

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2017
2:00 p.m.**

Mayor Joyce Dunn called the September 14, 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 and Julie Munday, Finance Director.

Absent: None

Others Absent: Nicole L. Marks, Town Clerk.

Agenda Adjustments:

None

Public Comment on Agenda Items:

None

Consent Agenda:

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

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Session Minutes August 7, 10, 2017; Closed Session July 13, 2017 and August 10, 2017
- Consideration of Roadway Acceptance – Lighthouse Cove Phase 1
- Halloween Observance 2017 Resolution 18-4

COMMISSIONER MANNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. Commissioner Timothy asked what the Halloween Resolution is. Commissioner Brennan said this started when Halloween happened on a weekend and Commissioner Davis said it was on a Sunday. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Mendenhall asked the Board to turn their attention to the Administrative Report Items sheet. Mr. Mendenhall said these items are all late arriving items. Mr. Mendenhall reviewed the following items:

1. Rescinding State of Emergency – Mr. Mendenhall said the rescinding of the State of Emergency needs to be ratified for Hurricane Irma by the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Mendenhall said we rescinded the State of Emergency for Hurricane Irma effective at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 and was established on Thursday at 8:00 a.m. September 7, 2017. Mr. Mendenhall said we had some flooding on Tuesday morning, we had a lot of rain in a very short period of time. Mr. Mendenhall said the streets of both Oakbark and Sunfield had about a foot

of water on them. Mr. Mendenhall said there was probably about a half foot of water at the end of Palmer Drive. Mr. Mendenhall said at that time, we thought we had about twelve structures that had flooded but I'm happy and pleased to report no dwelling space flooded, we had some water in garages. Mr. Mendenhall said the report initially was one on Sunfield and one on Northwest Drive as well and there may be one on Gate 5. Commissioner Brennan said he thinks it should be part of the statement that we had five and a half inches of rain in three hours. Mayor Dunn said the system essentially held and Commissioner Davis said the system worked. Mayor Dunn said she would like to hear what Mr. Robert Tucker has to say about the finger ditch because apparently the water on Oakbark was the finger ditch backing up. Mayor Dunn said if we would've got any more rain, people would've flooded.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO RESCIND THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

2. Calendar Coordination - Mr. Mendenhall said because of Hurricane Irma, we had to make a large number of schedule changes and reviewed the new times and dates. The Board of Commissioners reviewed the dates and times. Mr. Mendenhall said the Board does not have to decide today because we can send out Special Called meeting notices. The Parks Commission is to be pushed to November. Mayor Dunn said we need to get applications and flyer ready to go out. It was the consensus of the Board is to have one person from each community for the Parks Commission. Mayor Dunn said she could write the flyer.
3. DSIP 18 Status
 - a. DSIP 18-1 Beacon Townes – awaiting easement signature
 - b. DSIP 18-2 NW Dr – awaiting design
 - c. DSIP 18-3 – Myrtle – complete – emergency repair before storm
 - d. DSIP 18-4 – Bayberry – design (doing right-of-way only)
 - e. DSIP 18-5 – Palm – awaiting design
 - f. DSIP 18-6 – Thrush – awaiting design
 - g. DSIP 18-7 – Maintenance Zone #3 Thru-Way – waiting for winter work
 - h. DSIP 18-8 – Calabash Dr – in design

Mr. Mendenhall said in DSIP 16, we did 22 projects and for 2018 there are 8 DSIP's. Mr. Mendenhall said that is a total of 30 Drainage Spot Improvements in the last 24 months or so and that is quite a number. Mayor Dunn said she heard that people appreciate the fact this information is being put in the newsletter so they what is going on and what we are actually doing, it actually gives people confidence to see that. Commissioner Davis said he is so proud we are doing that because a lot of other communities are not and we are way ahead of the game. Mayor Dunn asked where we are with the jetter and the roadside ditch projects. Mr. Mendenhall said we are about halfway through the Board approved list. Mr. Mendenhall said we did have some projects that were added to the Board approved list and those are the ones you wanted to add and we did and that has delayed us somewhat. Mr. Mendenhall said we will be moving to the Parkway, Sage and Yellow Jacket as soon as we are done with that problem area on Carolina Shores Drive, so we are delayed.

