

Town of Swansboro
Board of Commissioners
May 9, 2022, Regular Meeting

In attendance: Mayor John Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Tursi, Commissioner PJ Pugliese, Commissioner Larry Philpott, Mayor Pro Tem Tursi, and Commissioner Jeffrey Conaway. Commissioner Pat Turner was absent.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm. Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding items listed on the agenda. No comments were given.

Adoption of Agenda and Consent Items

Mayor Davis noted that a Closed Session would be added at the end of the meeting pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4) for discussion related to the industry or other business potential to the area. Additionally, it was recommended to move Budget Amendment 2022-10 to consent.

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tursi, seconded by Commissioner Conaway, the Agenda as amended, and Consent Item below was unanimously approved.

- Contract - Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for First Responders
- Budget Amendment 2022-10

Appointments/Recognitions/Presentations

Proclamations

Mayor Davis read and acknowledged those in attendance for the following proclamations.

- Safe Boating Week
- National Police Week
- Public Works Week

Carl Rauschenberg with the US Coast Guard thanked the Town for acknowledgement and reiterated the importance safe boating.

Board members expressed their appreciation to the Police and Public Works department for their service to the Town.

Business Non-Consent

Board of Commissioners Policy 17 – Agenda Development

Town Clerk, Alissa Fender reviewed that at the April 11, 2022, regular meeting, Board members requested to revisit the agenda development process to consider amendments to the policy.

Board members indicated that they agreed to have an overall recognition of academic achievements for students at one meeting. Recognition of sport achievements would remain when state championship level was achieved. Staff was directed to contact the High School and work with the principal and guidance counselors on the possibility of arranging recognitions for students. The guidelines section of the policy for seeking recognition was amended from “approval by entire Board” to “approval by the Board”.

Appearance Commission Consideration

Commissioner Philpott reviewed his recommendation for an Appearance Commission and related matching grant program and the Town of Wendell’s concept was provided for board discussion.

Board members supported the concept and direction was given for staff to review and present to the Planning Board and Historic Preservation Commission for support and feedback.

Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items were shared for visibility and comment. In addition, an opportunity was provided for the Board to introduce items of interest and subsequent direction for placement on future agendas.

The following items were addressed:

- Scheduling of joint meeting with the Planning Board on hold until Special Use Permit for 147 Front Street is handled
- Public hearing for budget to be scheduled for June 13, 2022

Public Comment

Citizens were offered an opportunity to address the Board regarding items not listed on the agenda. No comments were offered.

Board Comments

Mayor Davis thanks the staff for all their efforts.

Closed Session

On a motion by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Philpott the board entered closed session at 6:58 pm pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (4) for discussion related to the industry or other business potential to the area.

During closed session, a motion was made and seconded to return to open session. No action was taken.

Adjournment

On a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Tursi, seconded by Commissioner Philpott, the meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.