

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

October 23, 2007

The Town Council of the Town of Carolina Beach met in a special session to hold a public hearing concerning the 2005 Land Use Plan. The meeting was held in the council room located in the Carolina Beach Municipal Administration Building, 1121 N. Lake Park Blvd., Carolina Beach, NC. The following were present: Mayor, Bill Clark; Mayor Pro Tem (MPT), Alan Gilbert; Councilman, Jerry Johnson; and Councilman, Joel Macon. Councilwoman Efird was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Tim Owens; and Town Clerk, Lynn Prusa.

Mayor Clark announced that Councilwoman Pat Efird is unable to be with us tonight. **Mayor Clark made a motion to excuse Councilwoman Efird. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Before beginning with tonight's business, Mayor Clark reported that during the Tourism Development Authority meeting tonight \$135,000 was approved to come from the tourism funds to pay for fireworks and lifeguards, and he said that is good news. He explained that the money for those things is paid for by tourism dollars and not tax dollars.

Next, Mayor Clark asked the town manager to introduced Gary Ferguson. Mr. Owens introduced Gary, the town's new Planning and Development Director. He welcomed Gary to the Town of Carolina Beach.

Mayor Clark said the subject of tonight's meeting is to hold a public hearing on our 2005 Land Use Plan. He turned the meeting over to the town manager.

The manager went over a brief history of the plan process to date. He said if we decide to move forward tonight Council will have to adopt a resolution.

He then went over and summarized some of the major changes that occurred at the last meeting (*Exhibit 1*).

Mr. Owens said he dropped off a copy of the document to the Division of Coastal Management and if it is approved tonight he will have to take the final copies to them tomorrow. They will review it and take it forward to the Coastal Resources Commission meeting that is scheduled for November 29-30th.

A motion was made by Mayor Clark to open the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

There being no public comment, MPT Gilbert made a motion to close the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Someone in the audience raised their hand to speak, so **MPT Gilbert made a motion to reopen the public hearing. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Michelle Connet of 1321 Cabot Court, said in reference to the change that you made in the industrial area, she asked if aside from the Island Gazette advertisement that went out were surrounding areas contacted directly by mail out of consideration for them. She encouraged Council to postpone formal adoption since the Master Development Plan is underway and she believes the master plan should come before the adoption of the Land Use Plan and if there is any final tweaking that the master plan uncovers that would be an asset to Carolina Beach, it is a difference of putting the cart before the horse and another few moths isn't going to matter. She asked, why not make sure that it is done properly and with the Master Development Plan instead doing it totally separate.

There being no further comment, MPT Gilbert made a motion to close the public hearing. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MPT Gilbert made a motion to approve the resolution in support of the adoption of/readoption of the 2005 Carolina Beach Land Use Plan (*Exhibit 2*).

Mayor Clark said one of the comments that was made about whether to do the master plan or CBD and that question was asked to our consultant, Peter J Smith, and he said that each plan has its own process, and the Land Use Plan has its own process. Mayor Clark said we have been working on it for four years and if the Land Use Plan needs to be changed then we work on it at that time. Our consultant was in full support with the process of continuing with the Land Use Plan.

Mayor Clark went on to say that it is good that public hearings work. The Tucker's came forward and the issue with their property and changes were made at their request and it shows that the system does work.

Mayor Clark said there is a motion on the floor to approve the resolution and he called for a voted. **MOTION CARRIED. (Councilman Macon voted no).**

A motion was made by Councilman Johnson to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn N. Prusa
Town Clerk

Approved: _____