

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: December 09, 2019
Pawleys Island Town Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Brian Henry, Ashley Carter, Rocky Holliday, Guerry Green & Sarah Zimmerman

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2019 BUDGET

No one sign up to speak at the Public Hearing.

Ryan Fabbri reviewed the 2020 Budget:

Projected Total Revenues = \$1,512,600 & Projected Total Expenditures = \$8,607,900

Mayor Henry closed the public hearing.

REGULAR MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Stacey Clardy stated that that he had an idea to raise money to fund future town operations. He believes the town should install a gate at both causeway bridges and charge people to access the island. He told Mayor Henry that he and council should explore the idea.

Mary Nash stated that the property at 338 Myrtle Avenue was an eyesore in horrible condition and wanted to know why the property is allowed to remain in this condition. Can't the Town do something to force the property owner to make repairs?

APPROVAL OF 11/18/2019 MEETING MINUTES: Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the 11/18/19 meeting minutes. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

BEACH RENOURISHMENT PROJECT UPDATE: Steve Traynum of Coastal Science and Engineering updated Council members on the beach renourishment project. To date, about 236,000 cubic yards of sand have been put on the beach. There have been some problems with weather, but on a good day, they are pumping about 20,000 yards of material. Traynum said it's as expected, sometimes with a little bit more shell. As normal wave action occurs, the shell and sand will be mixed more. Also, the sun will bleach out some of the shell and sand to be a more uniform color. He said once the project nears completion, he favors vegetation over sand fencing. The plants will help hold the sand in place better. Mayor Henry asked how much money is in the budget for vegetation. Administrator Ryan Fabbri said about \$80,000 is earmarked for sand fence and vegetation after completion of the project.

POLICE REPORT

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

BUILDING REPORT

Ryan Fabbri reviewed the November 2019 building report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Approve Payment of \$2,464,542.45 to Marinex Construction – **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve payment of \$2,464,542.45 to Marinex Construction. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**
- b. Approve Payment of \$23,195.48 to Coastal Science & Engineering – **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve payment of \$23,195.48 to Coastal Science & Engineering. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**
- c. The old Town Hall committee requested access to proceeds from insurance claim on the old town hall following Hurricane Dorian. Administrator Fabbri stated the total insurance payment was \$16,173.45. After deducting the cost to make repairs and all other expenses, the total amount of available funds comes to \$8,745.45. Rocky Holliday requested that the OTH Committee address council at their next meeting to explain what they plan to do with the funds before a decision is made. **Guerry Green made a motion to table a decision on the request until after the OTH Committee explains the proposed use of insurance proceeds. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.**

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Ryan Fabbri stated that the A-tax Committee met in November and they had 1 request from the Beautification Foundation for \$15,000.00 for park maintenance and a request from the Town for any remaining funds to help pay tourism related expenses. The Committee voted to recommend approving both requests. **Ashley Carter made a motion to approve the Accommodations Tax Committee recommendations for \$15,000.00 to the Pawleys Island Beautification Committee and \$155,410.56 to the Town of Pawleys Island. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2019-11. AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA, BEGINNING JANUARY 01, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020:

Administrator Fabbri gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2020. The total budget is set at \$8,607,900, of that amount, \$7,436,000 is for the beach management project. Fabbri noted that previously he had removed the cost of a new police vehicle from the budget, at a savings of about \$45,000. Also in accordance with Council's recommendation from last year, a full-time police officer position was removed from the budget. Those reductions and some other changes have reduced the operating budget by about 3.5 percent. Rocky Holliday and Guerry Green questioned whether all options had been explored on ways the budget could be reduced even further. Fabbri stated that this budget doesn't include anything other than the cost to run the day-to-day operations of the Town, and beach renourishment. The budget doesn't include any capital expenditures and is completely devoid of fat. Rocky Holliday stated that he's been in this position before and you'd be amazed with the results when you challenge your employees to go back and find ways to cut 1.5% from the budget. With more discussion, Rocky Holliday and Guerry Green wanted Fabbri to come back with an additional 1.5 percent in budget cuts, to equal a total of a 5 percent reduction in the proposed budget. **Guerry Green made a motion to schedule a special meeting for next Monday, Dec. 16, at 5 p.m. and have Fabbri come back with an additional 1.5 percent in budget cuts. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

RESOLUTION 2019-05 A RESOLUTION BY THE PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2019 GEORGETOWN COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 to approve the 2019 Georgetown County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

RESOLUTION 2019-06 A RESOLUTION BY THE PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZING A ONE-TIME TRANSFER OF \$21,297.33 BE MADE FROM THE TOWN HALL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO THE TOWN'S GENERAL FUND TO CLOSE OUT THE NEW TOWN HALL PROJECT: Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 to authorize a one-time transfer of \$21,297.33 be made from the town hall capital projects fund to the Town's general fund to close out the new town hall project. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

APPROVE MOA WITH GEORGETOWN COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS THE TOWNS DESIGNATED MARKETING ORGANIZATION: Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve the MOA with Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

APPROVE THREE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH HARPER POSTON MOREE FOR ACCOUNTING SERVICES: Guerry Green made a motion to approve 3-Year agreement with Harper Poston Moree for accounting services. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

APPROVE \$500 CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BEACH ADVOCATE'S PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL TIDE GUAGES ALONG THE SC COAST: Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve a \$500 contribution to the South Carolina Beach Advocate's program that aims to increase the coverage of tide gauges along the S.C. coast. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS APPROVAL

- a. Full Time Employees - \$300 net. Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve Christmas Bonuses to all full-time employees and James Snow of \$300 net. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.
- b. Part Time Employees - \$110 net. Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve Christmas Bonuses to all part-time employees of \$110 net. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to step down into executive session. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

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Mayor Brian Henry stated that the discussion in executive session was to discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, specifically the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and to the receipt of legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim related to; Henry Thomas vs. Town of Pawleys Island. No action was taken, and no decisions were made.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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