

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

August 9, 2011

The Town Council of the Town of Carolina Beach met in regular session on August 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Administration Building, 1121 N. Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach, North Carolina. The following were present: Mayor Pro Tem (MPT) Pat Efird; Councilman Dan Wilcox; Councilman Bob Lewis and Councilman Lonnie Lashley. Also present was the Town Manager Tim Owens, Town Clerk Lynn Prusa; Finance Director Dawn Johnson and Town Attorney Steve Coggins. Mayor Macon was absent.

MPT Efird called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

Michelle Connet opened the meeting in prayer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MPT Efird led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT THE AGENDA

Councilman Lewis made a motion to adopt the agenda with the following changes: under Item #9 consider the additional paperwork that was provided; postpone Item #17 to the September 13, 2011 meeting as requested by the applicant; under Item #19 consider the order to close a portion of Croaker Lane; and add a presentation from the Surfrider Foundation as Item #8a. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PRESENTATION BY NEW HANOVER COUNTY TAX ADMINISTRATOR ROGER KELLY REGARDING THE REEVALUATION PROCESS FOR NEW HANOVER COUNTY

Roger Kelly presented an update on what the county is doing and where they stand with the reevaluation. They went to a 4 year reevaluation and last year was when they were supposed to have it and it was postponed due to the economy. They are working on it now and he is here to give everyone an idea of where they are at, when they are going to end and what you have to look forward to. The tax office is responsible for assigning values to all properties, listing all real and personal property, mapping the county, billing and collecting taxes for New Hanover County and all the municipalities. The last reevaluation we caught the top of the market range, we assigned some very high values on properties. They did reflect the market at that time, however, circumstances arose where they started to fall, we didn't have another year to go, our backs were against the

wall, we were at the 8th year and since that time we have seen falling housing prices, a lot of foreclosures, short sales, bank sales and we are considering all of these in the numbers that we are going to try to arrive at from the market value as of January 1, 2012. There are some changes in the legislation for the reevaluations and we now currently have a mandatory reevaluation in the laws. If the market sales ratio reaches 115% we have 3 years to complete a reevaluation regardless of where you are. The only stopgap there is the fact is if you are up against an 8 year you have to have it completed no later than the eighth year even if it falls in the first or second year of what they mandate to you. If the sales ratio goes below 85%, the same thing applies; we're mandated to do a reevaluation. The next reevaluation is January 1, 2012 and the values will be determined as of January 1st. A year from now somebody is going to come up and say that is not the value of my property today. The value reflects market January 1st and that is the only time it will reflect market until we do another reevaluation. Some people think that is not the best method to work for property taxes but it's the best thing the state can come up with. We looked at other states, Florida, Georgia, what's happening in South Carolina and how they handled their reevaluations and haven't found anything any fairer than what we have right now. He showed an example of 6 homes with values as they are today which were assigned on January 1, 2007. Currently the Carolina Beach sales ratio is 147%. This means that on average the homes down here are valued 47% higher than what they would sell for on the market. However, we have to keep in mind that this is an average. There are some properties that didn't drop 47% and there are some that dropped even higher than that. Other areas will drop differently. They all just didn't drop at the same rate. I made the adjustments on here and showed the percent of change (Exhibit 1). The first one is 53%, 46%, 35%, 26%, 17% and 8% for an estimated value of \$2,899,250. The original base of \$4,825,000 at \$.175 will get you \$8,444 in revenue. The \$2,899,250, in order to get the same base of \$8,444 and bring in that same amount of revenue, the tax rate would have to be \$.2912 per \$100 for an increase of \$.1162 cents. This is saying if you went to revenue neutral. We are still compiling sales, still working on areas and this could change tomorrow. The next slide shows (Exhibit 2) that on the first house the tax bill was \$2,625. At the new rate it would be \$2,053 and they would see a \$572 decrease in their taxes. He continued to review the tax differences. Our sales ratio in 2010 was 104.59%, 2011 it was 113.00% and we have a reevaluation year in 2012. Most of the counties are seeing the same amount of increase of sales ratios with the exception of Brunswick and Carteret, they just completed a reevaluation and they are at 97% and 98%. Naturally we are all trying to reach 100% but we're going to be satisfied with 98% and 99% which is our goal shooting for the market. That is a quick overview of what is going to happen with the values as far as how they relate to the last reevaluation. Right now we have come up with the generic cost approach to value. Now we are looking at the sales and seeing what we have to do by neighborhood which could include 3 or 4 different neighborhoods that are homogenous to each other based on the market. We are working on those numbers until the last minute, probably mid to late October. If a home sees a decrease of 30% to 35%, it's going to be fairly close to the same amount of tax. If it goes over 35% they will see a decrease. If it goes less than 35%, they will see an increase in their tax bill. In defining the "neighborhoods" of Carolina Beach they look at a number of factors - size, conditions, age of the neighborhood, location. They try to compare similar type properties to similar type properties.

PRESENTATION BY WAVE TRANSIT REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO CAROLINA BEACH

Albert Eby, Executive Director of the Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority, said that they serve New Hanover County, northern Brunswick County and southern Pender County as well as provide service to Chapel Hill through the local Department of Social Services. He said they are here tonight to talk about public transportation to the southern beach communities. He said there have been requests for service to the southern beaches and Wrightsville Beach and are here to present a proposed plan to Council. They are not here to set policy. He gave an overview of public transportation and said policy is set by the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization for the region. Public transportation financing is a combination of federal, state and local funds, fares from passengers and other resources at WAVE Transit. Carolina Beach is eligible for public transportation financing from the federal government through the motor vehicle fuel tax as well as the State of North Carolina. The fact that you don't take advantage of it is one reason we are here to say here's the opportunity to do so. Our current annual operating budget is a little over \$7,000,000. This past fiscal year they transported just under 1.6 million passengers that include a lot of repeat passengers. A copy of the plan was given to the town manager and town clerk. The plan not only includes service to the southern beaches but also from Monkey Junction to the community here and proposed service to Wrightsville Beach. As a town, as an incorporated area, the general statutes allow you to deny public transportation service through your corporate city limits. It also allows you to authorize or allow us to provide service as well. How the plan would be financed, their proposal is through a vehicle registration fee. In 2009 they worked with the state legislature, especially the local delegation in Raleigh, to implement a \$7 vehicle registration fee available to all 100 counties throughout North Carolina. The law also includes a multi-modal type funding source they are currently using to build the bridge over I-77. It would also fund different initiatives for not only road type transportation but for public transportation and also includes a countywide \$.04 sales tax throughout the state by referendum of the county commissioners and the voters of NHC. There are a lot of options here. The option we have chosen for this proposal is the \$7 vehicle registration fee. We've been talking to the county commissioners and other town councils like yourself and other interested groups such as the NHC Board of Education, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties who may support this plan. The vehicle registration fee would generate about \$1.1 million. Of that we would use not only the federal and state funding available for this area, but some of the proceeds from the vehicle registration fees. Our proposal does not include any funds from the general fund from any of the communities we're proposing service to, no additional funding from you. The entire county would be contributing through the vehicle registration fee. The estimates for the plan would be roughly \$100,000 a year for service on the island, a little over \$200,000 a year for service from Monkey Junction to the Snow's Cut Bridge, and another \$100,000 for service to Wrightsville Beach. He showed maps of the proposed routes. One of the requests they had was from the aquarium several years ago because of high fuel costs to employees and limited parking. Public transportation would reduce traffic, would be an economic development especially for those in the service industry

