



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

November 16, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 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
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. Appointment of full members Rich Burriss and Jeff Hawkins to the Parking Committee
2. Approve Budget Amendment 21-06 in the amount of \$5,300 for COVID-19 related professional cleaning services for Town Hall and the Ocean Front Park restrooms
3. Approve Budget Amendment 21-07 totaling \$76,466 to apply unspent loan proceeds against the outstanding loan balance
4. Minutes:
 - October 19, 2020 Regular
 - October 19, 2020 Public Hearing
 - October 22, 2020 Special

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion approve the consent agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous



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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to add Discussion of the Development Line following the Closed Session and approve the agenda as amended

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- Bernard Robinson & Co., Victor Blackburn, presentation of FY 2019-2020 audit

Mr. Blackburn reviewed highlight of the FY 2019-2020 audit as referenced in attached presentation, herein incorporated as part of these minutes.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bike/Ped Committee

- Bike Ped Committee Update and Presentation

Chairman Linquist gave a presentation on the East Coast Greenway, herein incorporated as part of these minutes.

Commissioner Oliver stated he supports the Committees recommendation regarding joining the East Coast Greenway system. The cost has already been budgeted for the signs. If Town Council has any questions Town Council can email Chairman Linquist and the Committee will review the questions and bring back answers to the December Council meeting.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated he is highly favorable but would like to continue the discussion to next month's meeting after having time for Town Council to review the routes of the system.

Commissioner Ellen stated he supports the Committees recommendation.

Commissioner Whitley stated he supports the Committees recommendation.

MPT Heglar commented he suggests Town Council have a Public Hearing regarding the route so citizens input can be reviewed. The Town may want to consider multiple routes on the map the same way Carolina Beach has different routes. He is support of the Committees recommendation.

Town Clerk Sanders to send out Town News email to receive citizens input on the East Coast Greenway System.



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2. Land Use Plan Committee

Commissioner Whitley commented the Committee did meet and Planning & Zoning will be reviewing the Land Use Plan to give feedback. The Council of Government will attend the December meeting to give Town Council a detailed review of what could be provided for rewriting the Land Use Plan.

3. Parking Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky stated the Parking Committee has received 6 parking proposals and the recommendation from the Committee will be on the Town Council January agenda.

4. Shoreline Access and Beach Protection

Commissioner Whitley stated the SLABP Committee will be walking the beach and are currently working on creating a standard of which signs should be on the beach strand at each beach access.

5. Stormwater Oversight Committee

MPT Heglar stated the Committee will meet next Monday night and is currently waiting on the State to return the Towns proposal for the audit issues. Once received hopefully in January there will be ordinance changes needed.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Administration

Town Clerk Sanders stated working with LDSI for the BRIC grant due by the end of December. The Town was accepted to apply for the grant after receiving the letter of intent. LDSI is requesting additional information before determining the cost of writing the grant. Once she receives more information, she will bring information regarding the cost to the December Town Council meeting.

MPT Heglar stated Town Clerk Sanders may need to pull Town Council regarding the funding of working with LDSI on the grant for the Town.

2. Fire Department

Fire Chief Kennedy stated he has updated the monthly report to be more transparent to Town Council and Citizens. The Fire Department planned to host a gathering of 25 people this coming Thursday in the bay area with doors open to honor a member of the Fire Department. In the FAQ portion there is an exclusion for gatherings for work. Social distancing requirements would be followed, and masks required. Tables would be separated, and food would be served to each table.

MPT Heglar stated he is supportive of the event. The bay area with fans is an outdoor space and the members already interact on emergency calls.



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Commissioner Ellen stated the Governor gives another update in December so may want to wait to see if he increases the gathering size. He thinks Town Council should all attend the event.

Commissioner Whitley stated he supports the event.

Commissioner Oliver stated he is supportive but suggest seating the members of the event by shift.

