



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 20, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. 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

Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Building Inspector – John Batson
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Financial Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
Deputy Town Clerk – Beth Chase
Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Ellen gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Accept William Moore resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission
2. Appoint Connie Mearkle, Becky Richardson, Jay Stewart, Patricia O'Reilly, Deb McKenaa, Jim Craig, and Dan Church to the Stormwater Oversight Committee
3. Adopt Resolution R20-08 to approve financing terms with Truist Bank for a GMC Sierra 1500 and 2020 GMC Sierra 2500 not to exceed \$74,250 at an annual interest rate of 1.575% for four years
4. Approval of Kure Beach Police Department policy update
5. Approve Budget Amendment 20-19 in the amount of \$16,065 for a street resurfacing project
6. Approve Budget Amendment 20-20 in the amount of \$15,000 for additional Lifeguard expenses that were incurred related to COVID-19
7. Approve Budget Amendment 20-21 in the amount of \$10,000 for additional expenses for the Fire Department related to Hurricane Dorian
8. Minutes:
 - June 15, 2020 Regular
 - June 15, 2020 Public Hearing



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- June 8, 2020 Public Hearing

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made motion to approve the consent agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- MPT Heglar made motion to approve the agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

None.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Marketing Committee

Commissioner Ellen stated the Chamber of Commerce is considering adding a Visitor Center at the Carolina Beach Town Hall. This would not be a payroll cost as it would be managed by the citizens of the Community. The plan should be presented within the next 90 days to Town Council.

2. Shoreline Access and Beach Protection

SLABP Chairman Panicali stated the committee is not currently conducting normal business but would like to thank the Public Works Department for installing the replacement signs. The Adopt the Beach program is still up and running during COVID-19.

3. Planning & Zoning Commission

- Proposed text amendment to Chapter 15 (Zoning) Article 02 (In General) Section 10 (Definitions)
Proposed text amendment to Chapter 15 (Zoning) Article 36 (Supplemental District Regulations) Section 10 (Control of Yards/Setbacks)

MOTION- Commissioner Whitley made a motion to adopt the proposed text amendment to Chapter 15 (Zoning) Article 02 (In General) Section 10 (Definitions) and proposed text amendment to Chapter 15 (Zoning) Article 36 (Supplemental District Regulations) Section 10 (Control of Yards/Setbacks)

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous



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MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to adopt the Consistency statement for proposed text amendment to Chapter 15 (Zoning) Article 02 (In General) Section 10 (Definitions) and proposed text amendment to Chapter 15 (Zoning) Article 36 (Supplemental District Regulations) Section

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

- Proposed text amendment to Chapter 1 (General Provisions) Article 04 (Code Construction and General Provisions) Section 10 (Definitions and Rules of Construction)
Proposed text amendment to Chapter 9 (Animal Services and Control) Article 06 (Livestock and Exotic Animals) Section 15 (Definitions)
Proposed text amendment to Chapter 9 (Animal Services and Control) Article 06 (Livestock and Exotic Animals) Section 100 (Violations, Enforcement and Penalties)

MOTION- Commissioner Whitley made a motion to adopt the proposed text amendment to Chapter 1 (General Provisions) Article 04 (Code Construction and General Provisions) Section 10 (Definitions and Rules of Construction)

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- Commissioner Whitley made a motion to adopt the proposed text amendment to Chapter 9 (Animal Services and Control) Article 06 (Livestock and Exotic Animals) Section 15 (Definitions)

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to adopt the proposed text amendment to Chapter 9 (Animal Services and Control) Article 06 (Livestock and Exotic Animals) Section 100 (Violations, Enforcement and Penalties)

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

4. Historical Preservation Commission

HPC Chairman Galbraith stated the Commission has advertised for an architect to help with the designation report. Interviewed all the consultants and the Commission is waiting to receive the proposals back from the consultants regarding pricing.



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5. Pedestrian Committee

Commissioner Oliver stated the Pedestrian Committee is continuing to meet over conference call. The Committee is going to hold off on the walkabout around Town till they can meet in person to train for it.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Building Inspections Department

Building Inspector Batson stated the CAMA ramp at 1004.5 is almost complete and the contractor is finalizing up a few last items. He would recommend to the Town Council to add concrete from the end of the ramp to the street to add a hard surface.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to authorize Building Inspector Batson to receive bids not to exceed \$4,000 to add concrete to the CAMA ramp at Beach Access 1004.5

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

2. Finance Department

Finance Officer Copenhagen stated Governor Cooper's Executive Order 142 regarding disconnection of water and sewer services will expire on July 29, 2020 and will not be renewed. Any accounts that have past due amounts prior to March 31st the Finance Department will mark those bills for disconnection. The account owner will have till August 15th to pay part of the bill owed. Currently have 12 accounts this will affect. The accounts that have past due amounts from the period of March 31, 2020 to July 29, 2020 the Town will need to offer a repayment plan to be paid in full within 6 months.

