



**SURF CITY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**  
**Surf City Town Hall – 201 Community Center Drive**  
**6:30 PM**

**Council Members Present:**

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor  
William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Donald Helms  
Teresa Batts  
Jeremy Shugarts  
Dwight Torres

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor
- II. INVOCATION - William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Donald R. Helms
- IV. PROCLAMATION – Linda’s Lake Lights
- V. BEAUTIFICATION & APPEARANCE COMMITTEE AWARDS -  
Home of the Month: Edna Grabol at 6058 6th St.  
Business of the Month: Publix at 2765 NC Hwy 210

VI. MAYOR'S REMARKS -

*We ask that all in attendance please set your cell phones to silent or vibrate mode. The Council offers the public an opportunity to speak during the meeting. Comments should be limited to three minutes each and must be directly issue oriented with agenda items for this meeting, or an issue upon which the Council has control.*

*Citizen speakers will be acknowledged in the order in which they sign up to speak and will address all comments to the Board as a whole and not one individual Council member. Speakers will address the Council from the speaker’s podium at the front of the room and will begin their remarks by stating their name and address. Discussions between Speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.*

*Public comment is not intended to require the Council to answer any impromptu questions. Speakers are expected to be civil in their language and presentation. Any comments where the primary purpose is to promote business or candidacy shall not be allowed.*

*In accordance with the Council’s adopted Rules of Procedures, Councilmembers shall reserve responses, if any, for the Council Forum on the agenda.*

VII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA -

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Shugarts seconded the motion and it was carried.

VIII. MAYOR PRO-TEM APPOINTMENT -

Mr. Shugarts made a motion to appoint Councilman Fowler as Mayor Pro-Tem. Mrs. Batts seconded the motion and it was carried.

IX. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA -

***\*Items under Consent are generally of a routine nature. The Board may take action to approve/disapprove all items in a single vote. Any item may be withheld from a general action, to be discussed and voted upon separately at the discretion of the Council.***

1. Meeting Minutes - November 6, November 22, & December 6, 2019
2. Advisory Committee Appointment - Board of Adjustment: Todd Crawford, Chair
3. Parks & Recreation Fee Schedule

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

- X. PUBLIC COMMENT - Citizens have an opportunity to address the Council for no more than three minutes per speaker on topics which concern agenda items of this meeting.

Jack Solak 2408 S. Shore Drive addressed concerns with beach nourishment, and he thanked the council for their push for nourishment.

Sandi Monroe 316 N. Shore Drive ask questions regarding advisory committees.

Richard Calloway 106A S. Shore Drive questioned the sand berm north of the pier.

XI. MANAGER'S REPORT -

Mrs. Loftis gave an update on the utility force main upgrade and that the project has been finalized. The state soil scientist met with staff at Juniper Swamp for additional spray fields, and they will be starting the permit application to proceed. Currently contractors are working to fill in those areas on the south end of the beach that were not deemed imminent critical. It is the hopes that the town will continue the same measure on the north end fall of 2020. The private project has a published timeline and is available online for viewing. The application has been accepted and is in the public notice section. Once the permit is issued the end of February then the town can go out to bid for the dredge work. The contract is estimated to be accepted at the May council meeting. Work is expected to begin November 15, 2020 and to take 4-6 months. This is subject to change dependent upon other agencies and/or weather.

XII. NEW BUSINESS -

4. Resolution No. 2020-01 Map Review Officer

Mrs. Kimes stated that the planning department is asking the council to approve the resolution to add Amy Kimes as a map review officer for Surf City.

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve resolution number 2020-01 Map Review Officer. Mr. Torres seconded the motion and it was carried.

XIII. COUNCIL FORUM -

Mr. Helms ask for prayers for the Johnnie James family and gave details of his service. He gave an update for the fire department and reminded everyone to be cautious with the new paving.

Mr. Shugarts stated his excitement for the new year, and he was looking forward to the future.

Mr. Torres thanked his wife, campaign team, and all of his supporters. He expressed his gratitude to work with the council and share his vision for Surf City. He welcomed concerns, opinions and thoughts. He asked God to bless this country and troops.

Mr. Fowler thanked everyone for coming out and he welcomed the new year. He addressed some beach mapping concerns from pre-Florence. He thanked the council for their faith in appointing him as Mayor Pro-Tem. He also welcomed questions and concerns from all citizens.

Mrs. Batts thanked everyone for coming out tonight and how thankful the council is for those that give back and volunteer. Surf City is a giving community who look out for each other. She also stated she looked forward to working with council and staff departments on resiliency after a storm and fiscally savvy, as they have since Florence.

Mayor spoke on beach plantings because they will not be able to establish a root before the fall private nourishment project. Sand fencing is a good temporary idea to establish more sand because it can be removed before the project is slated to begin. He encouraged everyone to sign up for CodeRed to news and alters from the town. He thanked everyone for coming out.

#### XIV. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS -

Mr. Edes gave an update on the easement's condemnation process. He gave an update on the School of Government training for the new zoning regulations on NCGS160D.

#### XV. CLOSED SESSION- Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel

Mr. Helms made a motion for closed session to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Mr. Torres seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to go back into open session. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Batts motion to hire Mr. Breuer as town manager upon the terms of a written contract as explained to the board by the town attorney with the effective starting date of January 15, 2020. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT -

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Batts seconded the motion and it was carried.