

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 11, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Mayor Conte called the March 11, 2024, meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence. Commissioners present: Greg Davis, Beverly Mayhew, Debbie Watts, Marlene Vandergrift and Harry McClard. Also, present: Chad Hicks, Town Administrator; Nicole Hewett, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk and Lori Frye, Finance Director.

Members Absent: None

Also Absent: None

Administrative Reports: Mr. Hicks gave the Town Administrator Report. (A copy of this report is on file.)

Mr. Hicks said Arbor Day is March 22nd at 9:30am, the Board Retreat is March 26th at 10:00am and town hall will be closed on Good Friday, March 29th. Mr. Hicks said he is still working on getting mosquito equipment. Mr. Hicks said we have reached out to Cape Fear COG for Planning Board/Board of Adjustment training. Mr. Hicks said he has reached out to NCDOT about the potholes on Country Club Drive near Food Lion. Mr. Hicks said the sealing project started in The Farm and is going pretty good. Mr. Hicks said the speed limit signs have all been changed in there as well. Mr. Hicks said the stage is complete behind town hall. Mr. Hicks said the pickleball court is going good and we are just waiting for the gentleman that comes in and puts the coating on and the lines. Mr. Hicks said we have been on the list to get that done. Mr. Hicks said that Ms. Treglia would be willing to reach out to some of our communities and see if they would want to sponsor concerts. Ms. Treglia said she attended a Brunswick County Parks & Rec meeting with all the other towns. Ms. Treglia said they reach out to businesses to see if they want to sponsor and support our town concerts. It was the consensus of the Board that it couldn't hurt. There was discussion on businesses and the zip code.

Building Inspections: Report on file with Town Clerk.

Public Works Department: Report on file with the Town Clerk.

Public Safety Department: Report on file with the Town Clerk.

Finance Report: Ms. Frye gave the Finance Report. A copy of this report is on file with the Town Clerk.

Committee & Volunteer Group Reports:

Calabash Fire Department - Commissioner Mayhew reviewed the slide presentation of the Calabash Fire Department meeting that was held February 20, 2024. Commissioner Mayhew said the numbers reflect information from January 2024.

Planning Board - Commissioner Watts said the Planning Board met on February 21st.

Commissioner Watts said Oaths of Office were given and the minutes of January 17, 2024, were approved. Commissioner Watts said Eagle Run preliminary and final plats for Phase 4 were approved. Commissioner Watts said a couple of them went to the County meeting about the subdivision on Thomasboro Road and it is 164 single family lots, 22 town house units, 5 acres of commercial for a total of 186 units on 82.7 acres creating an overall density of 2.26 dwelling units per acre and was approved.

Parks Commission – Commissioner Vandergrift said the Parks Commission met on February 21st. Commissioner Vandergrift said it was the first meeting of the new year and the minutes of the prior meeting were approved. Commissioner Vandergrift said Kelly Murphy and Ron Johnson were sworn in. Commissioner Vandergrift said Kathy Madola was reelected as chairperson and Ron Johnson was reelected as vice-chairperson. Commissioner Vandergrift said they offered assistance in packing bags for Arbor Day. Commissioner Vandergrift said Member Murphy asked why we have only one food vendor for the concert, and would we be receptive to more vendors attending and the Commission members agreed. Commissioner Vandergrift said Ms. Murphy also asked about the dog park and the clean-up procedures. Commissioner Vandergrift said Mr. Hicks reassured her that we are keeping it as clean as possible. Commissioner Vandergrift said that Mr. Hicks followed up on the pickleball court and it is moving ahead. Commissioner Vandergrift said the Parks Commission asked if there would be a formal ceremony for the opening of the new pickleball court. Mr. Hicks said we had an area where people could get water for their dogs. Mr. Hicks said we are cutting that out and getting a regular water fountain because we have had people stealing water. Mr. Hicks said we got a \$400.00 water bill, and we figured out what was going on. Mr. Hicks said now they will have to hold the button down to get water. Ms. Hewett said we did receive two names for hotdog vendors. Ms. Hewett said it is her understanding that with our venue being so small, Lobster Dogs will not come if there are other vendors. Ms. Hewett said if there is a rain date used, Lobster Dogs can't come, and we can use the hotdog vendors for those.