4. Town-wide Drainage Study – scheduled for October agenda: Mr. Mendenhall said that Mr. Robert Tucker will have something very substantial at the Board's October 2nd meeting. Commissioner Davis said in writing and Mayor Dunn said we do not want pictures, just words.
5. CIP Project Schedule:

Based on the FEMA funding freeze it is recommended that we take the following approach:

 1. Freeze Sunfield Dr. capital project – design complete, hold on re-bid until storm season

is over and FEMA guidance in the new federal budget is clear.

2. Freeze a portion of DSIP 18 - complete design and easements on all projects, but only go to construction on DSIP 18-1, 18-2, and 18-3; re-evaluate in post federal budget adoption.
3. Freeze open positions – Town Planner and Groundskeeper; re-evaluate in post federal budget adoption.
4. Freeze parks project in concept stage – await Parks Commission and parks master plan to rely on grant funding to be primary source of project funding.

Estimated Cost Savings:	\$450,000.00
FEMA Funds Frozen:	\$765,938.00
Projected Fund Balance:	\$3,414,853.00 (without FEMA funds)
Alt #1 FB w/ FEMA	\$4,180,179.00
Alt #2 FB w/o FEMA but with freeze:	\$3,864,853.00

There was Board discussion on items 5-1, 2, 3, and 4 above. It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to keep moving forward with the items above except item 5-3 and under item 5-4 continue moving forward with the formation of the Parks Commission only.

Ordinance 18-3 Lighthouse Cove – Add Lighthouse Cove Loop and Add Wave Lane:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 18-3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES, PROVIDING THAT ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY CHANGING AND ALTERING THE TRAFFIC SCHEDULES OF THE TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES, NORTH CAROLINA. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Finance Report – Ms. Munday gave the Finance Report. Ms. Munday said we have a revised adopted budget of \$2,236,465.00. Ms. Munday said we have expenditures for the month of August of \$348,935.00 and revenues of \$290,553.00. Ms. Munday said the beginning balance August 1, 2017 was \$3,116,222.26 and the ending balance \$3,264,630.12.

Committee/Group Reports:

Recycle Center – Commissioner Dale said we have issued 2,276 stickers for the Recycle Center. Commissioner Dale said some of those are for replacement automobiles but we realistically still have about 2,000 automobiles going in and out of there. Commissioner Dale said we have talked about some minor improvements that need to be made over there for safety and traffic flow. Commissioner Dale said hopefully that will move forward and we will get those done in the next month, month and a half. Commissioner Dale said just a reminder in terms of the hours, we won't talk about the hours but the fall is the time when we typically get an in-flow of a lot of yard waste; which means the traffic is going to pick up and the number of cars going in and out is going to pick up. Commissioner Dale said it was very evident over what happened with Hurricane Irma, we had an awful lot of yard waste that was delivered on Tuesday, Wednesday and already today. Commissioner Dale said we need to recognize that this is going to be an on-going thing for in the fall.

Calabash Fire Department - Commissioner Dale said Jim Bruno struck again; he got another grant for the Calabash Fire Department of almost \$20,000.00. Commissioner Dale said he is a bit perplexed as to the intent of that because it says it's to purchase a system to be used to train the public on the proper use of fire extinguishers. Commissioner Dale said he thought that using a fire extinguisher was a fairly easy concept and he didn't think you have to have training but anyway the

Calabash Fire Department has \$20,000.00 for such a program. Commissioner Dale said this grant came from FEMA and he is reminded again that there are apparently Federal monies available out there for viable projects. Commissioner Dale said he thinks we have some things that may qualify for Federal monies. Commissioner Dale said he thinks that we need to think seriously going forward about where we might want to prepare a grant request for monies to help in various areas.

