

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 7, 2016
2:00 p.m.**

Mayor Joyce Dunn called the January 7, 2016 meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and there was a moment of silence. Commissioners Present: Mary Timothy, Gere Dale, John E. Manning, Greg Davis, Bill Brennan. Also Present: Jon Mendenhall, Town Administrator, Nicole Marks, Town Clerk and Town Attorney James E. Eldridge.

Absent: None

Others Absent: None

Agenda Adjustments:

None

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS.

- Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2015 Regular Session, December 10, 2015 Closed Session
- Approval of Minutes from temporary committees of the Board
- Calabash Lakes Phase 3 Preliminary Plat

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN 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:

Mr. Mendenhall said we received a letter from Mr. Dale Holland from Holland Consulting Planners about an update to the Unified Development Ordinance, Chapter 91 in our Code of Ordinances. Mr. Mendenhall said this update is required because the General Assembly took action in the last session and changed a lot of land use development law. Mr. Mendenhall said there is also a signage component to this from this Board. Mr. Mendenhall said there is a \$2,000.00 cost associated for this which includes the changes and facilitating a meeting. Mr. Mendenhall asked for Board direction on how they would like to proceed with this item. Mr. Mendenhall said you do not want to fall too far behind with the changes because then you are not in compliance.

It was the recommendation of Mayor Dunn to have Mr. Mendenhall talk to Mr. Holland about a date in March and then meanwhile work out a date for the Board of Commissioners to meet with the Planning Board to talk about it. Mr. Mendenhall said there is still the issue of signage and letting the public know, how would like to resolve that while we are waiting on Mr. Holland. It was the consensus of the Board to have the Planning Board review first with public input and then give those recommendations to the Board of Commissioners.

Public Hearings:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Consideration of Area-Wide Drainage Strategic Prioritization Initiative:

Mr. Mendenhall said there are a couple of carry over items from Monday on this item. Mr. Mendenhall discussed the Change Scope Addition for Canal and Major Ditch De-muck/Desilt CO #2 – Brunswick Trucking. Mr. Mendenhall discussed the following three scope expansions:

- i. Village at Calabash Collector Canal - \$23,445.00
- ii. Maintenance Zone #3A Collector Canal - \$14,055.00
- iii. Maintenance Zone #3B Thru-way Canal - \$ 16,155.00

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATE ON THE SCOPE EXPANSION ITEMS 1. a. i, ii, AND iii. COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

There was further discussion on the consideration of Area-Wide Drainage Strategic Prioritization Initiative.

Public Comment:

Ron Floor, 37 Carolina Shores Drive – Mr. Floor said he attended last month’s Board of Election meeting and I didn’t see any of you at the meeting and I don’t know if it is public knowledge but they are considering moving our Shingletree 2 precinct vote area which is the firehouse, they want to relocate it over to the college site. Mr. Floor said I don’t know if you are aware of that because their concern is the parking.

Sharon Conway, 211 Carolina Farms Blvd. – Mrs. Conway said as most of you know, for two years she was the Chairperson for the HOA/POA Advisory Committee and got to stand up at these meetings and point out issues in each of the six communities that they needed help from the town with. Mrs. Conway said basically we have an issue that we want to inform you of and we have realized there is not anything you can do to help us but at this point, there are a significant number of residents on The Farm that are having an issue with their homes and have

been dealing with or attempting to deal with the builder. Mrs. Conway said when we built or bought our homes, we were promised that the aluminum trim would be maintenance free and I have it in writing. Mrs. Conway said at this point, there are probably between 30-50 homes where that aluminum trim is beginning to peel significantly. Mrs. Conway said at this point, the builder has said that he is not responsible. Mrs. Conway said the manufacturing company is willing to provide the materials for us as long as we will pay for the removal and the re-installation of that aluminum trim. Mrs. Conway said on the block that she lives on, out of nine homes; six of them are in different stages of that. Mrs. Conway said so you have some residents in the Town that are not happy with the builder and unhappy in the community and we just wanted you to know. Mrs. Conway said as far as the communication back and forth from us to D.R. Horton, most of the communications went unanswered until we received the certified letters the other day. Mrs. Conway said a lot of our residents aren't aware of the problem and only by word of mouth did we find one another.

Mayor and Board of Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Brennan – Commissioner Brennan said he is pleased with how things have been going along this year.

