



Town of Southern Shores

"A Town of Volunteers"

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Council Meeting

October 5, 1999

9:00 a.m.-Pitts Center

1. Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Pitts and Councilman Sutherland absent.
2. Jay Wolf led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mayor Wood asked that a moment of silence be held for Councilman Pitts in his recovery from surgery and for all the people that have been affected by the flooding from Hurricane Floyd.

Councilman Campbell reported on the condition of Councilman Pitts by saying he has completed half of his radiation treatments. Councilman Campbell remarked that Councilman Pitts is very appreciative of all the cards and prayers.

4. Mayor Wood presented the consent agenda. Councilman Campbell made a motion to accept the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Kennedy seconded. Approved unanimously.
5. Chief Brazell introduced Gerard Couture as the new patrol officer. Officer Couture was previously employed with the Elizabeth City Police Department. Officer Couture commented he is looking forward to working for the town and being a part of the community policing program that the department employs.
6. Audit Report (FY98-99)

Mayor Wood announced that Debbie Burgess is unable to give the presentation of the Town FY98-99 audit report but that Rick Mizelle would be taking her place. Mr. Mizelle called saying he had a prior appointment and would be here as soon as possible.

7. Planning Board Report

Chairman Morgan reported there are two (2) items for Council's approval. First, the Planning Board recommends that Council set a date for a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to include a garden nursery as a conditional use. The second item is to recommend that Council authorize the Ginguite Woods Development to proceed with building five (5) model units with septic systems with the condition that no certificate of occupancy would be issued until the wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) is approved. If the WWTP is not approved a new site plan will need to be submitted to the Planning Board in order to complete the project.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to set the public hearing date for the proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow a garden nursery as a conditional use for November 2, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Kennedy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Councilman Campbell made a motion to approve the procedure that would allow five (5) model units with septic systems to be built in the Ginguite Woods Development. This is with the condition that a certificate of occupancy will not be given until the wastewater treatment plant is approved. Councilman Kennedy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Chairman Morgan reported the sexually oriented business draft ordinance has been given to Tom White for review. The Planning Board will review his comments at their October 18 meeting and present the ordinance to Council at the November 2 meeting.

8. Old Business

a. Update on zoning ordinance amendments

Mayor Wood recommends that the Planning Board review the proposed amendments to the large home zoning ordinance and make changes as necessary so that a public hearing could be held at the November Council meeting. Mayor Wood explained that he believed this Council should handle this issue and time is running out since the election is right around the corner. Councilman Campbell made a motion to set the public hearing for the proposed zoning ordinance amendments on November 2 at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Kennedy seconded. Approved unanimously.

Chairman Morgan agreed that the Planning Board would hold a special meeting on Thursday October 14, 1999 at 9:00 a.m. to work on the proposed changes for the zoning ordinance.

9. New Business

a. Hurricane Debris Removal

Councilman Kennedy reported that the storm debris removal began on Wednesday Sept. 29. Cavalier Tree Service will be chipping all the tree, limb, and branch debris. Bill Storey and his volunteers will be following the truck to monitor the amount of debris collected and to aid in the traffic control. They have completed Ginguite Trail, Duck Woods Drive, and S. Dogwood Trail. Bill Storey asked for more volunteers and explained it is for a five (5) hour shift.

Steve McCauley commented that due to the amount of brush at the properties the chippers are having some trouble depositing the chips and they should be alerted not to drive over brush piles to make the delivery.

Al Smith commented that residents are supposed to post a sign where the chips are to be placed.

Bill Storey reported Merrie Smith has contacted the residents on the chip list and explained the load is bigger than what they are used to getting. He also stated the truck would not make deliveries where it might get stuck and everyone should post a sign for the chips.

Councilman Campbell asked if the chipper would be finished by the contract date?
Councilman Kennedy stated it is too early to tell.

Greg Solesbee, Fire Chief, asked the cost of this contract and is FEMA reimbursing any of the cost? Tom Gjestson stated the cost will be about \$86,000.00. This is for approximately five hundred and twenty (520) truckloads of debris. FEMA should pay close to 100% of this amount plus they have agreed to pay up to \$2,000.00 for removal of limbs that are damaged and have not fallen. He stated Dave's Tree Service would be working on that project. Mr. Gjestson also praised the great volunteer group working on this project.

Ursula Zdziarski asked if the Dare County large item pick-up would be delayed? Mayor Wood stated Dare County is still in the process of picking up debris in Hatteras from Hurricane Dennis and Floyd and as soon as a date is set residents would be informed.

Councilman Kennedy asked that patience be shown by motorists while the brush debris removal is being done.

New Business cont'd

Al Smith commented some concern had been expressed regarding the chips flying about due to no cover on the truck. Councilman Kennedy said he would talk to the chippers and see what they could suggest.

10. Public Comment

Mrs. Wrenn asked what Police Chief Brazell meant by saying the department was 'up to speed' when he introduced the new Police Officer? Chief Brazell explained the department now has an eight (8) man force and one (1) administrative assistant and that the Town is now at budgeted personnel levels in the Police Department.

11. Mayor's Agenda

Mayor Wood announced that a courtesy meeting was held on September 23 with the architect and engineer for the proposed hotel in Kitty Hawk on NC 12. They propose to begin construction in January 2000 and it is to be a franchise of a large hotel chain. There is a proposed satellite parking lot and septic repair area on Southern Shores property, which will be of concern to the Town. The initial site plan proposed a restaurant and septic repair area in the Town. It is hoped the parking lot and the septic repair area would be less offensive to Pelican's Watch. Plans will be submitted to the Planning Board in a couple of months.