CONSENSUS- Town Council agreed for Fire Chief Kennedy to proceed with the event at the Fire Department

3. Recreation Department

- Special Event Application – Island Men

Recreation Keely stated:

- Island Men received the event insurance coverage needed so would like to proceed with the event
- Pleasure Island Insurance is going to donate the coverage
- Changed the event date from December 6th to December 12th with a rain date of December 13th

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for the Island Men Christmas Golf Cart Rally on December 12, 2020 with a rain date of December 13, 2020

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to waive the Special Event fee for the Island Men Christmas Golf Cart Rally

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Continued Discussion Garbage at Rental Properties throughout Town

Mayor Bloszinsky stated the Town had 19 violations in Town this past month. The Town Council may want to discuss further next year.

Building Inspector Batson stated citizens currently first receive a sticker on the cart for the first violation and for the second violation the citizen receives a letter before receiving a citation.



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MPT Heglar stated he would like to discuss this topic at the Budget retreat for next year.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to take a 5-minute recess

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to return to session

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous

1. Speed Limit

- Adoption of an ordinance repealing the 25 mph on US 421 (Fort Fisher Boulevard) between H Avenue (non-system) and N Avenue (non-system)
- Adoption of an ordinance declaring a 25 mph on US 421 (Fort Fisher Boulevard) between H Avenue (non-system) and Alabama Avenue (non-system) at the common Kure Beach – Carolina Beach municipal limits
- Adoption of Proposed text amendment to Chapter 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) Article 06 (Operation of Vehicles) Section 020 (Speed Limits)

Attorney Eldridge stated:

- 421 Fort Fisher BLVD is a State Highway that requires a speed study to change the speed limit and this study has been completed
- Town Council needs to repeal and declare the old and new speed limit
- NCDOT on their agenda to adopt concurring ordinances repealing and declaring
- Town Council does not need to adopt an ordinance repealing the 35mph as it is established by General Statute
- All changes will be effective once NCDOT adopts concurring ordinance and signs are installed
- Proposed text amendment changes the current provision in the code to delete the 35mph speed limit

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to adopt an ordinance repealing the 25 mph on US 421 (Fort Fisher Boulevard) between H Avenue (non-system) and N Avenue (non-system)

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous



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SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- (4-1 VOTE) Mayor Bloszinsky, MPT Heglar, Commissioner Ellen, Commissioner Oliver For, Commissioner Whitley Against

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to adopt the Proposed text amendment to Chapter 10 (Motor Vehicles and Traffic) Article 06 (Operation of Vehicles) Section 020 (Speed Limits)

SECOND- Commissioner

VOTE- (4-1 VOTE) Mayor Bloszinsky, MPT Heglar, Commissioner Ellen, Commissioner Oliver For, Commissioner Whitley Against

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

2. Discussion of Re-Entry Decal Mailing Process

Finance Officer Copenhaver commented the Town Staff has determined the water bills will not need to be included in the Re-Entry Decal mailing packet this year. This will save the Town postage cost and a lot of Town staff labor costs.

3. Rescheduling of December Town Council meeting

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to reschedule the December Town Council meeting from December 21, 2020 to Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Oliver gave a presentation on the Port, Waterway and Beach Commission herein, incorporated into the minutes.

MPT Heglar stated the Town has received a quote from LDSI for behind Settlers Lane regarding surveying. Does Town Council want to proceed with the surveying? MOTSU stated in a discussion that they were supportive of it.

Commissioner Whitley stated yes, the Town needs to proceed.



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Attorney Eldridge commented he is unfamiliar with the proposal but a contract for engineering services for the Town has to go through an RFP process unless it is less than \$50,000 it can be exempt under the Mini-Brooks Act.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to authorize himself to work with Attorney Eldridge on the surveying project behind Settlers Lane on MOTSU property
SECOND- Commissioner Whitley
VOTE- Unanimous

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session as per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client privilege

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to go into closed session as per N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) to discuss a personnel matter at 7:43 p.m.
SECOND- Commissioner Whitley
VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to return to open session at 8:19 p.m.
SECOND- Commissioner Whitley
VOTE- Unanimous

MPT Heglar stated:

- No action was taken in Closed Session, but Town Council addressed an issue brought forward by Town Staff
- The issue was regarding an easement that Town Council did not have the exact location correct in setting the development line
- In the discussion the recommendation from Building Inspector Batson was to follow the original intent of Town Council which was to match the development line to the Town designated easement line in 1996

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to direct Staff to expeditiously file an application with CRC to relocate the development line in accordance with the February 26, 1996 plat recorded at Book 2000, Page 1056
SECOND-Commissioner Ellen
VOTE- Unanimous



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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy Sanders".

