

MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Mayor Blair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Attendance: Mayor William J. Blair III, Mayor Pro Tem Darryl Mills, Alderman Ken Dull, and Alderman Henry E. Miller III; together with Town Attorney John C. Wessell III, Town Manager Timothy W. Owens and Town Clerk Sylvia J. Holleman.

Absent: Alderman Elizabeth King due to a scheduling conflict.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Pastor John McIntyre, Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: SUE BULLUCK CHAMBER BUILDING, CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND CHAMBER MEETING; MIKE EDMONDS – RESIDENTIAL PARKING PASS AND SPECIAL EVENT FEE FOR EASTER EGG HUNT; AND NEAL BRIGGI – UPDATE ON HENDERSON STREET ACCESS STAIRS.**

Ms. Sue Bulluck, speaking for the Chamber, thanked the Town for working on the Chamber building. She said they had some legal issues to discuss and since insurance was involved, Mr. Owens would have to have them give her a quote. She said there were still a lot of businesses not up and going and that would impact the occupancy tax. Ms. Bulluck said, “We do have one thing on the horizon; the beach nourishment program is entwined with additional money. There may be a reach out for that Corps of Engineers’ money to be pulled back for other purposes. I’m asking Mayor Pro Tem Mills and Mr. Wessell to keep an eye on that as we move forward. Finally, you are all invited to Bluewater on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are looking for as many elected officials as we can get. We need to let Ted Davis and Harper Peterson know we are out here. The beaches do not have a lot of voting power in terms of registered voters. We need to be as visible as possible. We will have the County Commissioners on March 29<sup>th</sup> and we will work our way down. When we need them for sand, they will know who is speaking to them.”

Mr. Mike Edmonds, 601 North Channel Drive, said, “At the Retreat, the Board raised residential parking passes from \$30 to \$50; that is a 40% increase. I know what you want to do with the funds and we need the funds desperately but hitting residents for 40% is a bit much. Plus, you will decide on West Salisbury Street. I would like for you not to do West Salisbury Street because that is the only spot residents can park with a hangtag. Most of the time, not many people park on West Salisbury during the week. I would like for you to rescind that portion. Another thing, on Harbor Island, it used to be September 15 to May 1, folks on Harbor Island could have people come over for dinner. That was a great compromise. The Board worked that out. It is not the same as ‘island wide’. It was all right the way it was. Some residences have zero parking spaces off the street. Thirty-six properties have one or less places off street to park if someone comes to eat dinner with them. I would like for you to consider not fooling with the September 15 to May 1 residential parking on Harbor Island. Also, we have a young couple (Mark and Kaylee Johnson) in charge of our Youth Program. Kaylee and Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church took over the Easter Egg Hunt from the Lions. We had over 800 people on the Saturday before Easter. In 2017, the Parks & Rec proceeds were in excess of \$322,000 and last year, Katie generated \$225,000. Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church puts on an Easter Egg Hunt. We do not charge. We have to pay eight hundred and some dollars to use the park. If you could half that fee for nonprofits – see if there is something we can do going forward. That’s a big hit on Kaylee’s budget for the Children’s Programs. We’re expecting over a thousand people this year.”

Mr. Neal Briggi, representing the Henderson Street Association, said “Thanks for the support you gave us. We have two sets of stairs at the end of West Henderson and West Greensboro Streets. Also, the new signage is on the home stretch. We would like for the Parks & Rec Department to conduct signage interpretation to make it clearer.”

**CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITH A 4-0 VOTE BY MOTION OF ALDERMAN MILLER AND SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MILLS.**

- a. Approved Regular and Closed Session Minutes of July 10, 2018; Regular Minutes of August 9, 2018 and Regular Minutes of September 11, 2018.
- b. Approved special event permits as follows:
  1. Alpha Delta Pi Low Country Boil for Ronald McDonald House (*500 participants*)  
Saturday, March 2, 2019 (1:30 – 5:30 pm)(setup 12:30 pm)  
Rain date: Saturday, March 23, 2019  
Location: Wrightsville Beach Park Shelters  
\*\*\* Recurring Event
  2. ESA-SNC Surf Contest (*approximately 100 participants*)  
Saturday, March 9, 2019 (8am–6pm)(setup 7:30 am)  
Location: Beach Accesses 38-39  
\*\*\* Recurring Event
  3. US Open Beach Fat Tire Championship (*approximately 300 participants*)  
Saturday, March 23, 2019 (12:00-4:00 pm) (6am-6pm setup/tear down)  
Location: Beach strand at Blockade Runner (course going north/south ½ mile)  
\*\*\* Recurring Event
  4. WB Elementary School Beach Sweep (*approximately 400 participants*)  
Monday, April 8, 2019 (8:30-10:30 am)  
Location: Beach Access 8-33 (Holiday Inn Resort to Blockade Runner Resort)  
\*\*\* Educational Event
  5. Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt (*approx. 500 participants*)  
Saturday, April 20, 2019 (10:00-11:00 am) (7:30am setup)  
Location: WB Park at event stage and softball field  
\*\*\* Recurring Event
  6. UNCW Beach Blast (*approximately 4,000 participants*)  
Tuesday, August 20, 2019 (7am-5pm) (event is 11am-3pm)  
Location: Beach strand north and south of Oceanic Pier  
\*\*\* Recurring Event
  7. Carolina Cup 2019 (*approx. 1,000-2,000 participants, volunteers, spectators*)  
Saturday, April 27, 2019 (7:30am-3:00pm)  
Location: Beach strand at Blockade Runner  
\*\*\* Recurring Event
- c. Acknowledged previously approved special events for March.
- d. Acknowledged departmental quarterly reports covering the months of October, November and December, 2018.
- e. Adopted Resolution No. (2019) 2135 to approve a contract for auditing services with Martin Starnes & Associates, CPAs, P.A. for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019.

- f. Adopted Budget Ordinance No. (2019) 499-B to allocate \$9,000 for the Meier Street Pier Demolition Project.
- g. Adopted Budget Ordinance No. (2019) 498-B for the Masons Inlet Assessment (\$17,128), an insurance claim for equipment repair (\$5,208), and a donation to cover the cost of a bench in Harbor Way Gardens (820).
- h. Accepted the donation of a bench from Ms. Natalie Johnson to be installed in the Harbor Way Gardens in memory of her father.
- i. Approved 2019 Meeting Schedule for the Marketing. Advisory Committee.
- j. Approved revised 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule to cancel the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- k. Approved revised 2019 Board of Adjustment Meeting Schedule to cancel the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- l. Set a public hearing for Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider a text amendment to Section 155.8.12 for commercial structures in the C-3 Commercial District.
- m. Set a public hearing for Thursday, March 14, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider an amendment to the Conditional Use Permit for 19 East Salisbury Street (Atlantic View).

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 155.7.21 PRIVATE ACCESS EASEMENT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF PRIVATE ACCESS EASEMENTS. (CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 9, SEPTEMBER 11, OCTOBER 9, NOVEMBER 8, DECEMBER 13, 2018, AND JANUARY 7, 2019)**

Mayor Blair noted that this item had been continued since August 9<sup>th</sup> and said, “I will make a motion to continue this one more time to the March 14, 2019 meeting at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Council Chambers of Town Hall.” The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**APPEAL HEARING REGARDING THE DENIAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE CAROLINA PRO-AM STANDUP PADDLE BOARD REQUEST.**

Mayor Blair administered the oath to those wishing to address the subject.

Mr. Owens explained that this event had been held before but they did not hold the event last year. He said our policy does not address the issue of a recurring event that skips a year.

