

**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 3, 2025, 4:30 PM**

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

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

Marilyn Hatley
JO Baldwin
Bubba Collins
Fred Coyne
Nicole Fontana
Trey Skidmore
Hank Thomas, Absent for roll call only

A quorum was established.

1B. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Hatley called for a motion to go into Executive Session for a legal briefing regarding the City of North Myrtle Beach vs. the City of Myrtle Beach, 2025-CP-26-00812 and a legal briefing regarding the potential lease of City property. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Collins. The motion passed 6-0. Councilman Thomas joined the meeting during Executive Session. The Council returned to Chambers at 6:00 PM. Mayor Hatley announced that no votes were taken at the session. The regular meeting started at 6:00 PM.

1C. CONTINUATION OF CALL TO ORDER:

Rev. Tony Adams, Little River Methodist Church, delivered the invocation.

Mayor Hatley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES:

The motion to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting of Monday, February 17, 2025, and the City Council Workshop of Monday, February 24, 2025, as presented, was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Coyne. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

Ryan Fabbri, Interim City Manager, recognized Richard Bellamy for 40 years of service with the City, John P. Baker, Jr, Derek A. Daponte, Jr., John A. Green, Jr., and Hayden A. Long for 5 years of service with the City and presented them with a check in appreciation for their service and dedication.

Mayor Hatley stated the department monthly reports for January 2025 were available online.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Hatley thanked Billy Floyd, Fire Chief, for keeping the Council informed during the recent fires. Mayor Hatley thanked the City's firefighters and personnel for helping Horry County fight fires and for being conscious of the area surrounding the City. Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin and Councilman Skidmore added their appreciation for the continual updates over the weekend and commended the firefighters for their dedication.

5. **CONSENT:**

MOTION TO APPROVE: Ocean Drive Shag Club Beach Party on May 8, 2025. Mayor Hatley read the item by title and called for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Skidmore.

Having no comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Amendment to the Parkway Group Planned Development District (PDD) revising The Preserve.

B. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING: Regarding the First Amendment to the Separate and Independent Amendment to the Parkway Group Planned Development District (PDD) Master Development Agreement revising The Preserve.

C. ORDINANCE/FIRST READING: First Amendment to the Separate and Independent Amendment to the Parkway Group Planned Development District (PDD) Master Development Agreement revising The Preserve and to authorize the Interim City Manager to sign the documents on behalf of the City.

Mayor Hatley stated Staff had requested that Items 6A, 6B, and 6C, be postponed and she asked Council to consider all 3 together. Mayor Hatley read each item by title and called for a motion to postpone. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin and seconded by Councilman Thomas. Councilman Collins noted that Item 6C was the first reading.

Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin stated there had been two workshops and several meetings on The Preserve and the Applicant had reduced the density further. However, the Applicant was late submitting documents to staff in time to be reviewed for this meeting. He asked that a special called meeting be scheduled to avoid any more delays for the Applicant. Mayor Hatley stated she did not have a problem with holding a special called meeting in the next week as long as the City Attorney and staff had adequate time to review the amended documents. Councilman Thomas stated he did not want to hold the Applicant up any longer and would like to see the meeting held before Friday. Councilman Collins and Councilman Skidmore agreed. Councilman Coyne asked for a full size set of prints of what was initially submitted and what was currently proposed to review before the meeting.

Chris Noury, City Attorney, stated that, according to Code, the meeting would have to be held 7 days after this meeting, therefore, it could not be held before Friday. Interim City Manager Fabbri scheduled the meeting for Monday, March 10, 2025, at 1:30 PM.

Having no further comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to postpone Items 6A, 6B, and 6C passed 7-0.

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. ORDINANCE/FIRST READING: Amendment to Chapter 11, Fire Prevention, of the Code of Ordinances of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, addressing the adoption of the most current edition of The International Fire Code. Mayor Hatley read the ordinance by title and called for a motion to approve. The motion 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 7-0.

B. **ORDINANCE/FIRST READING:** To approve the Fifth Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement between the City and Midcon Cable. Mayor Hatley read the ordinance by title and called for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin.

Having no comment from the Council or public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dara Baltuskonis, 4502 Grovecrest Circle, North Myrtle Beach, thanked Chief Floyd and Council for the updates during the fires over the weekend. She extended gratitude from the Barefoot Resort residents and stated they felt protected, watched over, and comfortable. Ms. Baltuskonis stated Barefoot Resort lost 70 homes during the 2009 fire so the anxiety level was high. She thanked Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin and Councilman Skidmore for putting her in touch with Chief Floyd and for the constant updates.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Hatley called for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Collins. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela C. Westmoreland, Assistant City Clerk

MARILYN HATLEY, MAYOR

Minutes approved and adopted this 17th day of March 2025