

**MINUTES  
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: June 7, 2019  
Pawleys Island Town Hall

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

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Administrator Ryan Fabbri, Theodore DuBose (Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd)

Theodore DuBose with the law firm Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd introduced himself and thanked council for the opportunity to speak with them. He explained how he could assist the Town in identifying suitable and acceptable means of imposing and collecting taxes from owners of property located in the town or other charges which may be held in reserve to fund future beach renourishment.

Mr. DuBose further explained that current state law does not allow for the Town to accomplish this and they'll need to seek to change state law in order to raise money for beach renourishment through a property tax. The town would propose legislation that would create an exception to the current law that restricts the ability of local governments to raise taxes.

Whatever is proposed it must apply statewide. Exceptions similar to this are already in place around the state. One is written to benefit Chesterfield County. Another benefits Charleston, Richland and Sumter counties because they are home to military bases. None are mentioned specifically in the statute.

Once drafted for consideration by the South Carolina General Assembly, the Town would either have to champion the bill itself or hire a lobbyist.

Council discussed the potential for the town to arrange for a survey to be send out in the property tax notices that the county mails out. Rocky Holliday believed a show of support from property owners would be a good talking point as the town works to gather support for the legislation.

DuBose told council that legislation is only one option, but it is the simplest and least expensive. The town could create a Municipal Improvement District and allocate the cost of renourishment to properties within that district. That would require hiring a specialist in creating such districts along with a law firm. Mr. DuBose estimated the cost of this strategy would be around \$100,000.

**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.**

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

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