Commissioner Dale – Commissioner Dale said he appreciates the turn-out, for many years he sat where you are sitting and we had four or five people come to the town meetings and workshops. Commissioner Dale said it is really refreshing and exhilarating to see a large group of people here and I'm disappointed that more of you didn't want to speak to us. Commissioner Dale said I'm kind of curious as to whether a lot of you are here just because you're interested in what's going on or whether you have something you would like to talk about but are a little bit reserved as most of us are with public speaking. Commissioner Dale said so I'm assuming you're all here to see what is going on and I want you to know I really appreciate that. Commissioner Dale said with regard to the Recycle Center, I know most of you use the Recycle Center and there is a program to move ahead with doing things at the Recycle Center and those of you that use it, I assure you it is going to become more user friendly. Commissioner Dale said lastly, we have a report from our Code Compliance Officer that said she had noticed a lot of newspapers, particularly in the Carolina Shores Subdivision lying in the driveways. Commissioner Dale said I see that almost everyday when I walk. Commissioner Dale said papers accumulate there that are left there usually on Wednesday by the Myrtle Beach paper delivery people. Commissioner Dale said she pursued that with the Myrtle Beach paper Sun News and they told her it was their right under the Freedom of Information Act to deliver those papers to the driveways. Commissioner Dale said his concern is when those papers start accumulating in the driveways, I know neighbors or whoever don't remove those, it's an open invitation to thievery. Commissioner Dale said I would like to see our Town take a position with the Myrtle Beach paper that if they continue to do that and there is a house break-in as a result of the papers in the driveway, that they are on notice that we are going to hold them personally responsible for that. Commissioner Dale said and again, I'm really glad to see this large crowd.

Commissioner Manning – Commissioner Manning said an answer to Mr. Dale's comment about the newspapers, The Sun, if you open up that packet, on the front, there is a phone number to call to discontinue the service. Commissioner Manning said the Star out of Wilmington does basically the same thing. Commissioner Manning said they just feel it is their right but The Sun does have a number you can call to discontinue the service; it's on the front page of the paper. Commissioner Manning said I know where they deliver in Carolina Shores but I'm not sure about The Farm or other communities. Commissioner Manning said it is annoying, there's no question about it because some houses, they may not want to pick it up and those houses that are

empty, they just fill up and could end up with five or ten newspapers there. Commissioner Manning said if you do live there and you get this packet, make sue it says The Sun because there is a phone number on it, just so you know you can call up and cancel the service. Thank you.

Commissioner Timothy - Commissioner Timothy said she is glad to see lots of people. Commissioner Timothy said she wanted to let you know that she is working on and hopefully by the end of the month, you will get an email about two teams. Commissioner Timothy said a Liaison Team and Recreation Team to get input to find out what everybody wants and she is working on that to get the teams started up, so you will get emails looking for volunteers.

Commissioner Davis – Commissioner Davis said I too would like to thank you for coming. Commissioner Davis said I thought we did something wrong, it's really when we see a room full of faces and it's nice just to have people interested in city government again. Commissioner Davis said on the newspaper issue, if the POA sends a formal letter to The Sun saying they will charge The Sun with littering, The Sun will stop in that development but it has to come from the POA or the individual homeowner. Commissioner Davis said I'm just telling you what has worked in the past. Commissioner Davis said we have stopped the people ourselves, they are paid by how many they throw out and they will throw one out on anyone's driveway. Commissioner Davis said we have a neighborhood system now where everybody just picks them up on Wednesday and throws them away but unfortunately they keep coming and we were fine when we were our own POA but we lost ownership of the POA to D.R. Horton and we can't get that letter sent anymore.

Mayor Dunn – Mayor Dunn said I want to give you all an update on something that I think is a concern to a lot of you and that is the stormwater runoff issue. Mayor Dunn said those of you who were at the meeting on Monday heard that conversation but for those of you who were not, the Board is going to take that topic up as a major part of our retreat which is on January 28, 2016, right here at 9:30 a. m. Mayor Dunn said the goal is to set up a series of priorities on how to address the issue starting with the biggest one, being the major runoff ditches, then coming right down to the issue of people who are getting flooding in their yard. Mayor Dunn said we will prioritize what is critical, prioritize how to devote budget to it because it can't all be done at once. Mayor Dunn said we will also be prioritizing it in relation to the ongoing need of maintenance in the town and communities. Mayor Dunn said so there will be a full discussion and you can hear it in great detail and we are addressing it.

Closed Session:

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3) LEGAL FOR THE GLENDA B. WARD AND TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES LITIGATION MATTER. COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

Mayor Dunn said let the minutes reflect there was no action taken during the Closed Session.

Adjourn:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 7, 2016 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