who may not be able to afford their own transportation to get to the beach communities. He showed the Carolina Beach route which would connect Monkey Junction to the Snow's Cut Bridge and to the Pleasure Island route proposed. The advantage to both these routes is that they are straight up and down so someone could catch them on either side of the route and would reduce the time between routes dramatically to about less than 30 minutes on the Pleasure Island route and about 30 minutes on this route. This route would also serve Veteran's Park as well NHC schools in that area. That is a brief overview of the plan. What we are seeking from you and your counterparts on many other councils is support for this plan. They are here to gauge the community support and hope you will take it to the residents of Carolina Beach, ask them what they feel about the plan and if there is support for the plan, he would like to work with the manager to have a resolution to show the county commissioners.

The town manager said he would recommend setting a public hearing on this matter. We can post the plan on the website, advertise and hold a public hearing. Then make some kind of decision after that.

PRESENTATION BY ROBERT SCHOONMAKER CONCERNING THE CAROLINA BEACH INLET

Robert Schoonmaker, 404 Fern Creek Lane, said Dennis Barbour is going to explain why they are in the situation with the inlet from the technical standpoint and with the Corps of Engineers and then he will follow-up with his portion of the presentation.

Dennis Barbour said Councilman Wilcox is current on the matter as he has been attending a lot of the meetings with the local group formed here to try to come up with an alternative means for funding for maintenance of the Carolina Beach Inlet. In June there was a meeting in Wilmington that the corps had to explain where they are as far as maintenance of shallow draft inlets. This past year's budget for shallow draft inlets, most of which are Carolina Beach, New River Inlet, Topsail and Lockwood Folly Inlet. No shallow draft inlets received full funding and most received no funding. There is no funding to maintain the Carolina Beach Inlet. If you are a boater you have probably observed that it is starting to naturally fill-in like it does every year. Usually the corps comes in and blows sand out the main channel and dredges it down to 8 feet and maintains it to 150 feet wide. Because of the lack of funding, the Corps of Engineers is laying off crews because they have no funding to do the dredging. They have also decommissioned one of the side caster dredges. The corps has the only type of equipment that does shallow drafting and dredging. There are no private companies you can call up and ask if they have a better price. The corps also does the permitting for it so they are the natural avenue to keep our inlet dredged open. The main issue is funding. They have a new hopper dredge that is being commissioned but the State of Florida, through private funding, is pretty much going to keep that dredge busy down there for the next year. So we are left with the Currituck, a hopper dredge, and the Merit, a side caster dredge that could come in and dredge our inlet. The corps made a bold statement, in the past whenever the federal government put funding in to a program; they have a new stance where it used to be maintenance dredging, now it is called emergency dredging.

Again, you have to have money to make it happen. They are down to 8 crews now and that is not good. If they don't get funding from some source, they will continue to lay crews off and would have to rehire, retrain, and recommission boats if funding comes back. Robert met with the Ports, Waterways and Beach Commission (PWBC) today and there is a plan that is being proposed by the NHC PWBC to kind of get us from point of no funding, no dredging, possible closure of Carolina Beach Inlet and should it get to a point through their surveys of 3.5 feet there is a different vessel that the corps has that will come in, pull the buoys out of the inlet and put a sign up "hazard to navigation, not navigable". That takes them off the liability standpoint of having buoys in shallow water. Back in 2005 the town did an economic impact study to determine what maintaining Carolina Beach Inlet as a navigable inlet done for our area and the numbers were a staggering \$15 million per year that it contributes to the Carolina Beach area and resulted in to try to get continued funding, an economic impact study done for the whole coast of North Carolina should the other shallow draft inlets start close. It is vital we try every avenue possible to maintain Carolina Beach Inlet. I think what it going to be presented today is to get us through from now until June 30, 2012 and, hopefully, if we can get over this hump between NHC, the State of North Carolina, PWBC, we can have some type of program in place that will sustain funding for long term dredging because you can't count on federal funding anymore. Earmarks are gone and there is no avenue that our local congressmen and senators have to pull funding in to make dredging of Carolina Beach Inlet happen. He turned the presentation over to Robert Schoonmaker to go over what we plan to do.

Mr. Schoonmaker thanked Councilman Wilcox and the town manager for their hard work on this. The state has come in and said they have some funds but they need them to be matched. They offered us \$225,000 if we can match it. At the meeting today and it was said the City of Wilmington proposed they would give \$5,000, Wrightsville Beach \$5,000, Kure Beach \$15,000, and Carolina Beach \$30,000. This is just a proposed figure here. The county was going to pick up the rest to equal out the \$225,000. This was just a proposal. If it was \$30,000, it would be a great investment for the town to come up with that money in order to keep our inlet open. This town, the whole center of it, is kind of focused around the marina but it doesn't even really have to be around the charter fishing fleet, it's the whole community - the Got'Em On Classic, the marinas, the restaurants, the hotels, boat dealers, repair shops, we all feed off the inlet so to speak. These figures, even if some of them couldn't come up with the money or wanted to lower it a little bit, if we had to pay a little bit more it would be a great investment for our community. The price of real estate would also be a factor because now you have waterfront property with docks where the boats can't get safely to the ocean according to the Coast Guard. We need to make the right decision and hopefully get this funding because he learned tonight that Holden Beach already has their matching funds for the state and Topsail Beach already has their matching funds so we need to work quickly in order to get our funds ready to get the dredging done.

Mr. Barbour said, regarding where this number came from, Bob Keesler with the Corps of Engineers received a letter from Darryl England with the NC Division of Water Resources and he was directed by the Governor to contact the Corps of Engineers and

request a budget for each shallow draft inlet what it would cost the corps to maintain it from now until June 30, 2012. The number the corps came up with was \$450,000. This would pay for 28 days of dredging between now and June 30, 2012. He said if they survey and they come in and only need to do 9 days of dredging to get to 8 feet - 150 feet wide, they would save the rest of it for the next dredging or if they needed to do 3 dredgings. This would be contingent upon a 50/50 match, 50% from the state and 50% from local government.

