



Town of Southern Shores

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Town of Southern Shores
Council Meeting
May 22, 2007
8:00 AM.-Pitts Center

The Southern Shores Town Council met on May 22, 2007 at the Pitts Center.

The following Council Members were present: Mayor Don Smith, Dan Shields, Jodi Hess, David Sanders, and Brian McDonald.

Also present were: Webb Fuller, Town Manager; and Carrie Gordin, Town clerk.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence for the armed forces serving around the world.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member McDonald seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT-none

MINUTES –April 3, 2007 FY 2007-08 Budget Workshop and April 12, 2007 Canal Dredging Meeting

Mayor pro tem Shields moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor pro tem Shields moved to amend the consent agenda by removing Resolution 2007-05-03 Storm Water Management Implementation Committee and to approve the Tax Pickups and Release. There were no budget amendments. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent.

[A copy of the Tax Pickups and Releases are attached and made part of these minutes as Exhibit A].

Mayor pro tem Shields moved to approve Resolution 2007-05-03 Storm Water Management Implementation Committee as presented. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent.

[A copy of Resolution 2007-05-03 is attached and made part of these minutes as Exhibit B].

REPORTS-None

OLD BUSINESS

Hazard Mitigation Plan Report Amendments

Mike Hejduk, Code Enforcement Administrator, provided council with changes to the Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan Report as recommended by the Hazard Mitigation Committee. The committee is requesting that council review and provide direction regarding those proposed changes. An updated report will be submitted and a public hearing is required.

Following council discussion, item by item, the changes will be made and the plan resubmitted for public hearing in the near future.

[A copy of the list of the proposed changes and council's direction to the individual changes are attached and made part of these minutes as Exhibit C].

NEW BUSINESS

Community Resource Officer Proposal (CRO)

Chief Kole stated he has received complaints and suggestions regarding the need for more police patrol on the beach. He stated that he reviewed the CRO position needs and responsibilities and he is requesting council consider a part time, non-sworn position for a Community Resource Officer to be hired for the summer season (16 weeks). He provided a job description as well as salary range of under \$8,000.

Mayor Smith stated that the town has not needed this type of position in the past and with the proposed tax rate increase of 15% he doesn't see a need. He asked why the current officers can't walk on the beach to look for people walking dogs without a leash and write more parking tickets. He does not support this request.

Chief Kole stated this officer would be community oriented and would keep from hiring another full time officer. He stated for an officer to be on the beach or in the boat would curtail him from responding to emergency calls. He stated that the position would pay for itself over the course of the summer by the amount of tickets issued.

Council Member Sanders stated that he supports the request and hopefully it will eliminate owner complaints about dogs on the beach, jet skis and parking.

The town manager stated that council did not approve an additional position during the last budget nor did they approve to fill a vacant position.

Council Member McDonald asked if there is money in the budget. Chief Kole said yes.

Council Member Hess moved to approve the request to hire a Community Resource Officer as requested by Chief Kole. Mayor pro tem Shields seconded. The motion passed with Council Members Shields, Hess, and Sanders voting aye; Mayor Smith and Council Member McDonald voting no; and no Council Member absent.

OTHER ITEMS

Manager

The town manager provided council with a letter from Dare County Commissioner's requesting the town re-appoint James Perry to the Land Transfer Tax Appeals Board as the town's representative by May 24.

Mayor Smith expressed his concern for the short notice by the county. Council directed the town manager to contact Mr. Perry to see if he is interested in a re-appointment.

The town manager requested that council place two resolutions on the June 5 council agenda for consideration. Council agreed.

Mayor

Mayor Smith announced the Shoreline Management Committee meeting has been cancelled. He will provide information as it becomes available.

Council

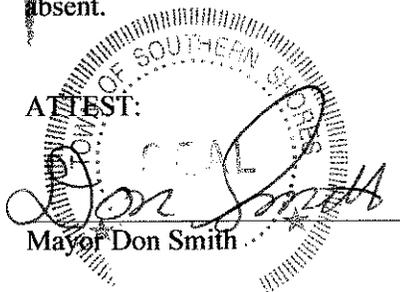
Council Member Hess requested that council also place a resolution from the Transportation Committee on the June 5 agenda. Council agreed.

