



TOWN OF SURF CITY

January 15, 2021 WORK SESSION MINUTES

*9:00 AM / Friday, January 15, 2021
Hampton Inn Sneads Ferry, 1248 NC Hwy 210*

Council Members Present:

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem

Donald Helms

Teresa Batts

Jeremy Shugarts

Dwight Torres

Call to Order

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

Invocation & Pledge

Introductions & Welcome

Approval of Agenda

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

Town Council Work Plan Items:

1. Town Hall Update – Monteith Construction

Matt Britten with Monteith Construction gave an update on the new municipal building.

2. Presentation, Otto Connect, Inc.

Jim Varner with Otto Connect Inc. gave a presentation regarding the Surf Cast Application.

There was discussion regarding tax distributions and rates at a federal, state and local level.

There was discussion on discounted family passes for those families that have children living with them with a vehicle.

The council discussed the rates and percentages of parking management.

Mr. Breuer discussed the beach nourishment fund, USACE nourishment cost and the re-nourishment cost that will re-occur every 6 years. The town levies \$1.5 million per year in

accommodation taxes and these proposed revenues from paid parking will provide the needed funding for the initial nourishment and re-nourishment cost. This could save the potential for a tax increase across the board or taking on debt for the nourishment project.

The board discussed rates for employees, businesses, & family members of residents.

The board came to a consensus to move forward with paid parking.

For: Shugarts, Batts, Fowler, & Helms

Against: Torres

Employee Passes 1-5 \$ \$100.00 / 6-10 \$75 / 11-15 \$150 for Central Business District

Annual Passes \$250 per year

2 Hour Parking in Central Business District – Unless otherwise posted

Free Parking for all parks

The board reviewed the parking map for paid parking that correlates with the USACE parking and access standards.

3. Emergency Water Sales Agreement – Pender County

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the Pender County Emergency water sales agreement.

Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and it was carried.

4. WWTP Upgrade Contract Award

Mr. Fowler made a motion to award the headworks contract to Trader Construction. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and it was carried.

5. Personnel Policy Updates

The council came to a consensus to place the personnel policy updates on the consent agenda for February 2nd.

6. Offer to Purchase – Lots at 305 N. New River Drive

Mr. Fowler made a motion to reject the offer on lots 7, 8, 9 & 10 at 305 N. New River Drive.

Mrs. Batts seconded the motion, and it was carried.

7. Advisory Board Appointment – Beautification & Appearance Committee

8. Offer to Purchase – 2 Lots N. End

Mr. Helms made a motion to accept the offer and to move forward with publishing the offer and upset bids. Mr. Torres seconded the motion, and it was carried.

9. BOA – WWTP & Storm Drains

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the budget ordinance amendment for utilities. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the budget ordinance amendment for the flooding on S. Shore Drive. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and it was carried.

10. FY 21-22 Budget Workshop

Dave McCole, Finance Director gave an update on the FY 20-21 budget and the expectations and timeline for the FY 21-22 budget.

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Torres seconded the motion, and it was carried.