Mr. Haywood Newkirk, 1403 Airlie Road, said, “We had this event for three years in a row and it was popular and recognized around the world. Carolina Paddleboard Company went through some financial difficulty. Jeff DeGroot has stepped up to take that role at South End. The other component that was having issues was the Wrightsville Beach Museum. They moved a building ninety days prior to this event. That took up a tremendous amount of their time and effort and we did not feel we were organized enough to pull it off last year. If we had known about the rule not to skip a year, we probably would have continued it. We felt it was better for the Town to take a step back. The event has been in place for five or six years and always benefited Wrightsville Beach Museum.”

When asked how many participants they had for the last one, Mr. Newkirk replied, “We had 100 participants. It was a well-received event. We got calls from people around the world.” Mayor Pro Tem Mills asked if any other event had jumped into the time slot. Mr. Newkirk replied, “No, the paddleboard industry is still relatively young. We pair up with the Carolina Cup so people would not have to come from around the world two times in the year.” Alderman Miller asked if this event was just on the beach. Mr. Newkirk replied, “South of Crystal Pier. This year, South End Surf Shop will serve as the place for people to get refreshments and things.” When asked if there were any road closures, Mr. Newkirk replied, “No.” Parks and Recreation Program Supervisor Katie Ryan noted that they also changed hands as well. Mayor Blair referenced an event earlier this year that had skipped. Mr. Owens said, “That was denied and they did not go for a formal appeal.” Following a brief discussion regarding the fact that this was not an intrusive event, Alderman Dull expressed the need to look at our ordinance so that major events do not get caught in a loophole. He then made the motion to allow them to have the Carolina Pro-Am Standup Paddleboard Event in April. The motion was seconded by Alderman Miller and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF MAKING ONE APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION WITH THE NEW TERM TO EXPIRE JANUARY 2021.**

Planning and Parks Director Tony Wilson said, “We have one application from Ms. Peggy Daughtry for consideration to fill the vacancy on the Historic Landmark Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Mills noted that she had served before. Alderman Miller made the motion to appoint Peggy Daughtry to fill the vacancy on the Historic Landmark Commission for a term to expire January 2021. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. (2019) 1783 TO AMEND THE TOWN’S PARKING ORDINANCE.**

Mr. Owens explained that there were three main elements to the proposed ordinance: 1) No hangtags on West Salisbury Street; 2) To clarify who and when to use residential hangtags; and 3) To clean up about boat trailers on Pelican. He said the Board also needed to consider the monthly pass going from \$75 to \$100.

Mr. Wessell said, “It now makes it illegal for residents to let someone else use their hangtags. It makes it unlawful for any person to use the permit unless they are a resident or a visitor to that residence. This is in an effort to not let contractors use hangtags.”

Mayor Blair referenced Mr. Edmonds’ earlier comments about a 40% increase in residential parking passes and said, “For the last three years we have been modifying the parking to try to come up with a plan that is beach-wide, systematic and manageable. We look at it all the same way. Harbor Island benefits because they do not have paid parking. 40% is true as a percentage but the dollars will be used to hire another Park Ranger. That is a benefit to residents because we need better coverage.” Mayor Blair said he did not see how the changes in hours and dates would negatively impact Harbor Island. Mr. Edmonds said it hurts their visitors. Mayor Blair said, “Mr. Braggi’s recent letter to Lumina News was very accurate. The funding for beach re-nourishment is going away quickly. It all has a purpose.”

Mayor Pro Tem Mills made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. (2019) 1783. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blair and approved with a 4-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Mills then made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2019) 500-B to change the weekly rate to \$100. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blair and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**REQUEST FROM THE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH MUSEUM TO CONTINUE THE “LOOP THROUGH HISTORY” EVENT OVER EIGHT WEEKENDS IN 2019.**

Mr. Owens asked the Board to consider approving the request from the Wrightsville Beach Museum to continue the “Loop Through History Event” over eight weekends in 2019. He said the dates for posting signage and the locations of the signs were the same as the ones approved last year. Alderman Miller made the motion to approve the request to continue the Loop Through History Event for 2019. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON THE ANCHORAGE OF VESSELS IN THE WATERS SURROUNDING THE TOWN.**

