



# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, October 18, 2021 @ 6:00p.m.**

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, October 18, 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  
Commissioner Joseph Whitley  
Commissioner John Ellen  
Commissioner Allen Oliver

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mayor Pro Tem David Heglar

**STAFF PRESENT**

Police Chief – Mike Bowden  
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy (Via Conference Call)  
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely  
Building Inspector – John Batson  
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver  
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer  
Deputy Town Clerk – Beth Chase

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 Matt Sakurada's resignation from the Bike/Ped Committee
2. Accept Mike Bledsoe's resignation from the SLABP Committee
3. Approve the closure of Atlantic Avenue between K Avenue and L Avenue from the early morning hours through 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 20, 2021 and Saturday, November 27, 2021 for the Kure Beach Holiday Market and allow participation by food truck vendors during event hours (9am-3pm) on Saturday, November 20th, and Saturday, November 27th at the Ocean Front Park/Atlantic Avenue
4. Approve the Town Attorney to develop a template for general service agreements, review contract quotes/proposals prior to execution for concerns, and be involved at the beginning of formal bidding
5. Approve the Annual Employee Appreciation be held in the Spring and close Town Hall and Public Works on Wednesday, November 24, 2021
6. Minutes:
  - September 20, 2021 Legislative Hearing
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  - September 20, 2021 Regular



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**MOTION-** Commissioner Ellen made a motion to excuse MPT Heglar from the October 18, 2021 meeting

**SECOND-** Commissioner Whitley

**VOTE-** Unanimous

**MOTION-** Commissioner Ellen 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 amend the agenda to remove item 6.1

Recognition of Mike Bledsoe and adopt the agenda as amended

**SECOND-** Commissioner Whitley

**VOTE-** Unanimous

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

## PRESENTATIONS

None.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

### 1. Bike Ped Committee

Commissioner Oliver commented:

- Tomorrow morning at 10:30 a.m. the Committee will hold the kickoff meeting with Alta with the WMPO for the Master Bike/Ped plan. Town Council is invited to attend the meeting
- Chairman Lindquist will attend the Bike/Walk NC in person, but the rest of the Committee has signed up to virtually attend in November
- The CRSSAA Grant for the Town will be voted on this week but has already gone through two recommendations for the Town's request of \$425,000 and the amount is about \$358,000 that they have requested
- The Committee will need to advertise for another member of the Bike/Ped Committee as a member has resigned



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## 2. Historical Preservation Commission

Chairman Galbraith stated:

- The Commission is requesting some feedback/approval from Town Council to contact property owners in Town that are outside of the Historic District boundaries and recommend receiving a plaque from the Federal Historic Preservation Society
- The Commission will be holding a quasi-judicial training in January once the Commission fills the vacancy position
- Several members on the HPC feel the need to extend the boundaries of the Historic District as there are several homes outside the district the HPC would be interesting in preserving
- The Commission would like to do more research and bring back a formal recommendation

Commissioner Whitley commented he supports sending out the letters.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated he supports the letters to property owners as well and he supports HPC to do more research on the extension of the Historic District.

Commissioner Oliver stated he supports them doing more research.

## 3. Land Use Plan Committee

Commissioner Whitley commented Chapter 4 of the plan has been completed. The Committee will hold a public input session in February.

## 4. Parking Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky commented paid parking is over for the season and once he receives the final numbers he will send out a note to the citizens.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

### 1. Building Inspections Department

Building Inspector Batson commented he applied for a variance with the CRC for the lifeguard extension and the Town is on the agenda for November 10, 2021.

### 2. Public Works Department

Public Works Director Mesimer stated:

- Southern asphalt requested to start milling tomorrow on Sandman and Anchor Way



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- There will be several months of milling throughout Town this winter and will be trying to finish the project by the end of January

Commissioner Oliver commented need to send out a notice on Town News regarding the paving and milling.

Deputy Town Clerk Chase commented she will send out a notice in the morning.

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Bald Head Island Resolution Opposing the Issuance of Wind Energy Leases within 24 Miles of NC Shores

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the Town has prepared a resolution for discussion tonight. He received a note from a resident recommending the Town request more mileage. The newer wind turbines would be larger by the time of the install. He is not opposed to alternate forms of energy but would like to not be able to see them.

Commissioner Ellen commented the Town Council could recommend a longer distance.

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adopt R21-08 Resolution Opposing the Issuance of Wind Energy Leases within 24 Miles of NC Shores presented

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- For- Mayor Bloszinsky, Commissioner Ellen, Commissioner Oliver, Against- Commissioner Whitley

## DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Electric Bikes in Kure Beach

Mayor Bloszinsky commented this item has been brought forward from a resident who was concerned regarding electric bikes on the beach strand as the speed can be significant.

Attorney Eldridge stated:

- He is unsure what policy Town Council will decide on this issue
- If the discussion is to move forward in this direction, Town Council can prohibit all vehicles or allow some vehicles at certain parts of the day
- This is just his personal input and has no reflection on Town Council's authority to set policy but if he lived on the beach, he would personally want to be allowed to ride his non-motorized bike on the beach strand for exercise
- Does Town Council want to allow this?



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- Several years ago, Town Council adopted the code provision included in the agenda packet
- It would be an easy fix to tweak this provision whichever way Town Council decides to go
- Based on some discussion it is his understanding Town Council may want to ban all sorts of vehicles, so he would recommend dropping the word “motor” in the title
- Vehicles on the beach strand are already prohibited in the Town Code, with a few exemptions and currently have regulations for the vehicles that are allowed on the beach strand
- He would add a definition of “Vehicle” as presented in the agenda packet

Commissioner Oliver commented he has requested what other beach communities are doing regarding electric bikes and has not received this information. He would like to receive that information before deciding. The Town has a Bike/Ped Committee that has been researching bicycle safety. He would like the Committee to continue through the process of the Bike/Ped master plan and give them the opportunity to do research and bring forward a formal recommendation.

CONSENSUS- Town Council agreed to let the Bike/Ped Committee research electric bikes and bring forward a formal recommendation

## MAYOR UPDATES

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to reschedule the Town Council meeting on December 20, 2021 to Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

The Corps of Engineers made an announcement that Carolina Beach and Kure Beach will be getting the beach renourishment this year. The Federal funding has been identified and enough to put enough sand on the beaches.

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed Session per GS 143-318.11(a)(3) for attorney-client consultation - to include a discussion on the lawsuit of Buscemi v. Phil Berger, et al. recently filed in Wake County

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VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to return to open session  
SECOND- Commissioner Whitley  
VOTE- Unanimous

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.  
SECOND- Commissioner Whitley  
VOTE- Unanimous

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>agendas&minutes](#)