MINUTES PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING

DATE/PLACE:

September 14, 2020

Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

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

Zimmerman

ABSENT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ryan Fabbri read the following public comment emailed to the Town Hall prior to the meeting.

Emile Carey of 181 Atlantic Avenue wrote I think we can all agree that Mayor Brian Henry made a stupid mistake when he shared his racist belief on Facebook. To make matters even worse, his urgent "wake up America" was incendiary! Wake up and smell the roses? And bake bread? NO! In today's world, that statement implies violent action! Take up arms, assault rifles, and....what????? I strongly condemn anyone who makes such statements. He has lost the privilege to represent ALL of us RESIDENTS here on Pawleys Island. And, why are the member of Town Council so quiet? They who have called emergency meetings over a weekend should have demanded Brian's immediate resignation....and should do so.

<u>APPROVAL OF 8/05/20 EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING & 8/10/20 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES</u> – Guerry Green made a motion to approve both 8/05/20 & 8/10/20 meeting minutes. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. Police Report-

Chief Fanning reviewed July 2020 police report. (See Attached)

B. Building Report

Ryan Fabbri stated there is nothing out of the ordinary.

C. Financial Report

Ryan Fabbri stated that the A-tax Revenues have almost caught up with this time last year. Guerry Green stated that he looked over the financials and wanted to set up a separate meeting to discuss a potential budget deficit and come up with ideas to make the budget work.

I. Approval payment to Coastal Science & Engineering for \$16,397.44 (Invoice # 20-06-2468) Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve payment to CSE for \$16,397.72. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.

BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Emergency Ordinance 2020-09 to replace 2020-08 which expires September 16, 2020. Ryan Fabbri stated that this ordinance replaces the current emergency ordinance 2020-08 and it will expire after 61 days or it's rescinded by Town Council, whichever comes first. It's essentially and extension of the original COVID-19 emergency ordinance that was approved back in March. It allows for council to continue meeting virtually and for the administrator to adjust the routine operating procedures at Town Hall.

Page 1 of 2 September 14, 2020 This is just a formality. Sarah Zimmerman made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-09 to replace 2020-08 which expires September 16, 2020. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor

- B. First reading of Ordinance 2020-10 to amend the 2020 annual operating budget. Ryan Fabbri presented a list of budget amendments required as a result of . Sarah Zimmerman asked if Ryan had heard from any of the vacation rental companies to get a sense of the rest of the year outlook. Guerry Green asked when the revenue collections figures ran through and Ryan explained that the financials run through the end of August. He further explained that local A-tax collections run a month behind, so these numbers reflect vacation rental activity through the end of July. Rocky asked if this ordinance would be part of the special budget discussion before the October meeting. Mayor Henry assured everyone that it would be. Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2020-10 to replace 2020-08 which expires September 16, 2020. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor
- C. Consideration of purchasing a door release and vide intercom system to allow for Town Hall access control during working business hours. Ryan Fabbri stated that having Town Hall open to "by appointment only" as a result of COVID-19 creates a situation where we're constantly having to run downstairs and let people in throughout the day. Ryan said he had no problem with having to do so and actually enjoyed the exercise, but the idea buzzing people into the building was requested by another employee and he's presenting it to council for consideration. Ashley Carter believed that the cost was too high, and this was not a necessity. Item tabled, no action taken.

<u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u> – Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 30-4-70-(a)(2) legal advice or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege; specifically, the condemnation of easements on three oceanfront parcels. **Motion made by Ashley Carter to step down into Executive Session.** Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor. Ashley Carter made a motion to step down from Executive Session.

Upon returning to open session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session. No decisions were made.

COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS - No comments made

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

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PAWLEYS ISLAND VOTERS PETTITION

Pawleys Island was embarrassed, ashamed and angry <u>before</u> mayor Henry's recent racial rant. Henry does not represent Pawleys Island. Henry does not even live here! Henry's contentious election is just one example of his contentious leadership. Henry must resign today!

A small group has control of Town Hall. A private beach, a gated community, a non-transparent Beach Renourishment Plan, suing property owners for easements through eminent domain and the Mayor's Strategic Plan are examples of governance and leadership gone wrong. Pawleys Island is now broke, has a \$2.8 million debt and NO income.

A VOTE of Town Council must be added to the Sept. 14th meeting agenda. Not voting is a statement of support for mayor Henry.

The Pawleys Island Voter's Petition will be signed by 15% of the voters at the last election if Town Council fails to act today.

Henry Thomas
181 Atlantic Ave

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BACKGROUND			

Pawleys Island was embarrassed, ashamed and angry before mayor Brian Henry's recent racial rant. Henry does not represent Pawleys Island. Henry does not even live here. Henry's contentious election is another example of his leadership.

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Mayor Brian Henry must resign immediately. The Pawleys Island Voter's Petition signed by 15% of those voters at the last election requires legal action by Town Council.

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