

TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

Regular Meeting

March 24, 2016

COMMITTEE

- Approved Paula Withrow's move to an alternate member position on the Parks & Recreation Board
- Appointed Gregory Wrubluski as a regular member on the Parks & Recreation Board
- Appointed Patti Rose as a regular member on the Parks & Recreation Board
- Appointed Dennis Panicali as an alternate member on the Shoreline Access, Beach Protection and Parking Committee

COUNCIL/LEGAL

- Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Reverend Thomas Williams for his dependable service to the town in conducting the invocation at the council meetings
- Directed the Planning and Zoning (P&Z) Commission to use the town attorney's recommended language to amend ordinance Section 190-373(7) for political signs, with the following revisions:
 - Revise the first sentence to read, "During the period beginning on the 30th day before the beginning date of 'one-stop' early voting and ending on the 10th day after the primary, run-off, general or Election Day, political signs may be erected on any privately owned premises."
 - Delete the second sentence, "Portable political signs are not permitted."
- Scheduled a public hearing regarding ordinance Section 190-373(7) for political signs as the first item of business on the agenda at the April 19, 2016 council meeting, to be held at Town Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter
- Approved the wording of a Request for Proposal (RFP) for architectural services related to expansion of Town Hall and design of a new fire station
- Approved closing the H Avenue beach access ramp and parking lot, as necessary, to support the process of building a new handicapped-accessible beach access ramp
- Agreed to begin the process of tracking down unreported short-term rental homes in Kure Beach in order to report them to the NHC Tax Department to collect Room Occupancy Tax

FINANCE/BUDGET

- Approved Budget Amendment 16-06, authorizing transfer of \$4,000 from the FY2016 General Fund Contingency account to the Town Council budget for Comprehensive Plan expenses (see Resolutions/Proclamations, below)
- Approved Budget Amendment 16-07, authorizing transfer of \$30,000 from the FY2016 General Fund Contingency account to the Administration budget for architectural services (see Resolutions/Proclamations, below)
- Approved Budget Amendment 16-08, to increase the Lifeguard budget for the proceeds received (\$3,600) from the sale of surplus ATVs
- Approved application for funding from NHC Tourism Development Authority (TDA) totaling \$8,500 for Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce concerts held during the summer of 2015
- Approved application for funding from NHC TDA totaling \$3,300 for the 2015 Kure Beach Fantasy Christmas Show
- Approved Mayor Swearingen's \$148 reimbursement request for attending the "Promoting Sustainable Tourism Businesses" meeting in Beaufort, NC on 3/9/16
- Approved upgrading all of the town's street lights to LED at a cost of \$6,400 from the Contingency Fund, to be transferred to the Public Works budget
- Approved being a \$250 Bronze Sponsor at the annual NCBIWA Coastal Local Government meeting on 4/20-4/21/16 in Pine Knoll Shores, NC, to be paid out of the council budget

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- Approved an estimated \$505 in travel expenses for Mayor Swearingen and Mayor Pro Tem Bloszinsky to attend the annual NCBIWA Coastal Local Governments meeting, to be paid out of the council budget
- Approved the FY2017 Sewer rates set by the Kure Beach/Carolina Beach Sewer Authority as follows: Variable costs \$77.66 per 1,000 gallons; Fixed costs \$13,671.31 per month; and Capital Recovery \$3,746.25 per month

NO ACTION/FOLLOW UP/TABLED

- Commissioner Dugan will talk to the department heads for their thoughts and ideas on allowing ATVs for the disabled and handicapped on the Kure Beach strand, and will report back to council at their April meeting.
- The Marketing Committee will bring back their final proposal for the Strategic Marketing Plan to council for approval sometime in May or June.
- Council wants the Planning and Zoning Commission to email them their two proposed ordinances regarding “container houses” before the April council meeting to give them time to consider their proposals.
- The town attorney is working on updating non-zoning ordinances that are antiquated and no longer apply to Kure Beach and will bring his recommendations to council when he is finished.

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Adopted Resolution R16-04 transferring \$4,000 from the Contingency to the Town Council budget for Comprehensive Plan expenses and \$30,000 to the Administration budget for architectural services (see Finance/Budget, above)
- Adopted Resolution R16-05, declaring an exemption from the Qualifications Based Selection process required by G.S. 143-64.31 for architectural services related to expansion of Town Hall and design of a new fire station

APPROVED MINUTES

- February 16, 2016 public hearing
- February 16, 2016 regular council meeting
- February 22, 2016 council retreat

Nancy Hewitt, Deputy Town Clerk
March 28, 2016