



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 24, 2022 @ 6:00p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022 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
Mayor Pro Tem David Heglar

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

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
Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders

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. Accepted the resignation of Lisa Ashworth from the Marketing Committee
2. Accepted the resignation of Debbie Hayden from the Community Center Committee
3. Appointed Shoreline Access and Beach Protection Beach Committee members John Kiwaha and Elizabeth Kiwaha to the Beach Ambassador Program
4. Appointed Rick Jackson to the Shoreline Access and Beach Protection Committee as a full member
5. Approved the updated 2021 General Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies and the 2021 Program Records Schedule: Local Government Agencies
6. Approved application for TDA funding totaling \$260,412.08 for Lifeguard services for the summer of 2021.
7. Minutes:
 - December 13, 2021

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

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous



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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- MPT Oliver made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bike Ped Committee

MPT Oliver commented the Committee is requesting to purchase a traffic garden for the 75th Anniversary Celebration in the amount of \$800. The funds are budgeted.

MOTION- Commissioner Heglar made a motion to approve the purchase of the Traffic Garden in the amount of \$800 for the Bike/Ped Committee

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

2. Community Center Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the Committee spent time reviewing the 75th events. There will be a panel of residents for a Q&A for the 75th Anniversary event.

3. Historical Preservation Commission

Commissioner Whitley commented the Commission held a training in January and will hold a mock COA trial in February.

HPC Chairman Galbraith commented February will be the last meeting unless a COA application comes before the Commission.

4. Land Use Plan Committee

Commissioner Whitley commented the Committee will meet in February and will hold public open houses in the next few months.

5. Parking Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the Parking Committee met earlier today. Next season of parking will look very similar but final decisions won't be made by Town Council till next month.



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6. Shoreline Access and Beach Protection

Commissioner Whitley commented the Committee has done an inventory of the signs on the beach and is working on replacing ones that are missing.

7. Stormwater Committee

Commissioner Heglar commented he would like a consensus to move the Stormwater meeting to next Monday, January 31st. The contracts are still being reviewed for the pipes at Town Hall and Beachwalk.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Administration

Town Clerk Sanders stated the Admin staff is currently planning the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner event for next month. The last one was held in 2006. There will be dinner and dancing. She is requesting additional funds in the amount of \$1,000 as the costs of food has increased.

MOTION- Commissioner Heglar made a motion to increase the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner funds by \$1,000

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

2. Finance Department

Finance Officer Copenhaver commented if Town Council has any additional items for the retreat next week please let him know in advance.

3. Recreation Department

- Kure Beach 75th Celebration Update

Recreation Director Keely commented the Town will celebrate 75 years of incorporation this year. April 5th is the actual date of incorporation for the Town. The Town Committees will be holding events throughout the week and Carolina Beach Elementary will have an art/essay presentation. There will be a vintage car show and will encourage the public to dress from the late 40's era.



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DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Island Women/Beach Access Mat

Recreation Director Keely commented in March of 2021 Town Council discussed the beach mat and had a few questions for the Island Women. These questions have now been answered and Island women would like a decision if Town Council would like to move forward with this project.

Mayor Bloszinsky asked is there the ability to install the beach mat beyond the pier?

Recreation Director Keely commented the initial request was to find the nicest and widest beach access in Town which is Ocean Front Park Beach Access 110 but it does not support it at that location so Town staff's recommendation was for L Avenue.

Commissioner Heglar commented it is purposing to be stored at the Fire Department. How much space does this Beach mat take up? He is favor but wants to make sure the Town is covered liability wise incase Staff needs to move the beach mat during hurricanes.

Macgill Antor, with Island Women answered it does not take up much space once rolled up.

Commissioner Oliver stated the Town checked with the NC League of Municipalities and Island Women will have an additional insurance policy.

Recreation Director Keely commented the Town Attorney will be drafting an MOU between Island Women and the Town to clearly illustrate who is responsible.

Commissioner Heglar stated in the MOU need to include if there is a hurricane and staff picks up the beach mat, he wants to make sure the Town protected if anything happens to the mat.

Kathy Murphy, Island Women President commented Island Women will be completely responsible for annual maintenance and repairs.

MOTION- Commissioner Heglar made a motion for Town Council to give permission to MPT Oliver and Recreation Director Keely to work with Island Women to finalize details regarding the beach mat and to allow Building Inspector Batson to work on the variance required by CAMA

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous



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2. Electric Bikes on the Beach Strand

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the Bike/Ped Committee will bring forward a formal recommendation to the February Council meeting.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Smart Moves Consulting - Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Grant Assistance

MPT Oliver commented Smart Moves Consulting was the firm who wrote the CRRSAA grant that helped the Town receive the \$359,000. There will be some project costs and assistance needed as this will be an extensive grant. This contract is for the Town to use her on demand with project administration.

Finance Officer Copenhaver commented may need to add a "not to exceed" amount due to federal guidance.

MPT Oliver commented he will come up with the amount.

Town Clerk Sanders commented should the Town be doing the contract by project?

MPT Oliver commented the Town may need assistance on another project in the future so this is to lock in her hourly rate. He will bring forward a recommendation to the February Council meeting.

Mayor Bloszinsky commented may want to list a specific budget amount.

Commissioner Heglar commented he is supportive of this item.

2. Update on the MOTSU Right-of-Way

Commissioner Whitley commented he spoke with MOTSU and all data requested from the Town has been received and still waiting to hear back.

MAYOR UPDATES

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the Town will hold a meeting with Premium parking on February 1st and will hold the annual budget retreat on February 4th next month which is open to the public.



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COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Heglar stated regarding COVID-19 New Hanover County still has not peaked for our area. Citizens still need to be careful during this time. During this past weekend during the winter storm the island bridge closed and in the future citizens need to be prepared for this to happen.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 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