



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 13, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, December 13, 2023 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 Allen Oliver
Commissioner John Ellen
Commissioner David Heglar
Commissioner Dennis Panicali

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Director of Recreation & Events – Nikki Keely
Director of Development and Compliance – John Batson
Town Clerk – Beth Chase
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver

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 Bike/Ped Committee changing their scheduled meeting time from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m on the first Monday of the month
2. Accept Connie Mearkle resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Historic and Preservation Commission
 - 10/23/2023 Special
 - 11/20/2023 Regular
 - 11/21/2023 Special
 - 11/21/2023 Closed

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

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

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

Carolina Beach Mayor Lynn Barbee stated he just wanted to thank Mayor Bloszinsky and congratulate all the election winners.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Honorable Judge Rebecca W. Blackmore administered the oath of office to Allen Oliver, for the Mayor of Kure Beach

Honorable Judge Rebecca W. Blackmore administered the oath of office to David Heglar, for Kure Beach Commissioner

Honorable Judge Rebecca W. Blackmore administered the oath of office to Connie Mearkle, for Kure Beach Commissioner

New members of Council took their seats at the dais.

COMMISSIONER VACANCY

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint Dennis Panicali for the Commissioner Vacancy

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

Honorable Judge Rebecca W. Blackmore administered the oath of office to Dennis Panicali, for Kure Beach Commissioner



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COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

1. Mayor Pro Tem for 2 year term

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to appoint Commissioner Heglar as Mayor Pro Tem

SECOND- Commissioner Panicali

VOTE- Unanimous

2. Liaison to Building Inspections Department

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint Dennis Panicali as the Liaison to Building Inspections Department

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

3. Two Council members to serve on Kure Beach/Carolina Beach Sewer Authority

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint Commissioner Mearkle and MPT Heglar to serve on Kure Beach/Carolina Beach Sewer Authority

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

4. One Council member as banking signatory

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to approve Commissioner Panicali as banking signatory

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

5. Council of Governments

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ellen as the full member and Commissioner Mearkle as the alternate member to Council of Governments

SECOND- Commissioner Panicali

VOTE- Unanimous



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6. MPO Advisory Board

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint Commissioner Ellen to the MPO Advisory Board

SECOND- Commissioner Panicali

VOTE- Unanimous

7. MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint John Cawthorne to the MPO Citizens Advisory Committee

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

8. Ports, Waterway and Beach Commission

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint Commissioner Panicali to the Ports, Waterway and Beach Commission

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

9. MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

MOTION- Commissioner Panicali made a motion to appoint Mo Linquist to the MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee

SECOND- MPT Heglar

VOTE- Unanimous

10. MPO Technical Coordinating (TCC)

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to appoint Director of Administration Mandy Sanders to MPO Technical Coordinating (TCC)

SECOND- Commissioner Panicali

VOTE- Unanimous



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MAYOR APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Oliver assigned the following Council Liaisons to Town Departments and Roles:

- Mayor Oliver - Administration
- Commissioner Ellen - Recreation Department
- Commissioner Mearkle- Finance Department
- Commissioner Panicali- Fire Department
- Mayor Oliver - Police Department
- MPT Heglar - Public Works Department
- MPT Heglar – Emergency Manager

Mayor Oliver assigned the following Committee Liaisons:

- Mayor Oliver - Community Center Committee
- Commissioner Mearkle - Marketing Committee
- Commissioner Panicali- Planning & Zoning Committee
- Commissioner Panicali – Historic Preservation Commission
- Commissioner Panicali - Shoreline Access and Beach Protection
- Commissioner Ellen – Bike/Ped Committee
- MPT Heglar – Stormwater Oversight Committee
- Commissioner Ellen – Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce
- Mayor Oliver and Commissioner Ellen - MOTSU

SCHEDULE 2024 ANNUAL RETREAT

MOTION – MPT Heglar made a motion to schedule the annual retreat on February 2, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

RESCHEDULE THE JANUARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to reschedule the January Town Council meeting to Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

MAYOR UPDATES

None.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

None.



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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Panicali

VOTE- Unanimous

Beth Chase

ATTEST: Beth Chase, Town Clerk

Allen Oliver

Allen Oliver, 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