



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

June 7, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held a Public Hearing on Monday, June 7, 2021 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 (Via Conference Call)
Commissioner Allen Oliver

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
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 2021-2022.

Official notice of this public hearing was posted on the town's website and bulletin board on May 19, 2021 and was advertised in the Island Gazette on May 26, 2021, thus meeting notification requirements.

Proposed budget highlights:

The proposed budget includes the following highlights:

1. Proposed property tax rate of 26.58 cents per \$100 of valuation (1 cent over revenue neutral rate)
2. No changes to the water and sewer rate structure
3. Increase in monthly Storm Water fees by 50%
4. Addition of two full-time employees in the Fire Department
5. Cost of living adjustment of 1.3 percent for employees
6. Merit increase pool of 3 percent to reward employees who are performing above expectation

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

Resident Elizabeth Stewart at 742 Cutter Court:

What is the current tax rate? What does that do dollar wise with the new property evaluations to the budget? How much does the Town anticipate adding to the budget



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from paid parking? If the Town is adding \$275,000 to the budget from property revenue and paid parking, then why is the Town raising taxes?

Finance Officer Copenhaver stated it is .34 cents. It raises the revenue to the budget \$125,000 from the property revenue. The Town budgeted \$353,000 gross with the net being \$150,000.

Mayor Bloszinsky commented looking at the entire budget it can be seen the individual needs of the Town.

Commissioner Oliver commented the Town is spending a significant amount of money on street paving this year

MPT Heglar commented the Town deferred the tax increase last year due to COVID-19 and the unknown impact it would have on residents.

Resident Jay Stewart at 742 Cutter Court:

Great Job to Town Council for making the right decision on doing Paid Parking this year.

Resident Jimmy Carlo at 1211 Fort Fisher BLVD N Unit A:

The Town of Kure Beach Welcome sign needs to be improved as every day citizens visit our Town and take photos in front of the sign. The sign itself is beautiful but the lighting is an issue. He proposes adding solar lights. He is a licensed electrician and would donate his time to the Town and will sign a waiver to install the lights. Maybe the Town can take into consideration replacing the rocks and allowing him to plant some flowers. Also, if the Town could consider getting dedicated pickleball courts. In Carolina Beach the pickleball courts have the rolling nets and if the courts could possibly be resurfaced in Kure Beach.

Mayor Bloszinsky commented Town Council will take into consideration his concerns and will reach out to him. There is money in the Recreation Budget but is normally allocated specifically and there is currently no plan to change the configurations of what the Town currently has.

MPT Heglar commented the Town needs to take that under advisement as the Town currently doesn't have the land.


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




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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.