



Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Special Meeting-Work Session
Friday, January 22, 2010



A Special Meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Friday, January 22, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. located within The Center for Marine and Science Technology, Room 205, 303 College Drive, Morehead City, NC.

Members Present: Mayor Cooper, Mayor Pro Tem Harry Archer; Councilmembers: Eddie Briley, Trish Ide and Vada Palma

Members Absent: Councilmember Batt for morning session

Others Present: All day - David Walker, Town Manager; Kelly Cyrus, Town Clerk
Portions of the day - Jessica Fiester, Planning Director; Allison Platt, Owner and Landscape Architect of Allison Platt & Associate; Police Chief Smith

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Kelly Cyrus, Town Clerk took roll call.

Mayor Pro Tem Archer made a motion *to excuse* Councilmember Batt. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Briley. Vote was unanimous, 4-0. Motion carried.

Mayor Cooper welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated various topics of discussion in hopes of obtaining goals and objectives for the town.

OPEN SESSION

ITEMS OF DISCUSSIONS

The topics of discussion for the day were as follows with discussion points:

- 9:00 a.m. - Town Hall/Food Lion Renovation Options
 1. Central location; combination of government/community center
 2. Low morale in current structure; space needs study; explore funding options
 3. At least one (1) year of preliminary studies needed; timing is not right for consideration
 4. Concerns on current conditions of town hall; health of employees/mold/mildew
 5. Emphasis on public/not employees; pursue grant options
 6. Possibility of going “vertical” on current structure/parking concerns with current site
 7. Need public involvement; consider circle area as a site option
 8. Look at other coastal municipality structures; west end water tank site
 9. Consider financial options during budget discussions

Mayor Cooper called for a five (5) minute recess at 9:40 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

- 9:45 a.m. - Parks/Recreation/Family Entertainment/Amusement Center/Special Events
 1. Lobby county for financial assistance for recreation activities/events/planning
 2. Town’s Parks and Recreation committee formed over a year ago needs to begin meeting
 3. Promote town’s logo of “Fun In The Sun”
 4. Would like to see ongoing recreational activities/events
 5. Need usable asset soon
 6. Pursue parks and recreation grants
 7. Access recreation facility/activities for different age groups

Mayor Cooper called for a ten (10) minute recess at 10:20 am and reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

- 10:30 a.m. - Causeway Re-Development Planning – Presentation by Allison Platt of Allison Platt & Associates
 1. Lack of sewer; no density
 2. Address unsightly street lighting; possible installation of attractive street lighting
 3. Possible consolidation of power lines
 4. Esthetically pleasing asphalt (i.e., “stamped” asphalt to resemble pavers)
 5. Install curbing; reclaim roadside grassy strips, currently serves no purpose
 6. Town Identity signs, banners for various town locations, districts, areas, etc.
 7. Contact Dept. of Transportation; gather community involvement

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:26 a.m. and reconvened at 1:40 p.m.

Councilmember Batt arrived at the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

- 1:40 p.m. - Storm water/Roads, Sidewalks, Bike paths/Citizens “Green” Committee
 1. Follow up with study from W. K. Dickson Engineers
 2. Immediate needs areas – Peppertree and Durham Ave.

3. Option of pumping into Dept. of Transportation storm drain
 4. Critical needs areas – West Atlantic to Bogue/Charlotte Ave.
 5. Weigh construction costs against environmental options
 6. Identify small, fixable projects that can be done now
 7. Possible option-Hazard Mitigation grant
 8. Incorporation rain gardens (i.e. East Terminal water tank area)
 9. Possible adoption of pervious pavement ordinance
 10. Incentives for improvements by property owners
 11. Create “Green”/sustainability committee
 12. Consult professional experts on projects/options
 13. Staff review/recommendation of re-paving of streets
 14. Additional bike paths; widen sidewalks
 15. Review/survey/reclaim town alleyways
- 2:00 p.m. - Dredging
 1. Continue to budget for dredging/continue to utilize and consult dredging committee
 2. \$50,000.00 felt to be a “good start” for annual dredging maintenance
 3. Specify town’s role in long term dredging
 4. Make contact with the Corps of Engineers
 - 2:15 p.m. - Beaches/Beach Access
 1. Installation of additional sand fences on east end
 2. Removal of broken cables that are above ground-Island Quay area
 3. Realize backlog of Corps of Engineers work on beach re-nourishment
 4. Currently \$350,000.00 in funds can be utilized for various projects
 5. Possible installation of walkways over dunes
 6. Seek and apply for funding (i.e. American Disabilities Act)
 7. Improve the esthetics of accesses; uniform approach
 8. Incentive programs; regular maintenance of access/circle gazebo area
 9. Address campfires/open flames on beaches

Councilmember Ide made a motion *to enter into* Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6): “To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.” Seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. The time was 2:35 p.m.

Council reconvened to Open Session at 3:40 p.m. At this time, Mayor and Council gave direction and recommendations to the Town Manager for short and long term objectives/goals for the town. Those being:

Short Term Goals/Objectives

- Town Hall relocation options
- Immediate internal cleanup of town hall
- Activate Atlantic Beach Parks and Recreation Committee
- Causeway/Dept. of Transportation
- Re-activate Business association
- Roads-bike paths, alleys; sidewalk extensions
- Dredging-Spring project-west side
- Beach Accesses-sand fences, walkway extensions, esthetics

Long Term Goals/Objectives

- Causeway Master Plan with community involvement
- Lighting schemes
- Progress Energy to “clean up” overhead power lines

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further action taken or business before the Town Council, Councilmember Briley made a motion *to adjourn* the meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Batt. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. It was 4:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly L. Cyrus, Town Clerk

These minutes were approved at the February 15, 2010 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

A. B. Cooper, III - Mayor