Cape Fear Council of Governments – Commissioner McClard said we attended the Cape Fear COG Annual Banquet. Commissioner McClard said we were all there except Chad and Greg. Commissioner McClard said it was a good evening and very educational. Commissioner McClard said the discussion by a local economist was very interesting. Commissioner McClard said the CFCOG meetings are the same day as ours. Commissioner McClard said it was a good networking event.

GSATS – Mayor Conte said he attended his first meeting. Mayor Conte said they did focus a lot on the beautification program of Holden Beach. There was small discussion on Highway 31.

Consent Agenda:

COMMISSIONER MAYHEW MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA:

- BOC Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024

COMMISSIONER MCCLARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CONTE CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Possible Action on Eagle Run Preliminary and Final Plat IV B:

Mr. Hicks said this is for 46 lots and meets the requirements of PRD. Mr. Hicks said they broke Phase 4 into two phases, and this is for preliminary and final plat.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLAT OF EAGLE RUN PHASE IV B. COMMISSIONER MCCLARD SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CONTE CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Possible Surplus of 2004 Ford F-150: Resolution 24-2

COMMISSIONER MCCLARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 24-2. COMMISSIONERS DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CONTE CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comment:

Ms. Madeline Bay, 537 Slippery Rock Way – Ms. Bay said Mr. Hicks was speaking about stop signs and speed sign earlier. Ms. Bay said Slippery Rock Way in The Grove section does not have any speed signs. Ms. Bay said she is a retired police officer and there are people doing 30-35mph through there and she is pretty good at that. Ms. Bay said the old section of The Farm is 25mph. Ms. Bay asked if they were all 25mph now and Mr. Hicks said yes. Ms. Bay said you need to have that put up on Slippery Rock Way in the new section at The Farm. Ms. Bay said she knows that a speed sign was put up but if nobody knows what the speed limit is, they don't know if they are speeding. Ms. Bay said there is also a school bus stop right there and wouldn't mind having a stop sign there. Ms. Bay said in regard to the Thomasboro and NCDOT, last year they came and had a presentation at the Senior Center and talked to people about it.

Ron Johnson, 1474 Creek Ridge Lane – Mr. Johnson said the traffic that is going to be on Thomasboro is going to be really bad. Mr. Johnson said if you stop and think about how many subdivisions that are in there and around, he proposed at the County meeting that the transportation has got to look at access to the highways from the subdivisions, not putting them all on Thomasboro. Mr. Johnson said we are going to have commercial in the big subdivision and commercial on the corner, think about it for a minute. Mr. Johnson said the people coming from other areas are going to be traveling down Thomasboro. Mr. Johnson said he thinks the town should have a meeting with NCDOT. Mr. Johnson said he knows that the mayor said he talked with them, but he thinks the Board should be talking directly at a meeting with NCDOT. Mr. Johnson said, do you realize that a lot of traffic is going to come through The Farm? Mr. Johnson said people are going to cut through there because it has access to Highway 17. Mr. Johnson said that is what is going to happen. Mr. Johnson said you are going to cause more accidents than we really want to have. Mr. Johnson said we really need to seriously talk to them. Mr. Johnson said up north, you can't start a subdivision unless you have a traffic count, and you know what is going to happen. Mr. Johnson said how can you approve a subdivision without knowing that. Mayor Conte said when a subdivision is not in our town, we don't have jurisdiction. Mayor Conte said they have looked at the bigger picture. Mayor Conte said we have to get out of the thinking of where we came from and understand how they do things here, they do it differently and is regulated by statute, the state and NCDOT. Mayor Conte said he will share the long-term information with Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson said when he was at the County meeting, he had people from the Planning Board follow him out to the hallway and basically said that our hands are tied. Mr. Johnson said just like

you're saying. Mr. Johnson said to them that he understands that, but you have to speak up, you are the ones that are going to have to change these things. Mayor Conte said the only way that changes is by changing the statute. Mr. Johnson said somebody has to speak up. Mr. Johnson said when the traffic starts coming through The Farm, are you going to stop it? Mayor Conte said no, it is a public road. Mr. Hicks said we have "No Thru Traffic" signs up. There was further discussion on this item.

Mayor & Board of Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Davis – None

Commissioner Mayhew – None

Commissioner Vandergrift - None

Commissioner Watts – None

Commissioner McClard – None

Mayor Conte – None

Closed Session:

None

Adjourn:

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 11, 2024, REGULAR MEETING AT 10:45 A.M. COMMISSIONER MAYHEW SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR CONTE CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mayor

Submitted by:

Nicole L. Hewett, Assistant Town Administrator/Town Clerk