

**MINUTES
PAWLEYS ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE/PLACE: January 11, 2020
Virtual Meeting

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

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER

Town Council convened and Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Submitted written public comments attached to minutes.

APPROVAL OF 12/14/2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES. Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve 11/9/2020 meeting minutes. Ashley Carter seconded. All in favor.

REPORTS AND UPDATES

- A. Administrator's Report.** Administrator Ryan Fabbri brought everyone up to speed on the search to fill the vacant Town Clerk position. He's started to contact applicants and setting up interviews. For the past 4 months he's taken on all the responsibilities of the position and it's provided him with a much better understanding of the characteristics and qualities best suited for the next person hired to handle the role. It will focus on general office duties and most importantly, providing excellent customer service. Mayor Henry agreed that customer service should be the focus, since he believes that person will be the face of the town, the first person they see when they walk through the door of Town Hall and interact with someone. Mr. Fabbri also wanted council to know that the annual audit report for 2019 would've typically been presented around October, but it's obviously been delayed due to COVID setbacks and the loss of administrative support. The audit process recently wrapped up and he hopes that the town's accountant will be able to present the report at the February meeting. Finally, he informed council that he's been working the Army Corps to provide them with requested information regarding the town's recently completed beach renourishment project so that they determine the total amount of credit the town will receive towards future projects with the Corps, for completing and funding the initial project construction entirely on their own.
- B. Police Report.** Administrator Fabbri informed everyone that Chief Fanning was on vacation and he would not be present to go over the monthly police report. Chief Fanning would be back in the office later in the week if anyone had questions regarding the report.
- C. Building Report.** Ryan Fabbri stated there is nothing out of the ordinary. (See Attached)
- D. Financial Report.** Mr. Fabbri asked for council approval to pay \$10,188.97 to the Law Offices of David Durant for their October and November invoices. Council member Green questioned

how much we had spent in attorney's fees for the condemnation lawsuits and how more should we anticipate. Administrator Fabbri said he didn't have the exact number in from of him, but believed it to be around \$25,000. Town Attorney David Durant said he didn't anticipate any additional big fees coming in December.

- I. **Guerry Green made a motion to approve payment to the Law Offices of David Durant & Associates for \$10,188.97. Sarah Zimmerman seconded. All in favor.**

BUSINESS

A. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees

1. Reappoint Corinne Taylor to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring December 8, 2022. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the reappointment of Corinne Taylor to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring December 8, 2022. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**
2. Reappoint Bill Caughman to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring January 8, 2023. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the reappointment of Bill Caughman to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring January 8, 2023. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**
3. Appoint Will Dieter to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring January 8, 2023. **Rocky Holliday made a motion to approve the reappointment of Will Dieter to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee for a two-year term expiring January 8, 2023. Guerry Green seconded. All in favor.**

- B. **Consideration of Emergency Ordinance 2021-01 to replace 2020-11 which expires November 16, 2020.** Ryan Fabbri stated that this ordinance replaces the current emergency ordinance 2020-11 and it will expire after 61 days or it's rescinded by Town Council, whichever comes first. This would be the fifth extension of the original COVID-19 emergency ordinance that was originally approved back in March 2020. It allows for council to continue meeting virtually and for the administrator to adjust the routine operating procedures at Town Hall. This is just a formality. Mayor Henry stated that he believes COVID to be as precarious as it's ever been, and that we will likely need to continue operating this way for at least a couple of months. Approval of this ordinance will allow us to continue to meet and operate the way we have been. **Guerry Green made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance 2021-01 to replace 2020-11. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.**

- C. **Storm Drain Pilot Program.** Mayor Henry stated that council discussed a storm drain pilot project at their offsite strategy meeting back in December, and that he sent out a communication to all of the property owners to give them a summation of what it would entail. He views this as a fantastic opportunity for the town to address some of its drainage and flooding issues. This would be a public-private partnership to work together to fund it, and if it works, the town could replicate it on a larger scale. Council member Rocky Holliday said council is first considering a project at the North Causeway which would encompass all of the roadways from north of the condominiums to south of the of the park. In addition to the area around Springs Street and Pritchard Street. Mr. Holliday stated that the issue these projects are trying to address is the potential that we can stop a source of

major saltwater flooding on the island which is backing up the creek water backing up through the drain system. This would use a new technology in terms of a type of backflow prevention valve that can be installed to allow drain water to freshwater rainwater basically to drain as it should. Before these backflow preventors can be installed we would have to clean out the town's 40 year old drains that are in these problematic locations. Mr. Holliday ran through a list of action items needed to get the project underway. Presentation attached to meeting minutes. The town will reach out to property owners that are impacted by these flooding events and conducting a series of briefings for owners that are impacted. They plan to work on an overview that will be posted on the town's website so that people can learn all about the project. It's important that the town makes sure that the lines of communication are open, and that people are not surprised by what is being done. Mayor Henry stated that he'd like to put together a presentation of what was presented at the council strategy session where he and Rocky can have a conversation that explains what we're doing, because it's important that everyone understands what we're doing because it is a significant opportunity to be a game changer for the island.

- D. CONCEPTUAL DESIGN FOR TOWN LOGO.** Mayor Henry stated that council discussed this issue at the last meeting when Alice Otis shared with us a conceptual design for a new logo for the town. Mayor Henry took the rough sketch provided by Mrs. Otis and had it cleaned up and digitized. He believes the logo we use currently is serviceable, however in the effort to constantly improve and be better, we should explore the possibility of a new logo. Guerry Green asked if council might want to hold some type of contest to produce a new logo and see what comes out of it and maybe we can find something that's unique. Ashley Carter agreed and added that he thought council should consider offering some type of prize to the winning designer if we choose their logo. Mayor Henry said it sounds like council would like to cast a broader net and move ahead with taking steps to improve the town logo. A lot of people are going to have interest in having input so maybe we just open it back up and have an open mind about what we want to do and go from there.
Item tabled; no action taken.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Ashley Carter made a motion to adjourn. Rocky Holliday seconded. All in favor.



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ATTEST

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VOTER REGISTRATION & ELECTION REFORM

Information regarding NON-RESIDENT VOTING must be mailed immediately to all property owners. Information should provide that owners of 25% of a property can vote in Town Elections, etc. based on the NEW DOMICILE regulation.

Election Reform must include a Town ordinance changing the Pawley's Articles of Incorporation which requires Town Council members to be full time residents of Pawley's Island.

Henry Thomas