Councilman Wilcox said he just came from the meeting and said it was his understanding, in talking at the meeting tonight, that \$450,000 is likely not going to get us a full project of 8 feet deep/150 feet wide but we would be in a lot better condition than we are. The difficulty is figuring out where the money is coming from. The inlet services Carolina Beach, Kure Beach, New Hanover, Wilmington and is an integral part of everything we do here and the economy for the whole area so we are obviously looking for other people to step up and help fund that \$225,000. Rick Catlin had to go back to the county commissioners on the 15th, Monday, and provide them with a proposed cost share. Unfortunately, it is not one everyone could agree to because Wilmington and Kure Beach don't even have their meetings until the 16th and can't even take the issue up until the day after. But what the commission did agree on was that each of those municipality representatives would take the proposals back to their respective councils and suggest that amount that would make the funding work.

The town manager said he thinks they need to make a recommendation. He said another thing they talked about, too, was 1% of the PWBC's budget will go towards this which is \$2,225. There is a sense of urgency as to whether to take action on this.

Councilman Wilcox said that Rick Caitlin is taking this back to his fellow commissioners and propose it but there is no guarantee they will accept or that the other towns will meet their funding request either. We were looking at \$30,000 for Carolina Beach as a minimum and feel that we probably need to provide up to \$50,000 in the event the plan doesn't go as planned.

Councilman Wilcox made a motion to make funds available from the Tourism Fund with a starting point of \$30,000 and up to \$50,000 to go towards our share of the \$225,000 for the inlet dredging.

There was some discussion about the amount.

He amended his motion to up to \$55,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROPOSAL FROM LUKE SMITH OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REGARDING SCANNING AND DOCUMENT RETRIEVAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH

Luke Smith, 609 Cape Fear Blvd., representing the ad hoc Budget Advisory Committee, presented this item. He said they discuss many ways at their meetings that would help

the town save money. One of them is the idea of going to a paperless operation in our offices at the town. Basically you have all your old documents which you would scan into the computer system and have the capability to shred the paper documents. All documents coming into the town would also be scanned into the system and dispose of those. It frees up a lot of space and makes things a lot easier for employees. It's quicker, retrieval of documents only takes a few seconds instead of walking down the hall to the file cabinet which may or may not be there. There are four reasons to go paperless. The one we spent the most time on was the cost issue. There are also customer service issues, security issues and environmental issues. In determining the cost savings we composed a survey which we sent out to all the department heads, also interviewed Leland's finance director, the NHC IT specialist, vendor estimates and "best practices" research on-line. We looked at other towns with about the same amount of people to see what their experience was in going to this method. As a result of the survey they came up with a conservative estimate of what the town spends right now on its operations that involve paper is about \$62,000 - that's material and employee hours. The costs of paperless, covering everything they think you would need to have, the first year would include a little more expense is around \$82,000 and would include a couple of part-time employees to upgrade your software, training hours and things like that. After that first year it would drop down to an average cost of \$36,000 a year. They think there is a definite functional value in the police officers having a tablet PC, firefighters, inspectors, etc., so they can do things on site but it's not absolutely necessary and could be cut with a 20% reduction in costs. They did a 5 year cost which came to \$104,022 or \$144,022 if you didn't use the tablet PC's. Other advantages are improved client services that would give immediate reply to inquiries, on-line permitting, worksite upgrades, etc. Ms. Strickland, Leland finance officer, said the cost benefit is priceless. Improved security with documents being stored in a data vault protected from disasters, loss or theft. It provides for improved environmental accountability. How to implement the transition? They suggest hiring an IT specialist, it's cheaper and better than Hooks and would be on staff all the time. You would need a transition team made up of a member from each department and would need to hire 2 part-time employees to scan old documents. Then pick a date and move forward. Everything that comes in from that point on you scan into the system.

The town manager said if they want to go this route he would suggest letting staff digest this a little bit and would like for Mr. Smith to come back and sit in on a department head meeting. They are doing some things now, a lot of personnel files, most of our packets back 2 or 3 years, minutes and there are some things we could improve upon. It's a matter of hiring some part-time folks, scanning and moving forward with it. He is open to look at it and maybe come back to it in a couple of months.

SEAN ALHUM WITH SURFRIDER FOUNDATION

Sean Alhum, Board of Director for Surfrider Foundation International said he is the Cape Fear Chapter Chair, said he wanted to talk about their Rise Above the Plastics Program which is designed to educate people about marine plastics and the issues they are causing in our oceans today and some really simple steps that we as a community members can take to mitigate their impacts going forward. Rise Above the Plastics is a strategy to

reduce the impact of plastics in our marine environment by raising awareness and going forward to create smart educational plans and legislations around plastics. Plastics are unbelievably accumulating and are forever. There are five gyres in the world which is the center area in between the currents of the ocean and in these gyres were collecting mass amounts of plastic. Approximately 60% to 80% of all plastic in the oceans today is land based plastic. It is not coming from cruise ships, warships or large oceangoing vessels dumping plastic, it's all washing off of our shores. It is causing a lot of problems, most notably the marine mammal and marine life mortality problems. Marine birds, mammals and fish are ingesting this plastic. There are over 100,000 marine mammals a year that are caught up in entanglement or ingestion issues and end up dying and 60% to 80% are caused by marine plastics. In the year 2000 we generated over 25 million tons of plastic a year and recovering less than 2 million tons a year. One of the largest amounts of plastic we produce is plastic, single use grocery bags. It is estimated that annually in the United States alone we do 12 million barrels of oil for 100 billion bags a year. An average American family takes those plastic grocery bags and uses them for 20 minutes. The impact is 4% of our world's total oil production per year going towards something we are throwing away. We talk a lot about recycling and recycled bags save about 11 barrels of oil for every ton of recycled bags. We recycled 800 billion pounds of plastic bags and film in 2007 which equates to 1% to 3% of all plastic bags in the U.S. being recycled. To process one ton of bags it costs \$4,000 but when they turn to sell it on the open commodities market, the recycled products, they are getting \$32 a ton. Plastic is different from other materials, it doesn't biodegrade, it happens to photo degrade and breaks down into smaller component pieces. As it washes off of our land into our water streams and oceans it looks like food to marine life and then they slowly starve to death. Most plastics contain biphenyl A and there are large concerns with regard to fetuses, infants and young children. The European union banned it from baby bottles. It enters into our food chains. They have found that in the five gyres there is 6 pounds of plastic for every pound of plankton and phytoplankton. He talked about physical problems caused to humans, most frighteningly is the human reproduction system and sexual behavior. There are levels of chemicals in food increases, as larger marine life eats smaller marine life and then we eat that. We are poisoning ourselves from the very base of our food stream on up. We need to think about how this would impact our health care system and the financials involved in that. It's costing us a lot of money to clean it up, approximately \$1.3 billion annually. The total cost of litter collection is costing us \$11.5 billion in the U. S. annually with businesses bearing the burden of most of this. They spend about \$9.1 billion. States, cities and towns are spending about \$1.3 billion a year which is coming out of our taxpayers' pockets. Supermarkets are spending about \$1,500 to \$6,000 a month on plastic bags which are built into your food costs, about \$.02 to \$.05 per bag. Paper is a little bit better as it decomposes but they have a very toxic production. What are some solutions? The answer is, education and awareness through presentations like this and promotion of legislative changes through local ordinances and policies including countywide and statewide. Surfrider has been pretty successful with this. They are a non-profit organization started in 1984 and their mission is the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans ways and beaches through a powerful activist network. Bags have been banned in Oregon recently, New York is placing deposits on bottles, Los Angeles has a ban on single use bags and a \$.10 fee on paper bags and D.C. enacted a bag

