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Corrected

Special Joint Council/Planning Board Meeting
September 27, 2010
Pitts Center 3-5 p.m.

The Southern Shores Town Council and the Planning Board met on September 27, 2010 at the Pitts Center.

The following Council Members were present: Mayor Hal Denny, Mayor pro tem Jodi Hess, Council Members Kevin Stroud, Jim Pfizenmayer and George Kowalski.

The following Planning Board Members were present: Sam Williams, Chairman, Jay Russell, Mike Florez, Bob Palombo, Bill Gleason, Larry Lawhon, Elizabeth Morey and Ed Overton.

Also present were: Town Manager Peter Rascoe, Planner Wes Haskett, Code Enforcement Administrator Alvin Rountree, Permit Officer Pat Forrester, Administration Assistant Merrie Smith and Town Clerk Carrie Gordin.

Mayor Denny called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Council Member Hess moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Kowalski seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny, Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and voting aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Denny stated Council Member Kowalski would like to discuss Resolution 2010-09-03 so the resolutions will be voted on separately.

Resolution 2010-09-02-October 2, 2010 Big Sweep Day

Mayor Denny moved to adopt Resolution 2010-09-02. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

Resolution 2010-09-03-Opposing Rate Increase Requested by Dominion Power

After discussion by Council members, Mayor Denny moved to adopt Resolution 2010-09-03. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Member Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer voting aye and Council Member Kowalski voting no.

Resolution 2010-09-04-Observing October 3, 2010 as National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Day

Council Member Hess moved to adopt Resolution 2010-09-04. Council Member Stroud seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny, Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

[Clerk's Note: Copies of Resolutions 2010-09-02, 2010-09-03 and 2010-09-04 are hereby attached as Exhibit A].

Planning Board Status Report

Planning Board Chairman Sam Williams introduced the Planning Board Members. He asked that Council consider the issues presented and to take action as appropriate. He provided a Power Point Presentation covering several ongoing and proposed planning projects.

Wind Generation, Stormwater Management, Height Calculations

Mayor Denny moved to direct the Planning Board to pursue drafting ordinances, for recommendation to the Council, on wind generation facilities, stormwater management, and height calculations. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

Subdivisions

Council Member Hess moved to direct the Planning Board to draft an amendment to the Subdivision Ordinance, for recommendation to the Council, addressing major and minor subdivisions. Mayor Denny seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

Lot Disturbance

Council Member Hess moved to direct the Planning Board to draft an appropriate amendment, for recommendation to the Council, to the lot disturbance ordinance. Mayor Denny seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

Land Use Plan

The Town's proposed Land Use Plan update will be placed on the October 5 meeting agenda for Council's review.

Transportation Infrastructure Plan

Chairman Williams stated several Transportation Infrastructure polices and action items had been submitted to a previous Council with most of these items being approved. The Planning Board is now requesting that Council consider adoption of a resolution setting forth a list of "guiding principles" to consider during the planning process for development or repairing of streets by the Town.

Council Member Hess moved that the Planning Board draft, and recommend to Council, a resolution citing recommended "guiding principles" for consideration for street development and repair, and to include a copy of the approved Transportation polices and action items. Mayor Denny seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

Wind Generation Facilities White Paper

Mayor Denny moved to direct the Planning Board to complete and submit a white paper on Wind Generation Facilities. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

Citizen Communications Plan

The Town Manager stated Town management has already begun formulating ways to provide information to citizens. With the Town's new information technology services the email Broadcast News is being re-vamped and will include a survey section. In addition, a Town Face Book is being implemented.

Larry Lawhon stated 20-30% of the citizens get missed if information is only sent electronically and there could be other means available to reach citizens with Town news.

Mayor Denny moved to direct the Planning Board to complete a white paper with recommendations and ideas to be submitted to the Town Manager. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Stroud, Pfizenmayer and Kowalski voting aye.

Town and Civic Association Properties –Parks/Recreation and Parking

The Town Manager reported that the Town continues to dialogue and cooperate with the Southern Shores Civic Association about what agreements could possibly be made to further improve these functions. Discussion was held about the fact that the Town has no proprietary ownership in the Association's properties and therefore public funds cannot be used to develop any use until some property interest is conveyed to the Town. All Council members agreed by consensus that the Planning Board doesn't need to pursue this issue. No action taken.

Hazard Mitigation Plan

The Town's Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be updated every five years and at this time the plan was submitted to be a part of Dare County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. A Reconstruction Task Force was previously appointed but has been on inactive status. Council Member Hess stated that the Reconstruction Task Force could be reinstated to work with the Town Planner and other Town staff on this initiative. The Town Manager stated this will be a staff-driven initiative. No action taken.

Communication Between Planning Board, and Town Council or Town Staff

Chairman Williams stated the Planning Board's Planning Advisory Group has been discontinued. The Planning Board will only work through the Town Planner, who will work through the Town Manager, on issues that need to be reviewed by the Town Attorney or Town Engineer. The Planner will consult with the Town Manager before contacting either of these outside sources.

