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RESULTS – MARCH 18 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

North Myrtle Beach, SC – March 19, 2019 – During the March 18 City Council meeting, Mayor Marilyn Hatley presented to Sea Haven for Youth Senior Community Services Coordinator Wendy Gore a Proclamation declaring the week of March 17-March 23 as **National Safe Place Week**.

The Proclamation urges the people of North Myrtle Beach to promote awareness of and volunteer involvement in the Safe Place program, managed locally by Sea Haven for Youth (www.seahaveninc.com). This marks the 36th anniversary of the nationwide Safe Place collaborative community initiative.

Safe Place is a nationally acclaimed youth outreach program involving the whole community in providing safe havens and resources for youth in crisis. It is a way for community youth services agencies to engage with businesses, schools, and other community organizations to help young people.



L-R: Mayor Marilyn Hatley and Sea Haven for Youth Senior Community Services Coordinator Wendy Gore.

The program creates a network of Safe Place locations (businesses, schools, fire stations, libraries, bus stations, other public buildings) displaying the Safe Place sign.

Locally, Sea Haven for Youth manages the Safe Place program, extending the doors of youth service agencies or shelters throughout the community, making it easier for young people to get immediate help in their own neighborhoods.

1,400 communities in 37 states administer the Safe Place program at more than 21,000 locations. Since 1983, more than 15 million young people have been educated through National Safe Place's Building a Safety Net outreach program, familiarizing them with the Safe Place sign and providing them with information about how to seek help in order to stay safe.

City Council recognized North Myrtle Beach Aquatic & Fitness Center Activities Director **Ryan Windell** as Supervisor of the Quarter.

City Council presented Employee Longevity Awards to Master Building Inspector **Joseph Tricomi** (20 years of service), and Parks &



L-R: City Manager Mike Mahaney and Ryan Windell



L-R: Joseph Tricomi, City Manager Mike Mahaney, John Bullard

Recreation Director **John Bullard** (10 years).

Longevity Awards are given in five-year increments to employees who provide excellent customer service.

City Council approved a special event permit for the May 5, 7:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Divas Half Marathon & 5K event. Event participants also enjoy a May 3-4 Health & Fitness Expo and other activities. For complete event information visit

www.runlikeadiva.com.

City Council passed second (final) reading of an ordinance creating Chapter 7 Article XII – Local Accommodations Tax, imposing the three percent (3%) authorized by State Code to the City of North Myrtle Beach. In the past, accommodations tax collected within the city split equally between the City and County. The City now collects the total three percent accommodations tax within its jurisdiction.

City Council passed second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 7 Article XIII – Hospitality Fee to Hospitality Tax and imposing the two percent (2%) authorized by State Code to the City of North Myrtle Beach. In the past, hospitality tax collected within the city split equally between the City and County. The City now collects the total two percent hospitality tax within its jurisdiction.

City Council approved second (final) reading of an ordinance to extend the lease between the City of North Myrtle Beach and T-Mobile regarding placement of its telecommunication equipment on the Duffy Street water tower.

City Council passed second reading of an ordinance to amend the Prince Resort Planned Development District (PDD) to allow for a Hampton Inn & Suites featuring 127 one-bedroom units and parking garage.

The PDD, approved in 2004, allowed for construction of one oceanfront tower and a second-row parking garage with residential units on top. The remaining oceanfront and second-row lots remained vacant for future development consisting of a duplicate second oceanfront tower and second-row parking garage. The Hampton Inn & Suites replaces the planned second tower and does so with much less density.

City Council passed first reading of a proposed ordinance to prohibit single-use carryout plastic bags at retail establishments in the city. The ordinance provides for an effective date of January 1, 2021 to allow retail establishments to expend their current stock of single-use carryout plastic bags and transition to reusable, recyclable or compostable alternatives.

Prior to second (final) reading, City Council will hold an April 1, 2:00 p.m. public workshop on the proposed ordinance to discuss proposed amendments to the ordinance and to consider some suggestions offered by the North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce.

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