



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Public Hearing/Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 15, 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; Town Manager David W. Hewett; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson; Inspections Director Tim Evans; Police Chief Jeremy Dixon; Public Works Director Chris Clemmons; Fiscal Operations Supervisor Margaret Lancaster; Budget & Fiscal Analyst Daniel McRaney; and Town Attorney Katie Madon.

**PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 21-10, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOLDEN BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 160D OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES**

Inspections Director Evans said this is for the changes that were made that came down under the 160D guidelines. It encompassed quite a few changes.

No written or oral input was received. The public hearing was closed at 5:04 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Town Manager Hewett asked that the Board move items 11 & 12 to be placed immediately after the Discussion and Possible Approval of the Bond in item 8. In addition, he needs to add end-of-year housekeeping budget amendments, Ordinances 21-14, 21-15, 21-16 and 21-17. He asked that they be added before item 15 (14a).

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to approve the agenda as amended, second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes as written (Special Meeting of May 7, 2021, Public Hearing/Regular Meeting of May 18, 2021, Special Meeting of May 20, 2021 and Special Meeting of May 21, 2021); second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments were made at the meeting. Three written comments were submitted (hereby incorporated into the minutes).

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 21-13, FISCAL YEAR 2021 – 2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Town Manager Hewett explained this is the budget ordinance for the upcoming fiscal year, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. It is a result of the Board's goal setting, workshops and staff involvement over the course of the last three months. The public hearing was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> with no comments received at the hearing or tonight regarding adoption as presented. The ordinance complies with the Fiscal Control Act and is ready to be adopted if the Board desires.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski to approve Ordinance 21-13, Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Budget Ordinance as presented; second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF FEMA SPECIAL OBLIGATION BOND**

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson introduced Scott Leo, Parker Poe Adams and Bernstein and Andrew Carter, DEC Associates (by telephone). We are in the process of going before the Local Government Commission (LGC) with our application for the bridge loan financing. The documents are needed to complete the application process. The application went in last week. The project will mitigate sand losses from four storms, Florence, Michael, Dorian and Isaias. The bond order authorizes issuance of special obligations bonds of the Town and the pledge of the FEMA and state reimbursement amounts to repay the special obligation bonds.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve the bond order related to the issuance of special obligation bonds for the Town of Holden Beach; second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

Assistant Town Manager Ferguson explained the resolution sets the terms of the special obligation bonds. There was a change. The Board was supplied with one sheet with the term differences. She explained the change.

*Motion by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution 21-10, setting forth the terms of special obligation bonds to be issued to the Town of Holden Beach; second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown. They agreed to add as amended to the motion.*

Mr. Leo confirmed the 1.64% is good for the first year and if the Town is in the position to pay it in the first year with the reimbursements, then that is it. If all of the reimbursements have not come in yet, PNC would extend it for another year and will offer the market rate at that time. Town Manager Hewett added up to 12%.

Commissioner Sullivan said the amount the Board is authorizing is \$46 million but asked if we intend on borrowing that amount. Town Manager Hewett answered that is what the application package with the LGC put forth. Initially the Town would borrow up to the amount, it depends on what the bids come in at. Mr. Leo said the LGC wants you to take down the full amount you need to finish the project and you pay it back to PNC as the reimbursements come in. Town Manager Hewett confirmed it is his understanding that the interest is reimbursable by FEMA. It is an administrative cost associated with the project. He agreed we anticipate the project being complete, being reimbursed and being able to pay the amount borrowed by 2024 (the maturity date). Commissioner Sullivan asked if a two-year extension was available on the maturity date if that is not possible. Mr. Leo replied that he was mistaken about that. It is not in this document. The anticipation is that the project be done by April so there is already time built in to be reimbursed by FEMA.

*The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ORDINANCE 21-10, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HOLDEN BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 160D OF THE NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES**

Inspections Director Evans said this is 160D zoning law consolidation. He provided background of the required changes. The proposed changes were presented to the attorney for her review. The public hearing was held today. He said the Consistency Statement from the Planning & Zoning Board (P&Z) must be considered in making the decision. P&Z approved it 5-0 as being consistent with the Town's Land Use Plan. Town Manager Hewett added that Inspections Director Evans has been working on this for the better part of a year. He coordinated with the School of Government and our attorney. He has gone to great lengths to ensure that all of our stuff is wrapped up tight.

