

On Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 5pm, the Town Council held a Town Meeting at the Town Hall located at 121 North Gate Road, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29572.

Present Mayor Dave Buonviri

Mayor Pro Tempore Peggy Bell

Council Brian McIntyre

Brian Palliser

Laura Pendley

Chief of Police Kyle Lamparter

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 Meeting to order.

Town Clerk

Jennifer Newbold

Mayor Buonviri began the Meeting with a brief overview of the Agenda and approval of the **Consent Agenda**, the **November and December Minutes and Financials** and review of the **Audit draft**.

Chief Lamparter presented the **Security Report** for November 20, 2023 – January 16, 2024, with **53** incidents or calls for service. See attached. The Department of Justice will audit police municipalities every two years requesting monthly statistics for use of force and pursuits; these stats are to be included in the report.

Mayor Pro Tem Bell continued with the **Treasurer's Report** (see attached).

Old Business followed. From the Council Workshop, discussion and review of the Waste, Recycling & Yard Debris bid took place. GFL was the sole bidder; there will be a Bid Award Meeting on February 5, 2024.

Council **discussed in detail and reviewed** prior opinion by a local **coyote** expert. There is no release once captured, only disposal. New literature was also disbursed prior to the Meeting. **Sightings, but no attacks** have been reported.

**Council assignments**, **priorities**, and wishes to **accomplish** for the year were finalized.

Next, Councilwoman Pendley reported the status of the **Ordinance Review Project**; amended ordinances will continue to be prioritized and will be reviewed by Legal Counsel prior to being published. She issued the next ordinances for review in February. **Consistency** and **intention** are the key goals within the process. Councilwoman Pendley will chair **Beautification** moving forward.

Tree City followed with Mayor Pro Tem Bell. She gave the annual report for the Tree Advisory Board and announced that Judi Ellis and Carla Makela will be co-chairing the Board for the 2024 year. The Arbor Day celebration and Fire Wise event will take place on the same day in the Spring.

Councilman Palliser had nothing new to report on Lakes.

Mayor Buonviri had the **Landscape Maintenance** crew change the flowers at the **entrance Gates**; the crew will continue to monitor **dead trees** on Town right of ways and collect **dead and fallen branches**.

Chief Lamparter reported working with the **Clerk and neighboring Homeowners Associations** (HOA) to implement "**Crime Prevention through Environmental Design** " through landscaping and garbage collection. The Chief also informed the meeting attendees about the new post office hours. As a result of **increased crime**, there is no longer 24-hour access.

**Roads** information will be disbursed to Councilman McIntyre for Spring **resurfacing and seal coating projects**.

Mayor Buonviri discussed the OCRM permit for work on the **Swash**; the Town is seeking a more permanent solution through the SCIIP grant **Viability Planning & Stormwater System Assessment** Engineering Study. For now, the County is **rechanneling**.

Councilwoman Pendley has begun the new **website build** and will be working with VC3 the next few months (**Technology and Communications**). **Pet registration** and **logo refreshment** were also discussed.

Councilman McIntyre has consulted with the Clerk and former Councilman about **Fire Wise**. The Fire Wise bid will go out in February for the **April 2024 canopy trimming and debris collection**.

The Clerk **reported** that the SCIIP RIA RFQ is advertised, and she has fielded the written questions and posted the answers required. The RFQ is due by 12pm on February 5.

In **New Business and Matters That Require Attention**, the Mayor discussed residents' concerns with **water pressure**. He contacted the City of Myrtle Beach and is requesting water pressure be **tested** in several points in addition to the normal water quality testing the City conducts.

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Public Input was shared concerning the homeless situation and water pressure issues.

The Clerk added Items to the Workshop Agenda.

Mayor Buonviri announced the dates and times of the **upcoming Meetings** and with no further business to discuss, the Town Meeting **adjourned** at 6:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer B. Newbold

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