Mr. Wrenn asked if additional traffic lights would be needed? Mayor Wood stated it is unknown at this time what the proposal will be.

Mayor Wood stated the Town owes the SSVFD a huge vote of thanks for their effort in removing fallen trees from Town streets immediately following Hurricane Floyd.

Fire Chief Solesbee stated he wanted to dispel a rumor that the fire department is in trouble with manpower. He stated they are actively recruiting members to replace some who have retired.

Fire Chief Solesbee stated he is very proud of the firemen for the job they did during the hurricanes. He reported that there are a few problems with communications and that a purchase of a boat/inflatable would be something to think about. He stated we did not need it at this time but after seeing how other towns were impacted by high water it might be something to consider. He suggested that the warning system for those people who live on the water should be a part of the EOC hurricane emergency plan.

Mayor's Agenda cont'd

He continued by saying the police department's deuce-and-a-half truck worked well in delivering over three thousand (3,000) pounds of water and food to flood victims in Swan Quarter. He acknowledged that the Town's people had generously donated many supplies and dollars and some took off from their regular jobs to work with the devastated areas.

Fire Chief Solesbee gave special Hurricane Floyd awards to Judy McCarthy, Ruth Smith, Steve McCauley and Bob Harvey. Mr. McCauley stated all that was done was from the motivation they received from Chief Solesbee.

Mayor Wood expressed his appreciation for everyone who gave their love and generosity to the people in need caused by Hurricane Floyd.

Mayor Wood introduced Rick Mizelle of Johnson, Burgess, Straub, and Mizelle, CPA. Mr. Mizelle gave the audit presentation for the FY98-99. He then thanked the Town for allowing the firm to do the audit. Mayor Wood thanked him for coming and stated the town is happy to work with Debbie Burgess. Councilman Kennedy made a motion to approve the audit as presented. Councilman Campbell seconded. Approved unanimously. Councilman Campbell stated the 1.8 million dollars in the undesignated fund balance is the goal set by the Town Manager and the credit goes to Tom for doing a great job.

12. Council's Agenda

Councilman Campbell made a recommendation that the Police Chief and the Code Enforcement Officer meet to determine what is a "permitted accessory" item. There is skateboard ramp on Woodland Drive that warrants review and the Police Department needs to be aware of these items.

He reported that crush and run was placed in potholes on the avenues and a runoff problem exists on Sandpiper Lane which the Town will work on.

Councilman Kennedy reported the Institute of Transportation, Research and Education (ITRE) is currently doing a road study of the Town. This study was scheduled for September but was delayed due to the hurricanes. This report should be completed by the end of the month at which time Council will review.

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13. Town Manager 's Agenda

Tom Gjestson asked Police Chief Brazell to give the monthly police report. Chief Brazell stated the Town citizens are the eyes and ears of the community and he asked them to call anytime anything seems suspicious.

Fire Chief Solesbee had nothing beyond his earlier remarks to report.

Tom Gjestson announced that an U.S. Geological "beach erosion" survey is being done. A previous study was done in 1997. A 6-wheel amphibious ATV will be inspecting the beaches once between Oct.4 and 6 and following nor'easters in the fall and winter. He reported the erosion rate in Town is minimal in comparison to other towns.

Councilman Kennedy asked how long the lifeguard service will be patrolling the beach? Mr. Gjestson stated until October 15.

14. Town Attorney's Agenda-none

15. Announcements-none

Councilman Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.
Councilman Campbell seconded. Approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Respectfully Submitted,



Mayor



Town Clerk



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September 30, 1999

MONTHLY PERMIT SUMMARY

TYPE CONSTRUCTION	NO.	COST	FEES
SOUTHERN SHORES			
New	7	1,492,188.00	10,238.13
Add/Alt	4	86,000.00	809.10
Other	9	65,430.08	672.00
TOTAL SS	<u>20</u>	<u>1,643,618.08</u>	<u>11,719.23</u>
CUMULATIVE FY2000	<u>76</u>	<u>4,171,396.02</u>	<u>30,529.01</u>
TOTAL HOMES SS	1858	(6 Certificate(s) of Occupancy issued this month)	
MARTIN'S POINT			
New	0	-	-
Add/Alt	1	9,415.00	132.75
Other	0	-	-
TOTAL MP	<u>1</u>	<u>9,415.00</u>	<u>132.75</u>
CUMULATIVE FY2000	<u>9</u>	<u>851,572.00</u>	<u>5,312.57</u>
TOTAL HOMES MP	160	(0 Certificate(s) of Occupancy issued this month)	
CAMA PERMITS	0	-	-
PLAN REVIEW FEE	15	-	1,265.00
ADD TO PERMITS	2	-	103.50
RE-INSPECTIONS	0	-	-
TOTAL MONTH		<u>1,653,033.08</u>	<u>13,220.48</u>
TOTAL YEAR		<u>5,022,968.02</u>	<u>39,670.48</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Hejduk
 Building Inspector



TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES

TAX DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

MONTH: September, 1999

DATE: October 5, 1999

COLLECTIONS

Month To Date

Current Year - 1999	\$ 13,258.05
Prior Years - 1979-1998	\$ 16.13
Interest	\$ 30.87

YEAR TO DATE

Current Year - 1999	\$ 16,786.51
Prior Years - 1979-1998	\$ 6,370.27
Interest	\$ 497.60