

**MINUTES  
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: April 08, 2019  
Pawleys Island Town Hall

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

ABSENT: Guerry Green

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Town Council will convene at 4:30 PM on Monday, April 8, 2019 pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements.

**Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to step down into Executive Session. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor. Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to step down out of Executive Session. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.** Mayor Braswell stated that no decisions were made.

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Ordinance 2019-01: An Ordinance Amendment Section 3-2.2(1) of the Town's UDO code related to minimum roof pitch.
2. Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance Amendment Section 3-2.2(F) of the Town's UDO code related to maximum building height.
3. Ordinance 2019-03: An Ordinance Amendment Section 3-2.3(F) of the Town's UDO code related to maximum building height.

Mayor Jimmy Braswell closed the Public Hearing as no one signed up to speak.

Mayor Jimmy Braswell called the regular Town Council meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rita Smith stated that she resides off the South Causeway and stated that imposing a parking fee for people visiting the island is wrong and is putting the burden of raising revenue on the backs of everyone who live off island and those who are not wealthy enough to own a multi-million dollar beach home.

Dean Smith stated that he is the President of the Rose-crest HOA off the South Causeway. He feels that if the Town had purchased Vicki Marshes property across from the Chapel and created parking and access to the beach there, would have helped to solve the shortfall the Town has by getting federal funding for the renourishment project that is needed.

Alice Otis stated that the recent Tides newsletter has a logo on it and other documents that depicts a crescent moon and a turtle that has a shell that resembles a beach ball. She felt that logo is more appropriate for Surfside or Folly Beach and that Pawleys Island is a historic and traditional island known for its ocean, marsh, crab docks and it's low-country architecture. There is a special shell known as a Pawleys Shell and many gates and doors that reflect the Pawleys character. There is much subject matter from which to create a logo. She requested that a more appropriate and unique design be created to represent our island.

Henry Thomas stated that he agrees with the opposition to the fee for parking on the island but agrees that something has to be done to generate revenue. He does not want to see parking meters on Pawleys. Charleston discussed 50 years ago about having a State wide program to deal with storm water and flooding issues. They had discovered many different funding sources and are using today. Mr. Thomas read an article that stated a .01 cent sales tax would produce \$7 million a year or \$28 million for 4 years which is the amount that the Town of Pawleys renourishment will cost.

Leda Hall requested that Council consider forming a committee to look at requiring all the property owners on the beach to fix their walkways. There are a lot of properties that don't have walkways and steps going out to the beach. She is willing to help in getting this done.

**APPROVAL MINUTES, 3/11/19 REGULAR MEETING Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 3/11/19 meeting minutes. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

Second Reading Ordinance 2019-01: An Ordinance Amendment Section 3-2.2(1) of the Town's UDO code related to minimum roof pitch. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2019-01. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

Second Reading Ordinance 2019-02: An Ordinance Amendment Section 3-2.2(F) of the Town's UDO code related to maximum building height. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2019-02. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

Second Reading Ordinance 2019-03: An Ordinance Amendment Section 3-2.3(F) of the Town's UDO code related to maximum building height. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2019-03. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

Second Reading Ordinance 2019-04: An Ordinance Amending the 2019 Municipal Budget. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 2019-04. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

#### **FINANCIAL PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE – JOSH RICKER**

Josh Ricker stated that the committee had been reviewing several ideas of which need more information on the legal side before putting together a final plan so the committee made a recommendation that Council retain an attorney who is well suited for that work. Another recommendation is to explore increasing legislation that allows our municipality to develop a project anticipation fund for our project over the next 9 years. Meanwhile until we know what our options are of what we know is available it will be hard to make a recommendation. Rocky Holliday asked if the committee had developed a scope of work as to what this attorney would do for us. Josh Ricker stated he would like to put together a scope of work that focuses on the many things the committee is looking at now and to clarify them for the committee members suggesting any recommendations the attorney may have that are useful to them then look at legislation. Ryan Fabbri stated that its more about where the money would come from and being able to tap in to it as a revenue source regarding property tax which is outside of accommodations tax. This pending legislation is a time sensitive issue and is extremely important, so we may not have enough time to wait until the next meeting to seek legal advice before it is passed provided property tax is the way we want to go. There is an option to have a municipal improvement district so we would need to know how this would work - legal advice would be helpful there. A municipal improvement district is above and beyond whatever your local millage is – it is added to it. It was decided to have an informal conversation with a legal expert in this area before actually hiring an attorney.

## BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT UPDATE

Ryan Fabbri stated that 114 easements are required by the end of April in order to be able to put this job out to bid in July and to start the project in November. Currently we have 44 signed easements. The betterment area is the area that the Corps will be project managing with Coastal Science and Engineering's design. The easements in this section are called right of entry agreements not perpetual easements as in the southern part of the island. There are 116 of these easements to get.

## APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor Braswell stated that this will be a general meeting to discuss the proposals and ideas that the Financial Committee will have. Also, to let the Town know that we have the first renourishment covered financially but we do not have the next 4 renourishments covered. This project covers 50 years with a renourishment to be done every 10 years and it also covers any damage done by storms during this period of time but the Town will have to fund a percentage of the total cost and we need to come up with a plan to do so.

## APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO HOLD APPRECIATION EVENT FOR TOWN HALL DONORS

Ryan Fabbri stated that Friday of Easter weekend at 5:00 will be an event in appreciation to the large donors to the new Town Hall. It will be catered by Get Carried Away and there is a cost involved and asked where the funds should come from and what the limit should be. Mayor Braswell stated that he thought it should come from the donations of the new Town Hall line item not to exceed \$3,000. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve funding not to exceed \$3,000 and to come from the Town Hall Funds. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

## POLICE REPORT

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

## BUILDING REPORT

Ryan Fabbri stated that there was no major construction in March.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Approve final payment to BEC Construction \$14,683.97 – Ryan Fabbri stated that there is still an issue with all the offices who have dimmer switches. The lights in these offices flicker every time the copier cycles and BEC's electricians can't figure out why that continues to happen. They say the only way to correct it is to replace all the dimmer switches with a regular switch. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to wait to pay BEC their final payment until this problem is figured out. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**
- b. Approve payment to Durant Law Firm for \$19,950 – This is for their work on the easements. **Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve payment of \$19,950 to the Durant Law Firm. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**
- c. Approve change order and payment of \$19,500 to Bluetide Marine Construction – This is for some additional work that was needed that was not in the original bid. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the payment of \$19,500 to Bluetide Marine Construction. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

## ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

- a. Refurbish Historical Marker in front of old Town Hall – Ryan Fabbri was contacted by a gentleman whose business is refurbishing historical markers and he offered to do our markers free of charge.

- b. Changes to Town's Recycling Program – Ryan Fabbri stated that he was contacted by the county waste facility who told him that all of our recycling is not being recycled because it is contaminated. We have been recycling incorrectly. The only thing they will accept at the recycling facility is plastic and metal cans. The clear plastic bags we were told to put all our recycling in is not to be used as it is labor intensive to break open the bags and the bags themselves are not recyclable. All plastics and metal are to be put loosely in the bins for recycling. Any paper or cardboard or glass is to be taken to the Pawleys Island recycling facility if individuals want to recycle that or just throw it in with the regular trash. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to table this issue for a later council meeting. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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