

**CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA  
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, March 20, 2023, 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  
Bubba Collins  
Fred Coyne  
Nicole Fontana  
Trey Skidmore  
Hank Thomas

A quorum was established.

Mayor Hatley asked Manager 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, March 6, 2022 and the City Council Workshop of Wednesday, March 8, 2023, as presented, was made by Councilman Coyne and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana. The motion to approve passed 7-0.

**3. COMMUNICATIONS:**

The Knights of Columbus presented Dana Crowell, Police Chief, Amy Vicks, Community Service Officer, and the Police Department with teddy bears for officers to use throughout the year. The teddy bears are given by officers to children during traumatic circumstances.

Mayor Hatley stated that the Departmental Monthly Reports for February 2023 were available online.

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

Councilman Thomas and Mayor Hatley thanked the Police Department for the outstanding awards program that highlighted the efforts and achievements of our officers this past year.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

- A. RESOLUTION: Expansion of the Festival Zone within the Barefoot Landing Shopping Center
- B. MOTION TO APPROVE: Main Street Show Time Charity Car Show
- C. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for 0.52 acres on Cenith Drive
- D. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for 0.27 acres on Cashmere Lane
- E. ORDINANCE/SECOND READING: Petition for Annexation and Zoning Designation for 0.24 acres on Cashmere

Mayor Hatley asked the Council to consider Items A-E together. The Council agreed and Mayor Hatley read Items A-E by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made 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.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **ORDINANCE/FIRST READING:** An Intergovernmental Agreement relating to South Carolina Local Revenue Services, to participate in one or more local revenue service programs, and to execute and deliver one or more participant program supplements. Mayor Hatley read the ordinance by title and called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Baldwin. Mayor Hatley confirmed the City utilized these services. Manager Mahaney stated these were related to the passage of 176.

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

B. **ORDINANCE/FIRST READING:** Amend Chapter 5, Beaches and Waterway, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of North Myrtle Beach adopting Section 5-28, Mooring Boats or Vessels. Manager Mahaney read the ordinance by title and Mayor Hatley called for a motion. The motion to approve was made by Councilman Collins and seconded by Councilwoman Fontana. The Council and staff discussed the need for the ordinance and Manager Mahaney stated it codified the current policy and it had been reviewed by Public Safety and several attorneys.

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

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Neil Witken, 3019 Winding River Drive, North Myrtle Beach, thanked Chief Crowell for coming to the Barefoot Board Meeting. Mr. Witken asked if the city had any plans for composting. Mayor Hatley stated the city took the composting to the Solid Waste Authority, recycling center, and/or the land fill located in the county.

Dolores Powers Cochran, 3513 South Ocean Boulevard, North Myrtle Beach, stated she wanted to talk with them about the seasonal rentals of chairs and umbrellas. She stated it was abused by people and was a problem a few years ago. Last year, it was addressed a lot differently. She stated there were people who lived here and needed that perk. She stated in the Windy Hill section, they never had a problem with the chairs being rented too much. She stated the city had purchased additional chairs to compensate with the over rental of chairs. She stated they had so many people that were disabled and they counted on the chair and umbrella rentals. If a section ran out of chairs, they could be refilled by the beach trucks that ran up and down the road. There were many people that counted on this. It was the one thing that would make her get up and go out to the beach. People lived for that moment. She asked them to reconsider. It was important for people to have this in their lives.

Diane Hornik, 1173 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, North Myrtle Beach, stated she represented everyone from Waterway Shores and the residents that live by the wastewater treatment plant. They had been trying to get answers about the plant and have only received general ones. They had been going back and forth with emails and talking with people, but wanted more specific answers. They had worked with Jim

Grainger, and he got some landscape funds in the budget, but the landscaping wasn't finished. They were told it would be finished, but it hasn't. Ms. Hornik stated they were told there had been meetings from the Citizen's Academy and received some paperwork, but it was an old one from 2020. She was hoping for a new one but had not received it. She stated someone had spoken with Mayor Hatley about the smell that was getting worse and worse. They were not asking for the plant to get moved, but to treat it chemically correct so it wouldn't smell. Ms. Hornik asked to meet with the head of the department and get an explanation for the stronger smell. Mayor Hatley stated they would be happy to meet with them. Manager Mahaney suggested she speak with Kevin Blayton after the meeting to set up a time to get together. Ms. Hornik stated they have been told by someone that was on a board that there should be no smell if it was chemically treated correctly. She was told the City was trying to reduce chemical usage. Mayor Hatley stated that was something Director Blayton could answer for them.

Marlene Frandsen, 1165 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, North Myrtle Beach, asked if there was a Citizen's Academy scheduled. Manager Mahaney stated there was one currently scheduled in the fall. It would be announced on the City's website. Ms. Frandsen thanked Director Blayton for answering her email so quickly.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Hatley thanked everyone for coming and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Fontana and seconded by Councilman Thomas at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk

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MARILYN HATLEY, MAYOR

Minutes approved and adopted this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2023