Mr. Owens said, “It is in our ordinance now, no more than 30 days out of 180 days. That’s a moving target for enforcement. We could change the time limitations; we could have one person solely responsible and Shannon Slocum could help; we could use a hand-tilt zoom camera by the Blockade Runner to record the number of days. We need Board direction to do that. We talked about moving the Town’s boat. We could leave it for now and staff could explore costs and pier sites and come back with that. We could get a new boat, regulatory signage and those types of things. We could give people pamphlets so they could see how long they could stay.”

Mayor Blair said, “This was important to Alderman King. I suggest we push it off to the budget and tie it in to the part-time ranger position. I’m unclear as to how big the problem is.” Following a brief discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Mills asked if we wanted to shorten the time a boat is allowed to stay. Mr. Wessell replied, “I like 30 days because it is more effective to enforce. If we go to court, they cannot say we are not giving them sufficient time on public waters. We need someone to monitor it every day. It does not have to be the same person doing it.”

Mayor Pro Tem Mills asked Police Chief House if the recommendation for one of his officers to do it came from him. Chief House replied, “Joe cannot take the boat out and has to have someone take him out. The biggest issue we have is everyone needs a day off every now and then. If the two Park Rangers go out every morning and check, that should work.” Mayor Blair asked to push this item to the budget meetings.

**DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON EXTRA TOWN-WIDE COVERAGE THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL PARK RANGER.**

Mr. Owens said, “The Board has expressed some interest in adding an additional Park Ranger position to supplement the enforcement activities that are done by the Park Ranger and Police. We would need a vehicle for the new position. We could use an older lifeguard truck until the new one comes in. The new vehicle would go to Ranger Slocum and his old vehicle would be passed down to the part time position. The part time position could be April to September for \$20,000 not counting

the vehicle. Primary coverage now is 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. during the week and 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on weekends. The Board would have to approve a job description and let us hire whichever position you decide. We would bring back budget amendments for those things. The Board would also need to allow the purchase of a vehicle and give direction on scheduling.”

Mayor Blair said, “I would like to have more discussion on coverage. I do not see the overlap that we discussed. I think we need to make sure we are clear on what we are trying to do. It serves no purpose for someone to ride with Shannon.” Mr. Owens noted that most overlaps were on the weekends. Mayor Blair said, “The position needs to be part time first. A lot of residents would like to see off-hour enforcement on some of the things that go on. We can discuss that during the department head budget presentations on March 14<sup>th</sup>.” Mayor Blair then made the motion to approve a part-time position with 32-34 hours and said, “Let’s go ahead and interview and be thinking about how this will work.” Mayor Pro Tem Mills clarified that the motion included the job description. Mayor Blair said it did. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR THE JASMINE PLACE AND JASMINE COURT RESURFACING PROJECT AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2018) 2138 TO APPROVE THE ASSOCIATED CONTRACT.**

Mr. Owens said, “We put this out to bid and got two responses. We are recommending Carolina Civil Works and asking for a \$10,000 contingency for sidewalks. We will use budgeted funds for Keel and Short (mostly Powell Bill funds). We are asking the Board to allow Mr. Wessell to come up with a contract and allow staff to approve that. Alderman Dull made a motion to adopt Resolution No. (2019) 2138 approving a contract with Carolina Civil Works, Inc. with a contingency of \$10,000 for sidewalks following review and approval by the Town Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mayor Blair and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON RULES/REGULATIONS/POLICIES GOVERNING SPECIAL EVENTS.**

