



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING  
HOLDEN BEACH TOWN HALL – PUBLIC ASSEMBLY  
TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

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1. Invocation
2. Call to Order/ Welcome
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Agenda Approval **Approved as Amended. Changed speaker name on #7 and added #20A for Property Acquisition.**
5. Approval of Minutes **Approved**
  - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2017
  - b. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 23, 2017
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items **None**
7. Guest Speaker – Suzanne LaFollette- Black (AARP – North Carolina Associate Director – Coastal Region) – Present AARP Age Friendly Communities (Mayor Pro Tem Fletcher and Commissioner Freer) **Dwight Willis filled in as speaker. He discussed the advantages of Age Friendly Communities and encouraged the Town to apply to become designated as Age Friendly. We would be the first municipality in Brunswick County to do so.**
8. Brunswick County Tourism Development Authority Update – Mitzi York (Town Manager Hewett) **Ms. York gave an update on activities of the TDA for the past year.**
9. Fire Department Report – Fire Chief Doug Todd Chief Todd gave his annual report. **Calls are increasing. Brunswick County increased the fire fees we pay by 25%.**
10. Police Report – Chief Wally Layne **Two deaths in the past month, one from a fall and one drowning. The drowning victim was swimming in the inlet as the tide went out. In response to a question, he said he is picking up less beach equipment this month from the strand.**
11. Run HB Requests – Coastal Race Productions (Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manager Ferguson)
  - a. Banner Approval **Unanimously approved.**
  - b. Beer Garden Request **No action.**
12. Discussion and Possible Action on Staggered Terms for the Board of Commissioners – Attorney Freedland **Both approved unanimously. If the voters approve the referendum then four-year staggered**

terms will go into effect at the following election.

- a. Ordinance 17-10, An Ordinance Amending the Charter of the Town of Holden Beach to Implement Four-Year Staggered Terms for the Members of the Town of Holden Beach Board of Commissioners
- b. Resolution 17-09, A Resolution Calling a Special Election for the Purpose of Submitting to a Vote an Ordinance Implementing Four-Year Staggered Terms for the Members of the Town of Holden Beach Board of Commissioners

13. Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 Budget Update – Town Manager Hewett **All numbers are in the black and finances are as expected.**

14. Discussion and Possible Approval of Update to the 2016 – 2017 Audit Contract with Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams and Co, P.A. – Town Manager Hewett **This is an additional contract for services. The state selected the Town for a closer review of handling of State retirement contributions. Approved unanimously.**

15. Discussion and Possible Nomination of Members to Fill Vacancies on Town Boards – Town Clerk Finnell

- a. Board of Adjustment **Larry Blume, Larry Reinhart, and Ben Baker were appointed as regular members. Anne Arnold, Cheryl Dellinger and Jack Lohman will serve as alternates.**
- b. Planning & Zoning Board **Greg Shue will serve as a regular member. Peter Pallas and Woody Tyner will serve as alternates.**
- c. Parks & Recreation Advisory Board **Karen Fleischhauer, John McEntire, Olivia Gomez, Dolly Mitchell and Nelson Payne were appointed.**

16. Discussion and Possible Action on Amending Title IX, General Regulations, Section 95.05 Street Rights-of-Way - Commissioner Freer **Withdrawn by consensus and sent to P&Z for study.**

17. Town Manager's Report **GenX is in our water supply and now other chemicals are also showing up. The County has hired a PR firm to handle the issue. There is an informational meeting July 19 at 7:00pm. Updates from the County are on the Town website. New Flood Maps are now estimated to be released in spring 2018. The Elizabeth St. parking issue is in the design phase with a Fall implementation expected. The Merritt is currently dredging the inlet. The Legislature is doing a study on how allocations are made from the Powell Bill, which may be helpful for Holden Beach. The Legislature did not approve the Beach Nourishment Fund, but it is expected to be brought up again in August.**

18. Mayor's Comments **Reminded everyone that the deadline to register to run for the BOC is Friday at Noon.**

19. Board of Commissioners' Comments **Commissioner Fletcher thanked those who volunteer and those who serve on Town Boards. Commissioner Royal asked everyone to remember to use turn signals. He liked the AARP presentation and thinks the Town should consider joining. He also thanked the Board volunteers. Commissioner Freer thanked AARP and the volunteers. Commissioner Kyser also thanked the volunteers. He recognizes that the right-of-way issue is a hot topic but would like a well thought out plan.**

20. Public Comments on General Items **Mr. Hucks spoke on the Elizabeth St. parking issue and the LS Holden subdivision. He cautioned the Town about taking property because his deed says the land is private and his deed shows beach access. Karen Fleischhauer discussed recycling and encouraged the Town to add recycling bins to the beach accesses, make recycling Town-wide, and provide pick-up weekly during the summer. Joe Butler discussed the letter HBPOA sent to the Town and feels there is selective enforcement of ordinances. He would like to replace his fence until a solution is determined. Mark Pompeii spoke in favor of allowing a beer garden after the Coastal Race Productions event. Ava Pailthorpe notified the Town**

that there is a user agreement for a helipad coming. She feels the Town needs to notify the owners of property before it is used and that terms should be in place. Mayor Holden said the Town doesn't need the agreement because they are moving the helipad to the east of her property.

20A. The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of property, no action was taken.

## **21. Adjournment**