fee of \$.05 per bag (paper or plastic) and had an 86% decrease or 22.5 million bags in 2009. The money is used to help clean up a waterway that feeds into the Chesapeake Bay. In 2009 they were able to raise \$1.1 million per month. He is here to suggest that New Hanover County consider a bag fee or bag ban. He would prefer to see a bag fee and use those funds for a worthy environmental cause that the community can rally around and/or educational efforts. A portion would remain with the store that bought the bag in the beginning. It is currently a worldwide movement to ban the plastic bag and reduce our plastics. The Town of Wrightsville Beach at their July meeting adopted a resolution saying they would be in support of a plastic bag fee or ban should one be proposed in New Hanover County and he is asking that this board consider adopting a similar resolution given the nature of your town and proximity to the coast, the dependence on our marine environment for town survival and economic benefits. Even if the town doesn't do that, you can vote with your conscience and your pocketbook every time you go to the store.

The town manager said he can bring back a resolution similar to the one from Wrightsville Beach.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF GERALD BIGLEY

Council expressed a desire to recognize Mr. Bigley for the many contributions that he has made to the community over the years. At this time consider adopting Resolution No. 11-1058 recognizing Mr. Bigley.

Councilman Lewis made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 11-1058 (Exhibit 3). MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Bigley was requested to step forward and MPT Efird read the resolution aloud and presented it to Mr. Bigley on behalf of the Carolina Beach Town Council.

RECOGNIZE TOWN EMPLOYEES FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

MPT Efird and the town manager recognized Gene Gurganious, Public Utilities Director, for 20 years of service.

CAROLINA BEACH COMMITTEE REPORTS

Duke Hagestrom, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, gave an update on Mike Chappell Park. He said things have been going very well. The field is growing in nicely with just a couple of spots that are a little bit bare. The landscaper is going to put a little bit more seed down and continue to irrigate to see if they can get it to germinate in that area. They held off on doing any herbicide because some of the shoots are really young. Once they come in they will do some sort of herbicide treatment. The softball field they had a little bit of trouble with the radius so they have been adjusting some of the clay to get the right radius for the edge of the field. They are irrigating and aerating out in the out fields so all of it is making great progress and just wanted to encourage Council to

stick to our guns because we have about a mid September timeframe to keep those fields closed. We really want to make sure that they take. It includes the soccer field.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

David Cole, owner of The Dive, 6C N. Lake Park Blvd., said he was told earlier today that there was going to be some kind of vote on the street in front of The Dive and was wanting to know if there was any kind of plan or anything in the works as far as parallel parking. Is it going to be brought up to the public or what?

The town manager said it is on this agenda to go over what we talked about. August 23rd is a workshop and we are kind of inviting the public to come and participate. The Council could also consider delaying any action until the September meeting where we could have a real formal public hearing that evening. It's up to Council. We're looking at a mid September deadline to try to decide on something. The August 23rd meeting he hopes to have a plan that shows the angled parking as well as the parallel parking from DOT and maybe some better numbers on how many are actually cut out. He will talk about that tonight a little bit too. He has an estimate on how many that would be. Council has the option to vote on that on the 23rd but it is up to them whether they want to wait until the meeting in September.

Mike Bennett, 609 Columbia Avenue, congratulated Council on recommending improvements to Mike Chappell Park, first time money has been put back into that facility and it is looking wonderful. He understands the fields won't be totally completed according to the landscaper's recommendation until several weeks from now, however, the timeline couldn't be worse as far as the start of the regular soccer season in which about 20 teams in the spring utilize the facility for their practices and green space is a commodity. We are scheduled to have our coaches' meeting this Thursday at which time coaches sign up for practice fields. I allocate, along with the board, the time slots, the field assignments and it dictates the whole logical progression of our practices for all of our age groups. We anticipate about 900+ kids in the program this year. They have worked with the county on trying to allocate additional field space for us but, in light of the closure of Mike Chappell Park, we anticipated some growing pains but didn't expect that we wouldn't be able to get on there at the beginning of our season. If that prolongs, at least for practices, that will have a domino effect in pushing all of those families to other fields off the island and don't know, at this point, if they will be able to find room for them. Neither the town manager nor Parks and Recreation felt that it would be their call since Council approved the funding for the improvements and it would be your decision to allow use of the fields before the landscaper's recommendation. Of course we will comply with whatever your recommendations are. They would like to be able to get some families and teams out there, not put any lines down or necessarily put any goals to where they would create wear and tear. They can easily rotate the fields and keep any wear and tear spots from developing until the landscaper recommends full utilization in mid September. A recommendation for us would be to at least allow us to get the coaches, families and kids out there for practice time. They do anticipate needing

and wanting to use those fields for games this season. First practices are due to begin as early as this coming Monday, the 15th. Groups go from age 3 to 16.

Councilman Lashley recommended allowing up to ages 8-9 the use of field and maybe younger.

Mr. Bennett said they would be willing to donate manpower to help in seeding or fertilization and replace wear and tear spots with sod where deemed necessary.

Councilman Lashley thanked him for what he has done for the town.

Mr. Bennett also thanked the Council, business sponsors and community for their support without which this league wouldn't exist.

Councilman Lewis said he agreed. Fields are an ongoing process of maintenance and work. If we can get children on there without doing much damage and, if needed, do reseeding.