*Motion by Commissioner Sullivan to approve Ordinance 21-10, 160D changes as presented; second by Commissioner Smith; approved by unanimous vote.*

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HOLDEN BEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 95.05, STREET RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

Attorney Madon said she reviewed the current ordinance. She wanted to get feedback on what the issues are and what needed to be changed. Mayor Pro Tem Brown described different examples of what he has seen in rights-of-way (ROW). He inquired who would be responsible if something happens in the ROW because of his examples. Inspections Director Evans showed pictures of examples on the island.

Commissioner Sullivan said the idea of implementing the ordinance was to allow people to have control over the ROW adjacent to their property. It allows people to park cars at their house, rather

than drive around to find a space. He thinks the people who live and rent here have a right to protect their property and that is a viable way of doing it. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she agreed. She thinks it achieves what a majority of the residents want the way it is currently written with the 24" post and rope. The current ordinance was discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Brown stated you are seeing it in different places all over the island. He would like P&Z to look at it again. He wants the post and rope backed off the ROWs. At the minimum it needs to be eight feet off of the asphalt. He said somebody is going to get hurt. The ROW that the Town owns needs to stay Town property.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to send it to P&Z to back the ropes up to give a minimum of eight feet off the asphalt.*

Inspections Director Evans said this in the regulatory section, it doesn't need to go through P&Z. P&Z didn't have anything to do with the original change, it came out of the Parking Committee and was presented to the Board.

*Mayor Pro Tem Brown withdrew his motion.*

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown that we back the post and rope up eight feet off the asphalt, keep the ROWs clear a minimum of eight feet; second by Commissioner Smith.*

Commissioner Murdock stated he understands people wanting to keep yards neat and keep people off of them. This is a prime example that people want ROW parking done away with. He doesn't want to see it done away with by post and rope. He said we need to find a solution to the parking issue. He said we need to eliminate ROW parking. ROW needs to stay clear. He mentioned there could be some designated ROW parking. Commissioner Murdock said before he would support moving things, he thinks the Town needs to get together and figure out a solution for parking. If we keep waiting, the options we have as a Town to create parking will be gone. If he were going to take action, he would eliminate it completely, but he won't do that because people need a place to park. Until we can come up with a reasonable alternative to the ROW parking, he can't do that. Commissioner Murdock doesn't think 200 spots is reasonable. That is all we have without using ROW parking.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski asked if the Board should revisit this after the Parking Committee reports their findings. She said moving it back eight feet doesn't accomplish what is favorable to the owners. If there are situations that are safety or height issues, those could be dealt with on a regulatory basis. Inspections Director Evans said if it is not in compliance, they will tell them. They are trying to keep it under control, but he thinks it would be better to look at some other way to help citizens and to keep that clear for the Town. Stuff on the ground and in the ROW hinders our ability for maintenance. He said there is no current regulation in the ordinance regarding the distance of the post and the rope from the asphalt. At a certain point he would deem it a safety issue.

Commissioner Smith asked if it is the Town's responsibility if someone is hurt by something someone has in the ROW. Attorney Madon explained that there is a potential, but it would depend. Commissioner Sullivan asked if a municipality in North Carolina is normally held responsible for an injury that arises or could have been stopped by the implementation of an ordinance. Attorney Madon replied no, but it is situational. Commissioner Murdock said he thinks the Town needs to look

at the bigger picture. Property owners should not have people parking by their well-maintained properties in the grass. He thinks there should be another option for parking.

Mayor Pro Tem Brown said he gets that people don't want people parking at that property but doesn't like the post and rope. He thinks we need to get the Parking Committee moving.

*Mayor Pro Tem Brown, with Commissioner Smith in agreement withdrew his motion.*

## **POLICE REPORT – CHIEF DIXON**

- We filled our last vacant position. Officer Cranford has nine years' experience and has her advanced law enforcement certificate. She is in our field training program. Full staff for this year is 10 officers, which includes him. There is no detective position. He doesn't have the clerical position yet. Looked into the training for a detective. Has one person who has several classes under his belt. Will do what they can. You have to be careful about dual duty. He wants his officers to be able to respond to calls, not be doing investigations out in the county.
- We have officially entered hurricane season. The Atlantic tropics are on their second named storm. There are two disturbances out there that the National Hurricane Center is monitoring. Have your plan together.
- NC Governor's Highway Program is running Operation Firecracker. It is a Booze It and Lose It campaign. Expect to see our agency participating.
- Fireworks on the beach are illegal. It is a Class 2 Misdemeanor, which carries up to sixty days in jail and up to \$1,000 fine.
- Have a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Commissioner Sullivan inquired about the two B&Es on the report. Chief Dixon said they were dispatched. He hasn't heard any details. It may have been called in like that, but unfounded. Commissioner Sullivan asked about the 35 incidents involving parking. Chief Dixon said he doesn't know the exact number of tickets issued, but he knows there were a lot issued Memorial Day weekend. He can get the actual numbers for that and traffic stops. Commissioner Smith said he would like the number of parking citations. He would like information on the number of golf cart citations/warnings. He said he saw there was an accident involving a golf cart near High Point Street that resulted in injuries. He talked about another one who drove by in violation during that incident. He knows that is something that Chief Dixon is addressing, but it seems the number of golf carts is growing. He talked about modifications and how some are running close to 45 MPH. He is trying to save someone's life, especially a child's. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said the frightening thing she sees is a mom with a young child in her lap. Somehow the message needs to go out that they need to be in car seats in golf carts. Chief Dixon explained they have talked to rental companies and are spreading the word. He asked for people's help in spreading the word.

