

**TOWN OF CAROLINA SHORES
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 5, 2016
2:00 p.m.**

Mayor Joyce Dunn called the May 5, 2016 meeting to order at 2:03 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 BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADD A CLOSED SESSION TO THE AGENDA FOR N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL UNDER ITEM X ON THE AGENDA. COMMISSIONER MANNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Public Comment:

Walter Goodenough, 250 Palmer Drive - Mr. Goodenough said he left the morning meeting early on Monday and he understands there was a decision to put a \$250,000.00 line item in the budget for a stormwater study. Mr. Goodenough said there was a study done approximately back in 1990; Mr. Dale has a copy of it and I believe it's called the Houston or Dallas Report. Mr. Goodenough said the only problem I have is that this report is still applicable to this day with the exception of the difference between then and now; there are more developments, more housing and less permeable ground to absorb water. Mr. Goodenough said as far as the study goes, I feel it is a waste of money unless you plan to get the Army Corps of Engineers to take the water that is coming out of Carolina Shores North and going under Hwy 17 and flooding Northwest Drive. Mr. Goodenough said unless you can do that, a study is not going to provide any help whatsoever. Mr. Goodenough said another issue is unless the Caw Caw is taken care of, it's not going to be taken care of because Brunswick County is not going to spend one or two billion dollars to take care of that. Mr. Goodenough said we're taking care of drainage and swales in front of people's houses but the faster you make this water move out of this community, the faster it gets to the blockage and the faster it's going to back up into these communities. Thank you.

Consent Agenda:

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

- Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting April 4, 2016 and April 7, 2016 and Closed Session April 4, 2016 and April 7, 2016

- Contract for Audit Services to be Performed on FY 16 Accounts

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

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Mendenhall said he has an announcement that is very positive and we are very excited about. Mr. Mendenhall said Novant has announced that Novant Health Urology Partners will be opening a third location and that location will be in our medical plaza in Carolina Shores, so that is another business going in there and it was announced at 10:20 this morning. Mr. Mendenhall said the Town received a thank you card for the Board expressing thanks for staff participation for teachers for School Day. Mr. Mendenhall said we received a kudos from a resident on Arden Place about the maintenance crew and how well they are doing.

Public Hearings:

ETJ Relinquishment: Meadowlands:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ETJ RELINQUISHMENT: MEADOWLANDS. COMMISSIONER DALE 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 DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON ETJ RELINQUISHMENT: MEADOWLANDS AND GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

FY 17 Budget:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 17 BUDGET. 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 MANNING MADE A MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY 17 BUDGET AND GO BACK INTO REGULAR SESSION. COMMISSIONER BRENNAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Old Business:

Commissioner Timothy said she went back to the Recreation Group and they are adamant they want the annual picnic on Sunday, September 25, 2016. There was discussion on this item. It was the consensus of the Board to prepare a check for \$150.00 for a deposit and hold the annual picnic on Sunday.

New Business:

First Reading of the FY 17 Budget:

Mr. Mendenhall read the Ordinance for the FY 17 budget. There was lengthy discussion on this item. It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners to add \$250,000.00 to the budget under Professional Fees for an area-wide drainage study. Mr. Mendenhall asked the Board for clarity on Sanitation Fees. Mayor Dunn said we agreed to eliminate the Sanitation Fees. Mr. Mendenhall said the way he had it all fees would be eliminated. Mayor Dunn said this means the stickers will no longer cost anything. Mayor Dunn said we did agree that we were going to start issuing stickers once a year, no charge but we need to be able to have the security guard be able to identify them. It was the consensus of the Board not to include the cost of fireworks in the budget because we don't know if and when they are coming and that is something they can appropriate later on.

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF THE FY 17 BUDGET. COMMISSIONER MANNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Second Reading of an Ordinance on the Relinquishment of Extraterritorial Jurisdiction: That Portion of Real Property South of Meadowbrook Lane, Calabash; Brunswick tax record number 10260333954, More Commonly Known as a Portion of Phase 3 of Meadowlands PUD:

COMMISSIONER MANNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE ON THE RELINQUISHMENT OF EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION: THAT PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY SOUTH OF MEADOWBROOK LANE, CALABASH; BRUNSWICK TAX RECORD NUMBER 10260333954, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS A PORTION OF PHASE 3 OF MEADOWLANDS PUD. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Resolution Amending the Personnel Policy Manual:

COMMISSIONER DAVIS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL. COMMISSIONER DALE SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY DISCUSSION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Public Comment:

Susan McDaniel, 14 1/2 Sunrise Court – Ms. McDaniel said she is a new resident of Carolina Shores on Sunrise Court. Ms. McDaniel said she has had two occasions where a person that works for the Town of Carolina Shores goes into the ditch behind her house or whatever and I'm requesting from the Town; that I get a call at least two hours before somebody comes traipsing through my back yard. Ms. McDaniel said because she has been in her bedroom on those two occasions and have been in a

compromising situation coming out of the shower with my windows open. Ms. McDaniel said if they are going to come on my property, please call ahead. Ms. McDaniel said she would like a little privacy and a little respect. (The Board of Commissioners said they would look into Ms. McDaniel's comment.)

