

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH**

January 29, 2007

The Town Council of the Town of Carolina Beach met in special/budget session on January 29, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Administration Building, 1121 N. Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach, North Carolina. The following were present: Mayor, Bill Clark; Mayor Pro Tem (MPT), Alan Gilbert; Councilwoman, Pat Efid; Councilman, Jerry Johnson; and Councilman Joel Macon. Also present was Town Manager, Tim Owens and Town Clerk, Lynn N. Prusa.

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss a variety of projects being conducted by Engineering Services; give staff and Engineering Services direction of items that the town should pursue or should continue to pursue; presentation by department heads on upcoming budget process and challenges; and direction from Town Council regarding department budgets, services levels, projects, and expectations.

Brian Cox with Engineering Services gave Council updates concerning the water system, wastewater system, storm water system, water and sewer rates and other various projects.

Mr. Cox went over the following two permitting options for the Wilmington Beach Street Improvements:

- Nationwide Permit
 - Impact less than ½ acre of wetlands
 - Shorter review process
 - A portion of Spot Lane will not be included
 - Some existing ditches will not be piped
 - Mitigation of impact required

- Individual Permit
 - Impact greater than ½ acre of wetlands
 - Includes all of the unpaved streets
 - Longer review process (12-18 months)
 - Mitigation of impact required

The general consensus of Council was to apply for the individual permit instead of the nationwide permit. Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert suggested that during that 12-18 month period that we need to make the roads that we have as habitable as possible, and budget for some crush and run.

Councilman Macon suggested that, in cooperation with Sunny Point, we create some wetland areas. Also he suggested that on the lots with major wetland's impact that we contact the owners of those properties and find out if they would be willing to donate that land and get a tax credit for it.

The Operations Director, Steve Pagley, went over the water system infrastructure (water/sewer rate comparisons, funding for maintenance repair/replacement of equipment to include storm water maintenance, proposed variable and fixed rate increases and the financial impact).

Presentations were given by each department head at which time they identified at least three departmental accomplishments over the current fiscal year, FY 06/07, and three goals for the upcoming FY 07/08.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Councilwoman Efirm to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn N. Prusa
Town Clerk

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