Other Issues

Bill Gleason stated with the remaining undeveloped lots in Town, Council should consider what changes in the Town Code are needed to meet stormwater, lot disturbance and height concerns for future development on those lots.

The Town Manager recommended that the Planning Board review and discuss possible initiatives for requiring canal stabilization and bulkhead construction adjacent to both developed and undeveloped lots.

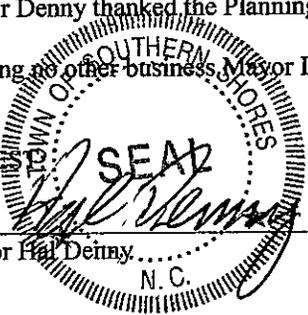
Council Member Hess also asked the Planning Board consider reviewing the definition of "Home Occupation" in the Town Code, especially regarding concerns over parking and signage.

Mayor Denny thanked the Planning Board and stated Council is looking forward to working together.

Hearing no other business Mayor Denny declared the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

ATTEST

Mayor Hal Denny



Respectfully submitted:

Carrie Gordin
Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN SHORES
DECLARING OCTOBER 2, 2010 AS
SOUTHERN SHORES BIG SWEEP 2010 DAY**

WHEREAS, The Town of Southern Shores is rich in natural resources and beauty; and

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need for all life; and,

WHEREAS, trash fouls our waterways as well as our landscapes; and,

WHEREAS, every citizen should contribute to keeping our environment clean and healthy by working together to preserve clean water and the natural beauty of our surroundings;

WHEREAS, North Carolina Big Sweep is a statewide community effort to retrieve trash from North Carolina's waterways and landscapes;

WHEREAS, during its first twenty four years, North Carolina Big Sweep volunteers have retrieved over 9 million pounds of debris from our environment, including tires, white goods and other solid waste;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores, North Carolina, meeting on September 27, 2010, does hereby declare October 2, 2010 as TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES BIG SWEEP DAY in Dare County, and does further hereby urge every citizen to do his or her part to restore the beauty and function of our lakes and streams by volunteering to participate in the Big Sweep event.

Adopted this 27th day of September 2010.

SEAL

Hal Denny, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

Resolution 2010-09-03

RESOLUTION OPPOSING RATE INCREASE REQUESTED BY DOMINION POWER

WHEREAS, Dare County, as well as other counties in northeastern North Carolina served by Dominion Power, are experiencing the hard economic times that are now gripping our nation; and

WHEREAS, unemployment rates are the highest they have been in years and many of the residents of Dare County and other northeastern North Carolina counties are having difficulties making ends meet and maintaining the basic necessities of life; and

WHEREAS, in this day and time, electric service is a basic necessity required by all, regardless of their economic condition, in order to live a safe and healthy life; and

WHEREAS, any increase in the cost of electric service will exacerbate the already difficult economic burden on many in Dare County and in all northeastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, given these difficult economic times and the severe negative impact an increase in the cost of electricity will have on our citizens, coupled with recent drops in the price of oil which add to the bottom line of utility providers, Dominion Power's request for a rate increase should be denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Southern Shores Town Council opposes the rate increase requested by Dominion Power for its customers in Dare County and northeastern North Carolina and request that the North Carolina Utilities Commission deny Dominion Power's request.

Adopted this 27th day of September 2010.

ATTEST:

Hal Denny, Mayor

Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

Resolution 2010-09-04

Resolution Observing October 3, 2010 as National Fallen Firefighters
Memorial Day

Whereas, the United States Congress and the President of the United States have designated the day of the annual National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service as a day to honor firefighters and emergency services personnel who have sacrificed their lives to save others by lowering the American flag on all federal buildings to half-staff; and

Whereas, an average of 100 firefighters courageously make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty each year; and

Whereas, the events of September 11, 2001, brought national attention to the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices faced by fire and emergency services personnel on a daily basis; and

Whereas, firefighters and emergency services personnel play an essential role in the protection of lives and property in our local community; and

Whereas, the National Memorial Service marks the beginning of the annual Fire Prevention Week observance; and

Whereas, it is of major importance that we increase our efforts to reduce deaths, injuries, and property losses from fire;

Now Therefore the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores hereby resolves, that all citizens and all patriotic, civic, and educational organizations are encouraged to observe the day of October 3, 2010 in recognition of the patriotic service and dedicated efforts of our fire and emergency services personnel by lowering American flags on all buildings to half-staff as specifically authorized by Public Law 107-51. Appropriate services and ceremonies are encouraged in which all of our citizens may participate to honor fire and emergency services personnel, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to duties, have rendered invaluable service to our community and its citizens.

Be it Further Resolved that all citizens are encouraged to remember all fire and emergency personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their communities and to pay respect to the survivors of those fallen heroes.

Enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Southern Shores this the 27th day of September, 2010.

Hal Denny, Mayor

Attest: _____
Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk