

**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 17, 6:15 PM**

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Hatley called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Marilyn Hatley

JO Baldwin, Absent for roll call only

Bubba Collins

Fred Coyne

Nicole Fontana

Trey Skidmore, Absent for roll call only

Hank Thomas, Absent

A quorum was established.

1B. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Hatley called for a motion to go into Executive Session for a legal briefing regarding White Cap Beach House, LLC, vs. the City of North Myrtle Beach, Case No. 2023-CP-26-00387 and a legal briefing regarding PINs #351-16-02-0046, #351-16-02-0045, and #351-16-02-0061 located on Sea Mountain Highway and 23rd Avenue North. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Collins. The motion passed 4-0. The Council returned to Chambers at 7:09 PM. Mayor Hatley announced that no votes were taken at the session. Mayor Hatley called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin. The motion passed 6-0.

1C. CONTINUATION OF CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hatley asked Manager Mike Mahaney to deliver the invocation.

Mayor Hatley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES:

The motion to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting of Monday, May 20, 2024, and the City Council Special Called Meeting of Monday, June 10, 2024, as presented, was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Hatley stated the Department Monthly Reports for May 2024 were available online. Mayor Hatley thanked the Department Heads for their reports and added that they kept her informed on what was going on in each department. She added that Matt Gibbons, Director of Parks and Recreation, had a busy month in May and broke the record for events.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

None

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. MOTION TO APPROVE: The North Myrtle Beach Salute to America on July 4, 2024
- B. MOTION TO APPROVE: The Junior SOS Beach Party on July 20, 2024
- C. MOTION TO APPROVE: The Ocean Drive Shag Club Beach Party on September 23, 2024

Mayor Hatley asked the Council to consider Items 5A through 5C together. The Council agreed and Mayor Hatley read each item by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Skidmore.

Having no comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: An ordinance setting the tax levy for FY 2025
- B. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: An ordinance to adopt the budget for FY 2025

Mayor Hatley asked the Council to consider Items 6A and 6B together. The Council agreed and Mayor Hatley read each item by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Coyne. Councilman Collins asked for confirmation that the tax rate increase was \$12 per \$100,000 and that it may be affected by the upcoming County reassessment. Manager Mahaney stated the increase could be affected by the County reassessment in the future.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

- C. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Amendment to the Parkway Group Planned Development District (PDD) revising signage at Abrazo
- D. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for ± 0.83 acres on Riverside Drive
- E. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for ± 7.95 acres off Cenith Drive
- F. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for ± 0.16 acres on Tom E. Chestnut Road

Mayor Hatley asked the Council to consider Items 6C through 6F together. The Council agreed and Mayor Hatley read each item by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Skidmore. Councilman Collins stated the items had been discussed thoroughly at first reading and the long strip on 6E would not be built on. Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin added these actions were to bring donut holes into R-1 Zoning. Councilman Collins stated the signage looked good and Mayor Hatley agreed.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. ORDINANCE/FIRST READING: Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for ± 0.98 acres on Little River Neck Road. Mayor Hatley read the ordinance by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana. Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin stated this was to fill in donut holes and zoned R-1. Mayor Hatley stated these properties were being served by the City's police, fire, and first responders and was receiving City water and sewer services. She added the properties needed to be inside the City and pay taxes for use of City services.

Damian Triouleyre, 902 Perrin Drive, North Myrtle Beach, asked for clarification of the rationale for closing donuts holes. He asked what the problem was with county land surrounded by city land. Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin stated that county zoning allowed many things that the City did not allow like strip clubs and fireworks. He further stated that response times for police and fire were longer for the county to respond and it was better for the residents and the City to bring them in. Mayor Hatley stated the property had to be contiguous before it could be annexed. Councilman Collins stated the owners had to petition the City and Mayor Hatley added that the City did not spot zone, owners had to petition for annexation. Mr. Triouleyre thanked the Mayor and Council and stated the City was one of the best run cities anywhere.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

B. **ORDINANCE/FIRST READING:** Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for ± 0.68 acres on Anne Street. Mayor Hatley read the ordinance by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Collins and seconded by Councilman Coyne. Mayor Hatley stated this was the same as the other items with the exception that the owners signed an agreement stating that when their property became contiguous, they would petition to be annexed into the City. Mayor Hatley added these properties had recently become contiguous. Councilman Collins stated they were currently receiving City water and sewer services. Mayor Hatley noted that county residents pay double for water and sewer and it was beneficial for them to come into the City.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Damian Triouleyre, 902 Perrin Drive, North Myrtle Beach, stated he had lived in North Myrtle Beach for 30 years and he had seen the City get better and better. Mr. Triouleyre stated the people hired by Manager Mahaney on all levels communicate and interact well. Manager Mahaney thanked him and stated that the Council hired 3 positions and he hired over 650 with the Department Heads. Mr. Triouleyre stated North Myrtle Beach was one of the fastest growing areas in the country and noted that there were still many small parcels of land with good trees on them and asked the Council to consider adding more pocket parks. Mayor Hatley stated it was hard to find land but the City was always looking. She thanked Mr. Triouleyre for his comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hatley thanked everyone for attending and called for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Collins. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk

MARILYN HATLEY, MAYOR

Minutes approved and adopted this 15th day of July 2024