Mayor pro tem Shields asked the town manager the status on the 10k Run proposal from Nancy Caviness. The town manager stated he emailed to Nancy council's concerns and that she is addressing Duck's council with the proposal and she will follow up.

PUBLIC COMMENT-none

Hearing no other business Mayor pro tem Shields moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 a.m. Mayor Smith seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent.

ATTEST:



Mayor Don Smith

Respectfully submitted:



Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

Exhibit A

**TOWN OF
SOUTHERN
SHORES
TAX
DEPARTMENT**

5/22/2007

PICKUPS

January Vehicles \$242.07

RELEASES

January Vehicle \$39.06
February Vehicle \$14.50
February Real \$13.27
March Vehicle \$24.19

TOTAL

\$242.07

\$91.02

Exhibit B

Resolution 2007-05-03

A Resolution of the Town Council of Southern Shores, North Carolina, Appointing a Storm Water Management Implementation Committee

Whereas, the Town Council of Southern Shores is aware of the many storm water issues throughout the town and continues its desire to improve the infrastructure and the rules and regulations relating to the management of storm water in the Town; and

Whereas, the Town Council of Southern Shores created the Storm Water Policy Advisory Committee (aka "Storm Water Management Committee"); and

Whereas, the Committee has compiled and submitted the results of several Town –funded studies in a final report with certain recommendations to be considered by the Town Council.

Therefore, Be it Resolved, the Town Council of Southern Shores hereby appoints the committee to continue as a Storm Water Management Implementation Committee to work with staff and the town engineer on prioritizing and implementing such plans necessary to improve the management of storm water.

Adopted this 22nd day of May 2007.

Mayor Don Smith

ATTEST:

Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

Exhibit C

The Committee identified the following issues worthy of Council consideration: Council's recommendations are in italics.

- Responsibility of Dare County, Dept. of Social Services in the identification and evacuation of residents requiring assistance in an emergency. *Approved.*
- Undertake a Study whether to ban Open Burning and the issuance of permits for such activity. *No study. Leave permitting process for burn permits as is.*
- Develop a plan to construct & implement Stormwater Infrastructure to mitigate flood hazards. *Council has taken steps to improve stormwater issues and will continue to do so. Stormwater Management Advisory Committee appointed, five stormwater studies completed, stormwater report submitted, Stormwater Management Implementation Committee appointed.*
- Prohibit "Beach Pushes" as a method to mitigate erosion of oceanfront dunes. *Council directed to leave current "beach push" process as is.*
- Consider increasing oceanfront setback requirements for new homes and redevelopment. *Council directed staff to submit recommendations for increasing oceanfront setback.*
- Develop / Draft a plan to provide services for 2 damage scenarios. "Partial Devastation & Total Devastation." Partial Devastation would result from a "Design Storm [1%]" while Total Devastation would result from a storm exceeding "design" such as a Category 5 Hurricane. (i.e. Katrina Cottages) *Council directed to take no action at this time.*
- Undergrounding of existing overhead power lines to begin with lines servicing homes in the wooded areas along canals as shown in the attached image. *Council agreed to leave this recommendation in the plan and to actively pursue ways to place power lines underground. Council directed Mike Hejduk to contact Dominion Power to get cost for areas and to include a time frame for completion (draft a plan).*
- Encourage the use of portable scanners by citizens to monitor flooding conditions. *Council agreed that citizens should use means to keep informed of emergency conditions and to support the use of NOAA weather radios.*
- Consider sending personnel (individuals or teams) to Emergency Management training, State or National Hurricane conferences. *Council agreed personnel should attend.*
- Delete the Public Information item regarding installation of base flood elevation markers. *Council agreed to remove this item.*
- Proceed with an update of the Hazard Mitigation Plan to keep it current including a detailed review of the ISO Community Rating System (CRS) program activities and points. *Council supports.*