

**Town Council
Regular Meeting
August 4, 2015**

Council Members Present:

Mayor A.D. (Zander) Guy, Jr
Mayor Pro-Tem Douglas Medlin
Nelva Albury
Michael Curley
Don Helms
W.J. (Buddy) Fowler

Town of Surf City Staff:

Trey Carter- Town Attorney
Larry Bergman- Town Manager
Jane Kirk- Assistant Town Manager
Stephanie Hobbs- Town Clerk
Todd Rademacher- Planning Director
Allan Libby- Tourism
Randall Worthington- Public Works
David Price- Public Works
Kristie Grubb- Parks & Recreation Director

Members of Public Present:

Bobby Owings
Chuck Strickland
Deb Hill
Connor Reiderer
Kevin Reiderer
John Tucker
Dorothy Royal
Ricky Royal
Steve Unger
Donetta Evans

A. Call to Order

Mayor called the meeting to order 7:00pm.

B. Invocation

Mr. Medlin gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

E. Beautification & Appearance

Home of the Month- Joe & Sue Bucci at 1521 S. Shore Drive
Business of Month- The Corner at 206 N. Topsail Drive

F. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes- July 7, 2015

Mr. Carter recommended approval of the July 7, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Mrs. Albury made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

G. Public Hearing

Hearing Opened 7:07pm

1. Street Closing – A Portion of Greensboro Ave.

Mr. Bergman stated we have received a street closing request for a portion of Greensboro Ave that was plated but never paved. This portion of the street is parallel to N. Shore Drive. The owners are requesting to close this portion and re-plat the lots to arrange for larger residential ocean front lots. The NC General Statute lay out the standards for street closings, and at last meeting we scheduled the public hearing. The manager recommended the street closing.

Hearing Closed 7:09pm

Mr. Helms made a motion to close the street and the documentation be noted with he Pender County Register of Deeds. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

H. New Business

2. Tax Settlement

Mrs. Kirk stated this is an annual report of the unpaid portion of the city taxes. We are at almost 98% collection rate.

3. Charge to Tax Collector

Mrs. Kirk stated every year before the tax bills are billed out. This is a charge for permission to send out bills.

Mr. Medlin made a motion to accept the charge. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

4. Resolution for NCDOT to study NC Hwy 74 Corridor

Mr. Bergman this is a request for the NCDOT to do a study of HWY 74. The Regional Planning Organization has asked all cities to endorse the resolution.

Mr. Helms made a motion to endorse the resolution. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

5. Off-Shore Drilling Resolution

Mr. Bergman stated we have recently had some request in regards to off-shore drilling. We have done a lot of research on our part into the drilling and sonic testing. Municipalities and counties along the east coast have recently passed such similar resolutions. A big part of our economy is based on the beaches with tourism and fishing. This is a big part of protecting our coast, as well there is no clear explanation on the possible revenues. There are feelings on both sides of the issue. Based on what others have done around us he is recommending approval.

Mr. Medlin made a motion to approve the resolution. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

6. Advisory Board Appointment

Parks & Recreation- Chuck Strickland & Angela Price

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve both candidates, as they are great candidates. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

7. Anchors Watch Final Plat Phase 2

Mr. Rademacher stated the applicant, Saltwater Landing, LLC, is requesting approval of Section 2 of the Anchors Watch Subdivision. This site is zoned R10 residential and will allow for single family homes on 10,000 square foot lots. The developer has completed a substantial majority the development of 6 lots. Access to the project will be provided through a new street named Montgomery Loop accessed off of Saltwater Landing Drive. Street trees have been provided along all street frontages. The plans for water and sewer have been reviewed by staff and engineers for ordinance compliance. Lighting meets the requirements of the ordinance with lights at intersections and for every 6 lots. Although not 100% completed sidewalks are provided along street frontages at a minimum of 5 feet in width and the developer has added appropriate truncated domes for ADA compliance at the intersections. Water and sewer has been reviewed for compliance by Town Staff and appropriate consulting firms for compliance with permits. Minor outstanding items are to be bonded by the developer in accordance with or ordinance. Bonded items include completion of sidewalks,

video of the sewer lines and some minor items related to storm water compliance. All of the mentioned items will be completed prior to the next phase of this project coming before council. The Planning Board is recommending to approve the final plat as it has been developed in accordance with the approved plans and a bond has been posted to cover the items still outstanding.

Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve as presented. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

I. Public Forum

Dorothy Royal 521 Atkinson Point Rd for months now I have been receiving letters about the Surf City zip code. All of us are sharing a zip code with Holly Ridge. There has been lots of confusion with the post office. Now all packages have to be picked up in Sneads Ferry which is a good ways away. It is very confusion for those who are not from here.

Mayor stated that it is time for us to propose a resolution for Congressman Rouzer's office in regards to this matter.

Steve Unger 106 Sanderlin Lane stated he wanted to speak in support of the resolution to not support off-shore drilling. He also thanked Chuck and Angela for their dedication to Surf City.

John Tucker 110 Driftwood Drive asked for a copy of the resolution in regards to off-shore drilling.

Deborah Hill of Holly Ridge stated she applauded the insightful thinking of opposing off-shore drilling. Thank you for your wonderful insight.

Donetta Evans of Holly Ridge asked if the proposed resolution about off-shore drilling would be included the other two beach towns.

Mayor stated you would have to contact them, but thinks the more the better. The resolution tonight is support only from the Surf City Council.

J. Council Forum

Mr. Curley stated he thanked everyone for coming out tonight and it is a wonderful crowd tonight.

Mr. Medlin thanked everyone for coming and it looks good to have a full house tonight. We always appreciated your ideas.

Mrs. Albury stated she thanked everyone for coming, glad to see every one of you. Keep coming each month we are hear and eager to listen.

Mr. Fowler stated it is always good to see everyone tonight. He thanked Chuck for being here tonight. He thanked Jane Kirk for her hard work on collecting taxes each year. The staff has worked very hard this year during all of this heat. Park and Recreating is always gearing up, we are busy stop by and see us.

Mr. Helms stated he thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He is very proud of all the comments and the participation.

Mayor stated he thanked everyone for coming out tonight. We do appreciate your comments and we enjoy hearing from you. We try to be very open and transparent with everyone's recommendations. We are very proud to say that everyone who comes has and ample opportunity to speak.

K. Managers Reports

Mr. Bergman stated we have a house moving request at 1538 S. Shore Drive. The request is to move the small home, all permits have been met, and it is going straight out of Surf City.

Mr. Helms made a motion for approval of the house moving at 1538 S. Shore Drive. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Bergman stated that NCDOT is going to have a public news release that August 17th they will start construction. It will take place Mondays through Fridays. It will be closed to boat traffic during certain periods. We have a work session planned for August 28th at 10am we will be looking at the job classification study and the peddler ordinance. We have looked into what other places have done in regards to chumming. Emerald Isle recently adopted an ordinance that gives the manager permission to restrict activities as needed for public safety reasons, on public beaches and in public trust waters. These would be temporary restrictions. If this is something the Council feels we should have in our toolbox then we should consider it. Copies will be provided to each member for their review.

L. Town Attorney Reports

Mr. Carter stated he had no reports at this time.

M. Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Albury seconded the motion and it was carried.

A.D. (Zander) Guy Jr., Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk