



# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

## PUBLIC HEARING

**June 8, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.**

The Kure Beach Town Council held a Public Hearing on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The Town Attorney was present and there was a quorum of Council members present.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky  
MPT David Heglar  
Commissioner Joseph Whitley  
Commissioner John Ellen  
Commissioner Allen Oliver

### COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

### STAFF PRESENT

Deputy Town Clerk – Beth Chase  
Financial Officer – Arlen Copenhaver

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. stating the purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Official notice of this public hearing was posted on the town's website and bulletin board on May 26, 2020 and was advertised in the Island Gazette on May 27, 2020, thus meeting notification requirements.

### Proposed budget highlights:

The proposed budget includes the following highlights:

- 1) No proposed tax rate or General Fund fee increases
- 2) Changes to the water and sewer rate structure:
  - Residential, Commercial & Out of Jurisdiction Water - 10% usage-based rate tier increase
  - Residential, Commercial & Out of Jurisdiction Sewer - 10% usage-based rate tier increase
- 3) Changes to the stormwater rate structure:
  - Residential & Commercial Stormwater - 14.8% rate increase
  - Classify duplexes as Residential Units
- 4) Addition of one full-time employee in the Fire Department
- 5) Cost of Living adjustment of 1.6 percent for employees
- 6) Merit increase pool of 2.75 percent to reward employees who are performing above expectation

Mayor Bloszinsky opened the public hearing at 6:00 p.m.



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Finance Officer Copenhaver stated:

- Since he presented the budget at the May Town Council meeting on page 3 of the presentation has a summary of the changes
- One increase to the General Fund for the Public Works Department adding the cleaning service for 10 weeks in the amount of \$2,000
- Decrease in the budget for the Community Center BBQ and Chamber of Commerce summer concerts as the events were canceled
- Sales Tax reduced by 20% in the amount of \$100,000
- The revenue for the Community Center BBQ has been removed in the amount of \$3,000
- Powell Fund was reduced by 20% in the amount of \$12,990

Debra Andrews at 425 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

- Can you expand on why the duplexes are being reclassified from Commercial to Residential Units under the Stormwater rate structure?
- Has there been any additional projects to cause the rates to increase?
- Has the Town considering adding more storm drains to lower built properties?

Finance Officer Copenhaver stated it is not actually changing from Commercial to residential. It is currently just another level of residential and now all residential properties will be treated the same way.

MPT Heglar stated over the last two years the Town has spent over a million dollars on large storm water projects across the Town. The Town just recently had another stormwater assessment and are currently reviewing for additional projects this fall through next year. Stormwater is a huge issue for the Town and the Town Council continues to try to stay ahead. When a new property owner builds a home the owner is not allowed to run stormwater off into a lower adjacent property. The Public Works Department works with individual property owner's throughout Town to install stormwater drains if requested. If it is private property the Town will try to work with the property owner but it is the responsibility of the property owner.

Mayor Bloszinsky adjourned the public hearing at 6:26 p.m.

  
ATTEST: Mandy Sanders, 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.