



# TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND

## TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Town Hall – Conference Room | 323 Myrtle Ave | Pawleys Island SC 29585  
10-18-2022 – 5:00 pm

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**PRESENT:** Mayor Brian Henry, Ashley Carter, Sarah Zimmerman

**ABSENT:** Guerry Green, Rocky Holliday

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

### **ADDITIONAL PRESENT:**

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- Mayor Henry called the Special Town Council Meeting to Order at 5:01 PM

#### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Carolynn Allday: Carolynn started by stating that she discussed with Daniel Newquist following the previous meeting about the possibility of the Pier Village paying for the clean-up. Carolynn continued to explain that it was her understanding that they had 5 million dollars' worth of insurance. She believes that they could use some of that money to clean the debris from the beach. She continued to explain the cul-de-sac on Atlantic Ave has a lot of debris from the storm. Stating that many of the families were not able to get there on time for the first round of DOT clean-ups.
- Jane Oliver: Jane began by explaining her concern with the pier. Stating that she has not heard any discussion from Town Council or public comments about it. She asked to receive feedback from Town Council on the matter. She stated that this is not the first time something like this has happened. Now the town is in a bind to find money to fund the cleanup. She continued to state that she is unaware of who would permit the rebuilding of the pier. She mentioned that a large amount of pier debris continues to wash up on the beach. She stated that she believes that it is unfair that the Town must use public money to clean up a private entity that residents do not have access to use. She mentioned whether it was even wise for them to build it back and stated that was her opinion. She requested to hear the council's thoughts on the situation and an understanding of the communications the Town is having with the Pier Village.

#### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **A. 10-10-2022 REGULAR MEETING**

- a. **Mayor Henry requested a motion for approval or denial of the 10-10-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Rocky Holliday started a motion for approval of the 10-10-2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. Ashley Carter seconded the motion for approval. All voted in favor.**

#### **4. BUSINESS**

- Mayor Henry gave an update on the Town and the conditions following the Hurricane. Mayor Henry discussed the work being done by property owners in the federal project

area on the south end to reconstruct the dunes. Mayor Henry mentioned a meeting that he and Daniel Newquist had with CSE on the condition of the beach following the hurricane. Mayor Henry explained that the result of the CSE visit highlighted work that needed to be done and kept it consistent within the bounds of the Emergency Orders issued by the OCRM DHEC. Mayor Henry stated that a link to the OCRM orders have been sent out to all of the property owners. Mayor Henry then referenced the report given to the Town by CSE. Daniel Newquist stated that he has been in regular contact with OCRM and has discussed the possibility of an extension if needed. Daniel continued to explain that he had a conversation with the Army Corps of Engineers on the possibility of applying for emergency rehabilitation assistance for the federal project area. Daniel explained that the Army Corps would allocate funding depending on their observation of the damage sustained. Daniel explained that they will base their decision on beach survey data, economic data, and the circumstances of the work. Daniel mentioned that he had brought up questions about sand fencing, and the USACE stated that there would be a possibility of entering into a cost-share agreement. Mayor Henry then referred to a meeting the Town had with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division regarding the need to follow permitting guidance in order to maintain eligibility for reimbursement in the local project area. This led to a discussion on how to communicate with homeowners on how they can renourish their dunes. Mayor Henry stated that there is more work to be done to educate property owners on how they can protect their property.

A. Hurricane Ian Beach Storm Debris Bid Review

- I. **Mayor Henry requested that action items A and B be combined into one action item.** Mayor Henry mentioned that Daniel Newquist had received three bids for the work on the scope of the beach and the debris on the beach. Mayor Henry gave his observations, stating that the middle of the Island has the largest amount of debris. Daniel Newquist stated that three companies contacted the town. Daniel Newquist began to list the various companies.
  - a. Robert Collins company out of Barnwell South Carolina. Daniel started by mentioning that they had done similar work on Edisto Island, Isle of Palms, Folly Beach, and DeBordieu
  - b. Goodson Construction has done work for the Town following previous hurricanes. Based out of the Darlington area of South Carolina.
  - c. Land Services Company does not have direct previous experience with beach repair work. They are based out of Georgetown County.
- II. Daniel Newquist stated a condition that he discussed with each company was to see if they could quantify the types of debris. He stated that there are three (3) debris types: Pier Debris, Sand Fence Debris, and Misc Debris. The goal of this is to determine how much debris was removed and how many man hours

