



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

October 21, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019 beginning at 6:00 pm. There was a quorum of Council and the Town Attorney was present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

(MPT) David Heglar

STAFF PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pastor Dan Keck delivered the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance

MOTION – Commissioner Ellen motioned to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Heglar from the meeting

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Close Town Hall at noon for the day on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 to allow employees to attend annual appreciation luncheon
2. *Approve MaryAnn McConnell resignation from the Community Center Committee
3. *Approval of Avery service agreement in amount not to exceed \$41,489
4. *Approve the rescheduled date for hosting the Special Olympics Polar Plunge Saturday, February 15, 2020. 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. 22. Allow 5K race in conjunction with event. Allow three food trucks vendors and waive associated fees due to non-profit status



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5. *Approve application for TDA funding for the Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce 2019 Summer concerts
6. *Approve application for TDA funding totaling \$ 7,050.29 for Ocean Front Park maintenance and supplies
7. *Approve application for TDA funding totaling \$4,028.24 for the 2019 Kure Beach Street Festival
8. *Approve Budget Amendment 20-02 totaling \$1,398 for Hurricane Dorian related communication equipment repairs
9. *Appoint Tony Garibay as Planning and Zoning Alternate
10. Approve travel expenses in the amount of \$800 for Mayor Bloszinsky, Commissioner Whitley, Commissioner Oliver and Commissioner Ellen to attend the NCBIWA Annual Conference on November 12-13 in Wrightsville Beach
11. *Minutes:
 - September 16, 2019 Regular
 - September 16, 2019 Public Hearing
 - October 12, 2019 Special
 - October 12, 2019 Closed

MOTION - Commissioner Ellen motioned to adopt the consent agenda items.

SECOND - Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION - Commissioner Oliver motioned to adopt the agenda

SECOND - Commissioner Ellen

VOTE - Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Wilmington MPO discussion of Alternative Funding Sources for Cape Fear Transportation Plan 2045, Abby Lorenzo

Planner Abby Lorenzo presented a discussion of alternative funding sources. Said presentation is herein incorporated as part of these minutes.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Planning & Zoning Commission

Chairman Galbraith gave a presentation on the LEED certification program for Cities and Communities to assess the health and safety of a community. Said presentation is herein incorporated as part of these minutes.



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DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Administration -Vehicle Decal Mailing

Town Clerk Avery stated:

- Last year we changed the process for distribution of the emergency vehicle re-entry decal from selling them for \$5 each throughout the year to mailing two free ones to each property owner in January, then selling additional ones for \$20 each
- The process worked well and she asked Council to decide if they want to continue with this process or change it

MOTION - Commissioner Oliver motioned to continue the free emergency vehicle re-entry decal mailing program with the January utility bill

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous

2. Building Inspections Department

Mayor Bloszinsky administered the Oath of Office to Bethany White, Code Enforcement Officer

3. Finance Department

MOTION – Commissioner Ellen approved the resolution naming the primary agent and secondary agents as Finance Officer Copenhaver (primary) and Finance Specialist Karen Gilley (secondary) for the designation of agents for disaster management

SECOND - Commissioner Whitley

VOTE - Unanimous

4. Fire Department

Implementation of a new ranking structure

Chief Kennedy stated:

- Open house was a success with about 500 people and lots of children attended
- The volunteer organization decided to implement a Junior Lifeguard program
- The League won't cover this program, but the board found an insurance vendor that will
- The plan is to have the program up and running by Memorial Day
- Program is for 14 – 18 year olds
- He is rolling out new ranking structure and there is a memo in the agenda packet from him
- Ranking structure identities responsibilities and roles of paid staff
- Cannot absorb in current budget
- Would need Council to approve about \$12,000 to make changes in this current budget year



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CONSENSUS - Fire Chief to bring this topic back to the November meeting

5. Police Department

Gas tank installation

Police Bowden stated:

- He received quote for gas tank for \$103,000
- This item is budgeted in this year's budget at \$110,000
- Applied for grant but didn't receive it and we don't see any other grant available for this
- Since it is in budget, he would like to know if Council has concerns with moving forward with installation

CONSENSUS - No concerns from Council and move ahead with the installation of the gas tank as it is a budgeted item

6. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Mesimer stated the water meter project is moving along and so is the storm water study.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Readdress the storm water contract to include area A

Commissioner Whitley stated:

- Wants Council to reconsider and add Area A to the storm water study
- Money is available in storm water fund
- Cost is \$21,000

MOTION – Commissioner Whitley motioned to add to the existing contract with LDSI area A in the amount of \$21,000 for inventory and assessment

SECOND – Mayor Bloszinsky

VOTE – Motion carried 3-1 with Mayor Bloszinsky, Commissioners Oliver and Whitley in favor and Commissioner Ellen against

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Reschedule November meeting

Mayor Bloszinsky stated he will not be available for the November 19th meeting and asked Council to reschedule.

