



TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

Monday, August 18, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

The Kure Beach Town Council held its regular meeting on Monday, August 18, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. Town Attorney Jim Eldridge was present, and there was a quorum of Council members present.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Allen Oliver
MPT David Heglar
Commissioner Dennis Panicali
Commissioner Connie Mearkle
Commissioner John Ellen

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Town Clerk – Beth Chase
Director of Administration – Mandy Sanders
Director of Development and Compliance – Bethany White
Public Works Director – Jimmy Mesimer
Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver
Fire Chief – Ed Kennedy
Recreation Director – Nikki Keely
Police Chief – Brandon Bailey

Mayor Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Commissioner Ellen gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve the NCBIWA 2025 Annual Conference Sponsorship in the amount of \$1,200, Mayor Oliver and Commissioner Mearkle to attend the Conference
2. Approve for members of the Bike/Ped Committee attending the BikeWalkNC Summit in the amount of \$1,782.56
3. Approve for Mayor Oliver to attend the BikeWalkNC Summit in the amount of \$235.32
4. Accept the resignation of Allen Krum from the Bike/Ped Committee
5. Approve the Surplus Equipment from July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 for the Town of Kure Beach
6. Approve amended Cash Management and Investment Policy to add a section relating to fraud protective measures and to add the North Carolina Investment Pool and North Carolina Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System to the approved investment options



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7. Approve the agreement with Benesch for Consulting and Engineering of the 50% Design Development for Joe Eaks Park Plan
8. Minutes:
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MOTION – MPT Heglar made a motion to approve the consent as presented

SECOND – Commissioner Ellen

VOTE – Unanimous

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION – MPT Heglar made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented

SECOND – Commissioner Ellen

VOTE – Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

PRESENTATIONS

None.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Bike/Ped Committee

Bike/Ped Member Ryland Fox stated:

- The Committee attended the Training with that was put on by the Town for Committee members and answered the questions members had
- Enjoyed helping to host multiple family nights with the Recreation Department
- Thank you for approving the date for the Tour the Island event and the Committee is continuing to work with Carolina Beach on the event to be hosted October 18th
- During the month of October, working to have residents to take part in a self-guided walking challenge to engage in a more active community
- Kure Beach will host 1500 cyclists on October 11th for the Mountains to the Coast Ride that will end here in Fort Fisher
- Currently seeking for volunteers to help with the event for a rest stop to and out snacks and beverages



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- The Committee will be attending BikeWalkNC Summit that was approved by Town Council

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD BUSINESS

1. Fire Department

Fire Chief Kennedy stated the Fire Department will be taking 4 lifeguard stands off the beach strand for approaching Hurricane Erin and will take off the tops off all the rest of them. The plan is to have them all back on the beach for the weekend.

2. Police Department

Police Chief Bailey commented the Town did receive the DOT permit for the new radar speed signs and have been purchased and delivered to Public Works. They will be installing 5 new radar signs that will be replacing the existing traditional speed limit signs. The location of the new speed limit signs will be at: Corner of K and 5th Avenue, 400 Block of South Fort Fisher BLVD, 300 Block of South Fort Fisher BLVD, Corner of North Fort Fisher BLVD and N Avenue, and another on the other side of the road at the Corner of Fort Fisher and N Avenue. Currently under budget in the amount of \$7000.00 for the purchase of these signs.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

1. Continued Discussion of the Purchase and Placement of the Sign for the German U-Boat Firing on Ethyl-Dow Chemical Plant in Kure Beach

Mayor Oliver stated included in the agenda packet is a sample sign that Wilbur Jones would like installed and the estimates of the cost of the sign. He included the verbiage he is recommending to be placed on the sign. He will open this up for discussion. The sign would be placed along Atlantic Avenue.

MPT Heglar stated he supports the sign, but the verbiage needs to be reviewed. This event has been talked about his whole life, and he thinks a replacement sign is fine.

Commissioner Panicali stated the language does need to be reviewed but he supports it.

Commissioner Ellen commented he supports it.

Commissioner Mearkle stated she would work on reviewing the verbiage for the sign.



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Mayor Oliver commented himself and Commissioner Mearkle will review the verbiage of the sign and send it out via email to Town Council.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to approve the purchase of the German U-Boat Firing on Ethyl-Dow Chemical Plant Sign in Kure Beach not exceeding \$1000.00

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

2. Continued Discussion of KBC 11.20.010 Oceanfront Deck Encroachment

Director of Development and Compliance White commented last month discussed KBC 11.20.010 and Council directed her to follow up with other Towns on how they handle the easement and the of majority of Communities just follow the CAMA regulations. She drafted up an ordinance for Council to review that is a little more restrictive since it is the Town easement and Council may want to protect it. The current ordinance states “No more than two hundred and fifty (250) square feet of single-level, freestanding, uncovered deck, which does not include the walkway to the beach, and may not encroach more than fifteen (15) feet. This would apply to lots where the CAMA sixty (60) foot setback is within five (5) feet of the perpetual easement line. All proposed construction will also be subject to all CAMA guidelines. Should any encroachment extend into the Perpetual Beach Storm Damage Reduction Easement area granted to the Town, then and in that event, it shall be subject to the terms of the easement and as such is subject to removal at the owner's expense. Such removal shall be at the discretion of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for beach renourishment purposes.” So, the issue with the current ordinance is that the Town does not use the development line anymore and CAMA regulations have changed. She has drafted the new ordinance to reflect the new CAMA regulations which limit no more than 200 feet of single-level, uncovered deck. An additional concern that came up was the height and CAMA does not restrict height on beach access ways or decks. So, she also included “with and equal in height to the beach accessway, but only landward of the pre-project vegetation line”.

MPT Heglar stated if a property owner wanted a deck that was ground level, but the beach access was up, the way it is written it wouldn't be allowed.

Director of Development and Compliance White commented she can revise it to state “no higher than”.



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CONSENSUS- Director of Development and Compliance White to bring revisions of KBC 11.20.010 to the September Town Council meeting.

3. Award of Contract for Debris Monitoring and Consulting Services to Rostan Solutions, LLC.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to Award the Contract for Debris Monitoring and Consulting Services to Rostan Solutions, LLC

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

4. Award of Contract for Debris Collection and Disposal Services to CTC Disaster Response, Inc.

MOTION- MPT Heglar made a motion to Award the Contract for Debris Collection and Disposal Services to CTC Disaster Response, Inc

SECOND- Commissioner Ellen

VOTE- Unanimous

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Commissioner Ellen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

SECOND – MPT Heglar

VOTE – Unanimous

ATTEST: Beth Chase, Town Clerk

Allen Oliver, Mayor



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