Lynette Knowles, 20 Myrtlewood – Ms. Knowles said most of you know me by now and I am happy to say that she loves hearing that you are all going to get started on the DSIP's. Ms. Knowles said it's been seven months; we still get water standing in these spots that need to be drained. Ms. Knowles said I have set up my own little sump pump to my catch basin and I have a drainage hose going across my property, across your easement, I suppose it's an easement but when I look on the Brunswick County website, I see easements everywhere else and I know you probably all have easements but the map does not show an easement on that property line back there. Ms. Knowles said the easement, is that just for right-of-way or property ownership? Ms. Knowles said I had the Code Enforcement Officer knock on my door Saturday morning because I got that pipe to get rid of the water or the Town's water, she told me that was Town property back there and I needed to remove that pipe. Ms. Knowles said I will remove that pipe when my drainage problem gets fixed. Ms. Knowles asked where her property was at on the list. Ms. Knowles said I just want to make another comment, raising taxes, no. Ms. Knowles said get the drainage fixed and you will probably get more people interested in buying property in Carolina Shores. Ms. Knowles said I noticed on Pinewood there have been some lots; they are not going to sell until the drainage gets fixed. Ms. Knowles said once you get the drainage fixed, get more property owners in here, you will get more income for the Town. Thank you.

Bill Altreuter, 14 Sand Dollar Ct. - Mr. Altreuter said he would just like to commend the Board with the actions they have taken at the Recycle Center to make it more user friendly. Mr. Altreuter said it's a great step forward and we are very pleased with the results.

Walter Goodenough, 905 Palmer Drive – Mr. Goodenough said at Monday's meeting, Mr. Dale commented about the amount of stickers being handed out and he would like to see every resident who has any amount of cars, have a sticker and his argument to that point is that everybody in Carolina Shores are paying tax on that vehicle and therefore should be allowed to have additional stickers for their cars. Mr. Goodenough said my problem with that is I don't know why maybe 5, 6 or 7 residents are worried about getting additional stickers for their car. Mr. Goodenough said when collectively, 1,100 residents are paying over a \$100,000.00 in taxes for a service that is being provided and they don't want, specifically pick-up on their driveways and streets. Mr. Goodenough said that facility, with the latest numbers that you guys have thrown out with cost for the residents, cost to the Town, and cost of gas money for the residents to drive is coming in and these figures are conservative; at just about \$250,000.00 a year being wasted in tax money on that facility over there. Thank you.

Ron Floor, 37 Carolina Shores Dr. – Mr. Floor said I know this has been talked about for years but the water tower on Country Club Road looks like it is getting a lot worse.. Mr. Floor said I believe the Town needs to put pressure on, I think it is the water company that owns that. (Commissioner Manning responded the County owns that.) Mr. Floor said can the Town put some pressure on the County to do something with that. Mr. Floor said he found out the tower isn't even being used. Mr. Floor said he thinks a little more pressure is needed because it looks like mold and mildew on it. Mr. Floor said there always seems to be a car there, is there a reason they need to watch that empty tower.

Jackie Orwig, 40 Gate 3 – Ms. Orwig said I'm in favor of the Recycle Center; I like to be able to get rid of my stuff and not let it sit there for a whole week. Ms. Orwig said if you have shrimp

or seafood, you have a problem. Ms. Orwig said I must be a trash collector because my husband goes over there almost every day plus all the yard work we do. Ms. Orwig said I mean what is going to happen to that, they are not going to pick up our limbs, our pinecones and our branches; we have two big lots with a lot of trees. Ms. Orwig said so, what would we do with that, start a craft club. Ms. Orwig said so I'm really in favor of it and I would hate to see it go. Thank you.

