

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

July 13, 2017

2:00 p.m.

Mayor Joyce Dunn called the July 13, 2017 meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence. Commissioners present: John E. Manning, Gere Dale, Mary Timothy, Greg Davis and Bill Brennan. Also, present: Jon Mendenhall, Town Administrator; Julie Munday, Finance Director and Nicole Marks, Town Clerk.

Absent: None

Others Absent: None

Agenda Adjustments:

None

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Consent Agenda:

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting June 5, 2017 and June 8, 2017; Special Called Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2017; Closed Sessions of May 1, 2017 and June 5, June 8 and June 14, 2017

COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Administrative Reports:

Finance Report – Ms. Munday, Finance Director said the Budget Ordinance Amendment is to provide the correction and clarification of certain dates in the 2017-2018 budget (FY 18 Budget Ordinance) Ms. Munday reviewed BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 18-1 with the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Munday said this amendment does not involve any funds.

COMMISSIONER DALE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE BUDGET AMENDMENT ORDINANCE 18-1. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DSIP 16-1 – Mr. Mendenhall said DSIP 16-1 is nearly complete and there was some grading that needed to be done. Mr. Mendenhall said we are complete with the DSIP's except for DSIP 16-3 and 16-5 of which those owners did not sign. Mr. Mendenhall said we did a survey stakeout of DSIP 16-5 which is Pinewood to give the owner some better clarity as to what they are actually signing for and they still have not signed. Mr. Mendenhall said we are working on a bid for

Palmer to make sure we have that taken care of and there are some legal issues but we think we have resolved those. Mr. Mendenhall said on Thrush, we are waiting on easements and that's a legal thing. Mr. Mendenhall said on Gate 7 and 8; we need some signatures on some easements there. Mr. Mendenhall said we have repaired the sinkhole from Joaquin. Commissioner Dale asked if everything had been done on Myrtlewood and Mr. Mendenhall said no, not everything was done on Myrtlewood as the owner reneged on her promises and was only going to allow us to do certain things. Mr. Mendenhall said the Town did everything that we were responsible for and it is closed as far as the Town is concerned. Mr. Mendenhall said we were able to get the work done on Oakbark with only one easement. Commissioner Davis commented on the email Mr. Mendenhall sent regarding the County doing work on the Caw Caw. Commissioner Dale said I have a problem with the second page of that. Commissioner Dale said the letter reads that they, the County are going to go in and mow the Northwest Drive ditch and we do not want them to go in and do that right now. Commissioner Dale said that is an absolute no, no until hurricane season is over. Commissioner Davis said they didn't say when they are going to mow and Commissioner Dale said that is correct but we need to take a position with them that we don't want it done until after hurricane season. It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners; to have Mr. Mendenhall contact the County to let them know the Board's position on mowing after hurricane season. There was discussion on removing the sandbars which is a positive thing.

Public Safety – Mr. Mendenhall said we have talked a little bit about public safety and we have a contract here that we have been working on since the budget workshop meeting. Mr. Mendenhall said the Sheriff has come through with a contract regarding law enforcement. There was lengthy discussion on this matter, regarding the officers, paying by the hour, invoicing, not all deputies are radar certified, increased presence in the Town and hours. Mayor Dunn said this is experimental. Commissioner Dale said the Board does understand with this contract, it's would cost about \$25,000.00-\$30,000.00 a year with the hours that are listed and the Commissioners said yes. Commissioner Dale said this is a pretty significant expenditure and Commissioner Davis said yes but it is cheaper than starting our own.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES AND JOHN INGRAM, SHERIFF. COMMISSIONER MANNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Public Comment:

