

## KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 4 PM

## **MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER
WELCOME
INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MAYOR FULLER MAYOR FULLER MAYOR FULLER ALL

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Jim Dugan

Tim Fuller Commissioner

Mayor Pro Tem

Mac Montgomery Bill Ufferman

Commissioner Commissioner

Mayor

Dean Lambeth

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Clerk

Nancy Avery

Finance Public Works Susan Suggs Sonny Beeker

Town Attorney A.A. Canoutas was in attendance

On September 11, 2007, the Kure Beach Town Council held an emergency meeting to address a request from Governor Easley regarding implementation of water shortage response plans. Mayor Fuller called the emergency meeting on 9/11/07 at 9:52am thus meeting General Statute requirements. The Town Clerk provided notification to all council members and the media.

Mayor Fuller called the meeting to order at 4:04pm. Mayor Fuller delivered the invocation and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Fuller stated that the purpose of the called emergency meeting was to address a request received from Governor Easley regarding implementing water shortage response plans. Public Works Director Sonny Beeker stated:

- Governor Easley sent a letter requesting all local governments in all areas affected by severe to exceptional levels of drought to immediately implement Water Shortage Response Plans
- there is no indication of a problem with the Town's wells
- consumption is decreasing with the end of the summer season
- the Town's wells are part of the Castle Hayne aquifer and any reduction in use will assist other municipalities
- in response to the Governor's request, he recommends implementing voluntary stage 1 water conservation plan as per Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances and notifying the

public via newspaper, website, letter to businesses and announcement at the next council meeting

- stage 1 has the following guidelines for water conservation:
  - o Limit car washing to the minimum
  - o Limit lawn and garden watering to that which is necessary for plants to survive
  - o Do not wash down outside areas such as sidewalks, patios, parking lots, service bays or aprons, etc.
  - o Do not leave faucets running while shaving or rinsing dishes
  - Water shrubbery to the minimum required reusing household water when possible
  - Limit use of clothes washers and dish washers and when used, operate fully loaded
  - O Use showers for bathing, rather than bathtub and limit showers to no more than four (4) minutes
  - o Limit flushing of toilets by multiple usages
  - o The use of disposable and biodegradable dishes is encouraged
  - o Use flow restrictive and water saving devices
  - o Limit hours of operation of water-cooled air conditioners
  - All residents, businesses, and institutions are requested to temporarily delay new landscape work until the water shortage has ended
- stage 1 does not include shallow wells

ACTION – Mayor Pro Tem Montgomery MADE THE MOTION to direct the Public Works Director and Commissioner to implement stage 1 of the Town's water conservation ordinance and direct the clerk to advertise this action to the extent possible and reply to the governor's letter indicating actions taken. Commissioner Ufferman seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

## ADJOURNMENT

ACTION – Commissioner Ufferman MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:20pm. Commissioner Lambeth seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS

Tim Fuller, Mayor

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