

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: March 12, 2018
 Waccamaw Library, Litchfield

PRESENT: Mayor Jimmy Braswell, Ashley Carter, Rocky Holliday, Guerry Green &
 Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Henry Thomas stated that his apology to Ryan Fabbri for not letting him know what was being done with a petition and to Town Council for things he thought the Beach Renourishment Committee hadn't dealt with, wasn't reflected in prior minutes. He felt that it would be a good idea to have the Beach Committee reconvene to discuss an approval process involving sending information to homeowners involving public hearings and the homeowners vote. He would like to see a plan be put into effect by the Fall.

Emilie Carey stated she was upset that at the budget hearing meeting, Chief Fanning was asked which he would rather; a new police car or a new town hall which put the Chief in an embarrassing and awkward position. Ms. Carey supports our public employees and does not want to see them embarrassed in public. She also didn't like being told that Council didn't need to answer questions from the public during council meetings and would like another public hearing where the public can ask questions and have them answered at the meeting. She stated that she received emails from Bill Otis with information about the baseline issue and hopes to continue getting emails with information regarding Town objectives, meeting minutes and agendas, etc.

APPROVAL OF THE 2/12/18 MINUTES

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 2/12/18 minutes. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

UPDATE FROM MAYOR BILL OTIS ON OCRM BEACHFRONT JURISDICTIONAL LINES

Bill Otis stated that the bill has passed the House and has now gone to the Senate. Beach Advocates will testify at the hearing. Property owners who had contacted the House had made a difference. He will testify on behalf of the Town Council and our property owners at the hearing. The lines will begin to be enforced mid-April 2018. This bill states that the current lines will remain as they are and will not move further seaward.

RESOLUTION 2018-03: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY RENAME NORTH CAUSEWAY ROAD IN RECOGNITION OF LINWOOD ALTMAN.

Mayor Braswell spoke with Representative Lee Hewitt, who has a resolution ready but needs a resolution from Council. Mr. Altman has devoted most of his 91 years to Pawleys Island and has always had the best in mind for the island. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-03 renaming the North Causeway road in recognition of Linwood Altman. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

RESOLUTION 2018-04: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND TO BECOME A PARTY TO A LAWSUIT TO BE FILED BY TH SOUTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL LAW PROJECT (SCELP) TO CHALLENGE THE PERMITTING BY THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF SEISMIC TESTING AND DRILLING IN ATLANTIC COASTAL WATERS, INCLUDING THE WATERS OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF GEORGETOWN COUNTY AND OTHER PARTS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA COAST.

Ryan Fabbri stated this lawsuit is planned to be filed in May 2018. This does not cost us anything, but it includes us as being opposed to the seismic testing and offshore drilling off the Georgetown County coast. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to participate in the lawsuit opposing seismic testing and offshore drilling off the Georgetown County coast. Jimmy Braswell seconded. All in favor.**

RESOLUTION 2018-05: A RESOLUTION BY THE PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 ON NEW TOWN HALL PROJECT

Ryan Fabbri stated that the electrical and cable lines run straight through the job site of the new Town Hall, so this change order is for moving these lines outside the job site. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve change order #1. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-01: REINSTATE POLICY TO SUPPLEMENT THE TOWN'S STATE ACCOMMODATIONS TAX FUND BY TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM TOWN GENERAL FUND WHICH SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A LOAN; IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AN INTER-OFFICE TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance 2018-01. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2018-02: ADOPT THE MOST UPDATED INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODE AS AMENDED AS IT RELATES TO ALL BUILDING CODE MATTERS FOR THE PRESENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS MADE IN THE FUTURE.

