



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 - 5:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Mayor J. Alan Holden; Mayor Pro Tem Gerald Brown; Commissioners Brian Murdock, Mike Sullivan, Pat Kwiatkowski and Rick Smith; Commissioner-Elect Page Dyer; Town Manager David W. Hewett; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson; Police Chief Jeremy Dixon; and Town Attorney Rick Green.

Mayor Holden asked for a moment of silence and called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to approve the agenda; second by Commissioner Smith; approved by unanimous vote.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Commissioner Murdock to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 12, 2021 and the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021; second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments were made.

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO THE OUTGOING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY TOWN MANAGER HEWETT**

**PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO COMMISSIONER SULLIVAN OF THE OUTGOING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS BY MAYOR HOLDEN**

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

### Commissioner Smith

- Commissioner Sullivan is a true professional. Enjoyed working with him. He was always available for support, whether they were on the same side or not they could at least agree sometimes to not agree. Will continue to reach out and talk to him. Thanked him for his for service.

### Commissioner Murdock

- Thanked Commissioner Sullivan for his service to the Town. This is sometimes a really tough job to do. He is one of most tenacious people he has ever met. Always agreed to disagree, most of the time. Appreciates the service. It takes different kinds to run this place; most of the time they teamed up for the good of the Town. It was nice to serve with him.

### Commissioner Kwiatkowski

- Feels like she is losing her kindred spirit. Still will bike down to see Commissioner Sullivan. Will miss the legal mind. Will miss someone who argues back with her to steer her when she is starting to get flustered. Knows she can still rely on him for his opinion.

### Mayor Pro Tem Brown

- Thanked Commissioner Sullivan. He did a great job for the Town. Will miss him. Knows a lot of times they didn't see eye to eye, but that's politics. Thanked him for the job done because in his eyes he did what was in the best interest of the Town. That's what they all strive to do and should continue to do.

### Commissioner Sullivan

- It's been a pleasure and privilege to serve four years on the Board. In the four years, he learned a lot about the Town. It's harder to run a town and have it run efficiently than it may seem on the surface. It has been a pleasure to work with the people who work for the Town. Thanked the voters for having the confidence in him that he could make the decisions that could affect their lives and the way they live. Hopes he did it in a manner that was acceptable. Thanked the Board. This Board and the Board prior had a lot of discussions and differences. Believes in his heart that the people who sit up here, sit up here hoping to do the best they can for the Town and the people who are here. For that reason, despite the fact they didn't always agree, he always respected them.
- On tonight's agenda we have an issue about parking. The decision on how we go forward will affect the Town well into the future. Had a vote on the pier last month. Prior to that vote we had a tremendous amount of meetings and discussions. People on the Board asked for the input from the community. We had more than 200 people respond to a survey. A vast majority didn't want to purchase the pier, but the vote was for the purchase of the pier. In the last few days we received the results of a survey from the HBPOA. Provided statistics from the survey. If you look at the packet, the commissioners are going to vote on parking. The current plan is to do away with post and rope and have parking in the adjacent property in the rights-of-way (ROW) next to people's property. He said clearly 90 – 93% are not in favor of either of those things. The Board asked for input and received it. Asked the Board to give deep thought before they vote on it and to consider the input from everyone who responded to the survey.
- Been a pleasure, honor and privilege. Enjoyed every minute of it.

## **JUDGE ARNOLD WILL PRESENT THE OATH OF OFFICE TO THE INCOMING BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Judge Arnold presented the oath of office to Mayor Holden and Commissioners Page Dyer, Rick Smith and Pat Kwiatkowski.

## **ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEMPORE**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he enjoyed serving as the mayor pro tem. It has been an honor.

*Mayor Pro Tem Brown nominated Rick Smith to be our next mayor pro tem; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF 2022 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING SCHEDULE**

Town Clerk Finnell explained all of the dates, except for the March date, reflect the third Tuesday of the month. The March date is for the second Tuesday of the month due to scheduling conflicts.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to approve the 2022 Board of Commissioners' Meeting Schedule; second by Commissioner Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE DIRECTION ON RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith that we adopt the Suggested Rules of Procedure for the Town of Holden Beach; second by Commissioner Brown.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski proposed that for Part VI for the agenda that the Board make a statement that failure to include adequate background information such that all Board members and the public can reasonably understand the reason behind the proposal shall be grounds for proposing the removal of the item from the agenda. She also requested that the packet is given to the commissioners at least four business days before the meeting and it is published on the same day. After discussion, Commissioner Kwiatkowski removed her requests.