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DRAFT SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT FEES REPORT**

Town Clerk Finnell explained the Board has completed all of the items necessary to adopt the draft report. The report does not determine the rate the Town will charge. It establishes the maximum rate

the Town can charge. As discussed last month, staff proposes the report is given an effective date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. That allows time to determine what the fees will actually be.

*Motion by Commissioner Sullivan that we approve (Resolution) 21-11, development fees; second by Commissioner Smith.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski inquired if we could make it for the September meeting. Town Manager Hewett responded that one of the reasons we looked at the October date is to allow plenty of time. There is a lot of interest in what the fees are proposed to be. We want to allow time for people with contracts to be able to take that into consideration. Commissioner Smith asked if the water part includes the investigation of the water tower. Town Manager Hewett replied that the water tower is included in the water calculations.

*The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

### **EVALUATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE CURRENT NEED FOR THE INLET AND BEACH PROTECTION BOARD (IBPB) DUE TO CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE INLET & BEACH PROTECTION BOARD STATUS**

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she periodically looks at how committees are run. When she is proposing something for the IBPB, she has no issue with how they operate or what they are producing. When the IBPB was created, we didn't have a lobbyist and we were not where we are today on having made the decision on having a Corps' study done. As she looks at the next two to three years of what the important items would be that the Board would be asking for advice on, she thinks there is not a great deal that is needed from them while the Corps is sorting things out, while we are doing the FEMA nourishment and while we work with our lobbyist. Commissioner Kwiatkowski said knowing that boards take staff time, she believes the Board should suspend the current effort on the IBPB until a board in the future decides we need advice again. Dune health and maintenance could be put into the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board's (PRAB) wheelhouse to continue those efforts. She is asking the Board to release the current board from further duties with thanks for their contributions and to suspend the current ordinance.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that the Board release the current board with thanks and to take the necessary steps to suspend or whatever needs to happen to the ordinance.*

Attorney Madon stated the Board could suspend or modify. The change would need to do be done through an ordinance. The simpler way would be to remove it.

*Commissioner Kwiatkowski clarified that her motion is that the Board gives thanks to the current IBPB, releasing them from their duties and that the current ordinance be removed; second by Commissioner Smith.*

Commissioner Smith asked if Assistant Town Manager Ferguson is okay to move some of the responsibilities to the PRAB. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson responded that the PRAB had shoreline duties before the IBPB was formed so they should be able to deal with it. Commissioner

Sullivan said before the IBPB was established it was part of PRAB. When it was raised that they would have a separate board for beach protection, the people in PRAB opposed it. They had the opportunity to discuss it. He thinks before the Board votes on this, they should give the IBPB members the opportunity to express their opinion. Commissioner Kwiatkowski states she did get feedback from one member who said they enjoyed it and to keep up the interaction with UNCW. This was on the agenda; they did have the chance to respond. It is an advisory board at the pleasure of the Board. Adding the item to the next agenda was discussed.

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

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SETTING OF A DATE TO HOLD INTERVIEWS FOR VACANCIES ON TOWN BOARDS**

The Board agreed to hold interviews on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 p.m.

## **END-OF-YEAR HOUSEKEEPING BUDGET AMENDMENTS, ORDINANCES 21-14, 21-15, 21-16 AND 21-17**

Town Manager Hewett explained these are housecleaning items that we need to complete before the end of the year. We may need to do some more housekeeping items at the meeting in July. Ordinance 21-14 reflects the increased consumption for sewer treatment in the amount of \$244,134, recognizing revenues that are projected to come in, pay the county and continue the operations of the sewer system. The others are the same circumstances. These are housekeeping events. They don't represent any increased cost; they are all revenue driven.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski to approve budget related ordinances 21-14, 21-15, 21-16 and 21-17 as written; second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE SELECTION OF A CHAIRPERSON FOR THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Sullivan explained that the Audit Committee requires that the chair be a member of the Board of Commissioners. Since Woody Tyner resigned, they haven't had a chairman. He would like to fill the vacant spot. Commissioner Smith suggested Commissioner Sullivan be nominated.