Mr. Bennett agreed and doesn't think that just a couple of weeks to get them perfect is going to impact the fields whereas it would severely impact the league and its organization.

Councilman Wilcox said he and the town manager walked those fields on the way here and he is really impressed with the condition of them. He wants to respect what the Parks and Recreation Committee has done and also listen to the professional. He recommended that maybe a couple of Council members, Parks and Recreation Committee representative, Ted, the landscaper and town manager meet out there with you, make an assessment and talk about what kind of compromise might work, what he feels comfortable with. He would really like to hear from the landscaper and see what kind of flexibility might exist. The other resolution would be Council could ask the town manager to meet on the same basis.

The town manager said that is the solution he was going to propose. Councilman Lashley, Councilman Lewis, Duke Hagestrom, the town manager, the parks and recreation director, and the landscaper agreed to meet Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m.

Dorrie Schoonmaker, 929 Carolina Sands Drive, asked why all the lifeguard stands are not being manned during the summertime. They are right in front of the empty lifeguard station which is troubling considering all the kids they have down there. She also asked about the bike path that may or may not be going behind her house. She has seen different maps showing different proposals and is wondering where we are as far as an official bike path from the board, what exists and what doesn't?

The town manager said the bike path process is being slowed down, and they are going to bring it back to Council with a map for them to look at, hold a public hearing maybe sometime in the beginning of the year. He suggested she talk to the police chief about the lifeguard part.

Ms. Schoonmaker asked how to find the current agenda on the website. The one she found was dated September 2006. The town manager said it is generally on there, it is also advertised in the paper. With something like this they may do a special mailing if they are having a public hearing on the bike path portion. Generally it is on line. She can call him regarding it. The town clerk said she could call her and she would add her to their e-mailing list.

ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA

MPT Efirm made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Approval of the minutes:

Special Meeting	May 2, 2011
Special Meeting	April 11, 2011
Special Meeting	July 11, 2001

Year end budget transfers as of June 30, 2011:

<u>Account Number</u>		<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
104100.02	Legislative Salaries	\$ 400.00	
104100.50	Legislative–Project Preplanning		\$ 400.00
104500.55	Wellness Grant	\$ 200.00	
104500.51	HR-Liability & Worker’s Comp		\$ 200.00
105300.08	Fire-Uniforms	\$3,600.00	
105300.09	Fire-Part Time Salaries		\$3600.00
105650.17	Fleet Maint-Maint Repair Vehicles	\$ 200.00	
105650.31	Fleet Maint-Gas & Diesel	\$1,500.00	
105650.03	Fleet Maint-Overtime		\$ 700.00
105650.06	Fleet Maint-Group Insurance		\$ 700.00
105650.11	Fleet Maint-Telephone & Postage		\$ 100.00
105650.14	Fleet Maint-Travel & Training		\$ 180.00
105650.51	Fleet Maint-Liability & WC		\$ 20.00
		\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00

Budget amendments:

Approve \$72,000 for EQ Basin. Approve appropriating \$8,094 from 10/11 Budget to 11/12 Budget for dive team grant and \$5,538.50 for boat lift grant as well as the revenue side. Approve amending the budget for the transfer of monies from all departments into the executive department for payment of Hooks Systems for the year.

Set a public hearing date for September 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., or soon thereafter, to consider amending Article 3.8-1 Table of Permitted Uses to create an allowance for accessory structures in the CBD and I-1 zoning districts, and amend Article 3.9-2, Dimensional Standards for Accessory Structures. Allowances may be modified/expanded during meeting deliberations.

Adopt Proclamation No. 11-1057 (Exhibit 4) proclaiming August 2011 Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

FOLLOW UP FROM RECENT JOINT WORKSHOP BETWEEN THE TOWN COUNCIL AND THE LAKE PARK BOULEVARD COMMITTEE

The town manager presented this item. He said they recently held a joint workshop and they proposed an August 23rd meeting at 6:30 p.m. for another joint workshop to really get into the details of what they talked about at the last meeting. At that time you can either make a decision, move forward, or we can schedule that for the September Council meeting, which he would recommend, and hold a formal public hearing on some of these items. Some of the things they talked about: They will be contracting with DOT to do the work if we decide to go from 3 lanes to 4 lanes. The town also discussed moving from 12 foot lanes to 11 foot lanes to allow more space on the outer fringes which could allow for future wider sidewalks or bicycle space, etc. It is also estimated that the project will cost around \$200,000 if they go with mill and fill, which he was recommending, but will probably be closer to \$230,000 if they do parallel parking because of having to mill the parking areas and do new lines. They talked about using the Tourism Fund/Reserve Fund for that amount. They hope that DOT has two plans available, one with parallel parking and one with what they had prior to going with 3 lanes. He is estimating that they may be going from 76 spaces down to 40 or 50 spaces if you go to parallel parking. One of the things they would have to consider if they did go to a parallel situation would be to add additional parking on Harper or Cape Fear or both. There are some challenges with that as far as what kind of permits they might need or DOT might need. Cape Fear is probably a little easier than Harper. Then we have to decide whether we want to implement the Master Development Plan with underground utilities, there are a lot of decisions to be made with that or do we want to do a quick fix if we decide to go with parallel parking and additional parking on Cape Fear. We talked about the Harper alignment, fixing that with mini-skips which would better align cars traveling west onto Harper Avenue. They also talked about high visibility crosswalks at most of our

east/west connections across Lake Park Blvd., basically from the lake down Alabama Avenue. We are hoping DOT will foot the bill for the majority of that but we may have to pick up some of the bill as well which he did include in the \$200,000 quote to allow for some of that. We still need to make some decisions about sidewalks in the vicinity of Wilmington Beach which we can do and hopefully have done by the time we decide to have high visibility crosswalks if we want to go that route.

Councilman Lewis made a motion to hold a workshop on August 23, 2011 to discuss those issues. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING BID PRICES FOR THE CAROLINA BEACH MOORING FIELD PROJECT

The town manager presented this item. He said they took bids a while back with the lowest being \$74,000 and that came from a non-qualified bidder. We now have our engineer in contact with a provider of these types of facilities and hope they can get the project down somewhere around \$50,000. That is still more than we budgeted. We can consider a few things. If you wanted to go ahead, we would have to appropriate additional funds and think we will have to do that anyway. If you want to consider appropriating \$18,000 additional from our Tourism Reserve Fund, he thinks they can possibly accomplish the project if they did that and maybe in a quicker timeframe, or they can wait until the September meeting and bring all this back to Council and try to make a decision then once they've ironed some things out. The grant was \$50,000; our match would be \$12,500 with \$37,500 from the state agency. If we got this thing down to \$58,000 for the construction, another \$20,000 for the engineering and bore sampling from the bottom of the surface there - what the split would look like is the town would be spending \$40,500 and the grant would be \$37,500. There is a helical system we are looking at now. What was designed was massive concrete block, 6,500 pounds. The reason this project has gone a little haywire, as far as the price goes, the size of the chain is 1 ¾ inch chain then the next chain goes up so you don't get a drag on the concrete buoy. What this guy was proposing was a helical, probably 50 feet down, and then another kind of eco rope that goes to it. We're still not sure if it works. The guy we're working with is not a marine contractor in North Carolina so we have to work through those issues. The pricing was about the same. The helical with that eco mooring was a little bit cheaper but by the time you work through a marine contractor you will probably lose any of that savings.