*The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE PIER PROPERTY PLAN DOCUMENT AND ACTION ON THE ASSOCIATED PROPOSED RESOLUTION (RESOLUTION 21-17)**

Commissioner Kwiatkowski went over her proposed plan in the packet (hereby incorporated into the minutes). She said currently with the assumptions in the report, the Town should be able to manage this without raising taxes and without a special assessment. This is a summarization of what has been happening over several months with Board discussions. In addition, there are cost estimates from the contractors that we are lucky to have on our Board. She would like the Board to endorse the report as being accurate and a solid description of the intent of the Board for the pier property. Mayor Pro Tem Smith thanked Commissioner Kwiatkowski for her hard work on the report. It has always been the intention to do this without raising taxes.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to endorse the pier property plan; second by Commissioner Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that the Board vote to adopt Resolution 21-17; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 21-18, RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN, AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT AND PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN OTHER RELATED MATTERS THERETO**

Carlos Manzano from Parker Poe and Andrew Carter from DEC Associates were not able to attend the meeting, but were on the phone to answer any questions. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson explained the resolution is a necessary component for the application to the Local Government Commission and to negotiate an installment financing contract to pay the cost of purchasing the pier property. The resolution also schedules the public hearing for January 18<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to approve Resolution 21-18 and setting of the public hearing for January 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.; second by Commissioner Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

### **POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIXON**

- Explained the Attempt to Locate category on the Police Report.
- In the budget they were approved for the transition to CAD (computer automated dispatch). They are deep into the project. Expecting to go live somewhere around mid-January. Will have more direct communications with the 911 center. Looking forward to it.
- It is Christmastime, do not drink and drive. Travel safely.
- There will be lane closures/traffic control on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> pertaining to the beach project.

### **PARKING TASKER**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith said paid parking won't be perfect at first. As we move forward, we can make adjustments. He said he thinks everyone had the opportunity to look over the document from the Parking Committee. If things go correctly, we could get it started for 2022 season.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski to go through and vote on each section individually; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Murdock talked about current parking issues. His goal is to create a reasonable number of parking spaces and dedicated areas close to public accesses. He said we will not get this right when we roll it out. Everything can be changed. We hired a vendor/consultant. We need to go along with experience.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski stated she understands wanting to control rights-of-way (ROW) parking during the paid parking season. She doesn't think the intent should be to do away with ROW parking, it should be to do away with non-designated ROW parking from the start of the parking season until the end from

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and the current hours of 1:00 a.m. – 5:00 a.m. That way people can have friends over. She would like to keep post and rope.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that the description of ROW parking that is given that there is no ROW parking, except in designated areas be changed to there is no ROW parking except in designated areas from whenever we start the season until the end of paid parking season and from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said if people do not do post and rope right, that is an enforcement issue. Commissioner Murdock said the discussion for post and rope was for it not to be placed in the ROW. People can place it on their property line if they want. That was the recommendation. Jim Varner from Otto Connect is in attendance and available to comment. Mr. Varner said Commissioner Kwiatkowski's point is well taken. He said the issue they see in other towns is that when you allow parking in the ROW anytime, it gets abused. He said when you have parties, there are paid parking lots during the day, that are free after 5:00 p.m. The intent is to have those locally available to use for people after hours. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she disagrees that there are sufficient areas that would take care of some of the stretches of the island. She is trying to avoid the offseason problems. Mr. Varner said they do have towns that issue special parking permits for events. Town Manager Hewett asked how the delineation of designated ROW parking spaces is made. Mr. Varner explained the committee talked about identification of specific ROW areas that allowed for parking. He provided an example. The Board would make the decision on where the parking will be accepted as a dedicated area. He would make suggestions on what is possible. He has not sat down with staff yet to go through each street. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she has reservations on allowing parking on side streets that only have private accesses. There are a number of streets proposed where that is the case. Mayor Pro Tem Smith said he believes that the only vehicles allowed to park by the private accesses are low speed vehicles. Those are usually owned by people who own the access. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she disagreed with making those designated areas. Parking by private accesses was discussed.