Keep Brunswick County Beautiful - Commissioner Dale said we had our regular meeting yesterday. Commissioner Dale said we talked about a number of things and it is kind of late but it is free dump week up at the County landfill through Saturday. Commissioner Dale said there is hazardous waste collection up in Southport all week, this is the semi-annual one. Commissioner Dale said the County has now instituted electronic recycling at all of their convenience sites. Commissioner Dale said you used to have to take all of your electronics up to the landfill, now for us we can take it over to 904 and there are a lot of things that qualify as far as electronics are concerned. Commissioner Dale said we had a presentation from one of our members who is a Code Enforcement Officer at Brunswick County and it was very, very interesting. Commissioner Dale said last calendar year; they had 20,000 calls for Code Enforcement activities. Commissioner Dale said he made a mental calculation and that is like 250 calls every day. Commissioner Dale said if it is ten minutes per call, the Code Enforcement Officer said that is how many we had. Commissioner Dale said the Code Enforcement Officer said what we had to do was have our phones attached to the central unit and we each have a computer and a printer in our vehicle and we are out literally out eight hours a day on the road because of all the calls. Mayor Dunn asked what sorts of things do they go on. Commissioner Dale said my pet one, which he had given them a year ago, if you drive towards Shallotte, just beyond McDonalds and have seen the oyster place up there that is high on the list. Commissioner Dale said that is one of the most contaminated areas, not only in Brunswick County but in the entire State. Commissioner Dale said they have several other places where they have pictures where it is absolutely unbelievable in terms of the material; waste material that has been left on the properties. Commissioner Dale said they have approximately 600 cases that they have on-going each year that they go out and investigate. Commissioner Dale said then the Code Enforcement Officer went through the dynamics of what they have to do in order to get something cleared up. Commissioner Dale said it's just mind boggling, the hoops they have to go through in order to try and get an area or even a specific piece of property cleaned up. Commissioner Dale said for instance, the oyster festival, there are three different property owners involved and none of them are resident property owners; so that makes it very difficult to begin with. Commissioner Dale said plus they want to have an on-going operation and don't want to have their people involved in the clean-up. Commissioner Dale said lastly we talked about plastic recycling. Commissioner Dale said apparently the outfit that takes the recyclable material from Brunswick County has now arched their back and said we are not going to take your tainted comingled recyclables that have a lot of plastic bags and plastic wrap; they call it a number of things. Commissioner Dale said we're pretty good but most of the other towns don't have a handle on this, although I think we can probably do a better job. Commissioner Dale said our Administrator passed out this diagram that shows all of the plastic types that are permissible to be recycled as plastic; none of those are to go into the comingled. Commissioner Dale said it's very interesting and if anybody wants a picture of it, he will make a copy. Commissioner Dale said there are a couple of things on there that are plastic type that he didn't realize that we could take here at the Recycle Center as far as plastic.

Recreation Group – Commissioner Timothy said we are ready in terms of our Craft/Car Show on September 23rd. Commissioner Timothy said the doors open at 9:00 a.m. and they close at 2:00 p.m. Commissioner Timothy said we have twenty vendors and she doesn't know how many cars are signed up. Commissioner Timothy said the next thing will be the Christmas Tree Lighting in November after Thanksgiving. Commissioner Timothy said we are going to ask someone that sits close to her if he wants to do his job again.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Consideration of Ordinance 18-4 a Text Amendment adding Chapter 22: Boards and Commissions to the Code of Ordinances:

COMMISSIONER DALE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 18-4 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ADOPTION OF A GENERAL ORDINANCE – TO GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION PROVISIONS FOR THE CODE OF ORDINANCES – CHAPTER 22: BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Consideration of Changes on the Hours of the Solid Waste Convenience Site:– Added by Mayor Dunn:

Mayor Dunn said she realized after the last meeting, there are very passionate positions on every side of this issue. Mayor Dunn said what she would like to do as we have had a fair amount of conversation, go around the table and each Commissioner say whatever you have to say on the topic of whether the hours should be extended. Mayor Dunn said we won't have any discussion, just say what you think. Mayor Dunn said once we hear what each other thinks, then we will take a motion and see if we can go to a vote. Commissioner Manning asked what are the proposed changes of the hours. Mayor Dunn said the hours that have been proposed would be on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of closing at 4:00 p.m., we would close at 6:00 p.m. and Commissioner Davis said but remain opening when we remained open? Mayor Dunn said one proposal is add paid hours and the other proposal was change the hours on Tuesday and Thursday so that it stays open later but it doesn't open as early, it would open at 11:00 a.m. we would just add to hours to the end. Mayor Dunn said this would only apply during daylight savings. Commissioner Davis said first of all with only five weeks to go before daylight savings time changes it anyways and that not being a lit area; he thinks it is a moot point. Commissioner Davis said second of all, he doesn't think we have had one official request from any citizen asking for the hours to be extended. Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Mendenhall if there has been and Mr. Mendenhall said no sir. Commissioner Davis so if Waste Management is okay with moving the hours of the attendant from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for five weeks, okay he has no problem with that. Commissioner Davis said if it means adding funds, taxpayer funds, paid for a position that is supposedly reimbursed, he is totally against that. Commissioner Timothy said her problem is the daylight savings time. Commissioner Timothy said she would look at either a Tuesday or Thursday and change the hours just one day to 6:00 p.m. and isn't it always lit at night and Commissioner Dale said it is. Commissioner Davis said there may be light but is it safe light and Commissioner Timothy said she thinks it is. Commissioner Timothy said she thinks it's bright enough and we should just keep it open all year round until 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Timothy said she thinks the attendant is capable of being there until 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Timothy said she has a phone and 6:00 p.m. is still early and there are other places where it gets dark and people have to walk to their cars. Commissioner Timothy said the attendant doesn't have to walk very far. Commissioner Timothy said as far as a safety issue, she thinks she is good. Commissioner Timothy said she thinks we should leave it open all year round until 6:00 p.m., just one night. Commissioner Manning said he

