

On Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 5:00pm, the Town Council held a Council Workshop at the Town Hall located at 121 North Gate Road, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572.

Present	Mayor	Dave Buonviri	
	Council	Brian Palliser	
		Laura Pendley	
	Chief of Police	Kyle Lamparter	
	Town Clerk	Jennifer Newbold	
Absent	Mayor Pro Tempore	Peggy Bell	
	Councilman	John Wylie	

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

Mayor Buonviri began the Workshop with a quick overview and purpose of the Agenda.

Discussions followed, beginning with **Mayor Buonviri**:

Hurricane Ian update – The Town declared a State of Emergency on Thursday, September 29, 2022, in preparation for the storm. After Hurricane Ian struck on September 30th, the Mayor attended a Zoom meeting with the State Emergency Management Division (EMD). At that point, the event had been declared an emergency, not a disaster. Therefore, no assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) was foreseen. But, on November 21, 2022, a **DISASTER** was finally declared. Mayor Buonviri and the Clerk will begin to make appointments required by FEMA and to apply for reimbursement for expenses incurred by the Town. The process is not ordinary in that a disaster was not declared immediately following the hurricane.

Storm Water projects – The Mayor discussed four storm water projects in review and planning:

Bayberry ditch – Dirt Works will be digging a trench to ensure drainage

Cabana Road and Ocean View Drive – repair storm pipes under driveways

Palmetto Lane – clean the drainage ditch

Rural Infrastructure Agency – awaiting decision on grant proposal for mapping

The Mayor also discussed his recent conversations with the consultant from the Brigman Group to **renew the permit** to continue work to redirect White Point Swash and with the Horry County representative for the Windy Hill airport. The representative discussed **low-flying aircraft** flight standards and provided a phone number to contact when there is a reoccurrence.

Councilman Palliser: **Lakes** – The Councilman will provide an update on the Lakes project at the Town Meeting; work is scheduled to resume on January 16. The remaining work will be completed by hand five feet from water's edge.

Roads – Palliser is beginning a list for road repairs . A reminder of responsibility for construction companies to pay for road repairs where they have damaged with equipment, etc. during new construction and renovations was provided to include South Gate, Cabana Road, Beach Drive, and North Gate builders.

Councilwoman Pendley: Beautification for Councilwoman Bell – Pendley provided information in Mayor Pro Tem's absence; the **Tree Advisory Board** will be Meeting after the Town Meeting in preparation for the **Tree City USA** designation. The clean-up of the Town Hall back yard is complete, and the committee is still seeking quotes for the Kiosk for the **Beautification** project.

Technology/Communication – Pendley and the Clerk are continuing to narrow the non-communication list.

Chief Lamparter: Public Safety – The Chief reported receiving calls for sick raccoons in the past week. He also replaced **golf cart signs** on the beach.

Clerk: Reporting - She confirmed the **2023 Municipal Election** filing dates with the County Election Commission. A brief discussion took place about **procurement during a State of Emergency**. She will check further with the Municipal Association.

Ms. Newbold added **Items** to the Town Meeting Agenda.

The live Christmas Tree collection date was set in Matters Requiring Attention; the Clerk will generate an email once the begin date is confirmed with Vereen Tree Service.

Public Input followed; **low-flying aircrafts and safety through environmental design** were revisited, and the **Teri program** for Police Officers was discussed. Chief Lamparter requested Council consider recent studies concerning THC uses in regard to mental illness as the topic is in the Legislature.

The dates and times of the upcoming **Meetings** was announced, and at 5:47pm, Palliser made a motion and Pendley seconded to enter **Executive Session** to discuss legal matters concerning zoning noncompliance and the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The vote was unanimous.

At 6:05pm, with no votes taken nor decisions made, Pendley made a motion and Palliser seconded to **exit Executive Session**. This vote was also unanimous. Council **returned to Regular Session**; at 6:07pm, with no further business to discuss, the Council Workshop adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer B. Newbold

Jennifer B. Newbold Town Clerk

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