



**TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES**  
**TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING**  
5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail, Southern Shores, NC 27949  
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**PITTS CENTER**  
**Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM**

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## **MINUTES**

### **Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence

### **Present**

Mayor Elizabeth Morey  
Council Member Leo Holland  
Council Member Paula Sherlock  
Council Member Mark Batenic

### **Amendments to / Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Council Member Holland to approve the agenda as presented, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

### **General Public Comment -none**

### **Business Items**

#### **1. Presentation-Open Fiber Introduction –Open Fiber introduction**

“OPENFIBER is a fiber internet platform/company providing internet users with access to next-generation technologies. Our company is driven by the desire to create the best possible end-to-end customer experience. We will be delivering “Fiber” Gigabit Internet services to all residences within our new territories. Both Nationally and Internationally we have built out our fiber infrastructure and servicing millions of homes! Our Management Team has over 50 years experience in designing, building, implementing fiber networks and are excited about the opportunity with Southern Shores and the Outer Banks as a whole.”

OPENFIBER next steps:

- Continue to work with Town Administration on an ordinance and encroachment agreement.
- Coordinate with the Town on resident notification plan.
- OPENFIBER to open regional office in the Outer Banks.

#### **2. Minute Approval-May 2, 2023**

**Motion** made by Council Member Batenic to approve the minutes as presented, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

3. Budget Amendment #37-2023 Annual Beach Monitoring Service

Town Manager Ogburn explained at the last meeting when the council approved the contract for maintenance and monitoring of the beach this budget amendment should have been included. This budget amendment will enable the town to get CPE under contract for the maintenance and monitoring service.

**Motion** made by Council Member Holland to approve budget amendment #37, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

4. Budget Amendment #38-in car system with body worn cameras for all police vehicles

Town Manager Ogburn explained the American Reinvestment Funds received is being utilized to replace the body worn cameras and the cameras in the vehicles, both items are on the Police Department's CIP list.

**Motion** made by Council Member Batenic to approve budget amendment #38, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

5. Budget Amendment #34 Town Hall Complex Improvements

Council directed staff to solicit quotes according to the Town's purchasing policy for upgrades to be made at the Town Hall Complex. Two bidders submitted quotes and a third was unable to submit a quote in the given time frame. The list of work to be performed at the Town Hall includes: repair or the handicap ramp and deck at the west entrance, replace attic exhaust fan, repair trim and paint two gable and tower. The list of work to be performed at the Pitts Center includes: remove double doors on west wall and patch drywall, trims and siding. Remove Existing garage door and install new entry door. Patch and paint drywall, trims and siding. Repair rotted trims and siding throughout. Paint all siding and trim. The list of work to be performed and the Police Station includes: replacing two exterior doors. Install one new window with shutters. The lowest received quote was submitted by C & T Contracting in the amount of \$98,450.00.

**Motion** made by Council Member Holland to approve budget amendment #34 in the amount of \$98,450.00, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

**Motion** made by Council Member Holland to award the Town Hall Complex upgrade project to C & T Contracting, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously. Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

6. Approval of Official Traffic Map

The GIS Consultant was able to provide an updated Traffic Map which consists of speed limits, stop signs, and all the things the Police Department would need to enforce ordinances. The map, which is required by statute (160A-77) has not been updated for quite some time.

**Motion** made by Council Member Holland to approve the traffic map, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

7. Discussion / Consideration of Speed Bumps

Police Chief Kole presented a PowerPoint presentation *Traffic Calming Trends*. Chief Kole covered the use of speed bumps/humps, the types, sizes, installation, and costs; all of which have pros and cons. His presentation highlighted the following:

- Speed humps are a popular traffic calming technique used to slow down cars and other vehicles in parking lots, school lots, on roads and streets.
- Speed humps are typically placed at one-mile intervals, but that can vary depending on the size of the road and the amount of traffic it carries.
- Speed humps are an option for roads with moderate volumes of traffic, as they offer a simple and effective way to reduce average speed.
- When considering the use of speed humps, it's important to consider all the potential implications and the local context. The humps should be properly evaluated for their effectiveness in slowing traffic and improving safety, before considering installing them.
- His opinion is that the data does not justify the installation of speed bumps/humps.

Council Member Holland provided his observation, stating that the speed humps in his daughter's neighborhood in Norfolk have proven to be effective.

Mayor Morey stated residents from Wax Myrtle and Sea Oats have requested council consider installing traffic calming devices and asked the Police Chief if he thought that speed humps were not the answer, then what would he suggest? Police Chief Kole stated that pedestrians need to yield to the vehicles, walk on the proper side of the road, and reconsider riding their bikes on weekend rental change over days.

Mayor Morey stated a priority of this Council is to add walking paths and to get the pedestrians off the roadway and onto the sidewalks. She inquired as to the best way to get vehicles to slow down.

Police Chief Kole stated enforcement is the best way to deter speeding, but his department is down officers. He further stated that the data does not support a speeding issue, and that the average speed is 21-25 mph.

Council Member Sherlock asked about the traffic cameras. Police Chief Kole stated the department's cameras are just traffic counters and do not take pictures of the plates. He stated that in several states the ability to send tickets using the cameras is not allowed.

Council Member Holland asked for the data to be placed on the website and newsletter.

**Consensus of Council** to take no action and table the consideration of speed bumps/humps.

### Council Comments

Council Member Batenic would like to consider having signs next to the crosswalks with wording, look for traffic before crossing. He stated although pedestrians have the right of way in the crosswalks, they are not looking at all and just stepping into the crosswalk. It is a simple suggestion to help with the safety issue.

Mayor Morey reported the next council meeting will take place on July 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

8. Closed Session-pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), (a)(3) & (a)(6)

**Motion** made by Council Member Holland to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), (a)(3) & (a)(6), Seconded by Council Member Batenic. The motion passed unanimously.

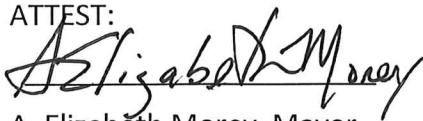
Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

### Adjourn

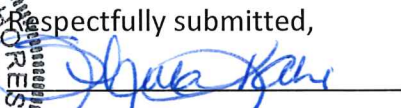
Upon returning to open session, **all Council by consensus** moved to extend Town Manager Cliff Ogburn's contract for another three years.

**Consensus** of all Council to adjourn, the time was 11:34 a.m.

ATTEST:

  
A. Elizabeth Morey, Mayor



Respectfully submitted,  
  
Sheila Kane, Town Clerk

The attached documents are incorporated here with and are hereby made a part of these minutes.