

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS & CONSENSUS  
COUNCIL RETREAT  
January 31, 2013

COMMITTEES

- Deputy Town Clerk will make copies of the Public Works current Stormwater Projects booklet, provided by Director Beeker, for the Stormwater & Environmental (SW&E) Committee.
- Public Works Director Beeker was invited to the March meeting of the SW&E Committee to present stormwater information discussed at the retreat.

COUNCIL/LEGAL

- Council defined the Town's "Legislative Delegation" as all NC State Senators and Congressmen who represent New Hanover County.
- Council gave Town Clerk the authority to reimburse any Council members who request reimbursement for service to their IPADs and tablets. No current Council members have requested it.
- Council voted to set their goals for FY 13-14, as follows:
  1. Maintain current tax rate
  2. Support Fire Department staffing request for three full-time employees
  3. Maintain current service levels of all departments
  4. Downtown utilities buried underground (east of 421)
  5. Successfully implement the Ocean Front Park and recreation administration
  6. Create long term plan for beach renourishment
  7. Review opportunities for dune infiltration systems in Town
  8. Review video surveillance of Town areas: define stakeholders and policy issues by August 31, 2012.

FINANCE/BUDGET

- Council voted to approve the expenditure of \$600, each, for airfare, hotel and meals for Mayor Lambeth and Commissioner Swearingen to attend the 2013 Water Resource Congress in Washington DC to advocate for beach renourishment.
- Deputy Town Clerk to email Council-adopted FY 13-14 Budget Calendar to Council.
- Finance Officer to including burying utilities on K Avenue, east of Ft. Fisher Blvd., as part of FY 13-14 budget: \$200,000 estimate.

PROJECTS

*Ocean Front Park*

- Council approved a Grand Opening for the Ocean Front Park to be held on Friday, April 26, 2013 from 11:30 am to 10:00 pm. Private rentals and school class usage of the park will be allowed beginning March 22, 2013, but no public events will be allowed until after the official opening.
- Commissioner Swearingen to coordinate contest for school children to pick best paint concept for turtle and fish in the park's Tot Lot and to have them painted before the official park opening; Council to help choose winner of contest.

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*Burying Power Lines*

- Town Clerk to contact Progress Energy about spreading out the cost, over a three-year period through the Town's utility bill, to have power lines/transformer buried underground on Atlantic Avenue in front of the Ocean Front Park.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Council adopted Resolution R13-04 Requesting State Legislators introduce local bill clarifying Town's authority to enforce no smoking ordinance on the beach. Town Attorney Canoutas will attend a meeting with Representative Ted Davis and other local beach towns to discuss further.

REQUEST TO PUT ON FEBRUARY COUNCIL AGENDA

- Mayor Pro Tem Keener will request Council approve a meeting and/or a new committee to decide how to merge the many beach signs in Kure Beach into one sign for better aesthetics.
- Commissioner Swearingen will meet with Police Chief Cooper and Town Attorney Canoutas to create/revise ordinance for Council approval to prohibit tractor trailers from driving on Atlantic Avenue and on K Avenue, east of Ft. Fisher Boulevard.
- Ed Kennedy will present the date of the Step Up For Soldier's Triathlon for Council approval.
- Building Inspector Batson to obtain quotes for additional fencing in at the Ocean Front Park for Council approval.
- Recreation Coordinators to bring their recommendations to Council on whether or not to allow alcoholic beverages to be served for private rentals at the park pavilion and whether or not to allow vendors to sell wares in park for a fee as a way to raise funds for the park.

NO ACTION/FOLLOW UP/TABLED

- Commissioner Pagley to provide contact information to Finance Officer Copenhagen for a company that will prepare & mail utility bills for a nominal fee.
- Pleasure Island Youth Baseball League will present its proposal to allow sponsor signs to be hung along the ball field fence at Joe Eakes Park, including their plan to maintain the signs.
- Council voted to not support NCLM's request for the Town to pay \$500 to participate in hiring an attorney to advocate for all municipalities against Progress Energy's filing for rate increases.
- Council has no interest in purchasing the property that is for sale north of the Ocean Front Park.

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