



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 15, 2021 @ 6:00p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The Town Attorney was present and there was a quorum of Council members present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Craig Bloszinsky
Commissioner Joseph Whitley
Commissioner John Ellen
Commissioner Allen Oliver
Mayor Pro Tem David Heglar

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief – Mike Bowden
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy (Via Conference Call)
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Building Inspector – John Batson
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer
Town Clerk – Mandy Sanders
Deputy Town Clerk – Beth Chase

Mayor Bloszinsky called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Ellen gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to excuse MPT Heglar from the meeting

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve Ken Richardson’s resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission and Historic Preservation Commission
2. Approve the proposed 2022 Ocean Front Park Summer Program Dates
3. Authorize the closure of K Avenue (East of FFB) and Atlantic Avenue (between K and L Avenues) to vehicle traffic from the early morning hours on Friday, December 31, 2021 through the early morning hours on Saturday, January 1, 2022 for the Island of Lights New Year’s Eve event and allow for one food truck to operate within the event from 9pm until midnight.
4. Authorize the closure of K Avenue east of Fort Fisher Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue between K and L Avenue to vehicle traffic from the early morning hours through 5 p.m. on Saturday, February 19, 2022, Allow for a 5K race to be held on Kure Beach streets in conjunction with the event and allow the Police Department to close down any additional



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streets along the race route deemed necessary to ensure participant safety during the race. Allow up to 3 food trucks and other vendors to operate within the closed portion of Atlantic Avenue during the event hours. Approve to waive the Special Event fees associated with this event due to the Non-Profit status of Special Olympics New Hanover County

5. Minutes:

- October 18, 2021 Regular
- October 18, 2021 Closed

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion approve the consent agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Bernard Robinson & Co., Victor Blackburn, presentation of FY 2020-2021 audit
Victor Blackburn gave a presentation on the FY 2020-2021 audit hereby incorporated into the minutes.

2. Recognition of Mike Bledsoe for his Service to the Town
Mayor Bloszinsky stated since Mike Bledsoe isn't present he will give the certificate to Chairperson Dennis Panicali to recognize Mike Bledsoe for his 15 years of service on the Shoreline Access and Beach Protection Committee for the Town of Kure Beach.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Bike Ped Committee

- RRSSA Grant Update (Oliver)

Commissioner Oliver stated:

- Included in the agenda packet is the award letter from the WMPO for the CRRSSA grant



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- The Town requested \$411,620 and the Town was awarded \$359,590 and will meet next Monday with the WMPO and Town staff regarding the next steps to receive the funds

- Bike/Ped Master Plan Update

Commissioner Oliver commented:

- The Town was funded at no cost a Bike/Ped Master Plan
- The Committee will have a booth at the Holiday Market and will be handing out information to the public
- The Committee will be holding two public input sessions for citizens to attend on November 30th and December 2nd at the Community Center from 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- This will focus not only on bicycle safety but also pedestrian safety

2. Community Center Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the Committee has met and will be holding events this winter for the residents.

Recreation Director Keely commented the Committee is focused on plans of the Town's 75th celebration. The Committee talked about doing an artwork project with the local school, a sock hop with 40's music.

3. Historical Preservation Commission

Commissioner Whitley commented the Commission membership is now full and in January will hold a training session with the Cape Fear Council of Government.

4. Land Use Plan Committee

Commissioner Whitley commented the Committee will meet in December to review Chapter 4 and will hold the first public input session in February 2022.

5. Parking Committee

Mayor Bloszinsky commented the total paid parking revenue was \$741,877 and the total expenses were \$195,996

6. Planning and Zoning Commission

Interview Byron Ashbridge for the Alternate Position

Mayor Bloszinsky commented after reading through his application included in the agenda packet he does not have any questions for Mr. Ashbridge.

Commissioner Oliver asked Applicant Ashbridge, do you understand the time commitment of this Commission?



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Commissioner Whitley stated no he does not and feels he is a great candidate.

Applicant Ashbridge commented yes, he does understand the commitment.