ATTEST: Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Bloszinsky".

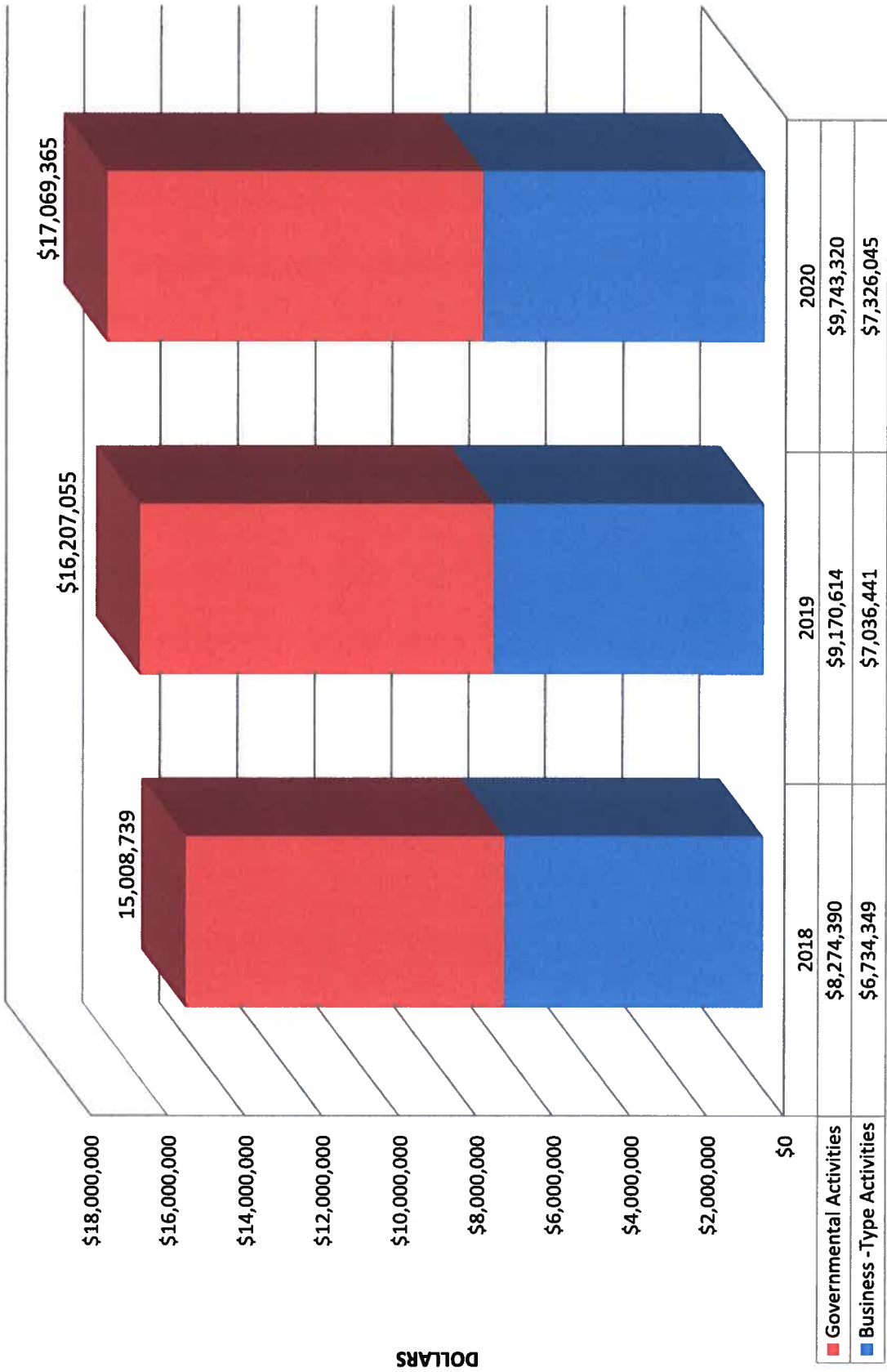
Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