*Commissioner Sullivan nominated Commissioner Kwiatkowski.*

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said she could do this because there is a committee filled with qualified people.

*Mayor Pro Tem Brown seconded the motion; approved by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PARKING COMMITTEE**

Commissioner Kwiatkowski went over her proposed formal request to the Parking Committee. If the Board could agree that the tasker is what they are asking the committee to do, then it clarifies the purpose and the Board is more likely to get something back in the fall based on what they want.

*Motion by Commissioner Kwiatkowski that we provide the Parking Committee with this request from the Board; second by Mayor Pro Tem Brown.*

Commissioner Murdock said all of this has to be addressed before it can be implemented. He doesn't think it would hurt to have this. The Board talked about timing. Town Manager Hewett said there was a request for proposals for paid parking services that went out last week. Some of the items in it were very similar to the tasker. It will be back in time for the July meeting.

*The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

## **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO SELECT THE PRIORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' OBJECTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR**

Commissioner Kwiatkowski said the Board has gone through scoring and creating objectives. Generally, the Board decides to draw a line at a certain point. If there is something you want to pursue below the line, you can bring it to the Board, but it wouldn't be the agreed list of priorities to accomplish for the fiscal year. She suggested drawing the line at 13 and above. Town Manager Hewett suggested general, strategic efforts and going to item 17. After discussion, Commissioner Kwiatkowski will list the un-started and strategic items for the Board's review at the next meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON GENERAL ITEMS**

Ashley Royal said when he was on the Board, there were some ordinances that were made based on personal preference. He thinks the Town is best served if we take a look at the cost and real gain of any proposed ordinances. If there is not a clear gain, he thinks the Town should opt to not do something new. He talked about change management. He encouraged getting rid of the ordinance on ROWs. There is a reason for ROWs, so we have access to important utilities. Mr. Royal thinks it goes against what is intended for ROW. He said he thinks the Town needs to look hard at if we want paid parking. It will be an added financial burden for people to have to pay. He encouraged the Board to take a second look at paid parking. Mr. Royal said the more parking we have, the more traffic we have, the more amenities the Town needs to provide. To him, parking is one of the things that can correct itself. He encouraged the Board to look at parking in terms of impact.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Elsa, the auditor is onsite this week. There will be some potential scheduling conflicts on some of the borrowings being contemplated. The LGC wants an early audit. Not sure what that means in terms of money. Once the audit is submitted to the LGC, it has to be briefed to the Board within

45 days. Since our contract is for October 31<sup>st</sup> submittal to the LGC, if we go to the December meeting it will be outside of that. We may need to call a special meeting to accommodate that schedule.

- Seagull Street Paving/Engineer's Schedule - it's approximately eight months. Two months, July & August for surveys and designs. It may take three months to get permits. That timeframe might compress. Looking at a December bidding and contract award date, with construction potentially in January and February. Doesn't recommend we pave in the cooler months. We need to at least get to the Easter timeframe.
- Paid Parking Services – The RFP is out on the street. It should be before the commissioners at the July meeting.
- FEMA – we have one last project worksheet we are waiting for approval on. It is about \$190,000 for administrative purposes for Isaias. Will be proceeding with the LGC. Will not let that hold up the application. It will require a budget amendment to recognize the funds when we receive it. The debris removal for Isaias was approved for \$86,000, but the state has stopped cutting checks for the end of the fiscal year. We don't expect those until mid-late July. The beach strand cleanup efforts request for reimbursement was not approved.
- Corps AIWW/Lockwood Folly Inlet Crossing Maintenance Project – been contacted by the again by the Corps to gage interest about the next dredging cycle of sand coming to Holden Beach. Reaffirmed the Town's intent to participate via the appropriation in the budget that starts July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Corps is looking to make a contract award at the end of July.
- Corps Inlet Navigation Maintenance – Just three weeks after the sand went to Oak Island, the inlet bar is being reported in the worst shape ever by the Lockwood Folly Inlet Association. The Board has been on record in saying that the sand needs to be placed on the east end of Holden Beach because of littoral drift. The project is a failure. Subsequently, the Corps has scoped a \$900,000 one-time effort for a series of exploratory sorties by the sidecaster to reopen the ocean bar. It would require \$700,000 of MOA funding immediately. The stakeholders (David Kelly from Oak Island, Steve Stone, Deputy County Manager and himself) have cooperated to provide direction for the Corps to proceed with the \$200,000 that they have in hand to see what can be done. Once that happens, we will evaluate the results. Could be back in front of the Board asking for a temporary measure to get across the bar.
- Vegetation Project – the contractor is making good progress. They are currently at 360 OBW.
- Parks & Rec Master Plan is almost complete. Looking at July for presentations to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and the Board.
- Tide Dye started today.
- Concerts – first two were well attended. Looking forward to North Tower this Sunday.