per each type of debris. Daniel stated that this is intended as a way to potentially get reimbursed by the pier village for the removal of pier debris.

- a. Daniel explained land services company gave a hard quote of 25,000 dollars to remove debris from the beach and place it in the South End parking lot. Daniel mentioned that they would be able to remove the pier debris from the island.
- b. Daniel stated that the other two companies provided rates on the equipment they could have on-site. For Robert Collins, it was a per-load estimate of \$1,000 per load per 80 cubic yards. Town Council asked Daniel if they provided a cap on the load number and if they would consider doing so.

III. Daniel Newquist gave his insight on the companies and how quickly they can begin.

- a. Robert Collins could be on site within 24 hours of the notice to proceed. Work could be completed within 3 weeks. They would be able to deploy at night if needed. Daniel mentioned that Rober Collins company has equipment that can sift sand from debris.
- b. Land Services Company indicated 48 to 72 hours. Work could be completed between 5 to 7 days. They would not be able to handle night work.
- c. Goodson Construction would be able to get to the Island as fast as they could. They stated that they would be able to work at night if required.

IV. After a brief discussion of the options, **Guerry Green started a motion to accept Mr. Collins' proposal and limit the spending on the project to 60,000 dollars. Rocky Holliday seconded the motion.** Sarah asked what would happen if the company would not be able to complete the work within the set limit. Guerry Green stated that Town Council would address it then, but he believes that they can do it. **Mayor Henry called for a vote. All voted in favor. None opposed.**

B. Hurricane Ian Beach Repair Bid Review

I. **See the action item above.**

C. Hurricane Ian Creek Debris Removal Discussion

I. Mayor Henry led the Town Council in a discussion on how the Town should proceed in the cleanup of the creek. Town Council stated that some jurisdictional questions need to be answered depending on what our responsibility is. Mayor Henry did mention that there is an Emergency Order in place until December 31<sup>st</sup>. Daniel Newquist stated that we can use drone footage and satellite imagery to determine how much debris is out in the creek. Town Council discussed a few options on how the Town should go about the removal. The navigable waterways are the top priority for the Town. This led to a discussion. Mayor Henry stated that it seems that there is more work

to be done on the matter. Rocky Holliday stated that there could be information from previous Hurricanes.

D. Other Hurricane Ian Recovery Updates

- I. Daniel Newquist mentioned that curbside debris removal was still ongoing. Daniel asked if homeowners could notify Town Hall before they place debris out on the road. He continued to explain that the Town will continue to have dumpsters behind Town Hall. Sarah Zimmerman requested that we ask DOT to make another pass for debris pick up to assist property owners following pick up.

**6. COMMENTS**

- Guerry Green started by congratulating staff, Chief Fanning, and Town Council on their work following the Hurricane. Guerry continued to explain he would've liked to see homeowners be allowed back on the Island sooner. Guerry also mentioned that because of the change of administration and council that it would be nice to have a checklist for how to prepare for a Hurricane.
- Rocky Holliday stated that he hasn't seen a more effective, quick, and professional response. Rocky thanked the staff and Mayor Henry for the work they committed following the storm. Rocky continued to talk about propane tank inspections, Rocky made a proposition to Town Council to recommend to the planning commission to consider requiring propane tanks to be tied down. Rocky mentioned another recommendation to the planning commission on reviewing the ordinances on pumping out pools.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. **Mayor Henry requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rocky Holliday started the motion. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. All voted in favor.**

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