

Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 8, 2006

The special meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Wednesday, November 8, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Meeting Room.

Members Present: Mayor Tootsie Vinson; Mayor Pro Tem Doug Creech; Council Members Jim Bailey, Ruth Barnes, Eddie Dawkins and Joe Tasrascio

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Chuck Cooper, Town Manager; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Kim Glover, Deputy Town Clerk; Beverly Gambrell, Administrative Assistant, Public Services Department

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Tootsie Vinson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilman Dawkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Barnes, vote was 5-0, unanimous

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| ACTION AGENDA |
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Mayor Vinson took a moment to welcome Mr. Mike Shutak as the Town's new reporter from the Carteret News-Times.

Mr. Cooper asked the Council if Kim Glover, Deputy Town Clerk could address them concerning the 2006 Christmas Parade. Mrs. Glover told the Council that she and the members of the Police Department had met and discussed changing the route of the parade due to safety. The Police Department for years has been concerned that the flow of traffic was against the traffic and the intersection posed potential problems. She told the Council the route change would start at the Food Lion property using that area and the Atlantic Station area as staging areas. Mr. Schulze has confirmed that there would be plenty of room to stage everyone. The route would flow east on Fort Macon Road, putting the grandstand in front of the Town Hall, then take a right at the circle ending the parade there. This would leave the Police Department options to leave more roads accessible and it being night it would be safer for the children.

Councilman Bailey asked if the route would be shorter than before. Mr. Cooper said no. Mayor Vinson said there are not many roads for people to park on. Councilman Dawkins stated he could envision long stretches of the road where there would be no people standing.

Mayor Pro Tem Creech said this would put the parade in a dead zone because there would be no place for people to park. This would move it into an unpopulated area. He thinks it would mess up the parade and Councilman Dawkins agreed. Mayor Vinson agreed that the public would have no place to park or stand to watch the parade. The Council came to agreement to start the parade at Oceanana Pier, move the grandstand to where the flag poles are, continue with the flow going west on Fort Macon turning left at the circle going with the flow of traffic and ending on West Atlantic Blvd.

1. Dredging

Mr. Cooper stated we have gone out for a second bid. The only bid received from a licensed contractor was from Rowboat Dredging Company. This individual has big equipment and could do the work. The disposal site is clean and ready to accept the work. Councilman Bailey encouraged the contractor to add an Option 3 that would best suit the Town. A handout was provided to the Council with the breakdown of prices.

(Clerk's note: the handout Rowboat Pricing Comparison is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.)

Councilman Tarascio said that Options 1 and 2 are about the same. The shell material will slow him down a bit, but he can get through it.

Councilman Bailey made a motion to take Option 3 with the upset prices being the prices in Option 1 and giving Town Manager Chuck Cooper authority to move forward with this issue. Seconded by Councilman Tarascio, vote was 5-0, unanimous.

2. Closed Session

Councilman Dawkins moved that the Council enter into closed session in accordance with North Carolina General Statute Section 143-319.11 (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 Mayor Pro Tem Creech, vote was 5-0, unanimous. It was 12:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Creech made a motion to go back into open session. Seconded by Councilman Dawkins, vote was 5-0, unanimous. The Council reconvened at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Town Council, Mayor Pro Tem Creech made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Dawkins seconded, and approval was unanimous, 5-0. It was 1:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kim Glover, Deputy Town Clerk

These minutes were approved at the February 20, 2007 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

Tootsie Vinson, Mayor