## **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

- Assistant Town Manager Ferguson continues to do a great job putting concerts together. The Police Department has done a great job of being present and monitoring the activities. Crowds seem to be happy and having a great time.
- Receives lots of positive comments about the Padgett Garden at the intersection. Also, on the appearance of Town Hall. ROWs are looking good. The clean-up of the bridge was noticed.
- Beach grass continues to be a discussion. Always good to see a continuation of our efforts to grow our oceanfront.

- We had a boat that turned over in the inlet. Nobody was hurt. Boat was towed in. We had a drowning since the last meeting. A gentleman tried to rescue some children.
- Received positive comments about the playground. Every year it amazes him about the growing amount of people out there. The new paint on the court looks good.
- Proud of this Town. It is a good start to a good summer.

## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

### Mayor Pro Tem Brown

- Thanked staff. Knows Chief Dixon has a lot going on. Thanked the Police Department and Public Works. Thanked Attorney Madon. Enjoyed Mr. Royal's comments. It is a tough call on a lot of the issues. The goal is to do what is right for the Town. There is a lot to be said about the parking. Hopes it works out in a good positive way for the Town. Thanked Town Manager Hewett for the good work that he does.
- It is good to see people here. Come back and bring a buddy.
- Stay safe for the summer. Looks like we have a good one coming our way.

### Commissioner Smith

- Public Works Director Clemmons and his staff do an excellent job in keeping this island looking good. His guys seem to address things immediately when we need them taken care of. Chief Dixon, with the influx of people coming in and his full staff of officers are doing a great job. There is a lot of visibility. We got our vehicles in. It is great to see those on the road. Assistant Town Manager Ferguson with Parks & Recreation, seeing the people with the Tide Dye put a smile on his face. It is good to see Holden Beach getting back to normal. Appreciates Town Manager Hewett and his efforts with the budget.
- We need to make some moves to put some regulations on golf carts, via the rental companies. We need to make sure that what they are bringing to the island is the safest possible with all the DOT requirements at the time they bring them over. We might need to put out some recommendations to them to have safety suggestions that they can give to the people. Make sure we don't let them cause more problems than need be.
- Overall thinks the Town looks the best he has seen it years. Everyone's houses are painted nice. They've done a great job with landscaping. The island is full. Good to see people enjoying this beautiful place.

### Commissioner Murdock

- Told Mr. Royal he would be glad to slide another chair up at the Parking Committee meetings. It's a really hard subject. Hopes we can figure it out. There will be a finite number when it's done. We are not Myrtle Beach. We need a reasonable amount of parking spaces. Will come to a happy medium without burdening anyone hopefully. The problem is trying to figure out how to pay for something we don't have. That's why we may have to charge a little bit.
- The concerts are great. Sits on the back of the pontoons and listens to the music.
- Concerning how good it looks on the island. Would like to see it look great at the other end of bridge.

- Glad to see everyone. Would like to see more people at the meeting. Would like more public comment. Wished people would come to speak. We need all the input we can get to make the right decisions.

Commissioner Sullivan

- There are more people here this meeting than last. Hopefully more will come in the future so we can get the benefit of opinions and input.
- After what was said by Mayor Holden and Commissioner Murdock, we should thank the Beautification Club. They did the plantings at the building and at Padgett Garden. They do an excellent job and get very little recognition for it.
- Before the next meeting in July, the filing for a position on the Board is from July 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 16<sup>th</sup>. If anyone is interested in being part of the solution and wants to sit on the Board, you need to register.

Commissioner Kwiatkowski

- It is good to see people here. Looking forward to a great summer. Been walking on the strand. There are a lot of happy people. Been pleased to see the beach rangers out interacting with people. Have yet to see a dog on the beach during the hours they are not supposed to be. We are starting out well.
- Hopes people can come to the next meeting. Next meeting will have several interesting items to discuss.
- Have a happy and safe summer.

**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 A CONTRACT CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to go into Executive Session; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.*

Town Clerk Finnell read the reason for Executive Session.

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board went back into Open Session at 8:31 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Brown to adjourn at 8:31 p.m.; second by Commissioner Smith; approved by unanimous vote.*

---

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

---

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk