

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JUNE 10, 2021

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina.

Attendance: Mayor Darryl Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Hank Miller, Alderman Jeff DeGroot, Alderman Ken Dull, and Alderman Zeke Partin; together with Town Attorney Brian E. Edes, Town Manager Timothy W. Owens and Town Clerk Sylvia J. Holleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Planning and Parks Director Tony Wilson

PUBLIC COMMENTS: SUE BULLUCK (CHAMBER UPDATE); BILL BAGGETT (ROOM OCCUPANCY TAX).

Ms. Sue Bulluck, speaking on behalf of the Chamber said, "Thank you all for the last year during COVID. It's been a difficult year. The Chamber is beginning to come back but we're hanging on by a thread. We've raised a few thousand dollars and are moving forward. Some of our participants are on a fiscal year, which starts July 1. Some are on a calendar year, January 1. We're making some changes in the building, which Tim has helped and Bill Squires is attempting to help us. I think we probably will have some volunteers that I need to talk to about it because we may not need a deluge to do this because our electrical had some quirks in it after the hurricane when we redid the building. Some of the water came through the electrical system, so it keeps knocking out our computers. And we've had some switch glitches. So, it's been a problem. Tentatively, we're staffing from Thursday through Sunday, from nine to four and it's when tourists have the most interest and inquiry based on our past. Some of the real estate members have offered to staff with their agents. We have two interns. We have allowed the agents to volunteer to hand out their cards. And I would expect that they represent probably the most realistic information on the island because they actually sell property here and have a skin-in-the-game kind of response for residents and from the businesses. We are going to continue on. I'm multitasking. I'm doing this pro bono since January. I love you all but the cycle of the political season is turning over and my clients are not in this area. So, based on what they will allow me to do, I will continue but the board will continue the efforts. Second thing is, what we need. We need about \$10,000 to fund the staffing that the TDA has wiped out of the budget. One of the things that was astounding to our board, was the projections for \$730,000 which is a 22% increase in COVID. This is organic growth. Remember there has been no big campaign. This is a projection based on higher occupancy and cottages and the hotels coming back. So, there's some interesting figures in that budget. We would ask them for \$10,000. I have no idea how that will be received. Clearly they're in budget process. Unfortunately, we have not been a part of that budget process. I think no one really has during COVID. What about the Chamber in terms of promotion of tourism? We really want to work with the residents; with the businesses; and look at this island as a community. And, during this next year, we really don't know what COVID is going to have brought to us on the long-term basis. The profiles of who we serve are probably going to be different. In the past budgets, last year's TDA Budget, we had a bunch of money in for research. I haven't seen any of the results of that research. In this projected budget, you've got \$179,000 for research. That's a crap load of research, talking from a pollster's standpoint. So, I want to see what comes out of that before we launch on. I think the Chamber is a value added to the beach. I think we represent not only the residents and the businesses, but we represent a middle-of-the-road, if not more, conservative outlook on our growth and what we have here at the beach. We hope we will

continue. We've been here since '74. We've got an old franchise. We go nationwide. We have outreach on the national and state level. And we hope we can continue but we need your help to include us. One of the things that you can do is include, in the Marketing Committee, a position or a seat that would be dedicated to the Chamber. It would allow for continued dialogue at that level. And it might even cut out some public comment by me."

Alderman Partin said, "I know we discussed the electrical the other day and you said you thought it was the result of the hurricane. So, could we not use insurance money of file for insurance?" Ms. Bulluck replied, "I think they have. The restructuring of the building and Tony did a great job with the roof and all of those things, and the window, but the electrical sockets got missed. I would like it very much if you guys could find some money in the insurance money that you guys collected from the building to do that. But if you can't, we can't run any longer without knowing those computers are secure." Alderman Partin said, "You said it was possibly a fire hazard." Ms. Bulluck said, "When it shorts out the modem, I think that's a fire hazard."

Mr. