# **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**



#### SPECIAL MEETING

August 24, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held a special meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020 beginning at 4:30 p.m. There was a quorum of Council and the Town Attorney was present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Craig Bloszinsky (MPT) David Heglar Commissioner Joseph Whitley Commissioner Allen Oliver Commissioner John Ellen COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT None

### STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Finance Officer (FO) – Arlen Copenhaver
Building Inspector – John Batson
Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The purpose of this special meeting is to take action on the speed limit between Alabama Avenue to N Avenue and N Fort Fisher Boulevard to S Fort Fisher Boulevard.

Notice of this meeting was posted at Town Hall and on the town's website on Thursday, August 20th 2020.

Commissioner Ellen stated he has heard no data at the public hearings to change his mind regarding this issue.

Commissioner Oliver stated the Pedestrian Committees goal is to make Kure Beach safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. He would prefer to make the Town safer by lowering the speed limit.

Commissioner Whitley stated he does not support lowering the speed limit and the Town Council has received no data at this time to support it.

Mayor Bloszinsky stated there are residential areas in Town that are currently 25mph because of children are playing and cause citizens want that speed. He is a fan of what the lower speed limit could prevent throughout Town.

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MPT Heglar stated he did not have an opinion before the Public Hearings were held. This is an issue that does not have a clear answer. The Town Council received more public comment on this topic than any previous meetings.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to split the vote into two separate items

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

**VOTE- Unanimous** 

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to leave the speed limit from Alabama to N Avenue at 35mph

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- 2 For-3 Against, Commissioner Ellen, Commissioner Whitley For, Mayor Bloszinsky, MPT Heglar, and Commissioner Oliver Against

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to change the speed limit from Alabama to N Avenue from 35mph to 25mph

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE- 3 For- 2 Against, Mayor Bloszinsky, MPT Heglar, and Commissioner Oliver For, Commissioner Ellen, Commissioner Whitley Against

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to leave the speed limit at 35 mph from N Fort Fisher

Boulevard to S Fort Fisher Boulevard SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- 3 For -2 Against, MPT Heglar, Commissioner Whitley, Commissioner Ellen For, Mayor Bloszinsky, Commissioner Oliver Against

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

SECOND- MPT Heglar

**VOTE- Unanimous** 

Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

Craig Bloszin

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the town's website under government>council.