

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS & CONSENSUS
COUNCIL RETREAT
January 7, 2014

COMMITTEES

- Zip-up, navy blue hoodies with the Town logo will be given to all Town volunteers who, as of January 1, 2014, were active on committees or volunteer organizations controlled by the Town.

COUNCIL/LEGAL

- Council approved requesting from State representatives, during the Beach Town Breakfast Meeting on January 17, 2014, to have a local bill allowing the use of the ½ percent of TDA funds, usually used for marketing, to be used for beach nourishment, instead.
- Council revised the 2014 Holiday Schedule giving Town employees off on December 24, 25 and 26, 2014 for the Christmas holiday.
- Council voted to set their goals for FY 14-15, as follows:
 1. Complete existing litigation on the Ocean Front Park.
 2. Develop a long term plan for funding beach nourishment.
 - Find three new funding streams, independent of property taxes.
 3. Review opportunities for dune infiltration systems.
 4. Review video surveillance of Town areas – define stakeholders and policy issues. Council Liaison Emilie Swearingen was asked by Council to discuss this goal with Police Chief Cooper to determine if it is still a goal he wishes Council to pursue.
 5. Maintain the current tax rate, if possible.
 6. Determine the storage and office space needs for the next five years for each Town department.
 7. Investigate the “Live-in Program” for the Fire Department. Council asked Captain Kennedy to give Finance Officer Copenhagen his financial numbers to consider for the FY14-15 budget planning session.
- Council will add the following three discussion topics to the Beach Town Breakfast Meeting to be held on Friday, January 17, 2014 in Kure Beach:
 1. Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012
 2. Homeowners Insurance Rate Increase
 3. Shallow Draft Inlet Dredging
- Council voted to not hold the Annual Street Festival in April 2014.
- Council directed Building Inspector Batson to determine the value and plot size of the Town property on Sandman Drive.

FINANCE/BUDGET

- Council approved spending up to \$2,500 for zip-up hoodies with the Town logo to give to Town volunteers as a show of appreciation.

REQUEST TO PUT ON JANUARY COUNCIL AGENDA

- Council asked Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chairperson, Joan Van Ham, to attend the January Council meeting to discuss the board’s plan for concerts, food vendors and additional funding for activities at the Ocean Front Park. The Town will

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notify business owners to attend the meeting to hear the board's ideas and will be allowed to address Council with their concerns at the February Council meeting.

- Council directed Mayor Pro Tem Bloszinsky to talk to the business owners to receive their feedback on an idea for no-frills, "friendly paid parking," and bring his findings back to Council.

NO ACTION/FOLLOW UP/TABLED

- Town Clerk Avery will forward the lagoon lease that is coming up for renewal this year to Director Beeker and Commissioner Heglar to review.
- Finance Officer Copenhagen will email his retreat presentation to Council.
- Council directed Stormwater & Environmental Chairperson, John Gordon, to provide the dates when the committee will have guest speakers so it can be advertised on the Town's website to facilitate public attendance.
- Town Clerk Avery will continue working to get an easement from AT&T for a driveway into the corral parking.
- Town Clerk Avery is to research the cost of laptops for Council to use on the Council Chambers dais during meetings and present her findings to Council.

Nancy Hewitt
Deputy Town Clerk, 1/10/14