

**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 21, 2021, 7:00 PM**

Minutes

1. 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
Trey Skidmore
Hank Thomas
Terry White

A quorum was established.

Mayor Hatley asked Manager Mahaney to deliver the invocation.

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. MINUTES:

The motion to approve the minutes for the City Council Meeting of Monday, June 7, 2021, as presented, was made by Councilman White and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Hatley stated that the Departmental Monthly Reports for May 2021 were available online.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

Mayor Hatley thanked Tom Keegan, a representative from Tom Rice's office, for being at the meeting. Mr. Keegan sent Congressman Rice's warmest regards and belated Happy Father's Day wishes.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION TO APPROVE: 9-11 Memorial Event

Mayor Hatley read the motion to approve by title and called for a motion. Councilwoman Fontana motioned to approve and was seconded by Councilman Baldwin. Mayor Hatley stated they were looking forward to this event, which was sponsored by the North Myrtle Beach Lion's Club.

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

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: An ordinance setting the tax levy for FY 2022

B. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: An ordinance to provide for the adoption of the budget for FY 2022

Mayor Hatley stated the Council would take Items A and B together, read the ordinances by title, and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Coyne and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana.

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

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

ORDINANCE/FIRST READING: Petition for annexation and zoning designation for 0.46 acres on Riverside Drive. Mayor Hatley read the ordinance by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Baldwin and seconded by Councilman Thomas.

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

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Joe Weiss, 2421 Marsh Court, North Myrtle Beach, stated he absolutely loved the City and it was the best place on Earth. He wanted to request a light at Sea Mountain Highway and Ye Olde Kings Highway. He stated it was like playing 'Frogger' going out. It took 3-4 minutes to turn left and then you had to turn into the turning lane, which was a safety concern. He stated the traffic was going around 40-50 mph and there was nothing to stop them from going too fast in that area. He spoke to William Bailey through Messenger and he suggested Mr. Weiss start with the City Council. He stated this year it was really needed, especially with the new development going in. He stated he would volunteer his time to help and so would his sister, Ms. Webb, if there needed to be signatures, he would get them. Manager Mahaney stated the last time they submitted this to the state, there was not enough traffic that met the state criteria. He stated to signalize the intersection would be \$400,000. He stated they would check it out and let him know. Mr. Weiss stated it had been a dangerous intersection for a long time. He also wanted to commend the North Myrtle Beach lifeguard program and Monty, Donny, and May. His daughter was a lifeguard in the program and those individuals were more than bosses. They were like coaches and helped them so much. He wanted to point out how Judy Childers was very supportive and encouraged his daughter in the program. Even the seniors at the Aquatic Fitness Center helped to support her when she was swimming. Mayor Hatley stated they were very proud of their lifeguards, the program, and how well trained they were. She thanked his daughter for stepping up, taking the course, and being a part of the program.

Catherine Joyce, 800 Perrin Drive, North Myrtle Beach, stated she had lived in the area for over 7 years, but was a 30 year property owner on Perrin Drive. She asked why their section of the city was ignored. North and south of Main Street had underground wiring and updated fencing around dumpsters. Perrin Drive has a property that appears to be unsafe. The house had not been maintained and the front lawn had been overgrown with an abandoned boat on the property for 30 years. At 710 South Ocean Boulevard, the renters did not have enough parking spaces. The renters park on the grass, streets, and at times, city property. There were 25-35 people there with many children. Ms. Joyce stated there was not a pedestrian crossing and she was very concerned for the children crossing the street to get to the beach. She stated the realtors do not manage correctly. She appreciated Mayor Hatley's attention to her letter when she asked the City to address the conditions of the roads on Perrin Drive, 9th Avenue, and Strand Avenue. She stated she was told they were high

on the list and nine years ago they were told they were next on the list. She asked why they were ignored. Ms. Joyce stated new was good, but maintaining old was success. Mayor Hatley asked Manager Mahaney to look into the list. Manager Mahaney asked Ms. Joyce to give the addresses to Director Wood and Dana Hamilton, Engineering Manager, for them to look into the situations. Ms. Joyce stated she had spoken with Councilman Baldwin previously regarding the rental property and the parking problems. They park on the street and grass. Councilman Baldwin stated the new parking ordinance should take care of some of those issue. He stated he did take pictures of people parking in the area around the stop sign a couple of years. Councilman Baldwin stated he would relook into the situation and agreed that the roads needed to be repaved. Ms. Joyce reiterated her concern for the children crossing the road to go to the beach. Mayor Hatley thanked Ms. Joyce for coming and bringing this to their attention.

Manager Mahaney announced the tentative upcoming schedule for the Sea Glass project. There would be a City Council workshop on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 1:30 pm. The Planning Commission would host the first public hearing on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 5:00 pm. On Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm, the City Council would host the second public hearing and first reading of the Development Agreement and amendment to the Planned Development District. The second reading would occur on October 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Terry Brewer, 4801 Harbour Point Drive, Unit 706, North Myrtle Beach, asked if the July 7 workshop was open to the public. Manager Mahaney stated it was open to the public and asked Pat Dowling, Public Information Officer, to advertise the schedule.

Susan Smit, 502 Cascade Loop, Little River and property owner at Barefoot Resort, asked what time the meetings were at. Manager Mahaney stated the times would be in the release. The workshop would be at 1:30 pm, the Planning Commission meetings were held at 5:00 pm, and the City Council meetings were at 7:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Hatley thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and adjourned the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison K. Galbreath, Clerk to Council

MARILYN HATLEY, MAYOR

Minutes approved and adopted this 19th day of July 2021.