Mayor Holden referred to the Rules of the Procedure. He said the Board is in violation of the rules on discussion and asked if the Board wants him to enforce them.

*Commissioner Kwiatkowski said if you go back to her first motion it would be that ROW be from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. during the period of time that we have paid parking in place.*

*Commissioner Murdock said he had seconded the motion.*

*The motion failed by a 1 – 4 vote. Commissioner Kwiatkowski voted for the motion and Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Commissioners Brown, Murdock and Dyer voted in the negative.*

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that we actually establish the designated parking in lots, on-street and ROW in a separate meeting. No second was made.*

Commissioner Murdock said he thinks on the advice of Mr. Varner, he will meet with staff to go over the streets. Town Manager Hewett stated he thinks the consideration of what is park/no-park is a Board decision. Staff can come up with a list and bring it back to the Board. Mr. Varner said all of the locations were identified on the map, even though they were not included in the document. He recommended that

the ordinances need to go to legal for final language and moving forward with each parking area. He and staff can look at each area. Then the ordinances and the parking area recommendations detailed on a map could be brought back to the Board for final approval. If there is intent to move forward with paid parking, he and Town Manager Hewett need to work on the contract and logistics. If the Board would like to get started next season they need to get started.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to ask the Town staff to work with the vendor to get that information and get it back to the Board; second by Commissioner Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski explained she does not agree with including March in the paid parking dates.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that we not include March in the paid parking period, that April - October should be sufficient.*

*Commissioner Kwiatkowski restated her motion to we start paid parking April 1<sup>st</sup> and end it October 31<sup>st</sup>, second by Commissioner Murdock.*

Commissioner Murdock said we could try that; it could be changed if needed. Mayor Pro Tem Smith agreed. This is our first stab, it can be adjusted. Mr. Varner commented that several towns are now moving to full year paid parking. It wasn't a statement of revenue; it was a statement of parking management.

*The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski stated this is supposed to be about parking for the beach. She has no issue with the season pass for two vehicles, but she disagrees with a trailer being part of that. She believes vehicle plus trailer should be a per day fee and there shouldn't be the ability to have a \$250 season long pass. The parking is supposed to be slated for beach access.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that that is struck (that a trailer can count for one of two to get a season pass for \$250). No second was made.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski would like to hear from the chief in January that he is in agreement with the enforcement policies. Mr. Varner said he usually includes police and his staff in the process to make sure their policies are consistent with what the chief and town manager are happy with.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to move forward with implementation of paid parking. Commissioner Murdock added with the Parking Committee's recommendations with the changes we just made. Mayor Pro Tem Smith agreed.*

Town Manager Hewett stated his understanding is that what staff will bring back to the Board for their determination in January is the specific delineation of the parking areas that it will be rolled out for and the chief will bring his perspective back on how enforcement will work. Mayor Pro Tem Smith agreed.

*The motion passed by a 4 – 1 vote with Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Commissioners Brown, Murdock and Dyer voting for the motion and Commissioner Kwiatkowski voting in the negative.*

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 21-35, ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 21-14, THE REVENUES AND APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 (AMENDMENT NO. 9)**

Town Manager Hewett explained we have already achieved our forecasted budget for occupancy taxes for the year. It is necessary to forecast what it will be at the end of the fiscal year. The proposed budget amendment forecasts an \$830,000 increase in collection of occupancy tax due to the steady number of rentals. The amendment recognizes the required transfer of the one penny of the increase to the county, in addition to identifying expenses associated to the Lockwood Folly Dredging Project in the amount of \$230,000 and the re-upping of the Ward and Smith contract in the amount of \$70,000 through the end of the fiscal year. Also proposed is a bulkhead repair on Sailfish and the increase of cans for the Waste Industries second pickup in the amount of \$20,000. Out of the \$830,000, \$476,000 is direct expenses with \$353,000 being in affect returned to fund balance.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to approve Ordinance 21-35 Amending Ordinance 21-13; second by Commissioner Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WARD AND SMITH ENGAGEMENT LETTER**

