



TOWN OF PAWLEYS ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Town Hall – Conference Room | 323 Myrtle Ave | Pawleys Island SC 29585
12-18-2023 – 5:00 pm

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

ABSENT: None

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

ADDITIONAL PRESENT: Ross Durant (Town Attorney)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Barry Stanton: Mr. Stanton submitted a written public comment before the meeting. Mr. Newquist read it aloud for 3 minutes. **For the full comments please see them attached below.**

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. 11-14-2023 Regular Meeting
 - i. **Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve or amend the 11-14-2023 Town Council minutes. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve the minutes. Ashley Carter seconded the motion. No further discussion. All voted in favor.**

3. REPORTS AND UPDATES

- A. Police Report
 - i. Chief Fanning reported that it was a quiet month with only 16 reported incidents. He noted that there was a large crowd on the Island for Thanksgiving but no issues during the holiday. Chief Fanning shared that the recent Nor’easter required some extra manpower to secure the causeways although thankfully no major issues following the storm. Mrs. Zimmerman questioned the auto break-ins listed in the report. Chief Fanning explained that it appeared nothing was taken. He advised property owners and residents to remain vigilant and to make sure their property is secured.
- B. Building Report
 - i. Mr. Newquist mentioned that there were eight new permits issued in November. He added that this adds to 111 permits issued to date. Mr. Newquist continued to note that the majority of the permits were typical

off-season work. Mr. Newquist referred to an issue that occurred with a subcontractor at 534 Myrtle for the construction of a dock and shared that a stop work order was placed. He noted the subcontractor was removed from the job and the general contractor was looking for a new contractor. Mr. Newquist alerted the Town Council that he was aware of the subcontractor doing work on the Island again. He shared that he informed the OCRM and was working with the property owner to encourage a different contractor.

C. Financial Report

- i. Mr. O'Hara reviewed the Local Accommodations Tax funds collected in November. He noted that the funds received were slightly lower than the expected revenue but the Town exceeded its budget mark for the year. Mr. O'Hara pointed out that the majority of the expenditures are end-of-the-year expenses, with several large payments for insurance.

4. BUSINESS

A. Second Reading: Ordinance 23-09: Adoption of the 2024 Town of Pawleys Island Annual Budget

Mr. Newquist shared that there were only a few minor edits following the first reading of the Budget. He noted the addition of the \$150,000 grant funds from the SCRIA the Town recently received. Mr. Newquist also mentioned it was requested to include funds for a new camera system, for which there was an additional \$3,000 added. Mr. Holliday asked if Chief Fanning knew where the new camera would be located. Chief Fanning stated he was unsure but would ask the other officers for suggestions. Mr. Green mentioned that he had some follow-up questions for Mr. Newquist regarding a few things. **Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 23-0009. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion.** No further discussion. **All voted in favor.**

B. Second Reading: Ordinance 23-08 Adoption of the 2023-2032 Town of Pawleys Island Comprehensive Plan

- i. Mr. Newquist shared that following the recent public outreach to get more input from residents and property owners, staff included an executive summary and some minor changes to the text. **Mayor Henry requested a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance 23-0008. Rocky Holliday motioned to approve. Ashley Carter seconded the motion.** No further discussion. **All voted in favor. None opposed.**

C. Zoning Board of Appeals Appointment

- i. Mayor Henry shared that the Zoning Board of Appeals has a vacancy as Ms. Hiede Johnson no longer wishes to serve. Mr. Newquist stated that he met with a potential candidate, Eileen Boettcher Patterson. He shared that she

is very interested in the position and recently joined the race for Town Council. Mayor Henry asked for a motion for the recommended appointee. Rocky Holliday motioned to appoint Eileen Boettcher Patterson for a three-year term to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Guerry Green seconded the motion. No further discussion. All voted in favor. None opposed.

5. COMMENTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

- A. Mr. Newquist provided an update regarding the Nor' easter that came through on Sunday. He commended the Police Department for their efforts, and thanked the residents and property owners for heeding the call to move vehicles to higher ground. Mr. Newquist shared that he is working with CSE and the OCRM on any beachfront issues. He noted that there was minor to moderate damage on the beach. Mr. Newquist alerted the Town Council that there was a minor breach of the north-end jetty. He asked any property owners to assist in reporting any damages so that this data could be given to the State for recovery eligibility purposes. Mr. Holliday questioned the recovery protocol for an unnamed storm. Mr. Newquist explained that recovery funds would have to go through a similar process with a damage assessment for the County and then a formal declaration. He hinted that this Storm was on FEMA's radar. Mayor Henry shared that there would be a formal update to property owners in the morning. Mrs. Zimmerman asked how the Mobi-Mat fared in the storm. Mr. Newquist stated that it was okay, he said this storm was a learning curve and would need to have a thought-out plan in the future for preparations.
- B. Mr. Green expressed concerns about how Mr. Stanton addresses the Town Council and its residents. He asked for Mr. Stanton to attend a meeting and speak about his concerns. Mr. Green shared that it is unfortunate that he has not done that.
- C. Mayor Henry announced that in January Daniel O'Hara the Town Clerk would be leaving the Town to join the DHEC-OCRM as a Beachfront Project Manager. He thanked Mr. O'Hara for his year and a half of service to the Town.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Henry asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rocky Holliday motioned to adjourn. Guerry Green seconded the motion. All approved. None opposed.

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