Council agreed to bring it back in September.

FUNDING FOR THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT

The Parks and Recreation Director, Ted Lashley, presented this item. He is requesting a transfer of funds from the General Fund balance to our CIP line item for the project at Mike Chappell Park which includes: grading an 80' x 50' area basketball court and adding crushed stone for a solid base; grading a 20' x 20' for a youth basketball court and adding a base; pave both courts with asphalt compacted to industry standards; coordinate

with the town the installation of 6 goals on the mail court and 1 goal on the youth court; apply one coat of sand filled acrylic resurfacer, one coat of color concentrate as a texture coating, one coat of color concentrate as a finish coat; layout, tape and hand paint 2' wide playing lines on the court using textured acrylic white line paint; add additional fencing at the park - 180' x 4' along playground area to separate the kids from the parking area for safety reasons and 278' x 6' around the court; pave entranceway to at least 20' with speed bump(s) to calm traffic; and clean job site and dispose of all debris. As of right now he has two solid quotes, one from Lumina Builders at \$59,780 plus 7 goals @ \$2,400 each for a total of \$76,580; and one from Outer Banks Tennis Court Contractors at \$61,250 plus 7 goals @ \$2,400 each for a total of \$78,050. Outer Banks Tennis Court Contractors has done a lot of work with New Hanover County. Lumina Builders has done work for us before, most notably our lake project. He feels confident with both of those. Barnhill Contractors wants to place a bid but could not get down here in time but he will try to get one from them. He is asking for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$80,000 to the line item account #10-620-074. The project will be submitted for NHC Bond Fund reimbursement. He has run it by the NHC parks director and all of the elements should be fine. He talked with EWE about the lighting and thinks they can get it done for less than \$2,000 including a timer system. If they decide to go ahead with this project, he

would like to take the bids to the next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting on the first Monday in September and let them help choose the right contractor and then bring it back to Council.

Councilman Lashley said we have \$120,000 left in the bond and would like for him to take it back to the committee and decide what to do with that and let Council know in September.

Councilman Wilcox said it would be nice if they could use that as a grant match and asked if the \$12,000 for the mooring field would qualify.

The town manager said he can find out and bring that back to Council.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING TRAFFIC CONCERNS ON GEORGIA AVENUE

This item was tabled until September.

UPDATE REGARDING THE OCTOBER 29TH SUNRISE BROADCASTING EVENT BEING HELD IN THE VICINITY OF THE CAROLINA BEACH GAZEBO STAGE

Mr. Owens presented this item. He said that Sunrise Broadcasting came to the last Council meeting and talked about an event here on October 29th which is right around Halloween weekend. The discussion was to bring it back to the Arts and Activities Committee to get some input and feedback from them. Some of the main concerns revolve around the patrons going to the event being able to leave and go back to the event and Sunrise Broadcasting, at this point, is saying they do not want that. We talked about

a lot of other items that could work and help bring patrons to the boardwalk as well as patrons to the town, such as: (1) There would be a gate at the boardwalk right beside the gazebo for exit only, at this point, and no entrance. They are not going to allow people to come in and out of their event is what they are proposing. If Council wants us to consider something else, we need to talk to them about that but it could be a deal breaker. (2) Terminate the event at 9:00 p.m. as opposed to 10:00 p.m. to allow folks to leave this event and possibly go to a restaurant, bar or retail establishment. (3) Considering relocating the stage to a different area, in front of Charlie's subs which is closer to the boardwalk area to encourage commerce. (4) Sunrise Broadcasting also wants to work with boardwalk business owners to come up with some kind of affordable advertising campaign. (5) Sunrise Broadcasting is offering a \$1 discount to patrons off of up to 4 tickets the day of the event if they bring a receipt from a town business. (6) Sunrise Broadcasting will be offering \$1 per ticket discounts to patrons the day of the event if they bring a canned good for donation to the Help Center and will match up to \$4,000 in either food or funds following the event to the Help Center. (7) They will seek participation from local business owners to be vendors for food or drink at the event. (8) There will be a continual walkway from Cape Fear over to the boardwalk main entrance. (9) Police and some operations presence will be provided by the town and reimbursed by Sunrise Broadcasting. This is what he took to the Arts and Activities Committee but they want people to be able to come in and out of that event and, if that is the case, then they can stay open until 10:00 p.m. We came away with the promoter not wanting folks to leave and a 9:00 p.m. termination time.

Councilman Wilcox said he met with a group of boardwalk business owners and shared what they talked about and their concerns. There was discussion that the boardwalk owners would have preferential option to be a vendor and several of them might join together and have one or two tents together and do different boardwalk foods out of that. They prefer the event end at 8:00 p.m. rather than 9:00 p.m. but that was just a preference but the deal breaker is the entrance. They are very adamant about this being an entrance and exit so people can leave during the event and come back in. It is a huge point of contention and he feels a legitimate concern of the boardwalk businesses and, as importantly I think it is something if we are going to continue to have these kinds of events down here, maybe it is a precedent that it is something we are going to do with all promoters, a requirement that has to be addressed. That is what the group shared with him. The entrance and exit and the visual barrier he thinks were the two things the promoter probably won't like.

Charlie Miller, 106 Lighthouse Drive, owns Charlie's Boardwalk Subs, said to him the deal breaker is not allowing the people to come and go. All he can go back to is the Wing Fling, he had 3 people come into his bar, he sold 2 beers to them and that was all the business he got from the Wing Fling. What he did not take away from the Wing Fling was his normal Saturday business and he can see that happening again. It's October and, from what he has heard, the biggest weekend in the month. You want to put 4,000 people outside of all of our businesses and then not allow them to come out and visit those businesses and go back into the event he thinks is just pointless. I might get a

little bit of business later on if it stops at 9:00 p.m. and so may Dava but the retail shops aren't going to benefit at all. The other thing, with the Wing Fling there was nowhere to park.