Jim Ritter, 5 Putter Place – Mr. Ritter said I want to thank you for starting the big ditches, now my concern is the smaller ditches. Mr. Ritter said I have had water in there since the last storm and in August I approached and my name was put on the list to clear the ditch, water can't run uphill and there's plugged culverts, ditches and everything. Mr. Ritter said it's supposed to drain into that patchy woods, you spoke to me the other morning when you were walking and it's supposed to drain into that patchy woods through the ditch on the other side going out past your house. Mr. Ritter said that ditch is a real problem in there and I was wondering what the schedule is going to be, when you might start. Mr. Ritter said his problem is, he only has forty feet and it's on a cul-de-sac and when he moved here four years ago, he borrowed a shovel that most of you know about and it's got a handle and I went in and cleaned my culvert and I cleaned out my ditch and now everything has washed back down in and I'm not going to clean it again. Mr. Ritter said so I was wondering if there is a schedule. Mr. Ritter said our problem starts with the pond on the golf course and the pipe is not big enough. Mr. Ritter said it comes down between number 1 and 3 to two open culverts that he cleaned out because he doesn't do it. Mr. Ritter said if I don't keep it cleaned I come to about three inches away of water coming into my house and we sat there and watched the water being three inches away of coming in my back door. Mr. Ritter said I was just sitting there drinking coffee one morning when I saw you walking the golf course and I was just wondering if it's on the schedule. Mr. Ritter said the other thing you should look into is mowing the ditches, the grass is quite high and they are throwing it into the ditch, your maintenance people. Mr. Ritter said there are sticks and whatever and now they are throwing grass into the ditch also. Mr. Ritter said he's glad to see something getting started.

Jim McDaniel, 14 1/2 Sunrise Court - Mr. McDaniel said after six inches of rain, there is water in the ditch and I don't know if we are on the DSIP list or not on Sunrise Court, does anybody know; we want to get rid of it. Mr. McDaniel said about three weeks ago, they came by and tested the hydrant on our street about four houses down and the water came up and went past his driveway, isn't water supposed to flow down towards Carolina Drive?

Pete Robertiello, 10 Fairway Court – Mr. Robertiello asked because of all the standing water, are we going to have some decent mosquito spraying from the Town or County. Mr. Robertiello said the County won't spray unless they see mosquitoes and is there going to be any preventative spraying. Mr. Robertiello said the Town can't do anything themselves. Mr. Robertiello said can one spray there own property. Mr. Robertiello said the water problem with the water coming across the highway; push the water towards the low spot, seems too simple, everything has to be complicated.

Mayor and Board of Commissioners Comments:

Commissioner Davis – None

Commissioner Timothy – Commissioner Timothy said September 25, 2016 will be the Annual Town picnic. Commissioner Timothy said that second auditions for the play will be next Tuesday at 1:00 or 2:00 p.m. and will get flyers out on that.

Commissioner Dale – Commissioner Dale said just a couple of comments with regards to the Recycle Center. Commissioner Dale said every ton of recyclable material that goes into the recycle bin saves approximately \$60 a ton going into the County Landfill; that’s significant because we are talking about many hundreds of tons of recyclable material that goes out of Carolina Shores. Commissioner Dale said in regards to yard waste, the yard waste is taken up to the County Landfill and it goes through a grinder and then it’s put into windrows and then it is seasoned. Commissioner Dale said when the seasoning process is completed; it results in the most wonderful, weed resistant mulch you have ever seen. Commissioner Dale said right now the large quantity that was accumulated from over the winter is warming and it will be ready and residents can pick it up at the landfill free of charge and hopefully the Town is going to assist on that. Commissioner Dale said that is where our yard waste goes and it is literally recycled. Thank you.

Commissioner Brennan – None

Commissioner Manning – Commissioner Manning said he wanted to remind everybody that the Calabash Fire Department does a wonderful job putting on the Memorial Day show. Commissioner Manning said the Marines are there and putting up the Flag. Commissioner Manning said our Town and Calabash help participate in it and I think it starts at 11:00 a.m. right down Persimmon Road. Commissioner Manning said if you are new to the area, it is something you need to come to, it’s a great day. Thank you.

Mayor Dunn - None

Closed Session:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) PERSONNEL. COMMISSIONER TIMOTHY 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.

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO HIRE APPLICANT NUMBER ONE FOR FULL-TIME MAINTENANCE WORKER. COMMISSIONER DAVIS SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Adjourn:

COMMISSIONER BRENNAN MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MAY 5, 2016 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING. COMMISSIONER MANNING SECONDED THE MOTION. MAYOR DUNN CALLED FOR A VOTE AND MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mayor

Submitted by:
Nicole Marks, Town Clerk