



CAROLINA BEACH

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES • MAY 23, 2017

Council Chambers
Workshop
9:00 AM

**1121 N. LAKE PARK BLVD.
CAROLINA BEACH, NC 28428**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dan Wilcox	Mayor	Present	
LeAnn Pierce	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Steve Shuttleworth	Council Member	Present	
Tom Bridges	Council Member	Present	
Gary Doetsch	Council Member	Present	
Michael Cramer	Town Manager	Present	
Ed Parvin	Assistant Town Manager	Present	
Debbie Hall	Finance Director	Present	
Kim Ward	Town Clerk	Present	

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Opioid Discussion

(Requested by Michael Cramer, Town Manager's Office)

Chief Spivey gave a brief introduction of the Harm Reduction Program and introduced Executive Director Robert Childs who gave a presentation on the statistics of opiate abuse and the programs available to help combat the epidemic.

Council members asked staff to make this information available to the public via social media and to educate staff to be able to answer questions on the programs that are available.

Mrs. Gina Benton spoke about her young son, Nick, who lost his struggle with addiction in 2014. She wanted to reiterate that this a real issue affecting this community.

b. FY 2017-2018 Paving Plan

(Requested by Michael Cramer, Town Manager's Office)

Gil DuBois presented the street pavement condition index study giving the conditions of the streets in town and the areas that are priority.

There are 40.17 miles of paved streets that are maintained by the Town. 4.89 miles are maintained by NCDOT. The typical Powell Bill allotment is \$168,000.

Velocity Paving was hired to perform widespread street maintenance on problematic areas in June, 2015. The Town hired Transmap to perform street assessments in the fourth quarter of 2015 and the study was completed in March, 2016. Every street was surveyed and attributes such as length, width, pavement type and classification were recorded. Using radar, LIDAR and digital imagery the roads were given a Pavement Condition Index that assessed the surface distress and severity of each

street section.

Pavement Condition Index (PCI) is an industry standard that scores each road section surface based upon an engineered formula and assigns it an index of 0 to 100. 29 streets are listed in poor to serious condition. The top five are Second, Sumter, Spartanburg, Bridge Barrier and Lewis Roads. The estimated cost of repairing 25,000 square feet of asphalt would be around \$650,000.

c. Marketing and Parking Kiosks

(Requested by Michael Cramer, Town Manager's Office)

Michael Cramer presented some ideas for kiosks at Freeman Park and the boardwalk or lake.

Council asked the manager to move forward with a budget transfer to purchase two kiosks and have them in place as soon as possible.

d. Closing Canal and Cape Fear on Thursdays

(Requested by Michael Cramer, Town Manager's Office)

Mr. Cramer presented the idea of closing Cape Fear Boulevard and Canal Drive during Thursday night fireworks. He also suggested giving the police the authority to allow certain traffic to come through such as businesses that make deliveries like Frank's Pizza and Sea Bee Subs.

Mayor Wilcox said he is comfortable with what has been going on the past few years where police assess the safety concerns and when to shut down the road.

Council Member Shuttleworth expressed concern for the pedestrians crossing the roads. It is important to block the traffic at Lake Park and Cape Fear Boulevard. Once you turn onto Cape Fear from Canal Drive, it is very difficult to turn around.

Mayor Wilcox said that it may not be necessary to shut the roads down at 6:30 pm. Some people drop off elderly or handicap so there needs to be some time allowed for that.

Council Member Bridges wants to allow the police to use their judgment and make the decision when to shut the road down and use discretion when to allow traffic to go through.

Chief Spivey met with business owners in the area of the boardwalk and they are all in favor of closing the roads during peak times for safety purposes.

III. ADJOURN

Mr. Cramer reminded Council of the next budget meeting which is Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

Kimberlee Ward, Town Clerk

Date Approved