



Town of Southern Shores

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Council Meeting

October 1, 2002

7:00 p.m.-Pitts Center

1. Mayor pro tem Campbell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Sutherland absent.
2. Mayor pro tem Campbell led the Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mayor pro tem asked that a moment of silence be held for the family of Douglas Ringwall.
4. Public Comment-none
5. Consent Agenda-Minutes of September 3, 2002 Council meeting and monthly Building Inspections report.

Councilman Kennedy moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Denny seconded. Approved unanimously.

6. Annual Audit Report-FY 2001-2002

Debbie Burgess of the CPA firm Johnson, Burgess, Mizelle and Straub presented the Town's FY 2001-2002 audit report. She thanked Council for allowing the firm to prepare the audit. (See Audit)

Tom Gjestson, Town Manager presented a Power Point presentation that aided in explaining the report. (See presentation).

Councilman Kennedy moved to accept the audit and report as presented. Councilman Denny seconded. Approved unanimously.

7. Planning Board Recap-September 24, 2002

Chairman Dan Shields stated that the Board has prepared amended language to the Town's Telecommunication Tower ordinance that would propose allowing an antenna to be placed on the Dare County water tower in the RS-1 zone. Placement of antenna and towers are also allowed in the commercial zone according to the zoning ordinance.

Planning Board Recap cont'd

Mayor pro tem Campbell stated that the draft would go back to the Planning Board and that a public hearing be held at the November Council meeting.

Councilman Kennedy reminded everyone that the General Elections would be held on the regular Council meeting date November 5 and the Council meeting would be held on Wednesday November 6, 2002.

Mayor pro tem Campbell announced that D. Shields would be having surgery on October 17 and all wished him well.

8. Resolutions

- a. Recognition of Fallen Firefighters and National Fire Prevention Week

Councilman Smith read the resolution and made a motion to adopt as presented. Councilman Kennedy seconded. Approved unanimously.

- b. Supporting Participation in the Government Access Channel for the Town of Kitty Hawk

Mayor pro tem Campbell read the resolution and stated that all participating members need to accept anyone wishing to participate and that the Town of Kitty Hawk has made such a request. Mayor pro tem Campbell moved to adopt the resolution as presented. Councilman Smith seconded. Approved unanimously.

The audience viewed the slide show of the Town as seen on the government access channel. T. Gjestson recognized Tammy Deane, employee, for her work on the Power Point presentation.

9. Old Business

- a. Mid-Currituck Bridge petition update

Sarah Schwartz updated all by saying that there are now over 3,600 signatures on the petition. Duck and Currituck County are also canvassing their areas for signatures. She thanked all the volunteers and asked that anyone wishing to be on a committee contact Council members, Geri Sullivan or herself. She asked Council to consider adding a slide on the Government Access Channel for additional exposure.

Old Business cont'd

b. Juniper Trail multi-use path update

Councilman Denny reported that he is working with DOT on some problems in regards to the entrance of the proposed path from the Gersen path to Palmetto Lane. He stated that he hopes the path can be finished by the fall of this year.

c. Personnel Classification and Pay Study

T. Gjestson stated that the NCLM MAPS Group have been contracted to do the study that will begin on October 31 and that the study would be completed in 3-4 months. He stated that the last study was done about 5 years ago.

d. Vegetation Committee Update-Tree Bank

Mayor pro tem Campbell stated that Dick Wood currently chair of the vegetation committee is stepping down so that he may chair the "Tree Bank" program. He stated that more information would be forth coming.

10. New Business

a. Traffic situation-Kitty Hawk Elementary School

Councilman Denny stated that the traffic situation at the school has been monitored the last ten days during drop-off and pick-up times. He stated that DOT changed the timing at the traffic light and that seemed to help during the drop-off time period. He stated that Police Chief Pledger, Bill Storey and himself met with Jim Winebarger, director of maintenance for Dare County schools and all agreed to come up with some short-term and long-term improvements.

b. Re-appointment of Pat Storey to the Board of Adjustment as a member for a three year term and vice-chair.

Councilman Denny moved to appoint P. Storey for a three-year term to the BOA as a member. Councilman Kennedy seconded. Approved unanimously.

The BOA vice-chair appointment will be addressed at a later date.

Old Business cont'd

- c. Department of Transportation TIP meeting-November 12, 2002 in Edenton.

Mayor pro tem Campbell announced that all Council members would be attending this meeting.

He stated that he attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting in Mayor Sutherland's absence and Stan White, the new district coordinator for transportation was present. He stated that topics of discussion at the meeting were rental companies staggering their check-in times and days but that was dismissed due to the feeling it was an infringement on their business. He stated that there will be an active campaign to encourage tourists to use the new US 17, Elizabeth City route for those going south. DOT has targeted Memorial Day of 2003 to synchronize traffic loops and the left turn lanes in Town. He stated that there was discussion regarding the removal of the traffic light at the Crown Station and to restrict left turns there or use a flashing light with police to direct traffic.

He stated that DOT is holding a special meeting on October 22 to discuss traffic issues with the mayor's and Stan White.

He stated that in conversation with the DOT representatives it was stated that they do not want to four lane NC 12 but they might have to in the future. Mayor pro tem Campbell stated that it is the Town's job to prevent this from happening.

11. Council's Agenda

Councilman Denny-none
Councilman Kennedy-none

Councilman Smith addressed the public regarding the County's beach nourishment program and his concerns. He read several statements from the local newspapers addressing the County's approach to the program. Councilman Smith proposed several questions and stated that citizens also should be asking questions regarding the program and what impact it will have on them. He stated that this program is very costly. He reported that this program would cost between \$1.6 and \$1.8 billion dollars over a 50-year time frame. He presented photos of the beach at Nags Head where sand had been placed and has already washed away. He asked the question "how high will taxes have to go to fund such a project"? He stated that he has asked Council on several occasions to take a stand against this program but they are not willing to. He urged everyone to vote on November 5. (See submitted materials)

Councilman Smith called upon Deputy Fire Chief Sanders to give the monthly fire report.

12. Mayor's Agenda

Mayor pro tem Campbell stated that Council has stated on several occasions that they would not take a stand on the beach nourishment program unless it directly impacted the Town of Southern Shores. He stated that the vote is always 4 to 1 on this issue. He stated that Mayor Sutherland presented him with a letter of response but that he would not read it at this time and that Mayor Sutherland could read it at a later time.

Mayor pro tem Campbell stated that three members of Council, the Town Manager, and Mike Hejduk attended a meeting "Wastewater Treatment Options for Coastal North Carolina" on Sept. 26 regarding septic system care. He recommended that additional discussion be held at Council's retreat on this subject.

He stated that the legislators passed the SB 1292 local options tax bill and HB 1490. He stated that the County Commissioners would vote on the acceleration of the ½ cent local option sales tax at their October meeting.

He asked Council if they would be interested in subscribing to the Coastal Coalition as a member? They agreed not to subscribe.

He reminded everyone that the Dare County Large Item Pickup would be held on October 15.

13. Town Manager's Agenda

T. Gjestson asked that each citizen take a strong interest regarding their septic tanks and have them inspected and pumped. He stated that the Town has just had their three septic tanks pumped.

He presented current YTD key revenue comparisons (see attached).

14. Town Attorney's Agenda-none

Councilman Denny moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Councilman Kennedy seconded.
Approved unanimously.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted:



Mayor



Town Clerk