3. Police Department

- Community Camera Program

Police Department Detective Bailey stated:

- The Police Department has a new Community Camera Program
- The program is a partnership with residents and business owners in a joint effort to fight criminal activity
- The goal is to compile a list of residents and business owners within the community that operate security cameras for the Police Department to contact if a crime occurs in that area
- It is a completely volunteer program and the method for providing the footage would be a simple process of burning a copy of the video on a disc
- The benefit of this program to law enforcement is to eliminate the process of trying to piece together if a business owner or property owner has a security camera that may have captured a valuable piece of information for the case



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- If a property owner or business owner would like to contribute to the program, please visit the Town Hall to retrieve a brochure or visit the Town website under the Police Department page

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to approve the Community Camera Program for the Kure Beach Police Department

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

4. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Mesimer stated the Public Works Department has been working on the State audit and will be requesting Town Councils input next week once the Stormwater Committee meets.

5. Recreation Department

Recreation Director Keely stated she is speaking tonight on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has created a proposal for the summer concerts and would like to receive the Town Councils approval for funding 4 drive in concerts.

MPT Heglar stated he is supportive of the concerts as long as NC is in Phase 3.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to approve supporting the Chamber of Commerce by funding the 4 summer concerts if the concerts are held in Phase 3

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. LDSI Update

MPT Heglar stated the Public Works Director Mesimer and himself are still currently reviewing the LDSI report. The Department is currently working on the audit that is due in September and will bring forth at the September Town Council meeting. The Stormwater Committee will meet next week.

2. Additional Golf Cart parking

MPT Heglar stated:

- If the Town wanted to add golf cart parking at E Avenue would need to eliminate a parking spot so not recommending any golf cart parking at E Avenue
- Recommending at F Avenue, G Avenue and H Avenue to add two golf cart parking spots at each beach access



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- Include one parking space for golf cart parking at I Avenue
- J Avenue currently has no parking so recommending adding 5 golf cart parking spaces to the beach access

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to approve Public Works Director Mesimer recommendation as presented to add additional golf cart parking at beach accesses F, G, H, I, J and direct the Public Works Department to install the appropriate signage

SECOND- Commissioner

VOTE- Unanimous

CONSENSUS – MPT Heglar and Public Works Mesimer to bring forth a recommendation for golf cart parking at N Avenue

3. ADA Transition Plan

Town Clerk Sanders stated she has received no public comment after advertising the ADA Transition plan. Town Council needs to appoint a person as the ADA Coordinator.

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to table this item until the August 17, 2020 meeting and have Department Heads bring forth a recommendation regarding the ADA Coordinator

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Speed Limit on Fort Fisher Blvd

Mayor Bloszinsky stated he has received some comments from residents regarding the speed limit on Fort Fisher Boulevard. The recommendation received is to lower the speed limit from 35mph to 25mph.

Commissioner Ellen stated he is opposed to changing the speed limit. The Town will need to receive approval from NC Transportation and recommends the Town Council to hold a Public Hearing.

Commissioner Whitley stated he is against changing the speed limit.

Commissioner Oliver stated the Pedestrian Committees purpose is to make the Town safer for the citizens. He supports the 25mph speed limit throughout the Town.



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MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to schedule a Public Hearing regarding the speed limit from Alabama Avenue to N Avenue

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE-Unanimous

2. Flags on the Beach Strand

Mayor Bloszinsky stated the Town has received complaints against political flags on the beach strand. Some citizens would like to see them banned on the Beach strand.

MPT Heglar stated he does not see how the Town would regulate the flags due to the First Amendment.

CONSENSUS- Town Council will take no position on the banning of flags on the beach strand

3. Street Naming Discussion

MPT Heglar stated the process in New Hanover County and Carolina Beach for changing a street sign is 51% of citizens who live on the street have to agree to change the name of the street. Town Council received two emails from citizens asking for Town Council to review the name of President Davis Avenue. There is only one resident who currently lives on President Davis Avenue and the resident is supportive of the name change. He recommends either the Town Council creates a process for the renaming of a street or rename the street after holding a Public Hearing to receive feedback.

Commissioner Oliver commented he believes the Town Council should create a process for renaming of a street.

Commissioner Ellen stated he is in support of changing the name of the street.

CONSENSUS- Mayor Bloszinsky and Commissioner Ellen to bring forth a Town policy regarding the process of changing a street name

4. July 2020 Ports, Waterways and Beach Committee

Commissioner Oliver stated every 12 years all 3 beach Towns complete the beach renourishment project at the same time. In FY22 the estimated cost for all 3 beach Towns is \$33,900,000.00.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION



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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mandy Sanders".

ATTEST: Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Craig Bloszinsky".

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>agendas&minutes