



TOWN OF SOUTHERN SHORES
TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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Tuesday, February 06, 2024 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

1 **Call Meeting to Order**

2 Pledge of Allegiance

3 Moment of Silence

4 **Present**

5 Mayor Elizabeth Morey

6 Mayor pro tem Matt Neal

7 Council Member Paula Sherlock

8 Council Member Mark Batenic

9 Council Member Robert Neilson

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11 **Amendments to / Approval of Agenda**

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

14 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic,
15 Council Member Neilson

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17 **Consent Agenda**

18 **Motion** made by Council Member Sherlock to approve the February 6, 2024 consent agenda, Seconded
19 by Council Member Neilson. The motion passed unanimously.

20 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic,
21 Council Member Neilson

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23 The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- 24 1. Minutes Approval-January 16, 2024 Mid-Month Mtg., Closed Session 11/14 (Session 1 & 2)
25 and Closed Session 1/16

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27 **General Public Comment**

28 Katie Morgam-101 Maddox Crossing, Colington-HB259, thanked the Town for participating in the
29 lawsuit against the State pertaining to the provision in the State budget that prohibits the towns from
30 applying zoning regulations to the affordable housing project.

31 **Staff Reports**

32 Police Chief David Kole presented the Police Department's monthly report for December.

33 Fire Chief Ed Limbacher presented the Fire Department's monthly reports for December & January.

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Closed Session-pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) attorney-client privilege

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic, Council Member Neilson

Upon returning to open session, Mayor Morey **moved** that we as the Council of the Town of Southern Shores direct the staff to take some very needed steps to modernize our town code and propose changes both in the form of ZTA's and TCA's to the Town Council, that's text amendments and town code amendments, Seconded by Mayor pro tem Neal. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Town Manager Ogburn provided the following updates.

Land Use Plan- The consultant has sent the latest version to Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) to get their review on the revisions made to what they've already suggested, and staff hopes to set a public hearing for the Land Use Plan at the March 12th council meeting.

Grant Opportunities-The town partnered with the NCLM and Witt O'Brien to pursue grant funding. Staff have been working with the consultant on potential grants for stormwater, and the Juniper/Trinitie culvert bridge. Grants will be coming soon.

Juniper/Trinitie Culvert Bridge-Kimley Horn will be making a presentation on the Juniper/Trinitie bridge at the March 12th council meeting.

Planning Department-File Room Addition- Staff is currently working on getting estimates for both scanning historical files for the Planning Department and an addition to the town hall, along with the security improvements.

Ripple Fiber- has about one more month of work to be completed in the town right of way.

Council Member Sherlock stated she had several neighbors contact her to confirm that the utility flags in the right of way along NC12 were not for widening of the road. Town Manager Ogburn stated he believes they are from Verizon and confirmed no widening of the road.

Town Attorney -nothing to report.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

General Public Comment

Katie Morgam-101 Maddox Crossing, Colington- The Juniper/Trinitie Bridge has never been right and hopes the metal circle under the bridge is removed (culvert).

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75 **Council Business**

76 Council Member Sherlock-The Albemarle Rural Planning Organization ARPO met on January 17th. There
77 were twenty-two participants representing seven counties. Mostly housekeeping items took place, but
78 the primary goal of that meeting was to vote on the legislative priorities for this section of North
79 Carolina and the Mid-Currituck Bridge will remain as one of those priorities.

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81 Council Member Neilson attended the Current TV meeting and recommended a push to advertise the
82 channel on local municipalities' websites. The annual grants are available for producing videos and
83 equipment purchases.

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85 Council Member Batenic attended the Dare County Tourism Board meeting on January 17th where new
86 members were sworn in, including himself. He was placed on the grant and finance committee. He
87 stated that he did not realize how much the Tourism Board did for the county and the reach and
88 budget that it has. There was no monthly report this month.

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90 Mayor Morey and Mayor pro tem Neil attended the initial Housing Task Force Committee meeting
91 where there was a very robust discussion and exchange of comments and ideas. The next meeting is
92 scheduled for February 20th in Manteo. Mayor Morey is also on the special committee for sustainable
93 tourism and that meeting will be held February 7th.

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95 Mayor Morey thanked the citizens for their patience with the newest utility installations taking place in
96 the town right of way. The end goal is better internet service for residents.

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98 Town Manager Ogburn stated Sally Gudas has requested the Town enter 13 Skyline into the Flattop
99 Tour on April 27th from 1:00-5:00 pm, Council agreed by consensus.

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101 Council Member Neilson suggested having Current TV do a video of the Flattop Tour, Council was in
102 favor.

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104 **Adjourn**

105 **Motion** made by Council member Batenic to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m., Seconded by Council
106 Member Neilson. The motion passed unanimously.

107 Voting Yea: Mayor Morey, Mayor pro tem Neal, Council Member Sherlock, Council Member Batenic,
108 Council Member Neilson

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