



Town of Surf City

Special Workshop Meeting Minutes Paid Parking February 12, 2021

Members Present:

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor

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

Donald Helms

Teresa Batts

Jeremy Shugarts

Dwight Torres

Introduction & Welcome – Mayor Douglas C. Medlin

Invocation – Mayor Pro-Tem William J. (Buddy) Fowler

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Donald Helms

Approval of Agenda

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

Workshop Items:

1. Paid Parking Discussion

Mr. Breuer thanked everyone who came out that morning regarding concerns with paid parking. He discussed the information package that was pushed out last week as well as any emails that had been received over the last week. Overall, he highlighted the areas of top concerns:

- Parking lots along S. Shore Drive – the town is working with an engineer and surveyor to layout those parcels. He stated the town will sit down with those stake holders once site design is complete

- Seasonal Pass Cost – From neighboring communities
- Parking Zones – On street parking placement (Charlotte Ave and the addition of parking on the north end)

He stated he sees potential action being taken with the attorney guidance next Friday, February 19th at the work session.

Mayor stated the town has received lots of information from vendors and look forward to discussing those with the board.

Mr. Fowler thanked everyone for coming out today. He stated he has received a lot of comments this week and many want to see the rates stay the same as originally proposed.

Mr. Helms stated most of the comments he has received are for paid parking and see the original rates go back to the original proposal.

Mrs. Batts thanked everyone for their comments and those who came out. She stated that everyone's main concern is safety especially along S Shore Drive. She stated she has received a lot of residents who are county residents. She passed the message along from a Pender County commissioner who would like to see a reduced rate for Pender County residents. She did state that \$5 was too high for an hourly charge.

2. Closed Session – Attorney Client Privilege NCGS 143.318.11(a)(3)

No Action was taken in closed session.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to allow Councilman Shugarts to participate remotely and vote at the February 19th work session. Mrs. Batts seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Torres stated he was thankful for the ability to get everyone together this morning and hear the opinions of the public. He looked forward to seeing some free parking and have the lowest impact possible.

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