

**MINUTES  
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED EMERGENCY MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: April 27, 2020 @ 10:30 AM  
Virtual Meeting

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

ABSENT: None

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO EMERGENCY ORDINANCE 2020-04 REGARDING COVID-19, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXTENDING BEACH ACCESS RESTRICTIONS AND THE PROHIBITION OF FUTURE CHECK INS FOR SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTALS.

Mayor Henry stated that there were two orders of business to discuss; First is to discuss our decision that was made at council's last meeting to closed beach accesses until noon today or to extend the ban. The other is to discuss the short-term rentals ban to April 30<sup>th</sup> or to extend that ban.

Ryan Fabbri reviewed the most up-to-date information – the COVID cases are much larger in numbers in the surrounding counties than Georgetown County. However, if we open our beaches the people from those counties will be coming to us. DHEC expects that April 23<sup>rd</sup> would be the peak of cases however, that changes continually.


Beaches Accesses: A clip was played of Doctor Gerald Harmon responding to a question that Mayor Henry asked. Dr. Harmon stated that he felt that opening the beaches would be fine. The beach is large enough so people can maintain a good social distance and that it would be good for people to get out on the beach to walk and exercise. Mayor Henry stated that our well-being economically is very much tied to tourism, restaurants, heads in beds, etc. Georgetown County will be meeting the next day to discuss their beach ban of May 15<sup>th</sup> and to possibly change it to May 1<sup>st</sup>. After discussion it was decided to follow whatever Georgetown County does with opening their beaches on May 1<sup>st</sup>. **Ashley Carter made a motion that Pawleys Island beaches will reopen on May 1<sup>st</sup> contingent on what Georgetown County decides at their meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

Short-Term Rentals: Mayor Henry stated he would like to extend the short-term rental a bit longer because the COVID issue is still so uncertain as we could have a sudden spike in cases and we aren't sure if we have actually reached our peak in cases and once the ban is lifted it would be very difficult to reverse it again. Governor McMaster is expected to extend the ban out to May 11<sup>th</sup> which brings it to our next council meeting so Mayor Henry would like to extend Pawleys short-term rental ban to May 11<sup>th</sup> then at that meeting we can extend it further if necessary. **Ashley Carter made a motion to ban short-term rentals through May 14<sup>th</sup> and allow short-term rentals to begin on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

Mayor Henry stated that once the beaches are open Chief Fanning and our police department will have to enforce social distancing and we know that we will have a significant influx of cars and parking and tickets will be issued to offenders. All the parking lots will be open by Friday. Mayor Henry asked rental companies to help us by not booking reservations from people from the designated hot spots.

ADJOURNMENT

Rocky Holliday made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Guerry Green. All in favor.

  
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