



**Town of Southern Shores
Regular Council Meeting
June 20, 2017**

The Town of Southern Shores Council met in the Pitts Center located at 5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 20, 2017.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Bennett and Council Members Leo Holland, Chris Nason, Fred Newberry, and Gary McDonald.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and held a moment of silence.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member McDonald moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holland. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following items:

- i. Minutes- May 16, 2017 & June 6, 2017
- ii. Resolution 2017-06-02-Law Enforcement MOU Update
- iii. Set Public Hearing for July 5, 2017 Regular Meeting – FY 17-18 Capital Infrastructure Improvements

MOTION: Council Member McDonald moved to amend the agenda rescheduling the July 5th Council meeting for July 11th at 5:30 p.m. including the public hearing and cancel the July 18th Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor pro tem Newberry. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

MOTION: Council Member McDonald moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Mayor pro tem Newberry. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bennett called for public comment and hearing no citizen wishing to speak, the Mayor closed public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item: Ken Willson with CBI presented a PowerPoint update on the Southern Shores Beach Nourishment Project. The tentative start date of Southern Shores sand placement is the 1st-2nd week in August.

The Town Manager asked Mr. Willson if he would comment on the pending Town staff proposal (see "Next Agenda Item" under New Business below) to amend the Town's Waterways and Beach Ordinance by adopting TCA-17-02 which would prohibit ocean front property owners

from pushing beach sand towards the dune line. Mr. Willson responded by stating it is advisable not to allow beach pushes on an engineered nourished beach. The acceptable alternative to nourished beach loss would be to re-nourish the beach with another engineered project at the appropriate time.

[Clerk's Note: A copy of the PowerPoint presentation is attached]

NEW BUSINESS:

Agenda Item: Amendment to the Town's Noise Ordinance (Section 22-3, (c) - Exception for the Work Associated with Public Beach Nourishment Projects – Staff Recommendation

MOTION: After a brief summary of the purpose by Mayor Bennett, Council Member McDonald moved to amend the Town's noise ordinance by adopting TCA-17-01 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holland. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Next Agenda Item: Amendment to the Town's Waterways and Beaches Ordinance (New Section 34-55, (e) – Prohibition of Bulldozing, Pushing, or Moving Sand on Town Beaches That Are Within the Limits of a Completed Public Beach Nourishment Project – Staff Recommendation

Permit Officer Dabni Shelton gave an overview of the proposed amendment.

MOTION: Council Member McDonald moved to amend the Town's Waterways and Beach Ordinance by adopting TCA-17-02 as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Nason. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

By consensus of all Council, Article III is to be corrected on proposed amendment TCA-17-01 and TCA 17-02 reflecting the proper language.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Bennett again called for public comment and the following citizens offered comment:

1. Al Ewerling, 187 S. Dogwood Trail, Southern Shores – the lane poles on the south west corner of the NC12/East Dogwood project have created a very tight turn lane and larger vehicles and trailers do not have enough turning room. Poles should be removed.

Mayor's Comments & Response:

Mayor Bennett stated Council received an invitation from ICO to attend their annual meeting at the Ramada Inn in Kill Devil Hills on June 28th.

Mayor Bennett also stated Grey Berryman and Cub Scout Pack 117 sent a letter of appreciation to Council, staff, the Fire Department and the Police Department for support in the Soap Box Derby this year.

Council Comments & Response:

Mayor pro tem Newberry stated several residents have contacted him about the intersection of NC12/ East Dogwood construction site. He stated he understands the sand fence has to stay up until the vegetation or the grass starts growing but citizens are wanting to know what else is going to be done to landscape that area because it is not that attractive right now. He further stated it would probably be a good idea to inform people of the plans in the newsletter.

Mayor Bennett stated he addressed this at the last meeting and would be consulting with staff, and local professionals to help with a design. He stated there is a lot on the table such as plantings and screenings, wildflower mixes, and trees. He said it hasn't been decided yet and he would like to consult the immediate neighbors as they are impacted the most. It will be addressed at the staff level and publicly announced again once a decision is made.

Council Member Nason stated it was reasonable to just announce a sentence stating that once a landscape decision is made it will be announced.

Council Member Holland stated the County passed its budget with a tax increase from \$0.43 to \$0.47 per \$100 of valuation.

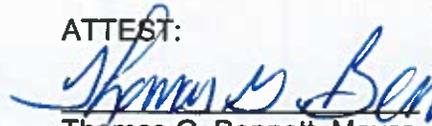
MOTION: Council Member Nason stated now that the budget process is through, he would like to make a motion to suspend all mid-month meetings, unless needed as to be determined on a case by case basis. The motion was seconded by Council Member McDonald. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Mayor Bennett moved for a Closed Session - NCGS § 143-318.11. (a)(6) - Consider a personnel matter regarding an individual public officer/employee of the Town. The motion was seconded by Council Member McDonald. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

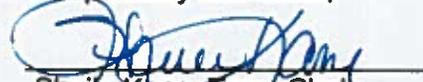
MOTION: Council Member Holland moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member McDonald. The motion passed unanimously (5-0). The time was 10:00 a.m.

ATTEST:


Thomas G. Bennett, Mayor



Respectfully submitted,


Sheila Kane, Town Clerk