



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 – 5:30 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Special Meeting on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Mayor J. Alan Holden; Mayor Pro Tem Rick Smith; Commissioners Brian Murdock, Page Dyer and Gerald Arnold; Town Manager David W. Hewett; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson; Inspections Director Tim Evans; and Town Attorney Rick Green.

Mayor Holden called the meeting to order.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public was in attendance.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSAL FROM BOWMAN MURRAY HEMINGWAY ARCHITECTS FOR NEXT PHASE OF THE HOLDEN BEACH PIER PROJECT**

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith that we move forward with Bowman Murray Hemingway on the design proposal for our pier property; second by Commissioner Arnold.*

Chip Hemingway said they are proposing to rebuild the pier starting at the pier house, up until the ADA access to the main pier level. It is differentiated by color on the drawings he provided. During that part, there will be inspections on the pilings being driven into the earth as part of the NC Building Code. They are not planning on having inspections on the other pilings unless they are visually damaged and need to be replaced. At this time, he doesn't think they are planning on working on any pilings in the water. Mr. Hemingway said they are planning on replacing the cross braces and handrails. He said CAMA permitting was not put in the proposal. Inspections Director Evans explained he doesn't foresee any problems with the process. He suggested his department could work with the engineer on applying for the permits. The possibility of needing a variance was discussed. Mayor Holden reviewed the importance of keeping the existing pilings oceanward beyond the current structure. Mr. Hemingway said they have not thought of rebuilding the pier beyond where it is currently, however they can show it on the drawings. Mayor Holden requested they do that. Mr. Hemingway explained he doesn't have any landscape architecture in the plan at this time. Decking and fundraising bricks were discussed.

*The motion passed by unanimous vote.*

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 23-07, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE HOLDEN BEACH FEE SCHEDULE (EFFECTIVE DATE FOR BUILDING FEES)**

Mayor Pro Tem Smith explained why he thinks it is a good idea to change the effective date on the resolution recently passed for building fees.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith that we approve Resolution 23-07, Amending the Holden Beach Fee Schedule and make the effective date July 1<sup>st</sup>; second by Commissioner Murdock; approved by unanimous vote.*

**CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11(A)(3), TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY AND NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11(A)(5), TO ESTABLISH OR INSTRUCT STAFF OR AGENT CONCERNING THE PRICE AND TERMS CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY**

Town Clerk Finnell read the reason for Closed Session.

*Motion by Mayor Pro Smith to go into Closed Session at 5:53 p.m.; second by Commissioner Arnold; approved by unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Commissioner Murdock to adjourn at 6:31 p.m.; 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