MOTION – Commissioner Oliver motioned to move the regular November Council meeting to Wednesday November 20, 2019 at 6 pm

SECOND – Commissioner Ellen

VOTE - Unanimous



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MAYOR UPDATES

Mayor Bloszinsky stated:

1. Prohibition of concealed carry handguns in Town buildings
 - There is a state law that allows prohibition of concealed carry handguns in municipal buildings
 - The Town must pass an ordinance if it is to prohibit

Mayor Bloszinsky directed the Police Chief to work with the attorney to draft an ordinance to prohibit concealed carry of handguns in Town buildings and bring it back to Council.

2. Crosswalk signage

Mayor Bloszinsky stated he had received messages from residents about the new crosswalk signage Carolina Beach has installed in the middle of the road.

CONSENSUS- Council approved getting more information and the Mayor directed the Police Chief to work with the Deputy Town Clerk to bring information to Council.

3. Reinstate Parking committee

CONSENSUS - reinstate the Parking Committee

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Oliver stated the safety committee has begun staff wide training and there will be training two or three times a month. It is going well.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Commissioner Ellen motioned to adjourn at 7:34 pm

SECOND – Commissioner Whitley

VOTE -Unanimous

ATTEST:


Nancy Avery, Town Clerk


Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town's website under government>council.



OATH OF OFFICE


I, Bethany White, do solemnly swear that I will support, maintain and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully execute the duties of my office as Code Enforcement Officer for the Town of Kure Beach.


Bethany White


Craig Bloszinksy, Mayor

Date: October 21, 2019

ATTEST:


Town Clerk



Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045 Alternative Funding Opportunities

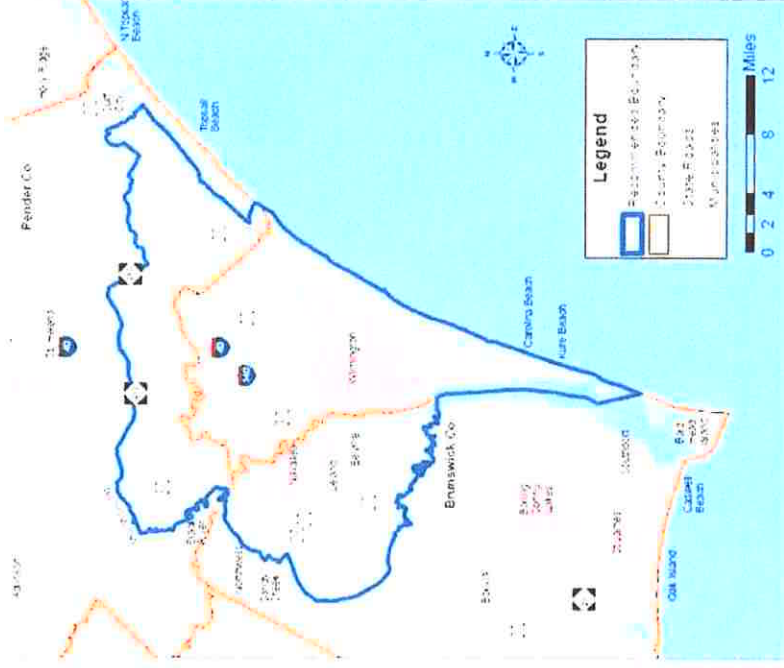
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Wilmington Urban Area MPO

- Wilmington
- Carolina Beach
- Wrightsville Beach
- Kure Beach
- New Hanover County
- Leland
- Belville
- Navassa
- Brunswick County
- Pender County
- Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority
- NCDOT Board of Transportation





MPO Long Range Planning Requirements

- Federally required to adopt and maintain long range transportation plan for region known as Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
 - Updated and adopted every 5 years
 - Minimum planning horizon of 20 years
 - Must be fiscally constrained
- Projects must be in adopted MTP to be eligible for federal funds





Financial Forecast for Fiscal Constraint

- Research, collect, and process historical data from past 10 years
- Project historical funding trends out to 2045

Mode	Forecast Capital Funding
Highway	\$3.2 billion
Bicycle and Pedestrian	\$127 million
Mass Transit	\$70 million
Ferry	\$42 million
Aviation	\$206 million
Rail	\$32 million
Total	\$3.6 billion





Estimating Project Costs

1

Specify the details of each project by mode

2

Research, Collect, and Process Project Data

3

Prepare cost estimates by mode using the appropriate tools





Identifying the Funding Gap

Financial Forecast



Project Costs



Funding Gap



Types and Examples of Alternative Funding Sources

- Taxes
 - Quarter Cent Local Sales Tax
 - Vehicle Registration Fees
 - Vehicle Rental Tax
 - Tolling
- Grant and Loan Programs
 - Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grant (CRISI)
 - Capital Investment Grant
- Financing
 - Transportation Bonds
 - Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles (GARVEE)
 - Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program



