



TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING
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PITTS CENTER
Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM

MINUTES

1 **Call to Order**

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

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5 **Present**

6 Mayor Elizabeth Morey

7 Council Member Leo Holland

8 Council Member Paula Sherlock

9 Council Member Mark Batenic

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11 **Amendments to / Approval of Agenda**

12 Motion made by Council Member Holland to approve the agenda as presented, Seconded by Council
13 Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

14 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member
15 Batenic

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17 **General Public Comment** -none

18 **Business Items**

19 1. Presentation-Open Fiber Introduction –Open Fiber introduction

20 “OPENFIBER is a fiber internet platform/company providing internet users with access to
21 next-generation technologies. Our company is driven by the desire to create the best
22 possible end-to-end customer experience. We will be delivering “Fiber” Gigabit Internet
23 services to all residences within our new territories. Both Nationally and Internationally
24 we have built out our fiber infrastructure and servicing millions of homes! Our
25 Management Team has over 50 years experience in designing, building, implementing
26 fiber networks and are excited about the opportunity with Southern Shores and the Outer
27 Banks as a whole.”

28 OPENFIBER next steps:

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- 30 • Continue to work with Town Administration on an ordinance and encroachment agreement.
 - 31 • Coordinate with the Town on resident notification plan.
 - 32 • OPENFIBER to open regional office in the Outer Banks.

33 2. Minute Approval-May 2, 2023

34 **Motion** made by Council Member Batenic to approve the minutes as presented, Seconded by
35 Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.
36 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council
37 Member Batenic
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39 3. Budget Amendment #37-2023 Annual Beach Monitoring Service

40 Town Manager Ogburn explained at the last meeting when the council approved the contract
41 for maintenance and monitoring of the beach this budget amendment should have been
42 included. This budget amendment will enable the town to get CPE under contract for the
43 maintenance and monitoring service.

44 **Motion** made by Council Member Holland to approve budget amendment #37, Seconded by
45 Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

46 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council
47 Member Batenic
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49 4. Budget Amendment #38-in car system with body worn cameras for all police vehicles

50 Town Manager Ogburn explained the American Reinvestment Funds received is being utilized
51 to replace the body worn cameras and the cameras in the vehicles, both items are on the
52 Police Department's CIP list.

53 **Motion** made by Council Member Batenic to approve budget amendment #38, Seconded by
54 Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

55 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council
56 Member Batenic
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58 5. Budget Amendment #34 Town Hall Complex Improvements

59 Council directed staff to solicit quotes according to the Town's purchasing policy for upgrades
60 to be made at the Town Hall Complex. Two bidders submitted quotes and a third was unable
61 to submit a quote in the given time frame. The list of work to be performed at the Town Hall
62 includes: repair or the handicap ramp and deck at the west entrance, replace attic exhaust
63 fan, repair trim and paint two gable and tower. The list of work to be performed at the Pitts
64 Center includes: remove double doors on west wall and patch drywall, trims and siding.
65 Remove Existing garage door and install new entry door. Patch and paint drywall, trims and
66 siding. Repair rotted trims and siding throughout. Paint all siding and trim. The list of work to
67 be performed and the Police Station includes: replacing two exterior doors. Install one new
68 window with shutters. The lowest received quote was submitted by C & T Contracting in the
69 amount of \$98,450.00.

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71 **Motion** made by Council Member Holland to approve budget amendment #34 in the amount
72 of \$98,450.00, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

73 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council
74 Member Batenic

75 **Motion** made by Council Member Holland to award the Town Hall Complex upgrade project to C
76 & T Contracting, Seconded by Council Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.
77 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council
78 Member Batenic

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80 6. Approval of Official Traffic Map

81 The GIS Consultant was able to provide an updated Traffic Map which consists of speed limits,
82 stop signs, and all the things the Police Department would need to enforce ordinances. The
83 map, which is required by statute (160A-77) has not been updated for quite some time.

84 **Motion** made by Council Member Holland to approve the traffic map, Seconded by Council
85 Member Sherlock. The motion passed unanimously.

86 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council
87 Member Batenic

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89 7. Discussion / Consideration of Speed Bumps

90 Police Chief Kole presented a PowerPoint presentation *Traffic Calming Trends*. Chief Kole covered the
91 use of speed bumps/humps, the types, sizes, installation, and costs; all of which have pros and cons.
92 His presentation highlighted the following:

- 93 • Speed humps are a popular traffic calming technique used to slow down cars and other
94 vehicles in parking lots, school lots, on roads and streets.
- 95 • Speed humps are typically placed at one-mile intervals, but that can vary depending on
96 the size of the road and the amount of traffic it carries.
- 97 • Speed humps are an option for roads with moderate volumes of traffic, as they offer a
98 simple and effective way to reduce average speed.
- 99 • When considering the use of speed humps, it's important to consider all the potential
100 implications and the local context. The humps should be properly evaluated for their
101 effectiveness in slowing traffic and improving safety, before considering installing them.
- 102 • His opinion is that the data does not justify the installation of speed bumps/humps.

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104 Council Member Holland provided his observation, stating that the speed humps in his daughter's
105 neighborhood in Norfolk have proven to be effective.

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107 Mayor Morey stated residents from Wax Myrtle and Sea Oats have requested council consider
108 installing traffic calming devices and asked the Police Chief if he thought that speed humps were not
109 the answer, then what would he suggest? Police Chief Kole stated that pedestrians need to yield to the
110 vehicles, walk on the proper side of the road, and reconsider riding their bikes on weekend rental
111 change over days.

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113 Mayor Morey stated a priority of this Council is to add walking paths and to get the pedestrians off the
114 roadway and onto the sidewalks. She inquired as to the best way to get vehicles to slow down.

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116 Police Chief Kole stated enforcement is the best way to deter speeding, but his department is down
117 officers. He further stated that the data does not support a speeding issue, and that the average speed
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Council Member Sherlock asked about the traffic cameras. Police Chief Kole stated the department’s cameras are just traffic counters and do not take pictures of the plates. He stated that in several states the ability to send tickets using the cameras is not allowed.

Council Member Holland asked for the data to be placed on the website and newsletter.

Consensus of Council to take no action and table the consideration of speed bumps/humps.

Council Comments

Council Member Batenic would like to consider having signs next to the crosswalks with wording, look for traffic before crossing. He stated although pedestrians have the right of way in the crosswalks, they are not looking at all and just stepping into the crosswalk. It is a simple suggestion to help with the safety issue.

Mayor Morey reported the next council meeting will take place on July 11th at 5:30 p.m.

- 8. Closed Session-pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), (a)(3) & (a)(6)

Motion made by Council Member Holland to go into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(5), (a)(3) & (a)(6), Seconded by Council Member Batenic. The motion passed unanimously.

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Council Member Holland, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic

Adjourn

Upon returning to open session, **all Council by consensus** moved to extend Town Manager Cliff Ogburn's contract for another three years.

Consensus of all Council to adjourn, the time was 11:34 a.m.