

**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, January 4, 2021, 6:30 PM**

Minutes

1A. ROLL CALL:

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

Marilyn Hatley
JO Baldwin
Fred Coyne
Nicole Fontana
Hank Thomas, Absent for roll call only
Terry White

A quorum was established.

1B. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Mayor called for a motion to go into Executive Session for a discussion regarding a legal briefing concerning the lawsuit, *City of North Myrtle Beach, for Itself and a Class of Similarly Situated Plaintiffs, v. Horry County, 2019-CP-26-01732*, a discussion regarding a potential contract between the City and Beam & Associates, and a discussion regarding potential appointments to the Planning Commission. The motion was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Baldwin. The motion passed 5-0. The Council returned to Chambers at 7:02 PM. The Mayor announced that no votes were taken at the session.

1C. CONTINUATION OF CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Hatley asked the audience to remember fallen officer, Sgt. Gordon Best, as each prayed silently for the invocation.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES:

The motion to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting of Monday, December 7, 2020, the City Council Workshop of Wednesday, December 9, 2020, and the City Council Workshop of Monday, December 14, 2020, as presented, was made by Councilman Thomas and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Hatley presented a Proclamation to Howard Lockey for 51 years of dedication and service to the City of North Myrtle Beach. Mr. Lockey joined the Police Department on April 1, 1967 and retired on April 19, 1994. He then served as a part-time bailiff for the North Myrtle Beach Municipal Court from May 1, 1994 to April 30, 2018. Councilman White stated Mr. Lockey was his sergeant when he served as a North Myrtle Beach Police Officer. The Council and Staff sincerely thanked Mr. Lockey for his combined five decades of faithful service and stated he personified the best attributes of Law Enforcement.

Mayor Hatley stated that the Departmental Monthly Reports for November 2020 were available online.

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:**

Mayor Hatley thanked Tom Keegan, from Representative Tom Rice's office, for being at the meeting. Mr. Keegan stated Congressman Rice offered his deep and personal condolences to Sergeant Best's family, the Council, Police Department, and the citizens for the loss of an outstanding man and dedicated officer.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. MOTION TO APPOINT: Reappointment of Lynn Clyburn, Thomas Watts, and Peyton Henley for second terms on the Accommodations Tax Commission
- B. MOTION TO APPOINT: Appointment of Dolly McDermott to fill one vacant seat on the Accommodations Tax Commission
- C. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for annexation & zoning designation for 0.78 acres on Little River Neck Road
- D. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for annexation & zoning designation for 1.02 acres on Cenith Drive
- E. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for annexation & zoning designation for 0.36 acres on Cenith Drive
- F. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for annexation & zoning designation for 0.36 acres on Cenith Drive

Mayor Hatley asked if the Council would consider taking the agenda items together. The Council was in agreement. Mayor Hatley read the items by title and called for a motion. Councilwoman Fontana motioned to approve and was seconded by Councilman Baldwin. Having no comments from the Council or the public, Mayor Hatley called for a vote. The motion to approve passed 6-0.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS:** None

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Hatley thanked everyone for coming and wished them a happy new year. The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison K. Galbreath, Clerk to Council

MARILYN HATLEY, MAYOR

Minutes approved and adopted this 1st day of February 2021.