

CAROLINA BEACH

Town Council Budget Workshop

Thursday, January 27, 2022

Carolina Beach Fire Department 9 South Dow Rd, Carolina Beach, NC



MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Mayor Lynn Barbee

Council Member Deb LeCompte

Council Member Joe Benson

MPT Jay Healy

Council Member Mike Hoffer

Staff Present:

All department heads

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Barbee called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Town Manager Bruce Oakley and Assistant Manager Ed Parvin gave an update on the State of the Town.

Utilities Director Mark Meyer presented his top three priorities for the 2022/2023 fiscal year. The number one priority is the headworks at a cost of \$3.3 million. Others included the Phase I Water Study, 7th Street Water Extension, and restoring the drying bed at the wastewater treatment plant.

Fire Chief Alan Griffin reviewed his top priorities, number one being personnel. He is requesting 3 additional firefighter positions to handle the growth and call volume. This would also assist in staffing the ladder truck. Chief also reviewed the 10-year plan for fire apparatus and equipment.

Police Chief Vic Ward also focused on personnel. He is requesting a 5% salary increase for current and future personnel. The estimated cost would be around \$85,000. He also mentioned adding a specialized unit for rapid intervention. His third priority is technology upgrades.

Public Works Direct Brian Stanberry focused on stormwater improvements. The first priority would be Canal Drive, specifically the Starfish street end. Other projects include roadway maintenance.

Planning Director Jeremy Hardison presented the need for adopting a Unified Development Ordinance. He also reviewed efficiencies in the permitting process.

Parks and Recreation Director Eric Jelinski reviewed the proposed projects for FY22/23, Some of those include the restroom at Lake Park, disability park opportunities at 1710 Carolina Beach Avenue North, and a skate park expansion. Eric also explained the newly formed non-profit organization, Friends of Carolina Beach Parks and Greenways.

Ed Parvin presented the Administration department's requests. The departments include Executive, Human Resources, Finance, Marina, and Town Clerk.

Bruce Oakley mentioned that admin is requesting three new positions including a public information officer in executive, a financial analyst in finance, and an administrative support specialist in human resources.

Ed Parvin reviewed the Lake Dredge project numbers. The scope is to dredge the remaining 50,000 cubic yards to an average depth of 6 feet. The bids received were between \$6.3 million and \$11.3 million. Staff recommends doing a phased approach. The first phase would reduce the lake depth as much as possible utilizing the spoils onsite. Council supported this idea if it meets the stormwater needs.

Meeting facilitator Chris Aycock reviewed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats.

The budget portion of the workshop paused to allow former Congressman and lobbyist Mike McIntyre to give an update on the progress on the projects he is working on and potential money that may be coming available.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Barbee made a motion to adjourn at 3:35 p.m.