Ray Alenckis, 995 Palmer – Mr. Alenckis said I am the POA President of The Village at Calabash. Mr. Alenckis said the subject regarding the police department is a subject that is near and dear to my heart being that I am a retired Police Officer myself after 31 years of service. Mr. Alenckis said it was brought to my attention during conversation recently that you were going to enter into this agreement with the Sheriff's Department and I can't emphasize enough what a great idea this is and

how important it is to our Town. Mr. Alenckis said I feel like I have run this by you already but we have had quite a few problems in The Village where we had a couple of drug houses, a person that was wanted for murder in California, a lot of speeding problems, a lot of motor vehicle violations and with our Master Declaration, the POA can enforce a lot of issues but we cannot touch any criminally or motor vehicle wise and we count on the Town a lot of times to help us out too. Mr. Alenckis said we work a lot with Gail; she is a great woman and a great help to our community but she is limited as to what she can do for us. Mr. Alenckis said I've done a little research and I know this agreement will be about \$25,000-\$30,000 a year for this deputy to come into the Town as Greg pointed out but we also need to take into effect that the patrol car is going to be furnished, maintenance, gas, radio equipment, uniforms, salaries, health benefits and insurance. Mr. Alenckis said I did a little research on the internet and the average salary for a Sheriff is \$39,500.00-\$42,726.00 plus benefits. Mr. Alenckis said so Sheriff Ingram proposing a fee of \$25,000.00-\$30,000.00 is not out of line in my opinion. Mr. Alenckis said I hate to sound like a northerner but I'm originally from Connecticut and we basically had the same situation up there. Mr. Alenckis said we had small towns up there that didn't have their own police departments so what they did was incorporate what they call a Resident State Trooper. Mr. Alenckis said the state of Connecticut would assign a state trooper to the town, they would bill for the services for the year. Mr. Alenckis said I'm glad that you are all sitting down. Mr. Alenckis said I researched this as well and for one trooper for one year is \$190,000.00, so for \$25,000-\$30,000 we are getting a bargain here. Mr. Alenckis said I think you folks have addressed the problem and I'm glad to see this. Mr. Alenckis said I just wanted to make my feelings known. Mr. Alenckis said I also want to publically commend Jon Mendenhall and the Town Maintenance crew for the excellent work they do throughout all of our communities within the Town. Mr. Alenckis said I know sometimes you get some back brush when people are complaining and not enough is said about the good things that you. Mr. Alenckis said here is to a job well done. Thank you.

Mayor and Board of Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Davis – Commissioner Davis said I have nothing other than to thank Mr. Alenckis for coming today and his kind words, thank you.

Commissioner Timothy – Commissioner Timothy said I just want to let you know that we are having a craft/car show, so if you have a craft you want to sell or a car to show; let me know.

Commissioner Manning – Commissioner Manning said I was glad to see that the Beacon put in the notice about the grant we received, that helps. Commissioner Manning said the money will definitely help with the flooding. Thank you.

Mayor Dunn – Mayor Dunn said I noticed in the Beacon and I tore out because I want to send it out on my email is the Hearing that the State is having concerning having the turn on Thomasboro. Mayor Dunn said I am going to send it out to my community and I suggest other communities that use Thomasboro do the same. Mayor Dunn said I will copy the Board on the email.

Commissioner Dale – Commissioner Dale said I ran into a situation in the last day or so that kind of peaked my interest and I wanted to pass it along. Commissioner Dale said we have a family that is immobile and they live in the home and can't get out. Commissioner Dale said they order their groceries from Lowe's Food store. Commissioner Dale said I didn't realize that Lowe's had that kind of service available. Commissioner Dale said I prefer our people to shop at Food Lion rather than Lowe's but Lowe's will take phone orders, they will put it up, if you drive up they will cart it out and load it up and actually put it in your car with no service charge and if you really want them to deliver, they will for a small fee. Commissioner Dale said I was very impressed with that yesterday when I brought \$250.00 home from Lowe's and I thought with our aging population, that is really a wonderful service. Commissioner Dale said I think it is really important to publicize this

with our aging population.

Commissioner Brennan – Commissioner Brennan said I’m just basking in the glow of this Goldilocks moment where everything seems to be going right in the Town. Commissioner Brennan said everybody is working and we are getting a lot done.

Closed Session:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S.143-318.11(a)(6) PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AND GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PERSONNEL ACTIONS AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO MAKE AN AGENDA ADJUSTMENT TO ADD TO OUR AGENDA APPROVAL OF RESOLUTUION 18-1 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE TOWN PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 160A-155. COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 18-1 A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE TOWN PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 160A-155. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Adjournment:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JULY 13, 2017 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mayor

Submitted by:
Nicole Marks, Town Clerk