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to appoint Byron Ashbridge to the Planning and Zoning Commission as an alternate member

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Administration

- Discussion of 2021 BRIC Grant

Town Clerk Sanders requested she would like permission to apply for the 2021 BRIC Grant again this year. She is still working with LDSI which is now GPI as it has merged companies. There is a \$2,000 cost for GPI to help the Town with the grant process and to assist in applying.

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to exempt this GPI contract from the Mini-Brooks Act requirements and give Town Clerk Sanders permission to enter into a contract with GPI at the cost of \$2,000

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

2. Building Inspections Department

- Minimum Housing Code
- 205 Alabama Avenue Ordinance

Building Inspector Batson commented:

- In the agenda packet a memo is included regarding the property 205 Alabama Avenue
- Tried numerous attempts at contacting the property over the last two years by registered mail, phone calls, and publication in the local newspapers
- The building is in terrible condition as all windows and doors are busted on the property, and last time staff walked out of the building had fleas
- There is an abandoned vehicle on the property with expired registration that he would like towed and need to start maintaining the property by cutting back the shrubs, boarding up all windows and doors on the property



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- He has contacted New Hanover County tax office regarding the taxes that get paid every year and asked them to flag the property
- If nothing happens in a year will come back to Town Council to request permission to demolish the building
- Also need to request a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$5,000 to clean up the property

Commissioner Oliver asked if the County does not receive the tax payment and the County sells the property would the Town receive the liens back?

Attorney Eldridge commented he would need to look more into those statutes but if it is a foreclosure sale and there are liens on the property then the money should be disbursed fairly.

MOTION- Commissioner Oliver made a motion to approve the Ordinance for 205 Alabama Ave directing the Building Inspector to vacate and close the Dwelling, as it is unfit for human habitation, and post a notice thereon prohibiting use or occupancy of the Dwelling

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous

MOTION- Commissioner Whitley made a motion to approve the Budget Amendment for \$5,000 for the cleanup of the property

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

Finance Officer Copenhaver commented he will bring forward the Budget Amendment to the December Consent Agenda.

3. Fire Department

Fire Chief Kennedy commented Building Inspector Batson received approval through the CRC for the lifeguard shack and the next step will be meeting with an engineer to decide if the project should be done in house or hire a contractor. He will bring back a more formal recommendation in the future.

Attorney Eldridge commented the Town did receive the variance from the CRC and the proceeding could not have gone any more smoothly. The CRC was impressed with how strong the application was and he wanted to let Town Council know it wouldn't have been as strong without Fire Chief Kennedy and Building Inspector Batson's help.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Proposed Text Amendments from Building Inspections Department and the Police Department as requested from May 2021 Town Council Meeting



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Attorney Eldridge commented:

- As expected, Building Inspections Department and the Police Department have reviewed the code and submitted changes to the Town Code as requested by the Town Council
- The General assembly have recently passed a session law that decriminalizes the criminal enforcement of local ordinances to a large degree
- There is a long list of development regulations that our Town Code lists criminal enforcement so will need to comb through the Town Code again and text amend that consistency
- Two years ago, Finance Copenhaver noted that there is an inconsistency regarding the fee schedule and the civil penalties set forth in the code so will need to revise
- He will be bringing forward a recommendation at the January Town Council meeting
- These changes will need to be reviewed by Planning and Zoning Commission

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

MAYOR UPDATES

Mayor Bloszinsky commented wanted to bring up a Volunteer Appreciation Event. The Town has not held one in 6 years. He would like receive approval from Town Council to move forward with a volunteer event in February. Staff and himself are still researching greenspace in Town and are currently working on a proposal based on the information received from the Town survey. He will bring forward a formal recommendation to Town Council once complete.

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to hold a Volunteer Appreciation event in February 2022 to recognize Volunteers to the Town

SECOND- Commissioner Oliver

VOTE- Unanimous

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION- Commissioner Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

SECOND- Commissioner Whitley

VOTE- Unanimous



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Mandy Sanders

ATTEST: Mandy Sanders, Town Clerk

Craig Bloszinsky

Craig Bloszinsky, Mayor

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