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](#)

**TOWN OF KURE BEACH
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS
AUDIT PERFORMED BY
BERNARD ROBINSON & COMPANY, L.L.P.
AS OF JUNE 30, 2020**

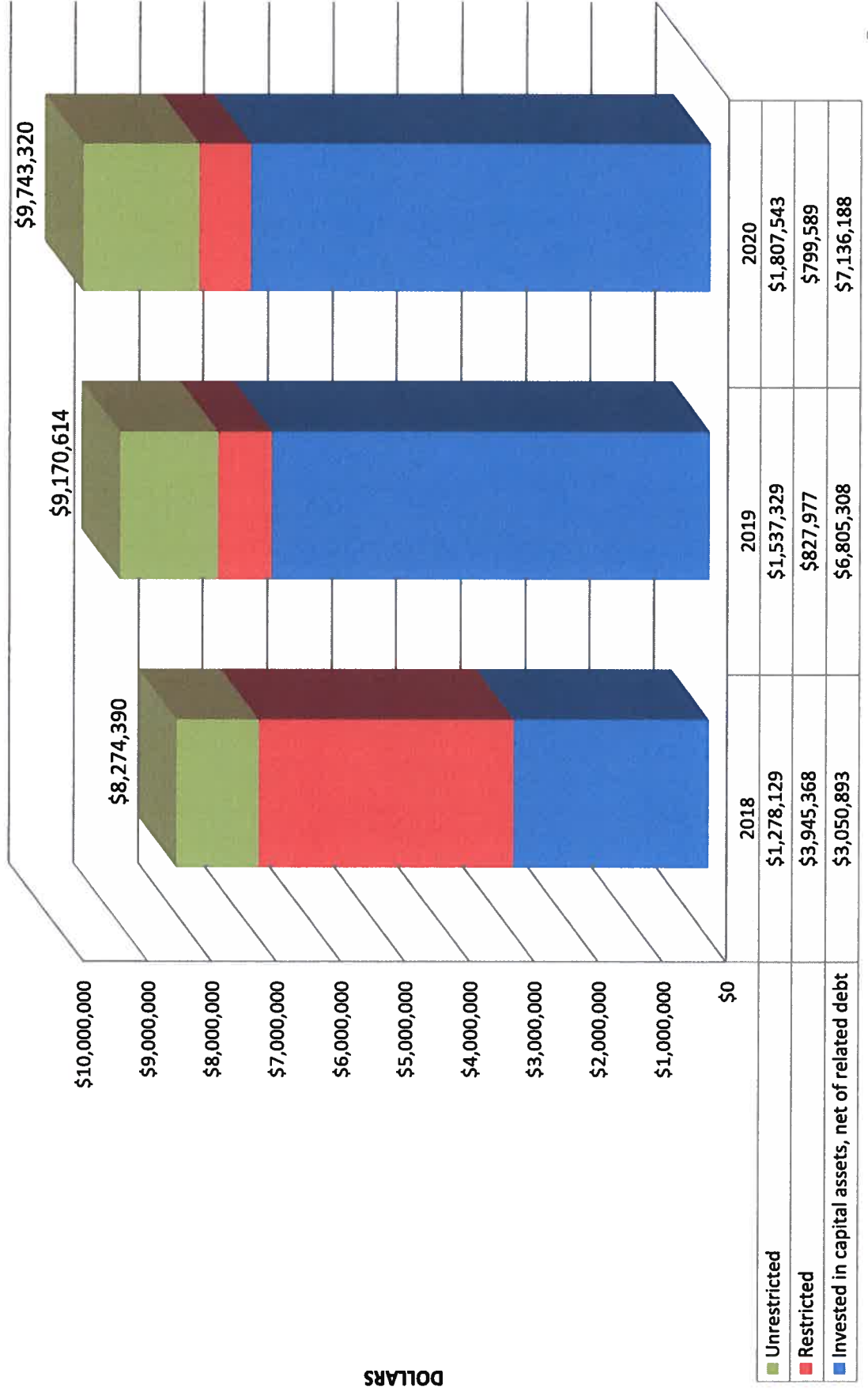


TOWN OF KURE BEACH TOTAL NET POSITION

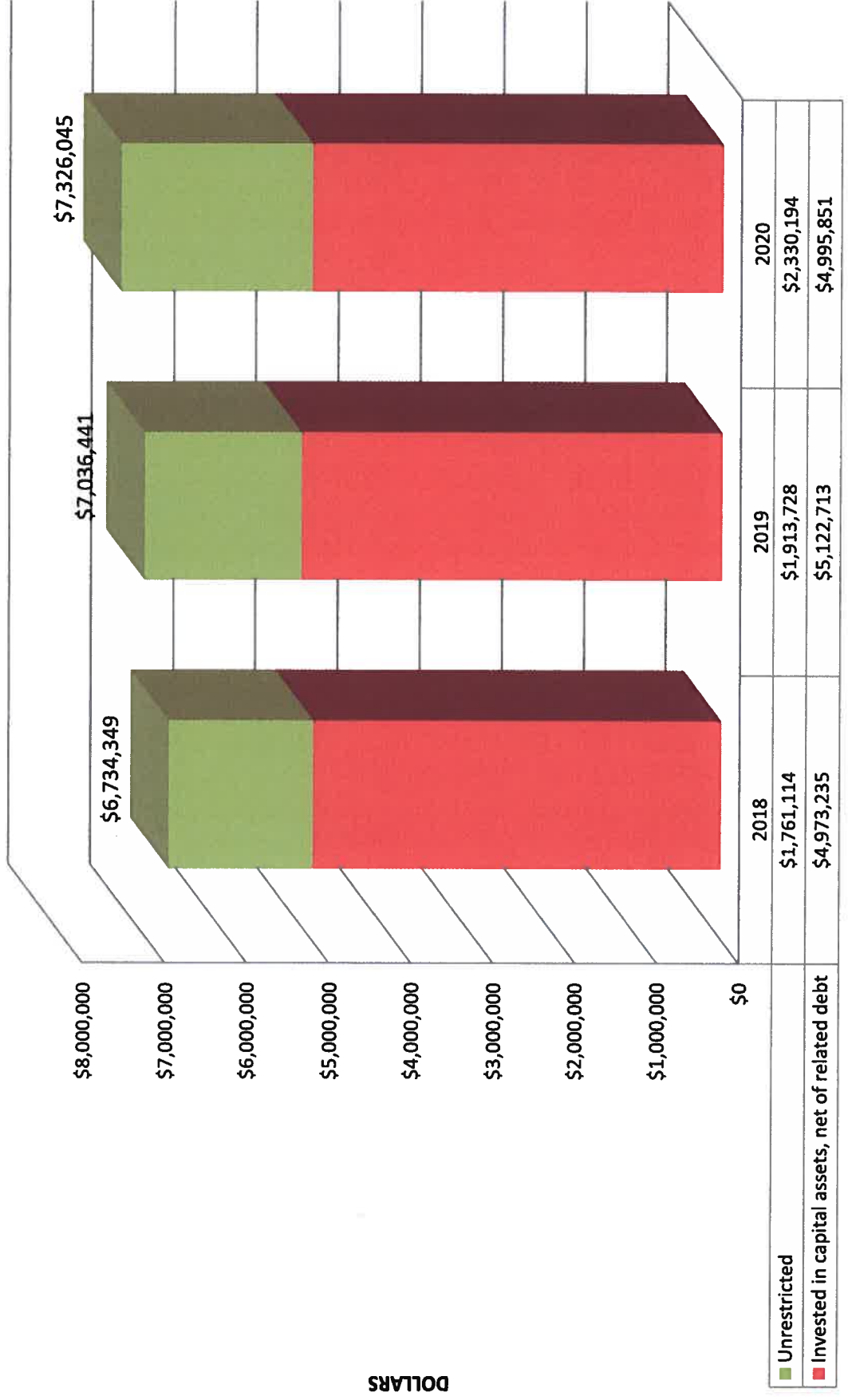


DOLLARS

TOWN OF KURE BEACH GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES NET POSITION