Board Recommended for Forecasting and Further Consideration

- Quarter-Cent Local Option Sales Tax
- Quarter-Cent Local Option Sales Tax for Transit
- Vehicle Registration Fee
- Motor Vehicle License Tax
- Motor Vehicle License Tax for Transit
- Vehicle Rental Tax
- Bicycle Registration Fee
- Municipal Transportation Bonds
- Tolling



Quarter-Cent Local Sales Tax / Quarter-Cent Local Sales Tax for Transit

- Utilized for any service offered by County
- Transit only sales tax applicable to construction, operation, and maintenance of TRANSIT only

Tax / Fee	2020 dollars (million)			
	Total	New Hanover	Brunswick	Pender
Quarter Cent Tax on Sales	612	494	69	49
Quarter Cent Tax on Sales (Transit Only)	612	494	69	49





Vehicle Registration Fee

- G.S 105-570 enables up to \$7
- Financing for construction, operation, and maintenance of TRANSIT only

Tax / Fee	2020 dollars (million)			
	Total	New Hanover	Brunswick	Pender
Annual Vehicle Registration Fee	40	32	4	4



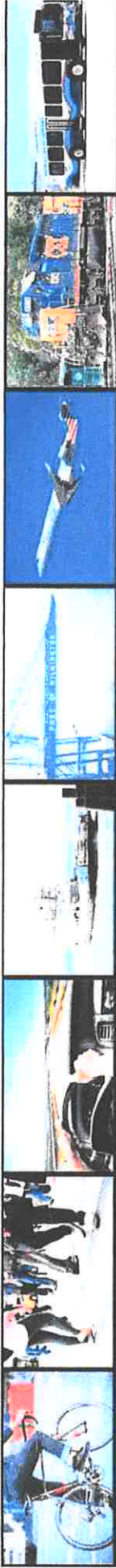


Motor Vehicle License Tax / Motor Vehicle License Tax for Transit Only

- N.C.G.S 20-97 allows annual tax up to \$30
 - \$5 for financing, construction, operating, and maintaining transit
 - Up to \$20 for public streets (\$5 assumed for forecast)

Tax / Fee	2020 dollars (million)			
	Total	New Hanover	Brunswick	Pender
Annual Driver's License Tax	25	20	3	2
Annual Driver's License Tax (Transit Only)	25	20	3	2





Vehicle Rental Tax

- N.C.G.S 153A-156 enables county tax on passenger vehicle rentals
- For the financing, construction, operating, and maintaining transit

Tax / Fee	2020 dollars (million)			
	Total	New Hanover	Brunswick	Pender
Vehicle Rental Tax	29	29	0	0



Bicycle Registration Fee

- The number of existing bicycles and bicycle sales per year estimated for WMPO region and a \$10 annual fee assumed.

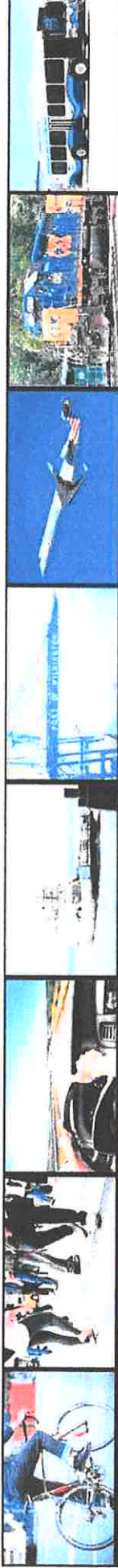
Tax / Fee	2020 dollars (million)			
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Bicycle Registration Fee	8	6	1	1



Municipal Transportation Bonds

- N.C.G.S. 159-43 authorizes transportation bonds with voter approval
- Example: City of Wilmington 2014 Transportation Bond
 - 144 million in bonds totaling 955 million in projects
 - 525 million in roadway projects
 - 520 million in bicycle and pedestrian projects





Tolling

- N.C.G.S 136-89 created NC Turnpike Authority
- Project specific, only allowed on new route, bridges, and managed lane facilities
- Example: Cape Fear Crossing estimated toll revenue for 2040 MTP was \$88 million





Next Steps

- WMPO Board to determine which alternative funding sources to be supported and applied in 2045 MTP
- Based on project rank and cost, WMPO Board to endorse additional fiscally constrained projects



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Bicycle Registration Fee	7	6	1	1
Total	1350	1094	149	106
Percentage by county	100%	81%	11%	8%





Discussion

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