Recreation Program Supervisor Katie Ryan said, “At the January 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Aldermen meeting, questions were raised regarding special events and special event permit policies, specifically portable toilet facility requirements and possibly extending the restricted timeframe for new events to March 1 through October 31. The current timeframe is from April 1 through September 30 as directed at the February 14, 2015 Board of Aldermen Retreat. The April-September timeframe did not include weddings. We could consider putting a limit on the size of some of the weddings that are large and use shuttles. Also, Easter Egg hunts go from March to April depending on the Easter date. The other thing to consider is if an event skips a year, whether they can bring it back the next year – like after Hurricane Florence.” Following a brief discussion regarding the number of requests we receive for new events and concerns from residents about the events that are disruptive, Mayor Blair said, “Why don’t we leave the dates as they are (April 1 through September 30) and require anything that would be disruptive to be Board approved other than existing events.” Ms. Ryan said, “They are generally larger events and come to you anyway. A street closure has to come to you anyway.” Mr. Owens said staff would bring some of the changes back in the form of an ordinance amendment for consideration.

**CONSIDERATION OF APPROVING THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR THE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH PARK PARKING LOT RESURFACING.**

Mr. Owens asked that this item be tabled for now. He said we would rebid it and bring it back at a later date. The Board concurred.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTING A PROPOSAL FOR WORK ASSOCIATED WITH RENOVATING TOWN HALL AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2136 TO EXEMPT THE TOWN FROM N.C.G.S. 143-64.31.**

Mr. Owens said, “The Town put away \$150,000 in the CIP for Town Hall renovations. We could use some of those funds to get started. We would use Big Sky to help make it pretty. We need to exempt ourselves from the General Statutes.” Mayor Pro Tem Mills asked if there was any merit to combining this with the Parks and Recreation Office Building. Alderman Miller asked why we would do Town Hall before the Parks and Recreation Office Building. Mr. Owens said, “We have to exempt ourselves before we can ask someone to look at it. If we combine the two projects, it would be more than \$50,000 and we would have to do an RFQ process.” Alderman Miller said it made more sense to do a space needs study for Parks and Recreation first. Mr. Owens asked to table this to a later date.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTING A PROPOSAL FOR A SPACE NEEDS STUDY TO DETERMINE LONG-TERM RECOVERY PLANS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE BUILDING AND CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2019) 2137 TO EXEMPT THE TOWN FROM N.C.G.S. 143-64.31.**

Mayor Pro Tem Mills said they had just discussed this item. He then made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2019) 2137. Alderman Dull asked if this could be more of a comprehensive study. Mr. Owens said this was just for Parks and Recreation. Alderman Miller asked if it would make more sense to look at the space we have to see how best to use it. Mayor Blair said there was a lot of space from the Town Manager’s office back that way. Mr. Owens said, “We could have a workshop with the Board and John Sawyer and talk about it.” Alderman Dull expressed the need for it to be comprehensive and not just for Parks and Recreation. Mayor Pro Tem Mills amended his motion to include Town Hall. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dull and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**UPDATE ON HURRICANE FLORENCE-RELATED DAMAGE AND CLAIMS.**

Mr. Owens said, “We are moving ahead with FEMA and we also have insurance claims. We need to move forward on a lot of these small buildings like LS#1 – FEMA will probably reimburse and we have a flood insurance policy. Some of the larger buildings like the Public Works Garage and Office Buildings, Parks and Recreation Office Building and the Public Safety Building are more complicated and will take a little longer to figure out.” Mayor Blair asked if Mrs. Walters could give the Board a work-in-progress or money spent report so they would know what our exposure is with the General Fund as this happens. Mr. Owens said most of these would be a wash except for those four larger buildings. Alderman Dull asked if we were getting full cooperation from our insurance company. Mr. Owens replied, “Yes. It is the FEMA folks that come out and give small numbers. We will move forward on getting these buildings done and will keep you apprised of the budget.”

