



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 2018. A quorum of Council was present along with the Town Attorney.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Pastor Dan Keck, Kure Memorial Lutheran, gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Nancy Avery
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
Deputy Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Building Inspector – John Batson
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Move alternate SLABP committee member Edward White to a regular position and move regular member Pat Edgecomb to an alternate position, per committee's request
2. \$500 Platinum Sponsorship for the Carolina Beach Bike Rodeo to be funded from the Governing Body budget
3. Accept resignation of Jim Gabriel from Marketing committee
4. Appoint Amanda Stiles as regular member of Marketing committee, rather than alternate
5. Fall events – close Atlantic Avenue between K and L from early morning hours through 10 pm on Friday, October 5 for Jazz Funeral and on Saturday, November 17 and 24 for Holiday Market and allow food trucks at each event
6. Minutes:
 - a. July 17, 2018 regular meeting
 - b. August 9 2018 work session on parking

MOTION - MPT Heglar made the motion to adopt the consent agenda, as presented

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous



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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION - MPT Heglar made the motion to adopt the consent agenda, as published

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Dee Coe, resident, stated:

- She has been through a lot of trouble with a tenant and acknowledged Chief Bowden and his Police team for being phenomenal during this
- She also acknowledged MPT Heglar and his wife for diffusing an issue at a restaurant

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Community Center Committee

Recreation Director Keely said the committee sold 270 plates at the barbeque fund raiser last week

2. Shoreline Access and Beach Protection Committee

Chairperson Dennis Panicali stated

- The committee has been asked about dogs on the beach and they voted unanimously to support Council's current position
- They are planning an educational program for next year based on environmental issues such as plastic, trash, and so on

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Finance Department

Finance Officer Copenhaver asked Council to approve:

- Budget Amendment 19-01 in the amount of \$80,000 to purchase a dump truck for the Public Works Department. This is not a budgeted item.
- Resolution R18-09 approving financing terms with BB&T for a street sweeper and dump truck for the Public Works Department in an amount not to exceed \$240,000 at a rate not to exceed 3.26% for not more than 5 years

MOTION – MPT Heglar motioned to approve both Budget Amendment 19-01 and Resolution R18-09, as presented

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE – Unanimous



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2. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Mesimer said:

- He has received numerous storm water complaints with all of the rain
- He budgeted \$30,000 for a manhole assessment and the vendor gave him a good deal to repair and upgrade 14 manholes for \$50,000
- He received one quote for new water meters and asked if he needs to receive more

Finance Officer Copenhaver said because of the amount to replace water meters, there has to be a formal bid process.

MOTION – MPT Heglar motioned to direct the Public Works Director to contract with the vendor for repairs and upgrades to the 14 worst man holes in Town

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous

CONSENSUS – Add discussion of replacing water meters to the September agenda

3. Recreation Department

Recreation Director Keely stated:

- New Hanover County Special Olympics would like us to host the Polar Plunges on Saturday, February 23, 2019 and requests approval for the following:
 - Use of Ocean Front Park, K Avenue east of FFB, Atlantic Avenue and portions of the Boardwalk and Beach
 - Close K Avenue east of FFB and Atlantic Avenue between K and L to vehicle traffic from early morning hours through 5 pm on Saturday, Feb. 23
 - Allow 5K race in conjunction with event
 - Allow three food trucks vendors to park within closed portion of Atlantic Avenue with other event vendors
 - Waive associated fees due to non-profit status

MOTION – Commissioner Oliver motioned to approve hosting the event approval of all requests listed above.

SECOND – Commissioner Ellen

VOTE – Unanimous



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DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment of members to Town ad-hoc committee on naming town buildings, memorial benches and donations

MOTION – Commissioner Oliver motioned to appoint Mayor Craig Bloszinsky, Commissioner John Ellen, Jim Dugan, Dennis Panicali, and Bill Farris to the committee.

SECOND – Commissioner Ellen

VOTE - Unanimous

2. Proposed amendments to Chapter 19 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinance, Section 339 (Minimum parking requirements) Subsections 1 and 2 referred to Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) at the July meeting for more clear direction on the following:

- What problem is this solving
- Is this complaint driven
- Does it apply throughout town on all properties and if not, then where
- Does this apply only to new construction
- What is the enforcement mechanism and how will that work

P&Z Chair Galbraith stated:

- Some properties park multiple number of cars in the front yard
- P&Z discussed what to do about that in lieu of parking discussions
- We proposed limiting number of cars parked on the front lawn as part of Chapter 19 zoning
- Changing this in the Zoning code may not have been the correct way to do this and we discussed as possibly making it a component of the parking ordinance
- We received informal feedback that maybe not all Council members were in favor of this
- Would like Council direction on this first before drafting anything

Mayor Bloszinsky commented:

- He thought this amendment was a planning feature for new structures
- He is not in favor of telling people how many cars they may park in their yard as long as they do not intrude into the bike lane
- We are not a town of high rise elements, but of mini-hotels that drive room occupancy tax (ROT) for beaches and entertainment
- He does not want cars in the street
- He thinks it should be the right of the individual if they want to park cars in their yards



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Commissioner Whitley said:

- He thinks there should be a limit on the number of cars that may be parked in the yard
- One house had 12 vehicles parked in the front yard
- He thinks it needs to be reined in some
- This topic was brought up in a lot of parking discussions that were had

Commissioner Ellen stated:

- He does not think limiting the number of cars will limit the number of visitors
- The complaints are too many people, beer cans in the yard, and noise and the more people that park, the more the complaints
- He is not for counting cars

Commissioner Oliver remarked:

- He tends to agree with the mayor in that as long as the cars are not in the street, then let them park as many as they want to
- We should encourage car pooling
- He is not crazy about telling someone how many cars they can park on their property

MPT Heglar said:

- During the three months of the season, he has many cars parked in his driveway
- As the Town's emergency manager, he does not want cars on the street
- The fire trucks shouldn't have to drive around cars
- If the car is sticking out in the road, it should be ticketed, otherwise, he thinks it should be left up to the people

CONSENSUS – Directed P&Z to take no further action on amending Chapter 19-339 limiting number of cars parked in yard

3. Possible ADA crossover at beach access # 1004 ¼ (Oceanview/Myrtle)

Consideration of tasking the Shoreline Access and Beach Protection committee with studying cost, feasibility and need for another ADA access with a recommendation to Council OR directing the committee to work with the Administration staff on a CAMA grant application for next spring to move forward with this ADA crossover

MOTION– MPT Heglar made the motion to direct the Public Works Director to work with the Admin staff to apply for a CAMA grant next spring and have the engineer finish the construction drawings for the grant

SECOND –Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous



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4. Parking actions

Mayor Bloszinsky stated:

- He sent a letter to the eight HOAs on July 18 asking for opinions on designating parking on the streets
- He received responses from only four:
 - Kure Dunes said no parking on street unless it is for residents only
 - Kure Keys responded the same
 - Ocean Dunes replied they are okay with designated parking in ROW if limited to 50 feet on either side of the three public access points
 - Sea Watch said they were against any designated parking on the streets in their neighborhood whatsoever
- He received no response from:
 - Kure Beach Village
 - Kure by the Sea
 - The Riggings
 - Beachwalk
- He proposes:
 - Calling a meeting of the parking committee to identify specific parking spaces
 - Show results to all that attended the parking workshop
 - Then set up public information meetings for two nights/days with one on a Saturday, and once during the week where people can come in and review parking suggestions and recommendations

Commissioner Whitley said:

- Public meetings after Labor Day would be better
- He will try to set up a meeting of the parking committee next Wednesday night, August 29
- They should try to have everything ready by March in time to get the word out for the next season

CONSENSUS – Have parking committee meet to identify spaces and Council hold two public information sessions

5. Bumpers on Sixth, I and E Avenues

Commissioner Whitley said:

- Public Works Director has bumpers ready for use
- He did a great job on beach accesses with painting bumpers yellow
- He suggests putting parking bumpers at Sixth, I and E Avenues and roping off the first 10-15 feet for visibility and safety
- This can be done over the winter



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- Public Works Director can provide a drawing layout for Council to approve

CONSENSUS – the Public Works Director is to bring a drawing layout for placement of parking bumpers on the three medians to the September meeting for Council approval

6. Town facility construction update

Commissioner Oliver reported:

- The project is moving along nicely
- Siding installation is going well
- The roofing on the Fire Department should be finished tomorrow
- They will start curbing and guttering soon
- The contractor still says completion will be within the contractual date
- Council has been provided a copy of a proposed landscape plan that he would like them to review and give him comments

MAYOR UPDATES

Mayor Bloszinsky said the bidding process for beach nourishment has begun and should be in place by mid-November with sand placed on the beach next year. All funding is in place.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Ellen said he:

- Forwarded an article to Council members about a study to dredge the Cape Fear River to accommodate larger ships
- Wonders if that material that comes out of the bottom of the river is beach worthy and if so, can we request it to be placed on our beach

Mayor Bloszinsky said:

- The problem is the lending site would be so far away and that would make it more expensive with transporting sand
- Our current borrow area is further away now and getting that sand to the beach is more expensive so we get less sand
- It is a good idea and he will mention at meetings

Commissioner Whitley said he spoke with the county's beach coordinator who also said the issue would be the cost of transporting the sand.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION - MPT Heglar motioned to adjourn at 7:30 pm

SECOND - Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous



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ATTEST:


Nancy Avery, Town Clerk


Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

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