TOWN OF KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

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REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME – Mayor Dean Lambeth INVOCATION – Mayor Dean Lambeth PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Dean Lambeth

PUBLIC HEARING

To receive public comments on a proposed ordinance amendment to the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 19 (Zoning), regarding the use of Alternative Energy in Kure Beach. The proposed ordinance provides standards to facilitate use of solar energy equipment in a manner that minimizes visual impact and the potential for nuisance, includes provisions for setback and height requirements compliance, supplies definitions for roof mounted and ground mounted systems, provides permitting, replacement and repair guidelines and prohibits the use of solar wind systems.

Notice of this hearing was posted at Town Hall on March 28, 2012 and advertised in the Island Gazette newspaper on March 28 and April 4, 2012.

Opening of Hearing – Mayor Lambeth

Public Comments (Please sign in with the clerk before the hearing)

Closing of Hearing – Mayor Lambeth

Discussion and Consideration

Adjournment of Public Hearing

RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

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APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Accept resignation of Sandra Sink from Beach Protection Committee. Vacancy to be advertised on Town website.
- 2. Inspections Department Report March 2012
- 3. Finance Department Report -7/1/11 to 4/10/12
- 4. Fire Department Report March 2012
- 5. Meeting Minutes:
 - March 20, 2012 closed session (sealed)
 - March 20, 2012 regular
 - March 29, 2012 closed session (sealed)
 - March 29, 2012 special meeting

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

- 1. Brant Barnwell, Kure Beach Marketing Committee
- 2. Frances Massey, Island of Lights, funding request for FY12-13

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF PERSONS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL (3 Minutes – Please sign in with the Clerk before the meeting)

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- 1. Board of Adjustment
 - Interview Bryant Bass for appointment as alternate member.
- 2. WMPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee
 - Interview Al Sharp for appointment as member.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

- 1. Admin and Finance
- 2. Building Department
- 3. Fire Department
- 4. Police Department
- 5. Public Works Department

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

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- 1. Alternative Energy
 Draft amendment to Chapter 19 (Zoning) of the Code of Ordinances, Article IV
 (Supplemental District Regulations), to add a new section 341 on Solar Energy
- 2. Paid Parking
- 3. Parking bumpers on E Avenue
- 4. Kure Beach Community Center Committee proposal to allow beer and wine usage at facility. (Keener)
- 5. Four requests from the KB Storm water and Environmental Committee

<u>Staff comments</u> – the committee presented these requests at the March Council meeting. Staff is asking for direction from Council.

a. Free yard debris pickup:

This includes most organic material such as grass clippings, sticks, limbs, small stumps and leaves. But, free pickup could be limited to smaller items that could be placed in the large recyclable paper bags sold at Ace Hardware and other retailers. We understand that most of this material is now ground up for mulch and used by Public works as landscaping material around town, so this organic material now is recycled and serves a purpose. Our major reason for asking for this to be considered is to keep this material out of our landfill. Although it is now prohibited by New Hanover County, we believe many people place it in plastic bags and put it in their trash cans to avoid the cost of special pickup.

- b. More frequent non-recyclable material pick up:
 New Hanover County (NHC) should schedule more frequent pickups of nonrecyclable items at locations more convenient to residents of Pleasure Island (PI).
 There are many items such as tires, oil, paint, batteries, etc. that Waste
 Management won't pick up from the curb, but should be disposed of properly, as
 they are hazardous to the environment. PI residents can take them to the landfill
 out on Route 421, or to the once or twice a year collections, usually held in the
 northern part of the county. NHC also needs to have more collections closer to
 southern county residents, perhaps at Monkey Junction or even further south. We
 realize that this will be an expense to the county at a time of budget shortfalls, but
 as the beach towns provide a large share of county tax income, we deserve better
 services such as more hazardous waste pickup.
- c. Recycle bins at beach accesses:

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We understand that the bins were at accesses before and were removed because people put trash in them instead of recyclable items, but we feel that the new bins are now well marked, and visitors will cooperate in putting the right items in the appropriate bin.

<u>Staff comments</u> - Council authorized staff to remove 25 recycling carts from beach accesses last October as they were being used for garbage and trash. Public Works had to empty because of the contamination. Estimated annual cost per cart to replace is \$240.

d. Dog waste stations:

One of the requirements of the Stormwater Permit is that the Town identify and control surface waste. A major source of this, other than wildlife, is dog feces. There are already waste stations at Joe Eakes Park, so adding more at Town properties such as lift stations should not be a major problem. Most, but not all residents carry bags when walking their dogs, but many visitors don't.

<u>Staff comments:</u> the committee did not specify where they would like these dog waste stations to be located. If approved, it would be helpful if locations or overall cost not to exceed were specified. This is not a budgeted item.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION (If necessary)

ADJOURNMENT

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS FOR COUNCIL

The Kure Beach Town Council feels it is important to hear feedback from our residents about how we are doing and areas we may improve. In the area below, feel free to address any concerns or list any suggestions you have for the Council, meetings, procedures, etc. Please leave us your name and number if you would like someone to contact you.

Optional: Name & Number			
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Please return the agenda, with your comments/suggestions, to the agenda box by the door.