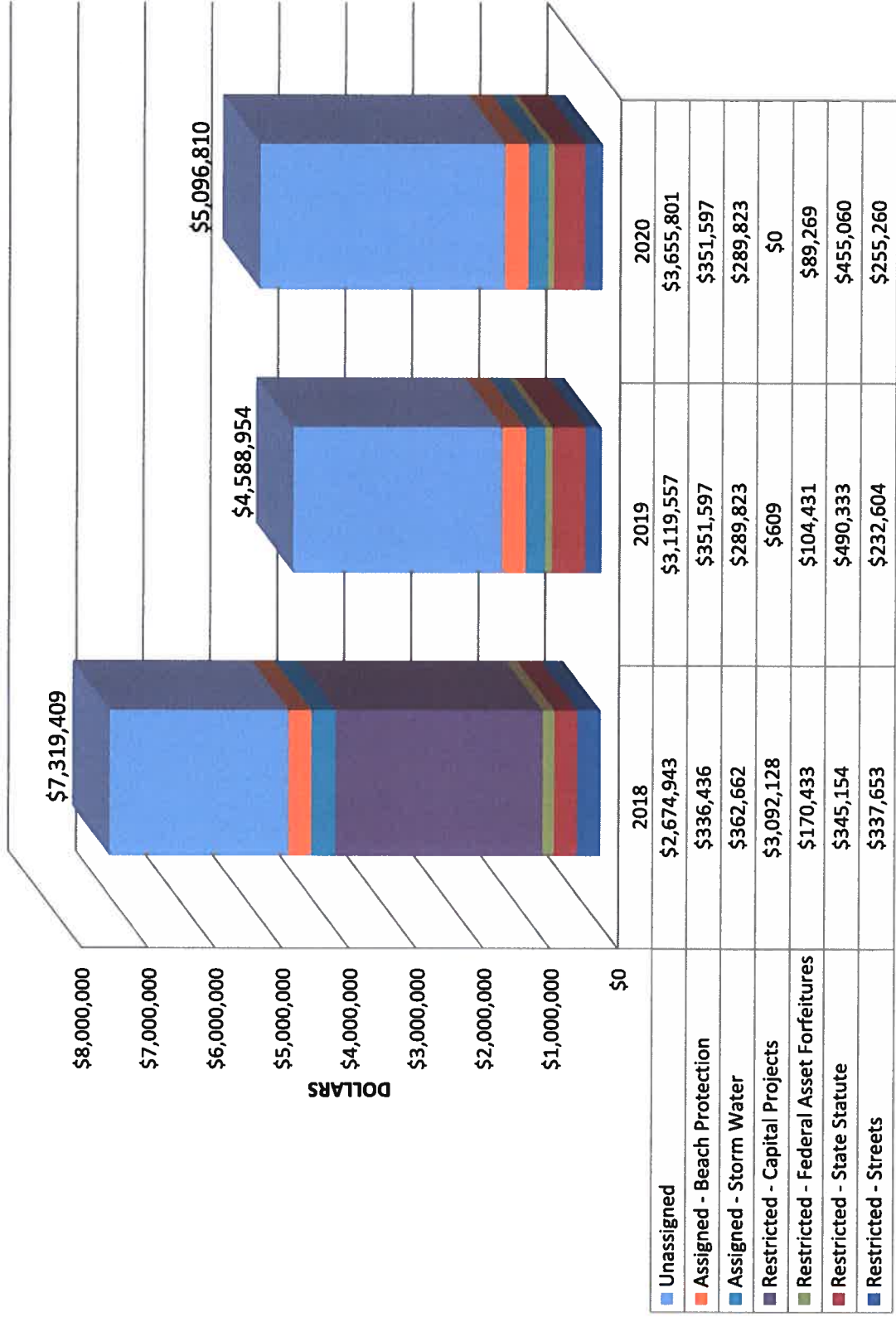


TOWN OF KURE BEACH BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES NET POSITION



DOLLARS

**TOWN OF KURE BEACH
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
(General, Powell, Storm Water, Forfeiture, Beach Protection, Capital Projects, Capital Projects)
FUND BALANCE**



TOWN OF KURE BEACH
GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE
(includes General, Storm Water, Powell, Beach Protection & Federal Asset Forfeiture)
June 30, 2020