### **CONSIDERATION OF SETTING DATES FOR UPCOMING BUDGET MEETINGS.**

Mr. Owens said the first budget meeting had been scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and food would be provided. He asked if the Board would like to set other budget dates at this time. Following a brief discussion regarding possible dates, there was consensus by the Board members present to set the second date for April 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

### **REVIEW AND FORECAST OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE TOWN.**

Finance Officer Erica Walters gave an update and financial forecast that included the following: “As of January 31, 2019, all revenues and expenditures should be at 58.31% in order to be on target for our budgeted amounts. Revenues: General Fund: As a whole, the General Fund is at 66.40%. Revenues: Water and Sewer Fund: As a whole, the Water and Sewer Fund is at 57.52%, which is slightly below projected revenues. Expenditures: General Fund: As a whole, the General Fund is at 69.49%. Expenditures: Water and Sewer Fund: As a whole, the Water and Sewer Fund is at 37.92%. Outstanding Loan: Public Safety Building: Current Balance \$2,771,164.25; Interest Rate 2.39%; and Payoff Date is January 13, 2024. **Forecast for Year Ending 2019**: Parking Revenues: Compared to last Fiscal Year, all parking revenues are down by \$47,884 as of January 31, 2019. If February-June, 2019 is comparable to the last half of FY2018, the Town will exceed projected parking revenues by \$200,000. Sales Tax: As of January 31, 2019, sales tax has remained unaffected by the Hurricane. At this time, I do not see any reason that sales taxes would not meet expected budget by yearend. Room Occupancy Tax: These numbers are still evolving. We will keep the Board updated through the Budget Process as we learn how these numbers will change. The Town does have some Reserve funds that can be used if needed.” When asked if there were any glaring things that we needed to be worried about, Mrs. Walters replied, “The transfers were higher this year and that worries me. We should be able to make up the parking deficit.”

### **ALDERMAN DULL: COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- Marketing Advisory Committee: We had a two-hour meeting this week. The team downtown seems focused on getting the right message for Wrightsville Beach. We talked about the branding logo that we have used for ten years that seems tired. We may need to look at something new.
- Ribbon Cutting for the new walkway under the bridge will be Friday.
- Thanks to Katie Ryan for helping to reach the needed 300 Wrightsville Beach license plates.

### **ALDERMAN MILLER: COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- MPO Meeting: “They brought up the Cape Fear Moving Forward 2045. At Mr. Kozlosky’s urging, I asked them to add our Salisbury Street Project.”

### **MAYOR PRO TEM MILLS: COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- The Mayor and I met with Lanier Parking and tried to give them an overview of the changes and where we wanted to go. We should do that prior to every parking season.
- Ports, Waterway and Beach Commission met and what Ms. Bulluck mentioned earlier was not discussed. Carolina Beach is getting started on their re-nourishment and most discussion was based on that and the inlet.



**MR. OWENS: COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

- We are finalizing the beach breakfast for April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn and we need your input for topics.

**MR. WESSELL: COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

Mr. Wessell said, “We hired a law firm to help with our small cell ordinance and that will come before you soon. I would like to use the same lawyer to help with our sign ordinance for a fee not to exceed \$5,000.” There was a consensus of the Board members present to hire the same attorney to help with revisions to our sign ordinance.

**REQUEST FOR CLOSED SESSION FOR UPDATES AND DISCUSSION OF PENDING LITIGATION AND LEGAL MATTERS PURSUANT TO G.S. 143.318.11.**

Mr. Wessell expressed the need for a Closed Session for updates and discussion of pending litigation and legal matters. Alderman Miller made the motion at 7:10 p.m. to go into Closed Session for updates and discussion of pending litigation and legal matters pursuant to G.S. 143.318.11. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

**MEETING RECONVENED.**

Mayor Blair reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:36 p.m. and asked the record to reflect that the Closed Session had been held for the reasons so stated with no action taken. Mr. Owens asked the Board to adopt Resolution No. (2019) 2139 exempting the Town for engineering work associated with looking at alternative water sources and updates to the Town’s Utility System Assessment Study. Alderman Miller made a motion to approve Resolution No. (2019) 2139 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mills and approved with a 4-0 vote.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:38 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia J. Holleman  
Town Clerk