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RESULTS – November 5 City Council Meeting

North Myrtle Beach, SC – November 6, 2018 – During the November 5 meeting of the North Myrtle Beach City Council, four employees received Longevity Awards.

Receiving the awards presented by City Manager Mike Mahaney were Assistant Director of Planning & Development **Paul Blust** (30 years of service), City Clerk **Merideth Smith** (15) and Business License Inspector **Nicholas Hughes** (10).

The City gives Longevity Awards in five-year increments to employees who demonstrate continued customer service excellence.



L-R: Paul Blust, Nicholas Hughes, Merideth Smith, City Manager Mike Mahaney

City Council approved a special event permit for the North Myrtle Beach Christmas Parade, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. on Main Street.

City Council tabled until its January 7, 2019 meeting second reading of an ordinance to amend the Town Center in the Barefoot Resort Planned Development District. As explained when Council passed first reading of the proposed amendment at its October 1 meeting, second reading will follow a workshop. Although a date for the workshop is not set, it will precede Council's January 7 meeting.

City Council passed first reading of an ordinance annexing and zoning a 0.46-acre lot on Riverside Drive, PIN Number 311-16-04-0023. The lot is in Horry County's jurisdiction with County zoning of MSF10. The annexation request seeks a City zoning district of R-1 (Single Family Residential Low Density). Previously, the property owner signed a pre-annexation agreement with the city in order to obtain water and sewer service at out-of-city rates. The property is now adjacent to the city limits and the owner wants to annex into the city.

During the public discussion period, City Council agreed to hold a January 2019 workshop to continue its discussion of a potential ban on single-use plastic bags and possibly other materials that can pose a threat to marine life and the environment. The City will promote the workshop date when it is set.

City Council also agreed to hold a workshop to discuss sea level rise and its potential impact on North Myrtle Beach, particularly in areas where flooding already occurs with king tides and storms. Other coastal cities in Florida and elsewhere are discussing the potential impacts of sea level rise on their roads and other infrastructure and are considering long-term plans to deal with the same. The City will promote the workshop date when it is set.

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