



Town of Southern Shores

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February 21, 2017

COUNCIL MEETING-9:00 A.M.-PITTS CENTER

1. Opening
 - A. Call Meeting to Order (all citizens interested in offering Public Comment are reminded to sign up.)
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
 - C. Moment of Silence
 - D. Amendments/Approval to Agenda
 - E. Consent Agenda **(TAB 1)**
 - i. Resolution Opposing the Designation of Special Secondary Nursery Areas (2017-02-02)
2. Employee Recognition
 - A. Chief David Kole- 10 years of service
3. Special Presentation- Lorelei DiBernardo, Dare County League of Women Voters
 - A. Consideration of Resolution 2017-02-03 in Support of Equal Rights Amendment **(TAB 2)**
4. General Public Comment (Limit: 3 minutes per speaker.)
5. Old Business (all business subject to action)
6. New Business (all business subject to action) **(TAB 3)**
 - A. Consideration of Resolution 2017-02-04 requesting NCDOT to reduce speed limit on NC Highway 12 during visitor season from 45 mph to 35 mph from Skyline Road to Trout Run
7. General Public Comment (Limit: 3 minutes per speaker.)
8. Other Business
 - A. Mayor's Comments & Responses
 - B. Council Member's Comments & Responses
9. Closed Session
 - A. Pursuit to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body
 - B. Pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a)(6) for purpose of approving prior closed sessions' minutes.
10. Adjourn



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Resolution 2017-02-02

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF SPECIAL SECONDARY NURSERY AREAS

WHEREAS, a petition for rulemaking to designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality has been submitted to the NC Marine Fisheries Commission by the NC Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the petition seeks to designate all inshore and ocean waters out to three miles as Special Secondary Nursery Areas and define the type of gear and how and when gear may be used during shrimp season; and

WHEREAS, if adopted, the petition would severely limit shrimp trawling, which would have a devastating impact on commercial fishing families by arbitrarily impairing their livelihood and depriving American tables of fresh, healthy catches of North Carolina harvested shrimp; and

WHEREAS, shrimp trawling has been a vibrant and successful part of North Carolina's heritage and culture for all of its history and represents a means by which generations of commercial watermen create jobs, provide for their families, and contribute to the economic wellbeing of North Carolina's coastal communities; and

WHEREAS, existing state and federal regulations provide ample provisions for monitoring and regulation of commercial shrimping with serious penalties and sanctions for rule violations, which have proven to be effective in preventing overfishing and waste.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Shores Town Council hereby opposes the petition for rulemaking to Designate Special Secondary Nursery Areas and Reduce Bycatch Mortality In North Carolina Coastal Fishing Waters as set forth by the NC Wildlife Federation and strongly urges the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission to reject it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Southern Shores Town Council supports North Carolina's working watermen and opposes the petition for rulemaking that would put North Carolina shrimping in jeopardy.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2017 by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores, NC.

Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Sheila Kane, Town Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2017-02-03

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Southern Shores supports equal rights for the citizens of Southern Shores; and

WHEREAS, Southern Shores is an inclusive community that welcomes and embraces the diversity, talents, and expertise of all stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, women in the United States continue to confront a lack of political parity, workplace discrimination, health care inequities, disparate rates of poverty, rape and domestic violence assaults; and

WHEREAS, the US Constitution does not explicitly guarantee that all rights it protects are held equally by all citizens without regard to sex; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause has not been interpreted to guarantee equal rights for women in the same way the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) would, by establishing sex as a suspect category invoking strict judicial scrutiny, just as race, national origin and religion have been; and

WHEREAS, state laws are not uniform and federal laws are not comprehensive; and these laws can be repealed or diminished by amendment; and

WHEREAS, the ERA would help correct systemic sex discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the ERA was passed by the 92nd Congress in 1972, yet prior to deadlines it failed to be ratified by the requisite number of states necessary to include it as an amendment to the US Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Congress may enact legislation re-proposing an amendment to the US Constitution; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Southern Shores, North Carolina urges Congress to enact legislation to re-initiate ratification of the ERA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Southern Shores urges the North Carolina General Assembly to enact legislation ratifying the ERA to the US Constitution as proposed by Congress.

This the 21st day of February, 2017.

Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Sheila Kane, Town Clerk



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RESOLUTION 2017-02-04

Resolution Requesting the North Carolina Department of Transportation to Lower Speed Limit Seasonally along a Portion of NC Highway 12

Whereas the North Carolina Department of Transportation controls and administers traffic regulations along North Carolina State Highway 12 in the Town of Southern Shores, NC; and

Whereas the Town of Southern Shores has an interest in the safety and well-being of both pedestrians and vehicle drivers and passengers utilizing NC State Highway 12 during busy summer months; and

Whereas the speed of vehicles travelling NC State Highway 12, especially during low-light times of the mornings, late afternoons, and evenings, is a concern for the safety of large numbers of pedestrians seeking to cross the highway travelling to and from the beach during the peak visitor season months of approximately mid-May to mid-October each year; and

Whereas a majority of the crosswalks on NC State Highway 12 in Southern Shores are not "signalized" and are located in "mid-block" areas between the state highway's intersection with Skyline Road and its intersection with Trout Run;

Now, Therefore, the Southern Shores Town Council does hereby resolves that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is requested and urged to lower the speed limit along NC State Highway 12 between its intersection with Skyline Road and its intersection with Trout Run, seasonally from approximately mid-May to mid-October of each year.

This the 21st day of February, 2017.

Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor

Attest: _____
Sheila Kane, Town Clerk