



Minutes
Town of Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
Town Council Special Meeting
Tuesday, August 11, 2009



The Special Meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council was held August 11,, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room.

Members Present: Mayor A. B. Cooper, III; Councilmembers: Ann Batt, Eddie Briley, Trish Ide and Vada Palma

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Archer

Others Present: Pete Allen, Town Manager; Kelly Cyrus, Town Clerk; Marc Schulze, Public Services Director; Jessica Fiester, Planning Director; and Judy Weisman, W. K. Dickson Engineering Services

Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Cooper stated that this day's meeting was to discuss storm water planning and the ongoing work that W. K. Dickson has performed within the town in connection with the town's Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant.

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

Judy Weisman opened the meeting by introducing herself as an Engineer with W. K. Dickson and that the meeting would be a workshop to discuss various issues regarding storm water and clean water management. She noted that the Town of Atlantic Beach applied for and was granted a Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant with a \$50,000.00 match from the town. Ms. Weisman explained the purpose of the grant is that it is a planning study for storm water management for the Town of Atlantic Beach and there were several general phases of the project that are scheduled for completion at the end of October of this year. She noted that included in the project was sampling of storm water at various locations in the town to determine what the contaminates are as a basis for cleaning up the water quality; considerations of the various storm water options and prioritizing the future storm water improvements plans; formulating planning options for better storm water management and public education.

Ms. Weisman presented Council with a list of future storm water projects identifying the focused areas of town and a list of what the prioritization of projects were in the Stormwater Master Plan in 2007.

Councilmember Palma arrived at 2:08 p.m.

Ms. Weisman and Mayor/Council began a discussion on what and how to prioritize the project. Mayor Cooper suggested that in relation to what to Council identify the "hot spots" in town that can be taken care of within this year and then research the possible grant options for the larger storm water projects. Mayor Cooper also suggested that public safety be one of the highest priorities in regards to how to prioritize the projects. Councilmember Palma felt that the oldest neighborhoods should be looked at first. Councilmember Briley's feelings were that the project should be a step-by-step process with some of the first monies spent on public education, then follow through with the prioritizing and planning phases.

Council continued to discuss and prioritize the problem areas within the town and it was mutually agreed upon by all and announced by Mayor Cooper that the Club Colony/Greenville/Boardwalk areas would be the highest priorities on the "doable this year" list. The Council would look at the "bigger" projects in the upcoming months. Councilmember Briley suggested that Marc Schulze, Public Services Director bring forth to the December, 2009 Town Council meeting a "schedule" or list of projects in order of priority that his department would be able to accomplish.

At this time, Mayor Cooper called for a five (5) minute recess. The time was 2:52 p.m. Mayor Cooper reconvened the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

Judy Weisman commented that the Board should now address the issue of public education and she cited various options that could accomplish the task of informing the public.

The Board discussed various options on how to education the public with some of those suggestions being:

- Educate full-time residents and visitors differently and separately
- Brochures with the “do’s and don’t’s” in Atlantic Beach
- neighborhood meetings in the identified “hot spots”
- rain gardens-possible presentation during a Town Council meeting
- “coffee table” reading (i.e.: informational brochures) in rental properties
- Specific meetings with commercial developers

The Council proceeded to discuss the planning aspects of how to educate the public; development and redevelopment; and continued monitoring and maintenance as related to stormwater runoff and water quality.

The Board moved on to discuss the issue of funding. Judy Weisman explained the various options for funding clean water management.

Ms. Weisman commented that after listening to the discussions held she would like share with the Board a list of measurable outcomes she has made note of and have the Council decide who will be responsible for the particular outcomes and the deadlines. A listing of measureable outcomes, responsible party and deadlines for each outcome are as follows:

- Two (2) flood control projects – evaluate areas and move forward
 1. Responsible party: Marc Schulze, Public Services Director
 2. Start: Possibly first of the new year (2010) or as soon as possible
- Public Education: (brochures, flyers, etc.)
 1. Responsible Party: Councilmember Palma and Kelly Cyrus, Town Clerk
 2. Deadline: January, 2010
- Community/Neighborhoods Meetings and Presentation of rain gardens at Council meetings:
 1. Responsible Party: Mayor Cooper and Jessica Fiester, Planning Director
 2. Start/Completion: Spring, 2010
- Storm water Ordinances:
 1. Responsible Party: In-house staff (Jessica Fiester, Planning Director)
 2. Start: October, 2009

Ms. Weisman stated that she will incorporate all the information gathered into a revised document with the measurable outcomes and provide the revisions of the project to the Town for review and implementation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Town Council, Councilmember Ide made a motion *to adjourn* the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Briley. Vote was unanimous. Motion carried. The time was 4:03 p.m.

Submitted by:

Kelly L. Cyrus
Town Clerk

These minutes were approved at the August 24, 2009 meeting of the Atlantic Beach Town Council.

A. B. Cooper III, Mayor