	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL AMOUNTS	VARIANCE – POSITIVE/ (NEGATIVE)
Total Revenue	\$5,934,012	\$6,147,173	\$213,161
Total Expenditures	<u>\$6,227,294</u>	<u>\$5,760,553</u>	<u>\$466,741</u>
Revenues over (under) expenditures	(\$293,282)	\$386,620	\$679,902
Other Financing Sources (Uses) & Transfers	\$126,378	\$121,845	<u>(\$4,533)</u>
Fund Balance Appropriation	<u>\$166,904</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>(\$166,904)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>\$0</u>	\$508,465	<u>\$508,465</u>
Fund Balance, beginning		<u>\$4,588,345</u>	
Fund Balance, ending		<u>\$5,096,810</u>	

**TOWN OF KURE BEACH
WATER AND SEWER FUND (including SERF)
REVENUES, EXPENSES AND NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2020**

	ACTUAL AMOUNTS
Total Operating Revenues	\$2,206,257
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$1,897,956</u>
Operating Income	\$308,301
Total Non-Operating Revenue/(Expense)	<u>(\$18,697)</u>
Change in Net Position	\$289,604
Total Net Position, Beginning	\$7,036,441
Total Net Position, Ending	<u>\$7,326,045</u>

KB Bike Ped Committee

Increasing SAFETY for use of bicycle and pedestrian travel

Recognizing walking and cycling are a significant and beneficial mode of active, equitable transportation

Recreation - It's a gym, free and open to all. It's a community center.

It's a tourism attraction, good for local business

Encouraging environmental stewardship

Embracing innovation and being environmentally and socially responsible

Trail use and outdoor activities has increased considerably during the COVID-19 pandemic – no doubt because of the health benefits both physical and emotional

East Coast Greenway



The East Coast Greenway

Maine to Florida:



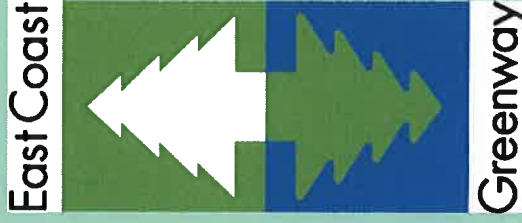
50 million visits





The Island Greenway System

- A network of off-street trails, parks and scenic areas linked together with designated bike/ped routes on our existing streets
- An education tool for cyclists and pedestrians
- A planning document for future improvements