Ryan Fabbri stated that it is a state law to have an International Residential Building Code and it needs to be updated every 3 years so this ordinance states that the most recent version of the IRBC, as amended, is adopted until a new version is released in the future. We will have second reading next month with a public hearing. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2018-02. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

BEACH WHEELCHAIR PROJECT PROPOSED BY LOCAL EAGLE SCOUT

Ryan Fabbri stated that this project will be done by an Eagle Scout who will raise the funds needed to build a structure to house the wheelchair and to purchase a wheelchair. The Town just needs to provide the site. There are two areas at the south parking lot, since post Irma, that cannot house a car and would be good to put the wheelchair. Georgetown County is very much in favor of this. **Guerry Green made a motion to approve the beach wheelchair project. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

CONSIDERATION OF TOWN ORGANIZED EVENT IN PARK FOR RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Mayor Braswell stated that sometime this Spring or Fall, we should have a mixer in the park with as many council members to be present to provide nothing more than the park. Property owners can bring their own beverages. It was decided to have the Town organized park event on Friday, May 25th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the park event on May 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

CONSIDERATION OF PLACING FLAGS ON CAUSEWAYS DURING HOLIDAY WEEKENDS

Mayor Braswell stated that he would like to have a display of American Flags on Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, etc. and put them up at each causeway and where the new Town Hall is being built. Mayor feels sure that the Civic Association will fund the cost of the flags. **Mayor Jimmy Braswell made a motion to approve purchasing the flags and displaying them on the island on holidays. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

MISSION STATEMENT – ROADS & FLOODING COMMITTEE

Mayor Braswell stated that the Roads & Flooding Committee met then he met with Rocky Holliday and an engineer from Clemson regarding the flooding on the island. To keep the committee on track a mission statement was prepared and is as follows: To identify and evaluate road maintenance and flooding problems within the Town of Pawleys Island. Committee shall develop a set of expected out-come and prioritize and establish repair goals in order to achieve them.

Phase I is to deal with salt water that accumulates on the road and remains for days. Deal with salt water first as fresh water becomes much more complicated. Drainage is the main issue. Town Attorney DuRant recommended that Council adopt the mission statement in the form of a town resolution where Mayor and Council can direct the Town Administrator to move the Committee on to each Phase of the project as necessary. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to adopt the Roads and Flooding Committee Mission Statement as a resolution. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Fanning reviewed the February 2018 police report. (See Attached)

BUILDING REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that the February Building Report was 2 pages long with mostly meter conversions.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Approve payment of CSE invoice 17-12-2468 (\$38,261.50) Beach Renourishment
- b. Approve payment of CSE invoice 18-01-2479 (\$4,425.00) Groin Repair

Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve payment of both invoices to Coastal Science Engineering. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

- a. Amend budget to include funds for new police vehicle – Mayor Braswell stated that he had talked to many of the Town's officer's regarding the oldest police vehicle and they had nothing good to say about it. Chief Fanning put together numbers as to how much this vehicle is costing the Town.

We will need to put an additional \$4,300 to bring it to a useable state. We have already gone through half of the budgeted amount for the year for auto maintenance. We have decided to go with a Tahoe instead of explorer as the explorer has not historically been very reliable. Both Tahoe and explorer can be purchased on the State contract. Research will be made as to leasing vs. buying, truck vs. SUV, undercoating to prevent corroding. Chief Fanning stated that there are no leasing options on the State Contract, so we'd have to purchase a civilian vehicle. Chief will check with local mechanics for a full estimate on repairing the vehicle.

- b. Amend budget to include additional funding for the Town Hall project – Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to amend the budget for the new total of \$85,000 which includes \$75,212 for the increase in contract price and \$9,632.50 for change order #1. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- a. Underground Wire Report – Ryan Fabbri stated that we have 33 properties remaining in Phase II to get their electric converted. Phase II target to take the poles down is Easter. Phase III there are 39 properties to be done. Phase III target to take the poles down is Memorial Day. Ryan Fabbri will forward Council the list of people who need to be contacted for the electrical conversion.
- b. Town Hall Project – Ground Breaking Ceremony will be planned next week. A request was made to have parts of the park fenced off with silt fencing to keep trucks and vehicles off the grass creating large ruts from the back of the trailer in the park down to Myrtle Avenue. Ryan Fabbri stated that the pledged amount for the new Town Hall is \$653,000 approximately and the total amount collected to date is \$510,000. We have sold about \$20,000 bricks.
- c. HMGP – Generator – Ryan Fabbri submitted a pre-application Hazard Mitigation Grant that was approved so now the full application needs to be submitted by May 31, 2018.
- d. Beach Renourishment & Groin Repair – we should have our beach renourishment permit the following day.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to adjourn. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

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