

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: March 11, 2019
Pawleys Island Town Hall

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

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Eddie Wilder stated that he purchased the 2 oceanfront properties at 334 Myrtle Avenue and wanted to tell council what his intention is with this property. They had begun the restoration process of the existing home on the property. There is a duplex in the left side of the home and intends to rent them out this year. They also purchased the 2 lots behind those lots and will close on them shortly. He would like to move the property line over so there would be a 50-foot lot that is next to the existing house and would like to build their personal residence there. At that point the existing house would then be on only one lot instead of having the lot line running down the middle of the house. Ultimately once he purchases the other 2 properties, his plan would be to build 3 more structures there.

Robert Moser stated that he would like council to consider repairing the jetty at the very north end of the island while we still have the company here that is doing repair work to 22 out of 23 jettys on the south end of the island. He understands that there is a problem with figuring out who owns that jetty but that jetty, as well as the southern must jetty we have, would be devastating to the island if we were to lose either one of them.

APPROVAL MINUTES, 2/11/18 REGULAR MEETING Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 2/11/18 meeting minutes. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

TOURISM MARKETING UPDATE

Beth Stedman from the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to council.

- a. 2017 Marketing Financial Audit The Chamber operates on a fiscal year and the Town operates on a calendar year so we are included in with their audit creating our info to be slightly behind. To have a separate audit done for us would be very expensive. We had a good audit.
- b. 2019 Marketing Strategy Overview - The Chamber depends heavily on the grant they receive from SCPRT. They get good traffic from the email newsletter on their website.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

- a. 334A Myrtle Avenue (TM# 42-0167-042-01-00) and 334B Myrtle Avenue (TM# 42-0167-042-00-00) – Recombination and subdivision Plat Approval – A duplex existed and it was permitted then another unit was built but was then caught so the solution was to put the lot line down the middle of the building to have a duplex on one side and one on the other side. Planning Commission was not comfortable in moving the lot line to have the existing building on one lot then have a 50-foot lot to build another home on it. Town Attorney DuRant suggested that Mr. Wilder’s attorney contact him to discuss alternatives regarding this property.

- b. First Reading of Ordinance 2019-01: An Ordinance Amending Section 3-2.2(1) of the Town's Unified Development Code Related to Minimum Roof Pitch – **Guerry Green made a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2019-01. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**
- c. First Reading Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance Amending Section 3-2.2(F) of the Town's Unified Development Code Related to Maximum Building Height – **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2019-02. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**
- d. First Reading Ordinance 2019-03: An Ordinance Amending Section 3-2.3(F) of the Town's Unified Development Code Related to Maximum Building Height - **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2019-03. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2019 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve first reading of ordinance 2019-04. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

- a. Zoning Board of Appeals – 2 Vacancies – Hugh Buyck who has not responded as to whether he would like to continue with the Zoning Board and Phil Schneider who does not want to do another term. Council will find candidates for next council meeting.

SOUTH ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS PAWLEYS ISLAND STORM DAMAGE REDUCTION PROJECT

- a. Easement Acquisition – 110 Easements in total are to be sent out for the south end. We have sent out 65 and 5 have already been signed and returned to our office. There are 45 remaining to be sent out that are waiting for plat information. All 110 easements must be acquired by the end of April to avoid delaying project construction, currently scheduled for fall 2019. There are 118 properties north of the federal area between 526 Myrtle and Third Street that will need to provide a temporary construction permit for the project, and these will be required sometime before we start the project.
- b. Project Cost – Mobilization – We originally thought the Corps was going to pay for 100% of mobilization, but the Army Corps recently proposed that the town cover 30% of the cost since 30% of the sand will be in our betterment area. A major factor in the Town's decision to have the Corps do the project was based on the fact that they were going to pay for the mobilization cost. Ryan Fabbri informed council that he informed USACE of our disappointment in their new stance on mobilization costs and asked them to please reconsider. The Town is waiting on their response to see if they will go back to paying 100% of mobilization. The estimated cost to us would be \$1.1 million.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE WACCAMAW REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Ryan Fabbri stated that the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments are consultants for local governments. They helped us with our Comprehensive Plan with the help of the Planning Commission 10 years ago. We need to redo our Plan every 10 years. We budgeted \$6,000 and the contract states not to exceed \$9,000. **Guerry Green made a motion to approve the technical assistance agreement with Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

POLICE REPORT

Chief Fanning reviewed the February 2019 police report. (See Attached)

BUILDING REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that February was a slow month.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that everything is pretty much in line.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that the groin project is at groin 14 and should be done with it next week. We have been in contact with the owners of the unsightly house at 338 Myrtle who have promised to do needed repairs to the house and have not followed through but now the County has found exposed power lines and reported it to Santee Cooper who has turned the power off. Hopefully this may force them to do the necessary repairs.

This is our CRS cycle visit year when FEMA comes out to review with various issues on the island. They come out every 5 years. We have not been told when the visit will occur, but currently our participation in the CRS program gives our property owners a 20% discount on their flood insurance. Hopefully this year's cycle visit will result in an improvement to class level 5 and an additional 5% discount for property owners.

Every 5 years we need to update our Hazard Mitigation Plan. Next month council will have the ordinance to approve. We need that to be eligible for FEMA funding.

We will be putting the oldest police vehicle out for bid in the next few weeks.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ashley Carter stated that the Town is always looking for additional public parking and he had a listing of a property at Hazard and Springs that is adjacent to public parking that is there. He thought that Council should consider purchasing that lot and converting it to additional parking to then increase the amount of FEMA funding. Ryan stated that an additional 17 parking spots would give approximately an additional \$600,000.

Mayor Braswell stated that he and Ryan met with Sel Hemingway to discuss the south end parking lot to see if we could have some Georgetown County help with policing that lot in the summertime. Also, Georgetown County added a 1% sales tax that is earmarked for Winyah Bay dredging but the dredging has not started yet. This 1% sales tax will end by the end of May and it has generated a lot more than what was anticipated. We discussed with Sel Hemingway about going to Georgetown County Council to ask if we could have some or all of our money for beach renourishment or to help with our flooding issues. Their next meeting wouldn't be until May but to have as many from our Council to attend that meeting. Also, the north-end groin/jetty that Robert Moser talked about at the beginning of this meeting is a very important groin and we should consider repairing it. On the Saturday of Easter week-end we are planning a Town Hall meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the Chapel to discuss our financial situation. Then from 3:00-6:00 p.m. we will have an open house of our new Town Hall.

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

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