



**SURF CITY TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
Surf City Welcome Center – 102 N. Shore Drive
Stream Live: www.youtube.com/townofsurfcity
4:30 PM**

Council Members Present:

Douglas C. Medlin, Mayor
William J. (Buddy) Fowler, Mayor Pro-Tem
Donald R. 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. SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Stephanie Jones, Out of the Darkness Suicide Awareness Organizer
- V. PROCLAMATION – National Boating Safety Week
- VI. BEAUTIFICATION & APPEARANCE COMMITTEE AWARDS -

Home of the Month: Chris & Christina Giordano at 412 N. Shore Drive
Business of the Month: Inis Spa at 208 A. N. New River Drive

VII. 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.

VIII. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA -

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Fowler 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 - April 6th & 16th, 2021
2. Final Plat Approval – Triton Village Phase II 2
3. Budget Ordinance Amendment – Governors Crime Commission
4. Ordinance Amendments – Chapters 17 *Traffic and Motor Vehicles* & 18 *Utilities*
5. Resolution No. 2021-11 – Opposing Senate Bill 349 / House Bill 401
6. Advisory Board Appointment – Stephanie Jones, Parks & Recreation

Mr. Helms made a motion 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.

Micki Tucker 1222 S. Shore Drive told her story regarding a pothole that she filled herself on the corner of S. Shore Drive and Charlotte Ave. She stated she has had to fill the hole after numerous complaints. She made a complaint over the streets. She also volunteered her services to clean up the streets.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING –

7. FY 21-22 Budget

Open Public Hearing 5:00 pm

No Public Hearing

Closed Public Hearing 5:02pm

8. No action was taken at this time Lease Agreement – Goldsboro Ave Pender County Parcels: 4235-90-2395-0000, 4235-90-2452-0000, 4235-90-2408-0000, & 4235-90-2564-0000

Open Public Hearing 5:03pm

No Public Comment

Close Public Hearing 5:04pm

No Action was taken at this time.

XII. MANAGER'S REPORT -

- **Beach Nourishment** – Federal Project

- The Project Development Team met on April 28th. Some of the outcomes of that meeting are:
 - The Project Management Plan is being finalized.
 - The Corp continues to work on the Environmental Assessment
 - The PPA is close to approval
 - Overall parking and access will be reviewed incrementally with each contract
 - The PPA checklist revision is complete, it is going through the Division and should be here in about 2 weeks.
- **New Town Hall** – We have officially moved into the new Town Hall. Police worked very hard last week to make sure they were able to keep up with the schedule. I can't thank everyone for their hard work to get this done, covering their daily tasks and extra.
 - The Contractor is working to finish up last minute items on punch lists and should be complete within the week. This includes the Council dais.
 - We are scheduled to hold our ribbon cutting on May 21st which includes opening the time capsule and creating a new one. Please bring Stephanie items that you would like to see in that capsule.
 - We will be installing the “Rain Garden” this Friday, May 7th at 1pm so please come on out, we will be joined with our partners at the Coastal Federation as well as our Enhancement and Beautification Committee.
- **Old Town Hall/Ward Building**
 - Both sites have been converted to parking lots.
- **Paid Parking**
 - With Police moving to the Municipal Complex, we have been able to move PIVOT over to the old Police Department
 - Staff continues to work with landowners for leased lots
 - Roland and S. Shore is completed
 - Property north of Spinnakers should be completed by end of week
 - Lease has been obtained for N. New River and 5th Street
 - Lease is being executed for the Hula's parking lot.
 - Fencing will begin next Monday at the lots along S. Shore, then landscaping, NCDOT driveway permits are pending and should be received any day.
 - The policy document outlining paid parking and its operation is nearing completion, I will work with PIVOT on the business parking allowance and get that opened up ASAP.
- **S. Shore Flooding**
 - Town staff has been working with NCDOT in replacing and expanding the storm water system along South Shore Drive. To date, four areas between the 1500 and 1700 block have been improved upon. This is in conjunction with a joint stormwater study being conducted with the NCDOT.
 - Staff has been invited to join WK Dickson and staff at Caswell Beach next week to see their dune infiltration demonstration.
- **Sewer**
 - Staff will be meeting with the County next week to review the draft Interlocal Agreement
- **Budget**
 - Following the work-session at the end of April, the finance director and I are putting together the full budget ordinance, which includes the budget, CIP and

capital budgets, fee schedule, and employee pay and classification plan. As a reminder, we will have May's work session to go over any last-minute items and scheduled adoption will be June 1.

- **Economic Resiliency Project**

- We are due a draft report on Thursday of this week, our partners with the Kenan Institute at Chapel Hill will be here on May 21st to discuss the report with Council.

- **Follow up Items**

- I have included April's Purchase Order report as well as the Parks and Rec director's report as supplemental items in your folders.

XIII. COUNCIL FORUM -

Mr. Shugarts thanked the police department for their coverage. He too thanked the streets department. He asked for prayers for David Gilbride.

Mr. Helms hoped everyone was having a great year this far. He stated that the town looks great with the new parking and cleaned rights-of-way. He wished all the mothers a happy Mother's Day.

Mrs. Batts stated she is looking forward to spring and summer activities and festivals. She thanked the fire department for their services.

Mr. Torres stated he agreed with everyone's sentiments. He stated the town is the best he has ever seen it, but there is always room for improvement. He encouraged everyone to prepare for Hurricane season as it is upcoming. He wished his wife a happy 34th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Fowler stated he echoed the comments of his colleagues. He asked the public to keep up with the webpage as the town has a lot of great events and information. He stated the staff here at the town are service orientated. He too wished all the mothers a happy Mother's Day.

Mayor stated the town staff is wonderful and the town is blessed with a lot of hard workers. He too is looking forward to Mother's Day.

XIV. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORTS -

XV. CLOSED SESSION – NCGS 143-318-11(a)(6) Personnel

Mr. Torres made a motion to go back into regular session. Mr. Helms seconded the motion, and it was carried.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT -

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

