

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

Mayor Joyce Dunn called the April 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 and Bill Brennan. Also Present: Jon Mendenhall, Town Administrator and Nicole Marks, Town Clerk.

Absent: None

Others Absent: None

Agenda Adjustments:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO ADD A CLOSED SESSION TO THE AGENDA CONCERNING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comment:

None

Consent Agenda:

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

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting March 7, 2016 and March 10, 2016; Closed Session Meeting March 7, 2016 and March 10, 2016
- Resolution Approving the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Calendar Adjustment: July Board Meetings Moved to July 11th and July 14th

COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Mendenhall said he had nothing new to report.

Commissioner Dale said free dump week is next week at the County Landfill. Commissioner Dale said April 16th is the day for hazardous waste collection at the Shallotte Middle School and he will be collecting material at his house as a resident. Commissioner Dale said the new logo for the Calabash Fire Department has been installed on all equipment. Commissioner Dale said

the Tree Advisory Committee is due to meet on April 27th and if anybody on the Board or anybody in the audience has anything that they would like the committee to take under their scrutiny, we would appreciate it and it's at 2:00 p.m.

Public Hearings:

Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Changes

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT CHANGES. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

As there were no public comment, Mayor Dunn asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing.

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

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend the Text of the Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances) for the Purpose of Statutory and Judicial Updates:

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TEXT OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES) FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATUTORY AND JUDICIAL UPDATES. 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.

Authorization of Additional Funds to Study Town Hall Campus Stormwater Ponds, Eliminate Nuisance Yard Flooding, and Removal of Trees, Not to Exceed \$50,000.00:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO STUDY TOWN HALL CAMPUS STORMWATER PONDS, ELIMINATE NUISANCE YARD FLOODING, AND REMOVAL OF TREES, NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000.00. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. Commissioner Brennan said with the way the text is written, maybe missing a comma or something, it looks like we are going to spend \$50,000.00 taking down trees and that is not the case. Commissioner Brennan said to add a comma or change the wording. Commissioner Dale asked the Town Administrator to elaborate on this a little bit. Mr. Mendenhall said based on the walk that he and Commissioners Manning and Dale conducted on the stormwater pond, it does appear that an evaluation and a check needs to be done to be sure it is functioning properly. Mr. Mendenhall said he had conversation with Maintenance about a fix on the backyard flooding and they feel like they can get it to drain properly but the trees need to

come out before they do any of that work. Mr. Mendenhall said we need to have a stormwater study on the pond out back to make sure we get the lay of the land and the topography on the two ponds out front of Town Hall as well. Mr. Mendenhall said it makes sense just to look at all of it and make sure all of its functions the way it should. Mr. Mendenhall said if there's room for improvement, or room for more capacity, or storage of water and to keep them from looking scummy, then we should investigate that as well and that is part of this. Mr. Mendenhall said we want to get this done so we can facilitate the improvements to the back yard at Town Hall so that it will drain. Commissioner Dale said then I conclude that the pond out front and the pond out front at Recycle Center are included in that and Mr. Mendenhall said that is correct. Mr. Mendenhall said the only caveat to all of this is, if it comes back that there is a big construction project with this, we would have to come back to the Board. Mr. Mendenhall said this is just study money. Commissioner Davis said other than the trees, this is for stormwater study. Mayor Dunn said for the benefit of the audience, this began because there is a potential stormwater detention pond that exists behind Town Hall that apparently has either never functioned or it never had a lot of demand thus it's not prepared to handle large flow, so the question arose if we fix that, would that take pressure off some of the other ditches and that is what we are going to investigate. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comment:

Walter Goodenough, 905 Palmer Drive – Mr. Goodenough said that Tuesday's ribbon cutting at the Novant Medical Center in the Town of Carolina Shores was a huge success for those that were there. Mr. Goodenough said there were residents from about every community, some of which have actually used the facility. Mr. Goodenough said Calabash residents were also in attendance, doctors from the facility were on hand as well Novant representatives along with the builder Vannoy. Mr. Goodenough said the County Chamber of Commerce was also present and light snacks were provided. Mr. Goodenough said a tour of the facility was available for those that wished to take a peek behind the scenes. Mr. Goodenough said it was an extremely well attended function. Mr. Goodenough said one that I am entirely proud to have helped bring to the community. Mr. Goodenough said there was however one individual that I was surprised to see in attendance. Mr. Goodenough said surprised because this individual is on record stating that this facility was not needed or wanted in this area. Mr. Goodenough said he's also stated that he was against the Town spending taxpayer money on an incentive package aimed at annexing the property on which this facility now sits. Mr. Goodenough said he stated and I quote "this is a boondoggle". Mr. Goodenough said I'll take that kind of boondoggle any day of the week. Thank you.

Mayor Dunn said Mr. Goodenough, if I might add to what you said; I owe the Commissioners an apology. Mayor Dunn said I was not forewarned that anyone would ask me to speak, so I spoke very briefly when they asked me. Mayor Dunn said but if I would have had time to think about what I would have done, it would have been to thank the people that preceded me that actually made it happen and you did a very good job, thank you.

Mayor and Board of Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Davis – None

Commissioner Timothy – Commissioner Timothy said I want to commend Commissioner Dale. Commissioner Timothy said she was at the Recycle Center on Tuesday and she was in awe.

Commissioner Timothy said I thought it was so clean, it was well functioning, you could maneuver around easily and she was impressed. Commissioner Timothy said you did an excellent job and I want to thank you.

Commissioner Manning – None

Commissioner Dale – Commissioner Dale said in the Brunswick Beacon two weeks ago, the section on delinquent taxes, there were 14,500 entries for Brunswick County and I know Carolina Shores does a great job, 99% collection rate plus. Commissioner Dale said I called the tax collector and asked what was being done and she rather sheepishly responded that delinquencies had been let go for some time and she was in the process of trying to work through these. Commissioner Dale said there are a lot of developers in there and he has no idea of what the amount is but his concern was when they do the tax rate for this year from the County, if we are going to end up subsidizing these delinquencies, so I thought I would pass that along. Commissioner Dale said he personally has some items that he would like the Board to consider for the Fiscal Year 16-17 budget and I will send an e-mail early next week including those items for the Board's consideration. Thank you.

Commissioner Brennan – None

Mayor Dunn - None

Closed Session:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(4) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO DISCUSS PROSPECTIVE INDUSTRIES WHERE DISCLOSURE WOULD BE OTHERWISE PREMATURE AND COUNTER TO THE PUBLIC'S INTEREST. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN 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 DALE SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mayor Dunn reported that no votes or action were taken in Closed Session.

Adjourn:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 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