Routes have been chosen for their safety, beauty and convenience



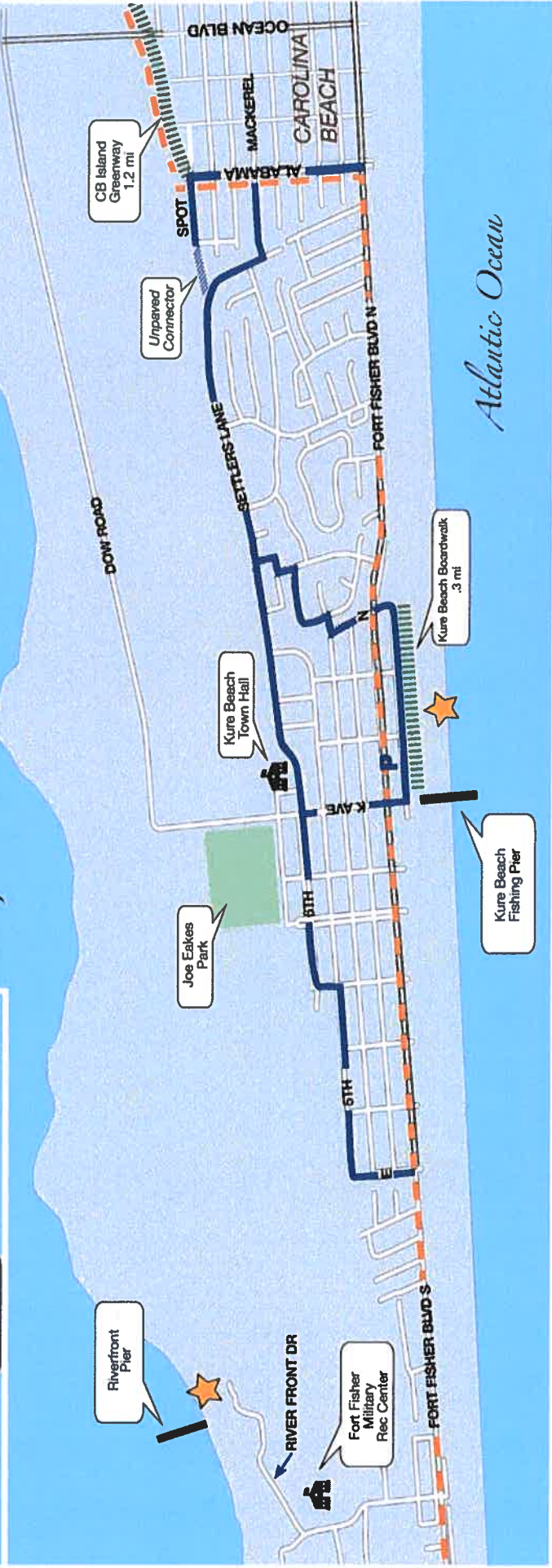
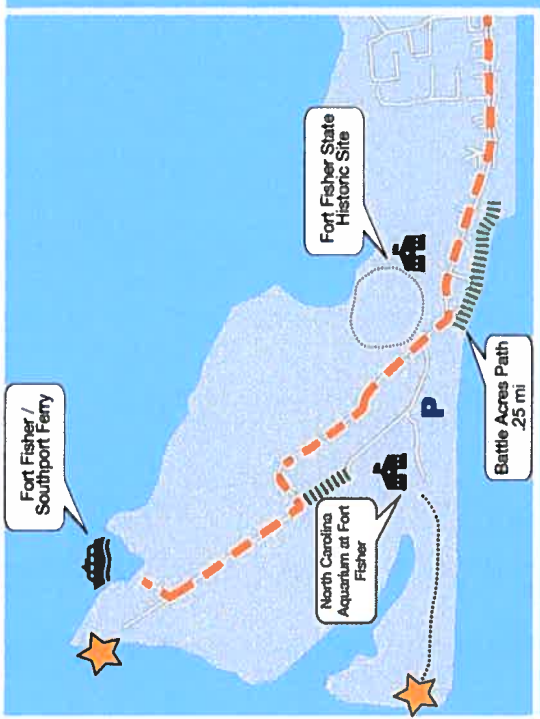
Volunteers play a part



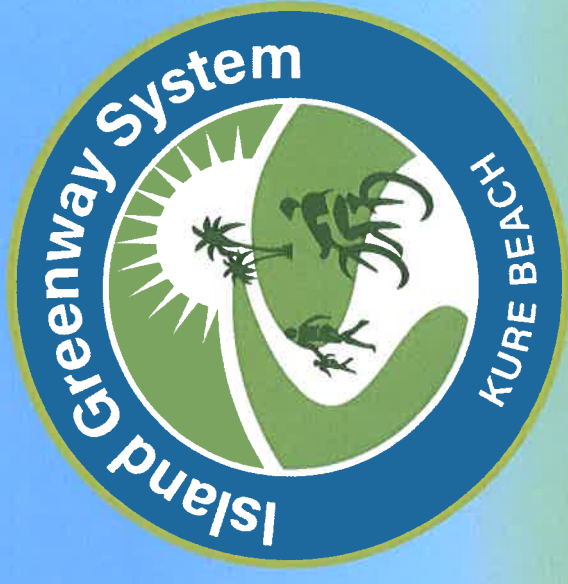
Kure Beach should join the fun



- GREENWAY (no vehicles allowed)
- BIKE/WALK ROUTE
- EAST COAST GREENWAY (regional bike route)
- STATE PARK HIKING TRAIL (no bikes allowed)
- SCENIC SPOT
- PARKING W/ RESTROOM



It's inexpensive



Street markings	\$1,500
Fancy kiosk with bike repair station <i>(optional)</i>	\$2,500
Basic kiosk <i>(optional)</i>	\$ 300
Printing brochures/maps <i>(optional)</i>	\$ 200
Initiation fee	\$ 0
Annual Membership Dues	\$ 0

