

**Town Council
Regular Meeting
June 2, 2015**

Council Members Present:

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

Town of Surf City Staff:

Charles Lanier- Town Attorney
Larry Bergman- Interim 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
Joey Rivenbark- Fire Chief
Barry Newsome- Welcome Center
Kristie Grubb- Parks & Recreation Director

Members of Public Present:

Grier Fleischhauer
Martin Ervin
Bobby Owings
John Marr

A. Call to Order

Mayor called the meeting to order 7:00pm.

B. Invocation

Mr. Medlin gave the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Beautification & Appearance

Home of the Month- Dean & Joann Rivenbark at 315 Atkinson Point Rd
Business of Month- Isla Skincare at 13567 NC Hwy 50/210 Suite B

E. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes- May 5, 2015

Special Meeting Minutes- May 29, 2015

Mr. Lanier recommended approval of the May 5 & 29, 2015 meeting minutes. Mr. Fowler made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Helms seconded the motion and it was carried.

F. Public Hearing

1. Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2015-2016

Mr. Bergman stated that after several meetings and workshops and discussing several functions of the budget this is the final draft. This is the recommended budget, which requires a public hearing after setting with the Town Clerk for ten days for public review. The hearing date would be established as June 15. Any additional questions or concerns can be addressed between now and then.

Mr. Helms made a motion for the purpose to establish a public hearing and recess the regular scheduled meeting for the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Medlin seconded the motion and it was carried.

G. Public Forum

John Marr- 606 N Shore Drive- He thanked the council and town staff for their efforts in preserving our community in a positive manner. The purpose for tonight is primarily related to beach nourishment. The waves of the beach daily lap up against the bottom of our steps. I have followed very closely with the TISPC updates. What he asked council to consider is a program that if for some reason we do not receive federal funding, that we too, can have a project like the nourishment project in North Topsail Beach. At this time if we had a big storm there are many homes in a paralysis state. Please consider getting involved in some kind of beach nourishment project through private measures. The North Topsail project has been estimated about 10-13 million dollars. I hope we can too can move forward incase the federal project does not come through, yet still working on the federal project too. The sand push for the past few years has been very limited. I would like to recommend hiring a few contractors, instead of just two. It seems the results are less due to the footage to be pushed and the time frame.

Mr. Bergman stated we do have the Army Corps project in the works. We are working on final funding at this time. We are hoping to reach those funding goals within the next few years. If for some reason if we did not get the approval we do have the funding for private measures. With both other island towns they have been able to use their projects for both dredging and beach nourishment. This year there was just not really enough sand for the push, the federal government holds the standard at one foot deep.

Grier Fleischhauer at Island Trading Company- I am here tonight because of my family went to the Soundside park and watched Frozen last week. I have been coming here since 1988. Surf City has become a town with parks, sidewalks, bike paths, all the new businesses, all the recreational opportunities, and now a dog park. The Welcome Center is just marvelous, and now the community college. The fire and police department are very responsive. I just wanted to thank the board and the town staff for the wonderful hard work.

Mr. Irvin Martin at 1825 N New River Drive- could we get some assistance at the fifth street crossover. The trucks are getting stuck in the sand. What is the position on the easement on each side of the road on the canal streets? Is it authorized for the homeowners to plant in the Right of Way?

Mayor stated the right of way has previously been open to day-trippers for parking. Unless we get a call from the owner over the right of way we allow parking within the right of way. It is general 30' from the center of the road. Some people have planted shrubs but if there is maintenance or concerns the greenery would have to be moved.

Mr. Fowler stated that if you choose to plant in the right of way it is with the understanding that those plantings could be potentially destroyed. The police department does not ticket for the damage of plantings due to parking in the right of way, although it is not advised to park over or along someone's plantings.

Mr. Ervin stated he apologized over his comments with the beach push the previous months. He asked for consideration on beach bulldozing being held off on the canal area beachfront.

H. Council Forum

Mr. Curley stated he thanked everyone for their input. If anyone has anything to say we are willing to listen.

Mr. Medlin thanked everyone for coming. We welcome everyone's ideas and it is very constructive. Don't forget our July 3rd celebration.

Mr. Fowler stated it is refreshing to hear the comments from all of the speakers who have presented themselves in a very professional manner. We try to improve the city in a positive manner. We have a lot of activity at the community center.

Mr. Helms stated he thanked everyone for their comments. We are going to have the grand opening of the fire station on June 16th at noon. This is the Deer Run Fire Station on Hwy 210 please come out and join us.

Mayor stated we are thankful for everyone and their professionalism. We have some great employees here in town. Our people here in Surf City give us the edge, we are proud of their service.

I. Managers Reports

Mr. Bergman stated in regards to the noise ordinance we are trying to get a meeting together with business owners and homeowners. This week are working on hurricane pass and implementing a new process. We have key cards going out in the mail. We are assisting them in registering them or they can register online. These cards can be managed eternally. These cards have barcodes for scanning for re-entry. We are looking at opportunities to assisting them with their tax and utility bills by linking all the accounts.

J. Town Attorney Reports

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

K. Adjournment

Mr. Helms made a motion to recess this regular scheduled meeting until June 15th at 10am. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

Attest:

Stephanie Edwards Hobbs, Town Clerk