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RESULTS FEBRUARY 7 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

North Myrtle Beach, SC – February 10, 2019 – Prior to the meeting, City Council met in executive session to receive a legal briefing regarding short-term rentals, to discuss possible candidates for two Planning Commission seats that expire in March, to receive a legal briefing regarding the pending ordinance doctrine for medical clinics, and to discuss ownership questions regarding the Club Course Drive bridge (not the swing bridge) near Barefoot Resort. Council took no action.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT for the 2020 Junior Lifeguard Camp. The Junior Lifeguard Camp occurs on the beach at Main Street June 16-August 13, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT for the third annual Kite Festival held on the beach at Main Street October 18, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PASSED FIRST READING of an ordinance to adopt Standard Codes relating to regulation of construction activities, which are typically revised in every three years. The South Carolina Building Codes Council (BCC) formally adopted the following construction related codes for mandatory enforcement by all jurisdictions within the state. The mandatory codes to be adopted by the City include:

- (1) International Building Code, 2018 Edition, with the S.C. Modifications.
- (2) International Residential Code, 2018 Edition, with the S.C. Modifications.
- (3) International Mechanical Code, 2018 Edition.
- (4) International Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition.
- (5) International Fuel Gas Code, 2018 Edition.
- (6) International Fire Code, 2018 Edition, with the S.C. Modifications.
- (7) International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, 2018 Edition.
- (8) International Energy Conservation Code, 2009 Edition.
- (9) National Electrical Code, 2017 Edition.

CITY COUNCIL PASSED FIRST READING of proposed amendments to Article II, Stopping, Standing and Parking of the City Code of Ordinances. City Council met in a workshop session on January 15 to discuss the performance of the City's 2019 inaugural paid parking

program involving public parking spaces on either side of Ocean Boulevard, and potential refinements to it. During the workshop, councilmembers agreed on the following refinements to the program for 2020.

1. Currently, a full-time resident whose vehicle is registered to their North Myrtle Beach address may apply for a maximum of two complimentary decals. If the decal is for a golf cart, a copy of the SCDMV permit registered to the resident's North Myrtle Beach address is required. The proposed change beginning 2020 is that they may purchase one additional parking decal for \$200.
2. Currently, nonresident property owners may apply for one complimentary parking decal for a golf cart permitted by the SCDMV to their North Myrtle Beach address. The proposed changes beginning 2020 are that they may apply for a complimentary parking decal for their personal vehicle (i.e., golf cart, LSV, motorcycle, automobile or pickup truck that must completely fit into a standard parking space). If the decal is for a golf cart, a copy of the SCDMV permit registered to the nonresident property owners North Myrtle Beach address is required. Proof of residential property ownership is required. Each household may also purchase one additional parking decal for \$200.
3. Currently, Horry County residents who do not own property in North Myrtle Beach may not apply for parking decals in the city. The proposed change beginning 2020 is that they may purchase one decal for their personal vehicle (i.e., LSV, motorcycle, automobile or pickup truck that must completely fit into a standard parking space) for \$200. A maximum of 200 parking decals will be available and issued on a first come, first served basis.
4. Currently, parking is free in public rights of way on side streets along Ocean Boulevard. The proposed change beginning 2020 is that the City would begin charging a \$2 per hour parking fee on some side streets, the intent being to move people to beachfront parking lots. Currently, there is no definition to parking spaces along side streets perpendicular to Ocean Boulevard. In coming years, parking along high-demand side streets could be defined using paved road shoulders, crushcrete, and/or landscaping.

The first three items in the list require changes to the existing ordinance. In addition, some procedural changes have been incorporated to allow for expanded enforcement by the parking management contractor hired by the city. This includes mirroring state law regarding stopping, standing, or parking prohibitions in specified places, with noted exceptions. Additionally, this includes parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant and illegally parking in a handicapped zone. These two violations will be adjudicated only through the municipal court system.

CITY COUNCIL DENIED ON FIRST READING proposed amendments to Chapter 23, Zoning, of the City's Code of Ordinances, which sought to allow climate-controlled mini-warehouses on all Highway Commercial (HC) zoned properties, including those abutting Highway 17, Main Street, or Sea Mountain Highway.

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