

On Monday, July 18, 2022, 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 TemporePeggy BellCouncilBrian Palliser

via telephone Laura Pendley

John Wylie

Chief of PoliceKyle LamparterTown ClerkJennifer 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 Meeting to order.

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

Chief Lamparter presented the **Security Report** for June 20, 2022 – July 18, 2022, with 43 incidents or calls for service. See attached.

Mayor Pro Tempore Bell followed with the **Treasurer's Report** (see attached) and financial report and comparison to the end-of-year budget.

First, on the Old Business Agenda, Richard Black, Total **Lake Care**, lead a discussion in reference to the provisional report from Coastal Carolina for water quality testing. The Clerk will continue to send this monthly report as this is beneficial to the normal aquaculture services and for upcoming projects.

Council approved a sediment eradication project earlier in the year; it will begin in the next weeks, using bacterial pellets, depleting up to two inches of muck per application. In addition, a 20-day bank restoration project will begin, manually cutting all woody growth encompassing the shoreline of designated areas. Mr. Black also agreed to clean up the dead fish in areas and suggested the deaths were caused from low water levels and lack of oxygen.

Following the Old Business Agenda, the Clerk reviewed the **Planning Commission's Recommendations** for American Rescue Plan (ARP) spending. In summary, the Planning Commission prioritized symbiotically with the Town Council:

- 1. Drainage/Stormwater Issues
- 2. Lakes

## 3. Roads - Resurfacing

The Clerk drafted the report, and it was provided to Council prior to the Meeting. See attached. As per the recommendation to resurface roads, Councilman Wylie will seek square yardage quotes from vendors before any bids are produced.

Mayor Buonviri had nothing new for **Landscape Maintenance**; work is complete on the island at Cabana and North Gate.

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. She provided some examples of kiosks and will purse choices in a committee meeting. In addition, more work will be needed for the overgrowth in the back yard of the Town Hall.

The Mayor spoke with DDC Engineering and plans to meet with the engineer for an assessment of the pitch and depth of the **drain** behind 52 - 57 Bayberry to South Gate. This is necessary before any bid may be placed for the ARP funding use. Horry County Stormwater is responsible for keeping the ditch clear if the Town mitigates the drainage issue using this technique.

Chief Lamparter followed with **Public Safety** and discussed an issue with the Briarcliffe Acres Police Facebook page. ADS provided the quote for requested safety measures for the Town Hall. The Chief and Clerk will follow up with more detail.

**Roads** were covered during the earlier recommendation.

Councilwoman Pendley launched the informational Town Facebook page; it has 150 followers thus far. The Councilwoman has received very positive public input. Pendley was asked if the Town would be able to provide a texting notification in the future. She will contact VC3 to clarify whether the ability for this form of **communication** is available. The weekly "Do you know?" series will begin soon.

The Clerk will attend a regional meeting of the Rural Infrastructure Association in Florence. State funding and grants for ARP will be covered during the session. She will provide a **report.** 

**New Business** was next on the Agenda. The Mayor has spoken with Coastal Carolina, and they will be providing their preliminary findings from the White Point Swash monitoring to the Town, Horry County, North Myrtle Beach, and the Briarcliffe Acres Association (BAA). Council was provided an online questionnaire/survey so that specific questions may be answered during a meeting. Mayor Buonviri will be attending the association meeting to discuss with David King, President, and will be inviting the OCRM representative to attend the CCU meeting.

In **Matters That Require Attention**, a newly added Agenda item, Council discussed feasibility/liability issues of having a lifeguard on the Briarcliffe Beach. It would be very cost prohibitive; the Town will inquire with the BAA about posting more "No Lifeguard on Duty" signs. However, a suggestion to hold a joint water safety/rip current training at the YMCA for kids and parents with the BAA was made.

Public Input was shared about the feasibility and liability of a lifeguard on the Briarcliffe Acres beach and with GFL's difficulty in turning their trucks on Pine Tree Lane.

Mayor Buonviri thanked residents for their attendance and input and announced the dates and times of upcoming Meetings. At 6:15pm, with no further business to discuss, the Town Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer B. Newbold

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