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## **RESULTS: March 20 City Council Meeting**

*North Myrtle Beach, SC – March 20, 2017* – The March 20 North Myrtle Beach City Council meeting was preceded by an executive session, during which City Council conducted its annual evaluation of the city attorney. The city attorney is appointed by city council and serves at its pleasure.

**Mayor Marilyn Hatley presented a Proclamation declaring** the week of March 19-25 to be National Safe Place Week, urging North Myrtle Beach residents and businesses to help promote awareness of and involvement in the Safe Place program.

Sea Haven for Youth Development Director Wendy Gore accepted the Proclamation. Locally, Sea Haven for Youth manages the Safe Place program.

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

The program creates a network of Safe Place locations (youth-friendly businesses, schools, fire stations, libraries, bus stations, and other public buildings) that display the Safe Place sign.



*L-R: Sea Haven for Youth Development Director Wendy Gore and Mayor Marilyn Hatley.*

According to the Mayor's Proclamation, more than 1,400 communities in 37 states administer the Safe Place program at more than 20,000 locations, and more than 344,000 youths have been helped at a Safe Place location or received counseling by phone because of Safe Place information received at school.

Since the program's inception in 1983, more than 14 million youth have been reached through National Safe Place Network's Building a Safety Net for Youth campaign, familiarizing them with the Safe Place sign and providing them with information about how to seek help in order to stay safe.

Safe Place locations extend 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.

For more information on Safe Place locations in the North Myrtle Beach community, please visit here: [www.seahaveninc.com](http://www.seahaveninc.com).



*L-R: City Manager Mike Mahaney, Susan Mitchell, Justin Carter.*

*During the meeting, Employee Longevity Awards were presented to Heavy Equipment Operator **Justin Carter** (10 years) and Legal Assistant **Susan Mitchell** (5). Longevity awards are provided in five year increments to those employees who demonstrate consistent customer service excellence.*

*City Council passed second (final) reading of an ordinance to amend the Barefoot Resort Planned Development District (PDD) concerning the Dye Estates*

(MJPDD- 16-04). Consideration of the ordinance had been delayed so that the developer and the Dye Estates HOA could come to terms on the particulars of the development. Mayor Hatley praised Dye Estates residents, the HOA and the developer for having achieved an improved plan as a result of their discussions and agreements.

*City Council passed first reading of an ordinance to amend the Town Center on Main Planned Development District (MJPDD-17-01).*

Town Center on Main was initially approved in September 2016. The applicant, David Glymph of D3G Architects, LLC and authorized agent for John Marnell, recently submitted a proposal to not build a planned 3,400 square foot lakefront restaurant, add five residential dwelling units, and add 4,506 square feet of additional commercial space. The proposed amendment also adjusts the architecture of the proposed mixed-use buildings.

A staff report provided to City Council for inclusion in its consideration of the proposed

amendment to the PDD offers the following:

- Public benefits do not change and the intended improvements to storm water drainage remain the same.
- The traffic pattern is only slightly different and remains consistent with the currently approved plan.
- Noise and trash concerns have been mitigated with the removal of the restaurant.
- Service and delivery vehicles remain prohibited from using Pine Avenue, instead entering and exiting the development via Main Street.
- Existing electrical lines within Pine Avenue are still to be relocated underground.
- A six-foot high stucco-finish masonry wall is to be installed along adjoining property lines; however, at the rear property line, the developer will invite comments from abutting property owners as to whether existing natural vegetation is agreed to be an adequate and preferable alternative to the wall. Such agreement would be presented signed by both the developer and abutting property owners, recorded with the project covenants and provided to staff during site plan review.

***City Council passed first reading of an ordinance to authorize*** the addition of a fourth parasail boat regarding the parasail and banana boat franchise granted to Randall Duke in conjunction with a \$15,000 increase of the franchise fee from \$45,000 annually to \$60,000 annually.

The Franchisee would be limited to the use of three banana boats not exceeding six passengers each including franchise employees and customers. One of the three banana boats must be a dual pontoon vessel. The dual pontoon banana boat may be utilized to transport passengers from the beach to the parasail watercraft. The franchisee is also limited to four non-propeller personal watercraft, two transport or ferrying watercraft not exceeding six passengers, and four parasailing vessels with attached launch platform and properly equipped winch and tow line. Personal watercraft may be utilized to tow passengers on banana boats from the shore to the parasail watercraft, however, customers and non-franchise employees are prohibited from being transported upon personal watercraft.

***City Council adopted a Resolution to approve*** the Mutual Aid Agreements for the 2011 Memorial Day Bike Week Event. The City will be assisted this year with law enforcement officers from the following police agencies within South Carolina: Charleston County Sheriff's Office, Columbia Police Department, Darlington County Sheriff's Office, Georgetown Police Department, Irmo Police Department, Lexington Police Department, Loris Police Department, Mount Pleasant Police Department, North Charleston Police Department, Rockhill Police Department, Spartanburg Police Department, and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

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