



TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Town Hall – Conference Room | 323 Myrtle Ave | Pawleys Island SC 29585
7-12-2022 – 5:00 pm

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

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mike Fanning (Chief of Police), Daniel O'Hara (Town Clerk)

ADDITIONAL PRESENT: Daniel Newquist, Ross Durant (Attorney)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Henry called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Terry Chvala

- Terry a concerned citizen noticed that during rough ocean conditions there were no warning systems in place to advise swimmers of potentially dangerous conditions. Terry stated that other municipalities have suffered from litigation and lawsuits due to deaths related to swimming accidents. Terry suggested that the Town could create a committee to start a program to help warn swimmers of dangerous conditions.

Mary Nash

- Mary Nash, a resident of the Island, brought forward some concerns and suggestions regarding various projects on the Island. Mary recommended to the Planning Commission and Town Council to consider adding dead trees to be included in the proposed tree ordinance. Mary also requested that the deadlines for election candidates be made public for people looking to run either for Town Council or for Mayor. Mary requested that an update be given to the Town on the status on the repaving of Myrtle and Atlantic Avenue. Lastly, Mary requested that the Town should create a Town directory of all the permanent residents on the Island. Mary stated that this would help neighbors look out for each other and help protect each other's properties, especially during the offseason winter months.
Mayor Henry made a clarification that the election will not occur this year but in 2023. Last year the reelection of Town Council occurred.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. 6-13-2022 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- a. Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve the minutes. Ashley Carter started the motion and Rocky Holliday seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

B. 6-14-2022 SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

- a. Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve the minutes with an amendment to remove Daniel Newquist's name from the record. Rocky Holliday started the motion and Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

4. REPORTS AND UPDATES

A. POLICE REPORT

Chief Fanning stated that it was a typical June month. Chief Fanning pointed out that the South Causeway camera is not quite operational yet but should be by the end of the week. Stating that the traffic survey was done only from the north end of the Island. Chief noted that traffic was up 8.54% compared to last year and year to date it is up 5.5%. Chief stated that the month has been relatively quiet but stated that there is an ongoing investigation into car break ins that occurred this past week, not in the month of June. Chief Fanning mentioned to council on the 4th of July they received several reports of fireworks, but all Pawleys Island officers are off duty after 8pm. Mayor Henry asked Chief about the cameras that were approved for installation last year if there was an update on the status. Chief stated that the hardware required for the cameras are all in place and that he is just waiting for Santee Cooper to hook them up to the power grid.

B. BUILDING REPORT

Mayor Henry stated that there have been six new building permits issued for the month of June. Daniel O'Hara noted that 102 Atlantic has started construction and is the newest construction on the Island. Chief Fanning later suggested to the Town Council to possibly review the hours that construction is allowed on the island. Chief stated that we have a larger than normal number of homes in the process or starting to be built on the Island. Chief Fanning cited that there have been quite a few complaints regarding construction during vacation months.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

Daniel O'Hara stated that the current budget is operating at a higher efficiency this year as compared to last year. Revenues from A-tax funds are much higher, and funds received from the Municipal Association of South Carolina have boosted profit margins for the month and year. Also, the vacancies of the Town Administration have allowed for a lower operating expense for the year. Mayor Henry stated that the Town finances are solid and that we are going to get the new administrator to dig into the finances to make sure that everything is running smoothly.

5. BUSINESS

- A. Discussion on the coastal adaptation study with an update from the staff.

Mayor Henry stated that the Town hired Dr. Nicole Elko a consultant from Charleston who has help municipalities complete similar studies and plan in South Carolina. Mayor Henry referenced the Kiawah and Folly Beach studies that are similar in nature to what the Town is currently working on with Nicole. Daniel O'Hara stated that the project is in the initial stages of data collection and

preparation. Daniel stated that now on the website there is a survey posted for residents to complete to help gather data to find areas on the island that are most likely to be flooded during king tide events. Daniel explained that there is also a form on the website urging residents to submit photographs and images of flooding when it happens and where. To help prioritize attention to locations on the island that are more vulnerable than others. Daniel also stated that currently the town is looking at various funds and grants to pull money from to gain funding for potential projects. Ashley Carter mentioned that King Tides have become more frequent on the Island stating that he has witnessed these changes at his own home. Rocky noted that the availability of funding is very accessible right now. Mayor Henry stated that the Town could become a leader in this, and he wants to be aggressive and get the needed funds for the town. There will be a presentation on the project at the civic association meeting on the 3 of September for residents to learn and understand what the plan and project is for. Guerry Green mentioned the drainage issues of the back flow of saltwater. This led to discussion regarding a project the town previously started to try and prevent King Tide flooding. No decisions or votes came from the discussion. Mayor Henry did state that he would like to schedule a time with Midway Fire to gather drone footage of the king tide.

- B. Discussion on the condition and appearance of 338 Myrtle Ave and possible courses of action.

Mayor Henry stated that Town Hall have received several complaints about the home at 338 Myrtle Ave and its condition. Mayor Henry stated that he wanted to bring it to the attention of Town Council again and its condition to see what could be done. Photographs of the property were submitted to Town Council by the Mayor. Observing that the electrical meter was not present on the property Mayor then consulted with Town Council and the legal counsel Ross Durant on the options the Town has. Ross Durant stated the town ordinances were too vague to prove that the house is in violation mentioning that public nuisance would be difficult to claim in the court of law. Chief Fanning recalled that the last time Ryan Fabbri, the Building inspector from Georgetown County, and Midway Fire went to the house for inspection it was within code. Sarah Zimmerman mentioned that second floor of the residence was habitable. Town Council ultimately decided to allow Mayor Henry to contact the property owner and attempt to settle the issue without causing a legal dispute.

6. COMMENTS

- a. Mayor Henry mentioned that there will be a meet and greet on Thursday the 14th from 4:30 to 6:30 at Town Hall for residents to meet the new Town Clerk and Town Administrator.

7. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Mayor Henry requested a motion for adjournment. Rocky Holliday started the motion to adjourn the meeting. Guerry Green seconded the motion. All voted in favor.



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ATTEST

9/8/22

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8/8/22

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