

Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Special Meeting
Monday, April 16, 2007

A Special Meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held Monday, April 16, 2007 at 5:00 p.m in the Council Boardroom.

Members Present: Mayor Joyce Vinson; Council members Jim Bailey, Ruth Barnes, Eddie Dawkins, Joe Tarascio, and Michael Warren

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Tommy Combs, Interim Town Manager; Derek Taylor, Town Attorney; Capts. A. K. Miller and Jim Willard, both of ABPD; Marc Schulze, Director of Public Works; Ray Langley, Planning Board Chairman; Mike Randall, NC Division of Water Quality; Kelly Nash, Administrative Assistant; Dave Harvell.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Vinson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Bailey made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Councilmember Barnes seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Mayor Vinson introduced Mike Randall, Environmental Engineer with the North Carolina Division of Water Quality on the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Program.

1. North Carolina Phase II Stormwater Permitting Program – Mike Randall

Mr. Randall presented his presentation and afterwards proceeded to answer any questions.

Councilmember Bailey wanted to know about credits for pervious paving. He stated that at this time, there are no credits given for pervious paving.

Mr. Randall stated that a new document has been released regarding pervious pavement credits to which he explained you do not get full credits. It depends on the design, how much flow through there is and other variables. He did state that in this area pervious pavement will get 60% credit.

Councilmember Dawkins questioned why Atlantic Beach was tapped to be part of the Phase II program when Atlantic Beach is one-third (1/3) size of Emerald Isle and smaller than Morehead City, probably ninety percent (90%) developed and many of the lots are fifty feet (50') wide.

Mr. Randall stated that this decision was based strictly on a federal requirement that, in essence, says that North Carolina has to look at any municipality that has at least a ten thousand plus (10,000+) population. But according to the General Assembly they are looking at the number of housing units so the General Assembly added the requirement for four thousand (4,000) housing units, so that is why Atlantic Beach was added for consideration.

Councilmember Barnes wanted to clarify whether or not Phase II was not really going to affect Atlantic Beach, unless it was developments over an acre. And, since Atlantic Beach has so few areas that are not already developed that are an acre, she sees the biggest stormwater problems are coming from what the Dept. of Transportation is suppose to be taking care of, but are not.

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Mr. Randall responded that the Phase II requirement does stipulate that it is for development that is greater than an acre or more and yes there are issues with DOT, but a municipality could put more stringent requirements on this.

Councilmember Tarascio & Mr. Randall held a discussion on the coastal rules that could come into effect by August, 2008. Mr. Randall stated that at this point, the rules that are proposed are more stringent than the Phase II requirements that would be implemented at a later date.

Councilmember Bailey wanted to know that if assuming that Atlantic Beach does go through with Phase II does the Town take the place of the State in monitoring and issuing permits.

Mr. Randall advised that it is the intent of the state to allow the town to administer the program under their ordinances and Phase II permits, but if the Town decided to adopt the universal program, the State would handle this for the Town.

Mayor Vinson thanked Mr. Randall for coming and speaking to Council and the public.

(Clerk's Note: A copy of the presentation give by Mr. Randall is attached and hereby made a part of these minutes.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Town Council, Councilman Warren made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Tarascio. Vote was unanimous, 5-0. It was 5:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly L. Nash, Administrative Assistant

These minutes were approved at the June 18, 2007 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

Tootsie Vinson, Mayor