Next to speak was Dava Villapiano, 8217 River Road, owner of the Silver Dollar. She said the precedent setting part of this is the most important. Anytime anyone wants to throw an event that is an awesome area to do it in. They can kind of capture everybody with the fences and pretty much keep control. The Wing Fling actually turned out much better than I hoped it would. It was very contained, the police were able to get to things before there was any problem so it is somewhere event planners are going to want to be but I don't see any benefit to the town or in particular to the boardwalk area if they can't come and go. Yeah, the Help Center is going to get \$2,000 from them and \$2,000 in canned goods but Charlie and I are going to lose that much in business. Halloween weekend is historically a pretty good weekend considering it is October for the boardwalk area. My regular customers are not going to fight all that traffic, all that crowd and having to find a way to park and then find a way to get in to the boardwalk area which, if they could have it the way they want it and they close it all up, looks closed and desolate. Never mind me but they certainly aren't going to be going in and out. If they can go in and out, they might want to take a break from that and walk into one of those stores and buy a t-shirt, see what there is to see or walk up to the ocean. So, if we have a precedent where, especially in tough seasons, we can get all these people into Carolina Beach, awesome, but don't set a precedent where they can take away from the businesses that are already there and block access. That should be the rule. I think they are mistaken in thinking they will lose a whole lot from it but I think we will gain a whole lot from them being able to come in and out.

Councilman Lewis said he agreed with the comments just made. You need to have access to go to the boardwalk or I can't understand why we would have private people come down here and use our facility almost for nothing. It damages the business around town is his biggest problem. If we can figure out a way if they want to open up and do that and it's good for everybody, it's great. Halloween is a big weekend for businesses.

Councilman Wilcox said anytime you bring 3,000 to 5,000 people down here for an event like this it's good for our community. I like the idea that they give to our Help Center, Senior Center and things of that nature. When you bring that many people through the town they are stopping at other places and spending money - cigarettes, gas, etc., at other places in town. Some places benefit more than others from different events and he has listened to a lot of complaints about the highway business district complaining about all that we do at the boardwalk so there are two sides. But, having seen how the Wing Fling worked, I think these other things are simple. I would want to see that entrance/exit be a requirement and if they don't want to do, they don't want to do it. Maybe they should talk to us or the Wing Fling because not that many people came and went, it seemed to work pretty well and they didn't want to do it in the beginning either.

The town manager said he did his best trying to sell that point and it didn't work and he is anticipating they will say no and go somewhere else.

Councilman Wilcox made a motion to approve the event based the list of requirements which he will provide in writing.

Councilman Wilcox forgot to mention that as soon as the event is over that they pull back some of the fences at Cape Fear and back by the gazebo so that foot traffic can get through more easily.

Mayor Macon called for a vote, and **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CONSIDER CLOSING A PORTION OF CROAKER LANE IN THE SEAGROVE NEIGHBORHOOD

The Planning and Development Director, Gary Ferguson, presented this item. He said they have a request by a local attorney, Chiaki Ito, representing 4 property owners on the west side of Croaker Lane just outside the boundaries of Seagrove, technically not a part of Seagrove but on Croaker Lane. As you remember the right-of-way was 90 feet and the Council by resolution and ordinance reduced that 90 foot right-of-way to 50 feet, 20 feet on each side. However, when we did that we also put a condition on that which was to survey for utilities to make sure we weren't giving away property that had utilities on it verifying location and accessibility and, secondly, there are portions of Seagrove proper itself that have not been top coated. With that we heard also a request recently from Bryant Bass, a building, who wanted to go ahead and get approval to build on a lot in there and the issue of this 20 foot right-of-way withdrawal was discussed by Council and he thinks Council agreed that because this was not really a part of Seagrove, that we should go ahead and allow that to happen as long as we verified that no utilities were going to be located there. That had been done and Bryant Bass is in progress right now of building his house. However, there is still a cloud on the title because what is happening is you cannot have this portion of the property added to the lot that he is building on without implementing that ordinance they withdrew the rights-of-way on Croaker Lane. The issue is a legal technical issue because what the town did by putting those two conditions on, staff is sitting back and saying we have to have those two conditions satisfied in their entirety or, what needs to happen is a new right-of-way withdrawal, a road closure has to occur. So Ms. Ito has decided to attempt to amend the original closure of Croaker, the right-of-way of 20 feet on each side, and amend that in such a way that it only affects from North Carolina Avenue, south, 200 feet and 20 feet back onto those four lots. That will be the only piece of the ordinance in front of you now that has been amended that reiterates what I have just said. That is the amended street closure ordinance that we are asking Council to consider and staff is recommending adoption. The town attorney has looked at this.

Councilman Lewis made a motion to adopt a closing order and Ordinance No. 11-873 (Amending No. 10-834) (Exhibit 5) closing a 20' x 200' portion of Croaker Lane south of North Carolina Avenue on the west side. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE PLACEMENT OF ASH RECEPTACLES ON FREEMAN PARK

The town manager presented this item. He said at the last meeting members of the Freeman Park Committee requested Council consider a trial period of an ash and wood receptacle. One of the things they talked about originally was a half buried concrete culvert which probably won't work. CAMA considers that to be development. It has a whole bunch of other issues that he is concerned about. The other is to consider a metal drum, whether it be a 55 gallon drum or something smaller, to be used for debris and ash. He is leaning towards something smaller because as ash gets wet and compacts it gets pretty heavy. He reviewed his concerns: (1) Operations staff would have to monitor and dispose of debris inside the barrels on a periodic basis. They already have their hands full with about 100 regular trash barrels they have to deal with. The can truck has been down all year and we are struggling with that. (2) There's a concern that garbage will be placed in the containers and will eventually catch fire or smolder or create another situation and there is no ability to put a fire out there. (3) A metal can filled with wet ash and wood debris could become heavy and could require the use of a backhoe for removal from the beach. (4) The town would have to find an area to discard the debris. (5) He questions whether campers will actually load this debris into their cars and put it into those barrels. He is concerned about metal containers being used improperly, reigniting on the beach, reigniting on transport and reigniting at the final resting place. We can't just dig a hole and put the ash in, we have to find a way of disposing of it. He is also concerned about the liability with transporting it. If Council wants to move forward on placing some of these out there, we would sign it, paint it red, put for ash and wood debris only and he wouldn't recommend too many, a maximum of 2-3. We probably would need to consider several things, one, amending our Freeman Park ordinance to make it clear that they need to be disposed of at proper disposal sites and some other actions we would have to take part in. The other option would be to not have fires in the summertime. We have not had fires this summer because of the burn ban which has now been lifted. That would be another option to only allow those in the wintertime or outright ban fires.