has no problem but the only thing is the Commissioner thinks she is capable of being there alone. Commissioner Manning said he just has a problem with that. Commissioner Manning said God forbid something happens down the road after 5:00 p.m. here and no one else is around. Commissioner Manning said she is a young lady; he doesn't care how you look at it. Commissioner Manning said the hours he has no problem with, he agrees with Commissioner Davis. Commissioner Manning said if it's just one day that Commissioner Timothy wants to leave open, he doesn't see the purpose of it. Commissioner Manning said he does agree that we have to look at the caution of one person. Commissioner Manning said he is in agreement with one or two days but at no added cost to us. Commissioner Dale said well I guess everybody knows my opinion but I will restate it. Commissioner Dale said he thinks that we should on Tuesday and Thursday, they open at the same time but stay open until 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Dale said by moving the time on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., we are going to have cars parked up there as we always do when we change opening hours or when the attendant might not be there. Commissioner Dale said our people are very attuned to what the hours are and the only thing he thinks that will not be confusing is to give them a couple of additional hours to help the people that work a couple of additional hours to get to the Recycle Center. Commissioner Dale said he's in favor of Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Dale said he has supreme confidence in the attendant; that she can take care of herself. Commissioner Dale said he has talked to her, she has a cell phone and if we really feel she needs additional help, we can get her mace. Commissioner Dale said she doesn't think she needs that; she said she will knock anybody and he won't go into that. Commissioner Dale said his opinion is if we are open up there with the lighting we have even until 6:00 p.m., that is not a safety problem and doesn't put her in any kind of jeopardy that she would be attuned to. Commissioner Brennan said he discussed this with the Annemarie a little bit and she said called me a sexist because she said if it were a guy would you feel the same way. Commissioner Brennan said the point is we would regardless, male or female; you would have a contractor working on our property as a single individual and could run into a problem with a difficult resident or some other person. Commissioner Brennan said so you have the problem of the accidents happening. Commissioner Brennan said he doesn't care; we have had enough issues with accidents happening there in broad daylight. Commissioner Brennan said the accidents are one issue and he doesn't care if we make it like a football field; general low lighting is certainly not enough. Commissioner Brennan said number two, the change in hours; that is always a problem. Commissioner Brennan said we always have people, every time we change an hour we have turmoil for months afterward because people just can't get it through their heads. Commissioner Brennan said so to do it for five weeks, is insane. Commissioner Brennan said from another point of view, how about if we get rid of some of the traffic. Commissioner Brennan said we hear all these people say, there's all these people here who can't lift this stuff, they can't do this, they can't do that. Commissioner Brennan said let them get a garbage can, they are paying for the garbage cans anyway, their taxes are paying for the garbage cans. Commissioner Brennan said take some of the people who have difficulty or are physically challenged and have them stay at home and have their garbage picked up like all the other 110,000 people in this Town. Commissioner Brennan said maybe you will get rid of 500 people and 500 stickers and it will reduce the amount of traffic you have over there and it will make life a lot easier. Commissioner Brennan said and for people who thinks it is a gathering place, to talk and meet friends and all sorts of stuff, that's not what it is, that is what the clubhouse is for. Mayor Dunn said what she has found is that the people who are most likely to be fragile over there, they don't remember who she is anyways. Mayor Dunn said she thinks we have to sort through this. Mayor Dunn said Bill; she thinks your idea is very interesting. Mayor Dunn said that Gail works very hard at trying to get people who should have curbside to do it. Mayor Dunn said but mostly they are resistant and they insist they are not ready yet. Mayor Dunn said so maybe the conversation we need to be having separately is to what extent is it possible for us to get more firm and at least say if you have had an accident over there, we want you to get home service; we will not allow you to come in anymore, we will arrange for you to have home service and you have to

