

**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY HALL
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 23, 2025, 12:45 PM**

Minutes

1. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk to call the roll.

Marilyn Hatley, Absent for roll call only

JO Baldwin

Bubba Collins

Fred Coyne

Nicole Fontana

Trey Skidmore

Hank Thomas

A quorum was established.

Mayor Hatley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin called for a motion to go into Executive Session for a discussion regarding the proposed contract with the City Manager. The motion was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 6-0. Mayor Hatley joined the meeting during Executive Session. Council returned to Chambers at 2:02 PM. The Mayor announced that no votes were taken and called for a motion to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Skidmore. The motion passed 7-0.

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: An ordinance setting the tax levy for FY 2026

B. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: An ordinance to provide for the adoption of the budget for FY 2026

C. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Amendment to Chapter 21, Traffic, of the Code of Ordinances of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, addressing annual parking fee exemptions

D. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Amendment to Chapter 21, Traffic, of the Code of Ordinances of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, regulating the use of golf carts

E. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Adoption of revisions for the City of North Myrtle Beach Employee Personnel Manual

F. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Amendment to Chapter 6, Buildings; Construction; Related Activities, of the Code of Ordinances of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, addressing permit fees

Mayor Hatley asked that Items 3A-3F be considered together, and Council agreed. Mayor Hatley read the items by title and called for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Skidmore. Councilman Thomas asked when the Plan Review Fee for Item 3F would be paid. Suzanne Pritchard, Planning and Development Assistant Director, stated that all fees were paid at the time of permit issuance.

Jolene Puffer, 3506 Turner Avenue, North Myrtle Beach, requested clarification on page 7, line 27 of the budget, regarding changes to customer rates. Jamie Baker, Acting Finance Director, stated that it was a typo and there were no changes. Ms. Puffer questioned the \$50,000 purchase and the reason for a mosquito drone. Ryan Fabbri, City Manager, stated that the Public Works Department had requested the drone, and he would forward information to Ms. Puffer after the meeting.

Dana Brown, 2314 Vera Way, Longs, requested that the Budget Retreat be held closer to North Myrtle Beach next year so that she could attend more easily. She added that one week was not ample time for her to review and research the budget, and she felt that holding the retreat off-site and with short notice, gave the impression that the Council was making decisions behind closed doors. Mayor Hatley stated that the budget had been advertised, and ample time was given to review it. Ms. Brown added that she was also no longer receiving email notifications. She reiterated that one week was not enough time for her to review the budget. Mayor Hatley thanked Ms. Brown for her comments.

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

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. RESOLUTION: To approve the City Manager Employment Agreement and to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the city. Mayor Hatley read the resolution by title and called for a motion to approve. The motion was made by Councilman Collins 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.

B. ORDINANCE/FIRST READING: To lease office space and to authorize the use of a portion of the pool and other areas of the Aquatic and Fitness Center to McLeod Seacoast Hospital. 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. Mayor Hatley stated this was an important partnership, and the services they provided greatly helped the residents.

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

5. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hatley called for a motion to adjourn. The motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilman Coyne. The motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela C. Westmoreland, Assistant City Clerk

MARILYN HATLEY, MAYOR

Minutes approved and adopted this 21st day of July 2025