

On Monday, Monday, June 20, 2022, at 5pm, the Town Council held a Budget Meeting at the Town Hall located at 121 North Gate Road, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572.

Present Mayor Dave Buonviri

Mayor Pro TemporePeggy BellCouncilBrian Palliser

Laura Pendley John Wylie

Chief of Police Kyle Lamparter
Town Clerk Jennifer Newbold

The media and public were duly notified of the date, time, and place of the Meeting. At 5:00pm, with a quorum present, Mayor Buonviri called the Budget Meeting to order.

Mayor Buonviri began the Meeting with a brief overview of the Agenda and approval of the Consent Agenda, the May Minutes and Financials.

Chief Lamparter presented the Security Report for May 16, 2022 – June 20, 2022, with 55 incidents or calls for service. See attached.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bell followed with a budget discussion and second reading of Ordinance #2022.03 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023, \$768,676.00, requiring a tax levy of 45mills. Councilman Palliser made a motion and Councilwoman Pendley seconded; the vote was unanimous. The FY 2022 – 2023 Budget was adopted.

Old Business continued; discussion of the Landscape Maintenance Contract bid #2022.02 was moved to Executive Session for contractual purposes. The low – bid vendor, Southland Landscape Management, withdrew their bid. The new contract term begins 1 - July.

The Mayor Pro-Tem proceeded with a Beautification update. She met with Capital Irrigation and the irrigation pattern at the Town Hall is being re-aligned. Bell plans to meet with the Beautification Committee to discuss plans for the kiosk area at Center and Middle Gate Roads.

Following the Old Business Agenda, Mayor Buonviri reiterated discussions on drainage for Cabana Road and Beach Drive and noted the areas are not storm drains but are drainage ditches on private property. He is still waiting for the Horry County engineer to determine grade for the Bayberry drainage ditch improvements.

Next, the Tree Ordinance and Tree City USA designation was revisited. Mayor Buonviri reviewed the current policy and how it is being implemented with new builders and those adding additions and pools. Councilwoman Bell will contact Lois Edwards, Urban Forester with the South Carolina Forestry Commission. She plans to have Ms. Edwards present at an upcoming Workshop or Meeting. Edwards met with the Clerk earlier in the Spring and provided information and insight into the program.

Councilman Palliser plans to meet with Richard Black of Total Lake Care to discuss upcoming treatments and the algal bloom. The Town is also waiting for the provisional report from CCU to help determine if the low Lake levels and the algal bloom are co-factors in the recent dead fish findings. The Town may ask Lakes residents to reduce lawn irrigation to one time per week if levels remain too low.

Chief Lamparter followed with Public Safety and discussed an issue with Horry County accountability and storm drains. The Mayor is going to follow up with Horry County to discuss the storm drain cleaning schedule. The Chief also discussed public safety issues with the vegetation overgrowth in the buffer. It is difficult to manage as it has attracted nuisances and criminal behavior lately.

Independence Day scheduling was discussed; the Chief will send an email with essential rules and timing, including designated hours and fireworks area. The Clerk will contact GFL for an early waste and recycle pickup since the parade will take place during normal collection hours.

Palliser requested that roads repairs be sent to him. He will schedule them for October or November.

Councilwoman Pendley is working on an informational Town Facebook page, one that will not receive comments, but will provide another communication outlet and that will be open to the public.

The Clerk will attend an Effective Grant Writing webinar provided by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, earning credit toward her Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC).

No New Business was on the Agenda.

In Matters That Require Attention, a newly added Agenda item, Council discussed areas of concern among residences that falter from nuisance and beautification ordinances. In addition, a permit assessment was suggested.

Public Input was shared about mosquito spraying, signage regarding golf carts on the beach, and trees.

Mayor Buonviri thanked residents for their attendance and input and announced the dates and times of upcoming Meetings. At 6:13pm, Pendley made a motion and Bell seconded to enter Executive Session to discuss contractual matters. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:40pm, with no votes taken, nor decisions made, Palliser made a motion and Wylie seconded to return to Regular Session; this vote was also unanimous. With no further business to discuss, the Budget Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm.

Respectfully submitted, *Jennifer B. Newbold*Jennifer B. Newbold

Town Clerk

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