get it. Mayor Dunn said she thinks that is a conversation they need to have at another time and figure that out. Commissioner Brennan said why don't we try to figure this out and take it to a conclusion right now. Mayor Dunn said she thinks that is a separate issue. Commissioner Manning said getting back to people getting home service, is there still a regulation with Waste that you have to be handicapped and Mr. Mendenhall said that is correct. Commissioner Manning said well then anyone we are asking to do it, if they are not handicap, then they can't do it. Commissioner Manning said so technically if they don't have a handicap sticker, they are not going to get home service. Commissioner Manning said we are beating our heads against the wall. Mayor Dunn said she thinks that is a separate conversation and we need to sort through all of that. Commissioner Manning said right now it is just the hours we need to figure out. Commissioner Timothy asked Commissioner Dale if his proposal is just for daylight savings or is it for all year round. Commissioner Dale said all year round and Commissioner Timothy said so is mine. Commissioner Dale said in his opinion, daylight savings time doesn't make any difference at all. Mayor Dunn said she thinks the confusion issue is an issue that if we go five weeks and then change the hours, we are pretty much creating chaos. Mayor Dunn said she would personally lean towards doing it all year round on an experimental basis, start it, let it go. Mayor Dunn said she supports doing it without any further expenditure of money. Mayor Dunn said she thinks we need to experiment and see what happens. Mayor Dunn said if we change the hours, people will adjust. Commissioner Davis said if you change the hours from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays, you are right the confusion is going to happen anyways. Mayor Dunn said you are only talking about two days. Commissioner Davis said again, we haven't had any complaints. Mayor Dunn said she has had many and Commissioner Davis said he understands that but they have never approached this Council for extended hours, change in hours, not one person. Commissioner Dale said to Commissioner Davis, notice our crowd today. Commissioner Dale said on Town business, people are reminiscent to come to here on anything anymore. Commissioner Davis said he doesn't think the Board has made them feel unwelcome and Commissioner Dale said me either. Commissioner Davis said it must not be that big of an issue for them to take the time to come and see us. Commissioner Davis said he isn't saying it's not an issue. Commissioner Dale said he thinks what the mentality is and he may be wrong but he thinks the mentality is if they talk to a member of this Council including the Mayor, and express a dissatisfaction, they think that's all that is necessary because its going to go and its going become law and practice. Commissioner Timothy said what she thinks is more important is that we have heard it through Nextdoor.com. and there is talk. Commissioner Timothy said it is a common courtesy to try and understand what the talk of the Town is. Commissioner Timothy said they want at least just one night and she thinks as a Board, we are here for the people and we can accommodate the people. Commissioner Davis said what he is saying is that if you go and use the social media as a barometer, then what do we want to do for all the people that want curbside pick-up. Commissioner Davis said they are constantly on us for that. Commissioner Timothy said we are not talking about curbside pick-up, we are talking about two hours and Mayor Dunn said lets see what we have a consensus on. Mayor Dunn said does anybody here think there should be no change of hours whatsoever; everything stays exactly like it is. Mayor Dunn said how many people think we should consider a change of hours as long as it doesn't cost anything, okay we have a consensus on that. Mayor Dunn said how many people think whatever the change is; it should be year round, so we have consensus on that. Mayor Dunn said okay we have do the change, make it year round and no cost, Mayor Dunn said do we want the motion to be one or two days. Commissioner Brennan said he has an issue with daylights savings time and actual lit hours. Commissioner Brennan said it is dark. Commissioner Manning asked Commissioner Dale if he thought the lighting was sufficient and Commissioner Dale said yes. Commissioner Timothy said she has driven by and she feels it is sufficient. Commissioner Brennan said he has looked at nextdoor.com everyday and there is only one guy who raises this issue. There was discussion on people approaching the Mayor and Commissioners because then their issue can be heard.

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION THAT THE CONVENIENCE SITE HOURS ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS BE CHANGED YEAR ROUND FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE GOING TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING IT AND IF DETERMINED AT THE END OF DECEMBER 2017 THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TRAFFIC OR IT PROPOSES A SAFETY HAZARD, WE WILL RESCIND IT AND GO BACK TO WHERE WE WERE. COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY SECONDED IT. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comment:

None

Mayor and Board of Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Davis – None

Commissioner Timothy – None

Commissioner Manning – None

Mayor Dunn - Mayor Dunn said she would like to thank the staff of the Town for working so hard to get ready for Hurricane Irma. Mayor Dunn said Irma didn't happen but the fact that everybody had it figured out so well, we will be all set. Mayor Dunn said to Mr. Mendenhall, you put them through a very good exercise of being prepared to deal with big events. Mr. Mendenhall said we appreciate your support as a Mayor and Board.