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson said Ward & Smith, in conjunction with the Ferguson Group represent the Town in advocacy matters. Currently it is for beach nourishment, Lockwood Folly Inlet maintenance and dredge material disposal sites. This contract includes three additional areas to be determined based on needs. One of them they have been working with us on over the last few months is stormwater issues on the boulevard. The 2022 contract includes a monthly retainer of \$9,225, plus out-of-pocket expenses. The contract is for a year and the budget is through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith to approve the Ward and Smith contract for 2022 and direct our town manager to executive the contract; second by Commissioner Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THIRD AMENDMENT TO SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION, TRANSPORTATION AND DISPOSAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN AND GFL ENVIRONMENTAL**

Town Clerk Finnell explained the amendment would extend the initial term by two years, with the end date being December 13, 2023. The charge for residential curbside trash (second pickup) would be \$10.50 per month per cart. We are currently being charged \$7.78 per cart per month. This charge is for the Saturday pickups that occur June – September and the Saturdays before Memorial Day and after Easter.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski to approve the Third Amendment to Solid Waste and Recyclables Collection, Transportation and Disposal Agreement with the county (Waste Industries); second by Mayor Pro Tem Smith.*

Mayor Pro Tem Smith asked if there is a negotiation process. Town Clerk Finnell replied the increase isn't just us, it is all the towns. They tell us the rate and if we want to continue the service it would have to be approved.



*The motion was approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION 21-19, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE HOLDEN BEACH FEE SCHEDULE (RECYCLING)**

Town Clerk Finnell said the cost for the voluntary curbside recycling program has gone down. It is currently \$93.29 and it will go to \$86.37.

*Motion by Commissioner Brown to approve (Resolution 21-19, Resolution Amending the Holden Beach Fee Schedule); second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AUDIT FIRM TO CONDUCT THE REQUIRED EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2022**

Commissioner Kwiatkowski explained the Audit Committee met yesterday to make a decision on how to move forward with selecting an audit firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The committee recommends retaining Martin Starnes.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski to authorize the town manager to initiate the contract process with Martin Starnes at the appropriate time; second by Mayor Pro Tem Smith; approved by unanimous vote.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski thanked the members who served and reminded the public that the Board will be selecting members in January. If you are interested look for the solicitation from the town clerk.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GENERAL ITEMS**

Wendy Beaver asked about parking in her area. Mayor Holden said he would be happy to talk to her about it.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The Murden, the Corps' dredge is working in the inlet and the ocean bar currently. There is a Corps' contract dredger, Southwind Company, that has been awarded the contract to remove 100,000 cubic yards of beach compatible sand from the inlet crossing. There is also an additional contract option that would expand that excavation east into the bend winder that will bring the total sand harvested from that navigation maintenance project to 165,000 cubic yards. That is close to the largest beach project from that area that we have seen. The production of the dig will begin the first of February. The placement of the beach compatible sand will be from the east end, starting around Amazing Grace, approximately 2,000 feet west. Last time it stretched almost to Blockade Runner.
- Our FEMA project has just seen the initial kickoff of it. The mobilization has begun at the old Captain Jack's. We put some heavy equipment on the beach with the initial two submerged lines from offshore coming back onto the beach. The bulk of the shore pipe will arrive beginning December 28<sup>th</sup>. Expect intermittent traffic interruptions in that block. Expecting sand to be pumped onto the beach the first week in January. Will be working east to west. This is about a four-mile-long project that will start around Blockade Runner and go down (permit wise) to 781 Ocean Boulevard West. How far it



will go will depend on the yield and type of sand. Hopefully we will be able to get everything put on the beach in the environmental window.

- Coastal Storm Risk Management Study - public scoping for the project is underway. Anticipated date for the chief's report is August 2024.
- Ocean Boulevard Bike Path – last week the Grand Strand Area Transportation Advisory Committee approved \$900,000+ in federal funding for the installation of the Ocean Boulevard Bike Project. That will coincide with DOT's resurfacing contract that is scheduled to begin in September 2022.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- The No Wake Zone which was made legal a number of years ago, which goes from the west end of the Yacht Watch subdivision down to just past LouLou's Restaurant, is not being enforced and is not marked. Hopes that sometime in January, no later than February, we can have an invitation sent to enforcement agencies. We need to get everyone on board and find out all legalities that the Town and enforcement people need to satisfy to see if we can get control of the safety problems we are having in and around the bridge. Asked the Board if there is anything that needs to be brought to their attention on why they shouldn't move forward with getting the group together before something bad happens. The Board agreed to address it at a regular meeting.
- Was in a meeting last week, one of the county officials was talking about how the growth in the county was unbelievable. 140,000 people live in the county. It is growing by the minute.
- Concerning the congestion with the equipment being unloaded, you can go under the bridge and circumvent the congestion.
- Hopes everyone is signed up for our email blast. One went out about the good news about our flood insurance on the island. Most people will be getting a 15% discount in insurance over the next five years. Appreciative to the staff, commissioners and all involved in working so hard to get the qualification met.