Councilman Lashley made a motion to leave it as it is through the recommendation of the manager. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONDEMNATION AND DEMOLITION OF A SINGLE FAMILY DILAPIDATED HOUSE LOCATED AT 415 LEWIS DRIVE

Mr. Ferguson presented this item. He said they have a situation on Lewis Drive that is difficult to resolve. Staff has been attempting over the last 5 years to resolve this issue. The owner is Mr. Rod Warner, from Raleigh, NC. Mr. Warner understands the problem with the property, which he inherited. He is very upset over the actions staff has taken but we have been extremely patient on this. There is a chronological history provided showing the effort staff has gone through to try and resolve this. He has spoken to the fire chief who said he can't burn it because an asbestos report has not been done and

there is a lot of fire load in the immediate area which causes a threat to neighboring properties as well. We have an estimated cost to demolish the house. It is \$2,900 but it doesn't include site restoration or an asbestos report. The town manager thought it would be prudent to up that number in case it is higher to the tune of \$6,000. The property is valued at \$80,640. We feel it would be appropriate to go through another hearing on this, invite Mr. Warner to come down and if he wants to try to salvage any part of this or reconsider his options, and have a public hearing on this at the next Council meeting whereby something may be resolved on this. The process would be, after we have a public hearing if things go as planned, move forward with hiring a contractor to remove the house and check the asbestos to make certain there is none there. Then, from that point, the town attorney will place a lien on the property for costs incurred that's allowed by law and the county would then, through a process of foreclosure, place the property up for auction for the costs owed to the town. Nobody in the town wants to go through this process, it's a burden on staff, it's not something the owner relishes but we have been getting complaints from the neighborhood and rightfully so. The property is oddly shaped. It's a conforming lot but the problem is that it is narrow and a corner lot which means the setbacks on the side are 12.5 feet on one side and 7.5 feet on the other so the best solution would be to try and unite the adjacent lot with it which is owned by another individual. This could be a prime example of a hardship of the land where the property is not capable of being used in a manner that is reasonable. The adjacent owner is also in a

similar situation with a long narrow lot. They could easily combine those two lots, split them and then have two buildable good sized lots. There may be other solutions as well. It's an option for Mr. Warner.

Council agreed that staff would bring it back in September for a public hearing.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE TOWN OF CAROLINA BEACH HOSTING A JOINT BREAKFAST MEETING BETWEEN THE BEACH TOWNS

The town manager said they had talked about possibly having another joint breakfast meeting with the two beach towns. He contacted the mayor of Kure Beach and the manager of Wrightsville Beach and he polled their board and they are agreeable to having some kind of breakfast. We have a lot of different items in common we really need to talk about, one of them being the path of beach nourishment and New Hanover County. He would love to pull together the new colonel is possible, maybe somebody from Marlow, and somebody from the county to explain where we're at in better terms than he can. We also talked about Carolina Beach Inlet, maybe an update on what the CVB is doing and some of those marketing strategies, maybe something brief on that. And maybe something the two beach towns may want to throw in too. I know we can't have that many things on our agenda because he wouldn't want to go much more than 2-3 hours max. If you want to have this type of meeting, he would recommend we do it sometime in mid September or mid October. He has a vacation scheduled in between

there and he would like to attend this thing. He can work out those dates with everybody if that is okay.

Council was agreeable to holding it in the training room. The town manager will bring this back to Council for discussion at the September meeting.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE RECOGNITION OF TONY SALVAGNI FOR HIS RECENT GOLD MEDAL IN THE ISA BILLABONG WORLD SURFING GAMES

Councilman Lewis said he felt it should be a joint thing between them and Kure Beach. He was thinking about Island Day, might be an idea if he was in town. It would be a great time to recognize him with both communities together. They could request the town manager to send something to Kure Beach and ask them if they could participate, we'd like to work this together. They could present him with a key to the island or something like that. Council and the town manager agreed.

2011 ANNUAL NCLM CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

The conference will be held in Raleigh on October 22-25. The town manager and MPT Eford will attend.

SET A JOINT WORKSHOP DATE AND TIME BETWEEN THE CAROLINA BEACH TOWN COUNCIL AND CBP3, INC. TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT AND FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE PIER/PARK PROJECT

The town manager said Council discussed having this workshop and one of the more critical items they need to figure out is if they are going to be renewing their management agreement with Village Realty. Currently, Village Realty has sent him something saying they wanted a 4 year extension with agreements from CBP3 but obviously we get the funds from it. That probably needs to be decided earlier than later if they want to send that out and he would recommend sometime in September between the 6th - 8th to have a meeting.

Council agreed on September 6th at 6:30 p.m.

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The planning director said they have 4 reappointments. One of them does not want to continue as an alternate. So there is one that needs to be replaced and the other ones could be reappointed.

Councilman Lewis made a motion to reappoint Wayne Hartsell, Bill Wells and John Keith to the Board of Adjustment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Councilman Lashley made a motion to appoint Jeff Lesley as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ARTS AND ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

The town clerk said they have advertised and not received any applications. Council agreed to keep advertising.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

The town manager said the Convention and Visitors Bureau, at your request, has agreed to install panels celebrating the history of Carolina Beach. They have pretty much selected the photos; they haven't really selected the postcards. They had two similar photos, which he brought to their attention, and they will change that out. He showed an overhead of the layout which is in a good location. They could have picked better photos he felt but is just glad it is done. There is some charge to this, maybe \$500 or \$1,000. The photos are not changeable. Council agreed to go forward and the town manager will contact the City of Wilmington and tell them they are good to go with the idea.

Councilman Lewis said he is on the MPO and would like to see somebody else appointed to that. He just accepted a position with a company in their consulting services group that doesn't allow him to make the once a month meetings with the MPO. It meets downtown at City Hall and there is a meeting tomorrow night he can't make if someone else could attend. Councilman Lashley said he will do it. Councilman Lashley said he would send him all the info. A formal change notification will need to be sent.

MPT Efirm asked the town manager to do something at the McDowell place, maybe put some signs or something else could be done. It is deplorable. The town manager said it is a weird situation but will try to do what he can.

The planning director reminded everyone about the workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission at 7:00 p.m. this Thursday evening to talk about signs. The town clerk said there was information included in their packets to bring with them to that meeting.

MPT Efirm made a motion to go into closed session to discuss attorney/client and personnel matters in compliance with [NCGS 143-318.11a(3 and 6)]. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MPT Efirm made a motion to go into open session. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MPT Efirm said that no action is needed as a result of the closed session.

MPT Efirm made a motion to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn N. Prusa
Town Clerk

Approved: _____