



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, July 19, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, July 19, 2021 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
Mayor Pro Tem David Heglar
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner John Ellen
Commissioner Allen Oliver

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Building Inspector – John Batson
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
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. Approve the Community Center Committee reducing the official number of committee members from 9 members to 7 members
2. Approve Budget Amendment 22-01 totaling \$3,000 for an increase in funding for the Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce summer concert series
3. Approve Budget Amendment 22-02 totaling \$68,628 to increase the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant Project Ordinance to reflect the final contract amount
4. Accept Debbie Elliott resignation from the Marketing Committee
5. Minutes:
 - June 21, 2021 Regular
 - June 21, 2021 Legislative Hearing
 - June 21, 2021 Special
 - June 21, 2021 Closed
 - June 23, 2021 Special



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

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous

PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bike/Ped Committee

Commissioner Oliver commented Public Works Department installed the Bike Repair system in Town.

2. Community Center Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky commented COVID-19 was hard on the Community Center Committee so the number of members was reduced.

3. Historical Preservation Commission

Commissioner Whitley commented Town Council needs to remove the B1 membership requirement as no applicant has applied to the Commission from the business district. The Town has advertised for several months and received no application.

MOTION- Commissioner Whitley made a motion amend the HPC Rules of Procedures to remove the requirement of the B1 membership from the Commission

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

4. Land Use Plan Committee

Commissioner Whitley commented the first Land Use Workshop will be held this month with the Council of Government for the public to intend at Town Hall.



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5. Parking Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the Town will reach half a million in revenue this week for paid parking. The ticket rate is not significant currently which he is happy to report. There have been a few parking appeals and he has not received any input from the churches or the business community at this time.

6. Shoreline Access and Beach Protection

Commissioner Whitley commented he would like for the Committee to join two organizations this budget year at a cost of \$1,500. The Committee joining the two organizations will allow the Town to receive additional data that could benefit the Town. He will bring forward more information regarding joining the organizations in the future.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Mesimer commented there is currently 22 residential pickups on Saturday and 13 on Sunday. The department has been considering next year changing it to a Friday pickup.

Commissioner Oliver asked does Public Works have a schedule for the street paving yet?

Public Works Director Mesimer commented he is currently scheduling the smaller repairs and will be working with Finance Officer Copenhaver on bidding the bigger project soon to be completed in the fall.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Ports & Waterway

Commissioner Oliver stated Ports and Waterway met last week. The Corps of Engineer briefed the House of Transportation Committee. The Corps will find the funds by reprogramming funds outside of the division in the Wilmington district or will reallocate funds within the South Atlantic district. Governor Cooper signed a letter of support to find the funds for the beach nourishment.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Resolution for ARP Funds

Finance Officer Copenhaver commented the Town received last week \$334,000 of the ARP Funds.



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Mayor Bloszinsky read Resolution R21-03 accepting American Rescue Plan Act Funds hereby incorporated into the minutes.

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve R21-03 accepting American Rescue Plan Act Funds

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

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

2. Discussion of Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Hospitality Retail and Service Industry Grant

Commissioner Oliver stated the Chamber of Commerce has extended the deadline for the 4.5 million dollars for the Hospitality Retail and Service Industry grant. The Chamber has not received a lot of applications so wanted to make the businesses aware of the funds.

Mayor Bloszinsky commented he has sent out the information to the businesses in Town.

3. Update on WMPO's CRRSAA/COVID 19 Direct Attributable Grant

Commissioner Oliver commented the Town has submitted the preapplication to WMPO for transportation related improvements at the intersection of K Avenue and Fort Fisher Boulevard. Several items on the preapplication the Town needed faxed from the WMPO but haven't received the documents yet. Once he receives more information he will share it with Town Council.

4. New Cape Fear Memorial Bridge

Commissioner Ellen gave a presentation on the New Cape Fear Memorial Bridge that is hereby incorporated into the minutes.

Highlights from the presentation:

- The Cape Fear Memorial Bridge is a 51-Year-Old Structure
- Existing structure requires costly routine maintenance including the following:
 - Fixed Span – Major Rehabilitation Required every 20 years
 - Moveable Span – Major Rehabilitation Required every 10 years
 - The recent major rehabilitation in 2019 cost \$15 million
 - Yearly maintenance costs around \$550 thousand a year
- Traditional method of funding would be through NCDOT's Prioritization Process for potential inclusion in the STIP.