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith

- Thanked Mike Sullivan. Can't say enough about the service he gave to the Board. Appreciates what he has done for the Town and the rest of the Board.
- Thanked the Parking Committee. Spent the better part of a day working on the proposals to get paid parking done. Thinks we put together a reasonable starting plan and with the right information hopefully we can move forward.
- Thanked the citizens who voted and allowed him to remain as a commissioner and be one for the next four years. Thanked the Board for allowing him to take the position of mayor pro tem.
- Thanked Commissioners Kwiatkowski and Murdock and Town Manager Hewett for their part in putting together the Pier Property Use Plan. It is very comprehensive. Took a lot of effort and time.
- Thanked the Audit Committee.
- There was a big turnout at the tree lighting. Really enjoyed that. Shows how the community hangs together.
- Have a safe and merry Christmas. Looking forward to a happy and prosperous new year.

#### Commissioner Brown

- Alton Milliken passed away a few days ago. He was 94 years old. A lot of these homes have his tubs, showers, plumbing pipes (Mayor Holden added he was the owner of Shallotte Electric). Think of the family and his wife over the holiday season.
- Asked Attorney Green how the hearing situation is. Attorney Green said it could not possibly be better.
- Wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy new year. Have a wonderful holiday. Spend all the time you can with family because they are precious. Stay safe in your travels and have a great time.

#### Commissioner Dyer

- Thanked Mike Sullivan for his service. Appreciates all of the work he has done. Has big shoes to fill.
- Appreciates the community's support.
- Looks forward to working with staff and the Board.
- Thanked Mr. Varner with Otto for all of the work he has done. Thinks they really know what they are doing. Look forward to working with him.
- Merry Christmas. Hope it's safe.

#### Commissioner Murdock

- Thanked Mike Sullivan for his service. He did a great job. Very privileged to serve with him.
- We looked to Otto and Mr. Varner for guidance on parking. This is his company's input. We are not reinventing the wheel; other communities have done it. Is sure that they worked through the same problems we will have to work through. Doesn't think it will be perfect. This is not set in stone. We can correct problems as they arise and make changes as needed.
- Wants everyone to appreciate how precious this time of year is. Take a break from issues. Go see your families, friends and loved ones. Tell them you love them. That's all this is about. Is sitting up here to attempt to do the right thing for the Town. Will not please everyone, but promises they are not out to do the wrong thing. Will work it out. Don't let the issues at hand get bigger than life itself. Have a good holiday season. Will pick this up again next year. Merry Christmas.

#### Commissioner Kwiatkowski

- Ward and Smith was in communication with the Town on an advocacy issue that has to do with a sudden possible opportunity linked to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. That process got started because Vicki Myers sent a message that she received a heads up about the Corps having money and stormwater was mentioned. The town manager looked into it and called Ward and Smith. The Town has made an application for funding. It is an unknown if we will get it. It is a sign of how teamwork can help move things forward. Sometimes a piece of information can result in something good. Thanked Vicki Myers for her heads up. It resulted in something that might bring us some money for much needed stormwater work.
- Glad the pier is behind us. We will get parking resolved in the first couple of months of next year.
- Hopes for a calm and smooth 2022. If she has to, can still fight back.
- Wished everyone merry Christmas.
- Thanked Mike Sullivan.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11(A)(5), TO INSTRUCT THE STAFF OR AGENT CONCERNING THE NEGOTIATION OF THE PRICE AND TERMS OF CONTRACTS CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTIES**

Town Clerk Finnell read the reason for Executive Session.

*Motion by Commissioner Murdock to go into Executive Session at 7:17 p.m.; second by Commissioner Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board went back into Open Session at 8:21 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. by Commissioner Brown; second by Mayor Pro Tem Smith; approved by unanimous vote.*

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J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Heather Finnell, Town Clerk