Commissioner Dale – Commissioner Dale said it came to his attention this morning that we had dumping over on Gumwood and we had yard debris dumped on a cul-de-sac down at the end of Calabash Drive. Commissioner Dale said those are the only things that he is personally aware of. Commissioner Dale said he thinks that if we are going to experience dumping over on Gumwood again, that maybe we ought to try and close those accesses over there. Commissioner Dale said he throws that out for consideration. Commissioner Dale said we all need to be vigilant about people that are indiscriminately dumping things around our community. Commissioner Dale said he doesn't know how they can have a formal program but just keep your eyes and ears open. Commissioner Dale said he thinks he knows who did the dumping at the cul-de-sac at the end of his street, he thinks. Commissioner Dale said he just has a real problem with people that can't dispose of their excess material properly and it just galls him to see this kind of thing happening in our pristine communities. There was discussion on a red pick-up truck.

Commissioner Brennan – Commissioner Brennan said for some reason he has been coming up Highway 17 and he has been seeing three other cars cut-thru traffic on Emerson Bay Road. Commissioner Brennan said he is just pointing out that once the other facility opens up there's apt to be some confusion there. Mr. Mendenhall said a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued and all issues resolved.

Mayor Dunn – Mayor Dunn said she and Mr. Mendenhall at 7:00 a.m. this morning met with the Director of Brunswick County Water & Sewer here. Mayor Dunn said we had a very productive conversation. Mayor Dunn said we had contacted them because of on-going complaints about odor and raw sewage popping up in inappropriate places. Mayor Dunn said it was a productive meeting and she thinks our goal was to get their attention and at least get them engaged. Mayor Dunn said she thinks we accomplished that. Mayor Dunn said she thinks they were very responsive of our concerns and they took us on a tour of the treatment facility. Mayor Dunn said they informed us and

there are a couple of things that they really can't do much of anything about; like when they are removing sludge. Mayor Dunn said there was conversation about possibly treating sludge when you have to remove it but then if you create another smell and combine it with the sludge smell, it might make it worse. Mayor Dunn said they only do that a couple of days a month and they have to do it when it happens. Mayor Dunn said they are building an additional facility in Carolina Shores North that is going to open within this year and be open by the end of the year, most likely. Mayor Dunn said what she didn't realize is that sewage right now from Carolina Shores North has to come to us to handle. Mayor Dunn said once their new facility is done, that will be redirected and that should reduce some of the stress on our system. Mayor Dunn said they were very responsive and they were going to see what they could do and they were very willing to work with us. Mayor Dunn said they hoped the new facility would be done in November but the weather had pushed the work back. Mayor Dunn said it would definitely be before the end of the year. Commissioner Brennan said that would be an interesting point to bring to the public once we know it. Mayor Dunn said so the County does care. Mayor Dunn said the biggest problem at least in her opinion would be that the individual sewage systems that were put in 100 years ago when they built the development are not an up to date system. Mayor Dunn said they said if people are having problem with sewage coming back into their houses, they should install a back-flow and that will block it. Commissioner Davis said if he's not mistaken, all the newer homes have them. Mr. Mendenhall said they were willing to set up tours. Mayor Dunn said he said that you can no longer take a truck the back way that goes through the Carolina Shores community; you have to go out to the highway. Mayor Dunn said it is overgrown and you can't reach it with a truck. Mayor Dunn said the alarm as he explained it, doesn't mean you are about to have an overflow. Commissioner Davis said it shouldn't take someone four hours to investigate it and shut off the alarm. Commissioner Manning asked how the two communities they are going to meet with fair in the storm. Mr. Mendenhall said not sure yet, there was some flooding in the back of Carolina Shores North and some flooding around the 17 area where that pump station is being worked on. Commissioner Manning said but that could come from the construction of the pump station. Mr. Mendenhall said it could be or it could be that canal system in the area. Commissioner Manning said what about the other community. Mr. Mendenhall said he's not sure.

Closed Session:

None

Adjournment:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 14, 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:
Jon Mendenhall, Town Administrator