed confusion about the Planning and Zoning Commission's opposition, noting that the proposal wouldn't increase density, impervious surface, or lot coverage. While he questioned the 20-foot height limit, he said he saw no issues with the other aspects of the amendment.

Council Member Healy indicated he was comfortable with allowing two structures on larger lots but strongly opposed increasing the height limit to 20 feet, which he felt would "open up a can of worms" for the Town.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte raised concerns about House Bill 627, which might allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs), suggesting it might be prudent to wait for clarity on that legislation before changing local ordinances.

Mayor Barbee expressed two main concerns: respect for the Planning and Zoning Commission's 6-0 decision and potential unintended consequences of applying the changes to all properties in the Town. He noted that while this specific applicant's request seemed reasonable, past experience has shown that "people will push the limits of what we allow here."

Council Member Hoffer stated that he couldn't see a problem with allowing property owners to meet their lot coverage in different ways and that potential rental unit concerns were primarily code enforcement issues.

ACTION: Motion that Council, whereas in accordance with the provisions of the North Carolina General Statutes, does hereby find and determine that the adoption of the following text amendment for Article 3, Section 3.6 Accessory Use Standards is inconsistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long-range plans and height capped at 15 feet or less

Motion made by Council Member Benson

Voting Yea: Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer
Voting Nay: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy
Motion failed 2-3

9. Text Amendment to Amend Article 3 Zoning and Article 7 Definitions of the UDO to Address Water-Oriented Businesses and Personal Watercraft Sales and Rental
Applicant: Town of Carolina Beach

During the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) rewriting process, staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission identified the need to address water-oriented businesses in the ordinance. To facilitate a more focused discussion, this text amendment is being introduced currently, after the UDO has been adopted. Staff has also received an application for an appeal.

The goal of this text amendment is to clarify water-oriented businesses and related uses for the community and administrators. There is ambiguity in the ordinance for boat-related uses. Water-oriented uses were defined but did not have any clear regulations. There are multiple uses that are similar with different requirements and parking calculations. Staff presented a text amendment in April for Commission review. Since the April meeting, staff and the Commission have held three workshops and two regular meetings to discuss the text amendment.

The following changes have been made to the proposed ordinance:

- 1) Different types of boating activities were broken out into the following uses and definitions
 - a. Rental
 - b. Sales and repair
 - c. Taxi
 - d. Larger commercial
 - e. Smaller commercial
- 2) Added standards for boat rental
 - a. The business shall operate in a permanent on-site building.
 - b. All boat slips must be shown on the site plan.
 - c. All other standards are consistent with the automotive development standard.
- 3) Added standards for commercial marinas
 - a. Parking, restrooms, refuse, water, electricity, and sewer pump outs are required.

The table below describes the differences between the two options for approval:

	Commission Option 1	Staff Option 2
Use: Rental	Conditional Zoning (CZ)	Permitted with standards
Use:	Water-oriented business	Commercial vessel
Parking: Rental	1.5 per boat or personal watercraft (PWC)	1 per boat or PWC
Parking: Dry Stack	1 per 2 dry storage space	1 per 5 dry storage space

CZ uses are egregious and require Council review and approval. The boat and PWC rental use standards are straightforward. Any commercial vessel or commercial businesses are required to be in a commercial marina, which requires CZ.

Staff recommends using the term “commercial vessel” instead of “water-oriented business” because it is a commonly used term in Federal and State codes. The use of common terms makes it easier to regulate.

In 2005, there was an applicant-driven text amendment that changed marina parking to 1 per 3. The Town changed the commercial marina parking back to 1 per 1 space in 2007 because the specific project that the ordinance was changed for in 2005 was never built. The proposed parking requirement for commercial marinas lines up with the ordinance requirements of the surrounding communities and is consistent with the historical requirements of the Town.

The change to dry stack parking was brought up by the Commission and was not part of the original text amendment proposal. Historically, there have not been any issues with dry stack parking.

The Commission recommended approval of the Option 1 text amendment with the addition of a request to rezone the eastern portion of the Town Marina from Marina Business (MB-1) to Central Business District (CBD) and designate Saint Joseph Street as residential parking.

The text amendment is in general conformity with the CAMA Land Use Plan. The recreational and working waterfront are major drivers in the Town’s economy, and the plan recommends preserving traditional water-dependent uses such as marinas.

ACTION: Motion to open the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

Senior Planner Gloria Abbotts presented the details.

Mayor Barbee asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak. No one came forward.

ACTION: Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Fox clarified that recent changes to State law prevented Council from adopting more stringent parking requirements, or downzoning, as proposed in Option 1. She said staff will have to bring forth various changes to Town ordinances based on that legislation when it’s adopted. She suggested that

Council address definitional issues that have arisen from residents who want to know what the ordinance means and recommended Option 2.

ACTION: Motion that Council, whereas in accordance with the provisions of the NCGS, does hereby find and determine that the adoption of the following ordinance amendment Option Number 2 to amend Article 3 Zoning and Article 7 Definitions of the UDO to address water-oriented businesses is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long-range plans
Motion made by Council Member Healy

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

10. Zoning Map Amendment to Consider a Request to Rezone 301 Canal Drive from Marina Business (MB-1) to Central Business District (CBD)
Applicant: Town of Carolina Beach

The Town Marina located at 301 Canal Drive is in two zoning districts: MB-1 and CBD. The western side of the marina is in the CBD, and the eastern side is in MB-1. Through the recent text amendment process for water-oriented uses that staff worked on with the Planning and Zoning Commission, certain uses were identified as more intense and are only allowed in the CBD to accommodate the parking demand. The Commission has requested consistent zoning and land uses for the entirety of the property so all operations fall under the same zoning guidelines.

