



TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING
HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Invocation
2. Call to Order/ Welcome
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Agenda Approval **Approved**
5. Approval of Minutes **Approved**
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2017
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items **None**
7. Police Report – Chief Wally Layne **It is still break-in season. Car break-in season will start soon. Lock your car and don't leave valuables in cars.**
8. Beach Ambassador Program Recommendation – Peggy Schiavone, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board **The Parks and Rec Board evaluated Oak Island's Beach Ambassador program after hearing a presentation on it. They felt there were not enough potential volunteers, there was a cost to the Town, there were liability issues and there was no one to run the program on Holden Beach.**
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation – Commissioner Freer **Town Manager David Hewett suggested a plan to have a cadre of seasonal employees to patrol the strand on ATVs that would serve as code enforcement officers and morph into a marketing function. The group would be under the Planning Department. The cost is estimated at \$18,000. It was agreed that David will proceed with this.**
9. Discussion and Possible Approval of Ordinance 17-04, An Ordinance Amending Section 94.03 of the Holden Beach Code of Ordinances, Frontal Dune Policies and Regulations – Building Official Evans **The proposed ordinance was corrected to read "lots that have more than 300 feet from the seaward toe of the dune to the last line of stable natural vegetation". After discussion, the walkway width was changed to a maximum width of four feet internal width and passed unanimously. As part of the Central Reach Project, sand fencing and planting of vegetation will be completed to stabilize sand. This may eventually form a new frontal dune. The Town will not be extending public walkways but will use rope to "herd" people through the newly forming dunes. There will be no changes for lots with less than 300'.**
10. Discussion and Possible Action on Encroachment Agreement between the Town and Windell Ray and Caryn Michelle Gibson – Town Clerk Finnell
*Mr. & Mrs. Gibson desire to encroach upon the Hillside Drive public right-of-way owned by the Town for the purpose of constructing a walkway to cross the dunes and gain access to the beach. **Passed***

unanimously.

11. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 17-03, Resolution Supporting Seasonal Population Adjustment Factor Sales Tax and Other State Revenue Distribution – Fiscal Operations Clerk Lockner
Passed unanimously.
12. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 17-04, Resolution Supporting Dedicated State Revenue Source for Beach Nourishment – Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manager Ferguson **Passed unanimously.**
13. Guest Speaker – Captain Cane Faircloth, Representing Area Boaters - Concerns Regarding the Lockwood Folly Inlet (Town Manager Hewett) (Pending Request) **Area fishing captains discussed the state of the Lockwood Folly Inlet. The inlet has shoaled up and is dangerous to use. It is not on the dredging schedule this year. They would like Holden Beach to dredge the inlet.**
14. Discussion and Possible Approval of Resolution 17-05, A Resolution Amending the Fee Schedule for the Town of Holden Beach – Fiscal Operations Clerk Lancaster
The proposed amendment would change the fee structure for vehicle decals. **Approved unanimously.**
15. Discussion and Possible Action on Lease Extension Proposal for T-Mobile – Fiscal Operations Clerk Lockner **Not approved. There was no motion to act.**
16. Town Manager's Report **The Eastern Reach Project is complete and placed 120,000 to 130,000 cubic yards of sand from the Lockwood Folly Inlet on the east end of the beach. The Central Reach Project has completed sand pumping. Demobilization should be complete by next week and dune stabilization will begin with sand fencing and planting. He anticipates all fencing and planting to be complete by mid-June. There are no planting and sand fencing requirements for the Eastern Reach, but he hopes to accomplish this along with Central Reach. The FEMA grant for almost \$6,000,000 was approved. This is for reimbursement only. Additional grant money to cover other expenses such as debris removal, emergency services, sewer system damages, etc. is still pending and estimated at \$350,000. The Flood Map resolution from last month has been given to area legislators. The Picnic Shelter at the park should be completed by April 1st. The Easter Egg hunt is scheduled for Friday, April 14 and is filling up fast. The request for proposals for the contract for yard debris is out and bids are due March 23.**
17. Mayor's Comments **The County passed an ordinance on abandoned boats. Hang your martin boxes now.**
18. Board of Commissioners' Comments **Commissioner Fletcher discussed that there will be no need to move any turtle nests this year. Commissioner Royal feels we need a lobbyist or legislative liaison. He appreciates the captains' presentation. Commissioner Freer thanked the fishermen and pointed out that the Beach Inlet Management Plan (BIMP) is a long-term look at the inlet, and that we now need to look at short-term funding. Commissioner Isenhour also thanked the fishermen but pointed out that funding is an issue and would need to be a priority. Commissioner Kyser also thanked the presenters. He also wants a lobbyist. People need to be made aware of the yard waste issue. Mayor Holden also agreed that the inlet is dangerous.**
19. Public Comments on General Items **Mark Fleischhauer discussed the need for curbside recycling and pointed out that most cities and towns provide this as a service to their residents. Dennis Harrington feels the new hurricane sticker plan will not solve the issues that came up with Hurricane Matthew, communication was the issue. He also thinks the police should be able to use a current utility bill as a method of letting people on the island after a storm. He is a proponent of the Beach Ambassador program and would like to see three people on the strand to help enforce ordinances. He feels that a lobbyist hired by the beach consortium would be more effective than one hired just by the Town. Beverly Compton asked**

whether there was an advocate for the inlet. A member of the public felt the rental companies should make their customers aware that the inlet is dangerous. The attorney will look into it. Rich Weigand stated that he has seen a lot of boats stranded in the inlet and thinks this summer will be bad. Louis Mitchell stated he will not use the inlet. He is a member of the Parks and Rec Board, but speaking as an individual he supports David's plan for the Beach Ambassadors program. Mark Pompeii has been stuck in the inlet twice and stated the channel markers are off. A member of the public asked why the FEMA funds could not be used for inlet dredging, and was told that they are only for reimbursement for certain expenses and dredging would not count. Mayor Holden pointed out that the Town of Holden Beach can't afford to carry the cost alone, the State, County and Oak Island need to be part of the solution.

20. Executive Session to Discuss a Personnel Matter Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) The Commissioners voted unanimously to give Town Manager David Hewett a new employment contract including a raise and a severance package. It is retroactive. His annual salary went from \$98,493 to \$136,500, a 39% salary increase. His severance package includes one month of salary for each year of service up to one year plus a year's health insurance for him and his family, and life insurance.

21. Adjournment