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- Initial indication is that the ability to program a large-scale non-tolled project in the next 10 -year STIP cycle such as the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge is unlikely
- Requesting from the Town Council tonight if the Town Council supports the WMPO agreeing that NCDOT continues to pursue this process

Commissioner Oliver commented the Town Council should generally support the WMPO looking for the best alternative to present to Town Council.

MPT Heglar asked is Kure Beach the first Town Council to discuss this topic? Kure Beach is the farthest away from the bridge and he believes very few residents drive over the bridge every day. He is interested to hear the opinions of other areas that are directly impacted. He does not believe Kure Beach should lead the charge on this topic.

Commissioner Ellen stated he is unsure which Town Councils have met to discuss this since the June meeting.

Mayor Bloszinsky commented he needs more information and what will be out for bid. The Town supports the WMPO but want them to consider the direction coming from this Community.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to give Commissioner Ellen authority to support the MPO in their effort in further research on the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous

MPT Heglar commented residents please sign up for notices and alerts on the town website during hurricane season. Also, please encourage your neighbors and friends to get vaccinated.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous



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ATTEST: Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

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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](#)



**KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF KURE BEACH, NC**

RESOLUTION R21-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF KURE BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA
ACCEPTING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS**

WHEREAS, The Town of Kure Beach is eligible for funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLRF).

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly will provide for the distribution of funds to eligible North Carolina municipalities; and

WHEREAS, before receiving a payment, the Town Council is required to formally accept the CSLRF funds; and

WHEREAS, revenue received under the CSLRF must only be spent for purposes authorized by the CSLRF, and applicable regulations, and by state law; and

WHEREAS, revenue received under the CSLRF must be accounted for in a separate fund and not co-mingled with other revenue for accounting purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Kure Beach must comply with all applicable budgeting, accounting, contracting, reporting, and other compliance requirements for CSLRF funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Kure Beach, North Carolina that we do hereby accept and request CSLRF funding to be distributed by the State of North Carolina; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Kure Beach affirms that the CSLRF revenue will only be used for the purposes prescribed in the CSLRF, and in US Treasury guidance in 31 CFR, Part 35, and any applicable regulations, and in accordance with state law; and

FUTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Kure Beach will comply with procedures created by the North Carolina General Assembly and the US Treasury Department to receive funds under the act; and



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FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of Kure Beach will account for CSLRF in a separate fund and not co-mingle it with other revenues for accounting purposes and will comply with all applicable federal and state budgeting, accounting, contracting, reporting, and other compliance requirements for CSLRF funds; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Kure Beach designates and directs the Town Finance Officer to take all actions necessary on behalf of the Town Council to receive the CSLRF funds.

Adopted by the Kure Beach Town Council this 19th day of July, 2021.


Craig Bloszinsky
Mayor


Attest: Mandy Sanders
Town Clerk

The Need: Replace Aging Infrastructure

- The Cape Fear Memorial Bridge was Constructed in 1969
 - 51 Year Old Structure
- Existing structure requires costly routine maintenance
 - Fixed Span – Major Rehabilitation Required every 20 years
 - Moveable Span – Major Rehabilitation Required every 10 years
 - The recent major rehabilitation in 2019 cost ~ \$15M
 - Yearly maintenance costs \$550k/year
- Growing Volumes of Traffic
 - Projected 81,900 vehicles per day (2045)

- 4 Options Considered:
 - 65 ft. Fixed Span
 - 135 ft. Fixed Span
 - 65 ft. Moveable Span
 - 65 ft. Moveable Span w/rail component

Feasibility Study Typical Sections

- 6-lane median-divided facility
- 15 ft. wide separated Multi -Use-Path (North Side)
- 12 ft. outside shoulders
- 12 ft. wide travel lanes
- 22 ft. wide median/inside shoulder
- Total Width: 135 ft. - 157 ft. (with rail) (current bridge is 54 ft. wide)

Estimated Costs By Option

- Option 1: Fixed Span, 65' vertical clearance \$196M
- Option 2: Fixed Span, 135' vertical clearance \$246M
- Option 3: Movable Span, 65' vertical clearance \$488M
- Option 4: Movable Span with railroad component, 65' vertical clearance \$609M

The Challenge: Funding

- Traditional method of funding would be through NCDOT's Prioritization Process for potential inclusion in the STIP.
- Initial indication is that the ability to program a large-scale non-tolled project in the next 10 -year STIP cycle such as the replacement of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge is unlikely.