For consistency, it is best practice for the entirety of a property to be within the same zoning district. One of the standards for creating zoning districts is to follow plotted lot lines. Guidance for the interpretation of zoning district boundaries comes from Sec. 1.7 of the UDO. The adjacent uses are all in the CBD, except for 308 North Lake Park Boulevard and 400 North Lake Park Boulevard to the north of the Marina.

This rezoning is consistent with the Land Use Plan. The property is shown on the Future Land Use Map in the Downtown Business Area. This is described as the Boardwalk Commercial Area and Central Recreation District of the Town with an active pedestrian-scaled environment.

Staff recommends approval of the rezoning, and the Commission also recommended approval 6-0.

ACTION: Motion to open the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

Ms. Abbotts presented the details, including the history and surrounding uses.

Mayor Barbee said the proposal is not meant to change the rules for anybody or limit uses. He said it's just a matter of moving a line on a map so colors are more consistent

Mayor Barbee asked if anyone from the public wanted to speak.

Olin Furr expressed his disappointment with Council's previous vote about water-oriented businesses. Mayor Barbee said the public hearing on that matter was closed. Mr. Furr said the current item has to do with water-oriented businesses and commented that he is going to review what Ms. Fox said to find out if it was factual. Mayor Barbee reiterated that the current public hearing was for the agenda item at hand. Mr. Furr said this item is part of the previous issue and emphasized that the Commission's Option 1 was the right choice.

No one else came forward.

ACTION: Motion to close the public hearing

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor Barbee said he personally hates it when maps have crazy turns that don't make sense years later, so he is in favor of the proposal.

ACTION: Motion that whereas in accordance with the provisions of the NCGS, the Council does hereby find and determine that the adoption of the Zoning Map Amendment for 301 Canal Drive is consistent with the goals and objectives of the adopted Land Use Plan and other long-range plans

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

ITEMS OF BUSINESS

11. Text Amendment to Chapter 28 Watercraft, Beaches, and Coastal Parks, Article I to Allow for Power-Assisted Beach Carts for Beach Vending
Applicant: Uncle Vinny's

Applicant Uncle Vinny's has applied for a text amendment for power-assisted beach carts for vending on the beach strand.

The current ordinance allows for non-motorized carts on the beach strand. Motorized vehicles are only allowed at Freeman Park and must have a valid Freeman Park pass. Only 4x4 vehicles are allowed to vend in Freeman Park. No golf carts, gators, motorcycles, ATVs, or trailers shall be utilized for beach services operations.

The proposed amendment allows for power-assisted carts to vend on the municipal beach strand. Power-assisted carts shall be electric powered only; they may not run on gas.

Ms. Abbotts presented the details, including history and concerns raised by the TRC, which included crowding on the beach, potential blocking of emergency lanes, and safety issues related to speed and maneuverability.

Mayor Barbee asked if the applicant wanted to speak, but he was not present.

Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte said she leans toward having only non-motorized carts because there is enough happening on the beach, including e-bikes, which the Town would like to ban but can't because the State has not given enabling legislation. She said she sees no reason to change the current rules.

Council Member Healy said one of Council's goals is to keep the Town small, but this is just the opposite.

Council Member Hoffer said having muscle power as the limit for what is allowed makes sense.

Council Member Benson said he also does not favor a change.

Mayor Barbee said he worries that someone would abuse the ordinance and come up with something that no one thought would be considered a cart, and that would lead to the need for carts to be inspected to be sure they are upholding requirements.

ACTION: Motion for denial to amend Chapter 18, Article I to allow for power-assisted beach carts
Motion made by Council Member Hoffer
Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer
Motion passed unanimously

12. Update Rates and Fees for Harbor Activities
Applicant: Town of Carolina Beach

For ease of administration, staff had recommended eliminating the 3% convenience fee for all transactions. This was translated to all fees except for transient slips. Leaving the 3% was an administrative error, and staff would like to correct this issue.

In addition, with the new boat dock design, there is an opportunity to moor dinghies on the east side of the Marina. In the past, the Town only accommodated dinghies and day boaters on the west side for up to three hours. With this new dock, staff would like to propose limiting the east side to dinghies and creating a fee for usage of over three hours.

Mr. Parvin presented the details, emphasizing the two main changes:

- Simplifying the transient vessel fee to a flat \$85 without the additional 3% charge, for easier administration.
- Adding a new \$75 monthly permit option for dinghies on the east side of the Marina.

He clarified that the changes would not affect the existing three-hour free docking policy for day boaters.

ACTION: Motion to adopt Ordinance No. 25-1266 as presented

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members raised several points:

- Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte highlighted an existing ordinance regarding obstructions on the public beach, particularly in front of lifeguard stands. She suggested better enforcement of this rule.
- Mayor Barbee suggested reviewing all beach-related ordinances in the off-season, involving stakeholders in the process.
- Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte said the use of motorized equipment or devices is prohibited in Lake Park – with the exception of vehicles located within designated parking areas and driveways and equipment used as part of the Town's routine Lake maintenance program – and reported that e-bikes burning up bridges is a current issue.
- Council Member Healy said the latest ROT numbers were similar to last year, which he viewed positively given previous years' growth.
- Council Member Hoffer requested a walk-through of Lake Park Boulevard with staff to discuss parking layout changes before the upcoming retreat.
- Mayor Barbee encouraged the two unopposed Council candidates to attend upcoming workshops for continuity.
- Council Member Benson raised concerns about code enforcement, suggesting the need for more consistent and timely follow-up on citations.

CLOSED SESSION

13. Closed Session – Personnel

ACTION: Motion to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

Motion made by Mayor Barbee

Voting Yea: Mayor Barbee, Mayor Pro Tem LeCompte, Council Member Healy, Council Member Benson, Council Member Hoffer

Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barbee adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.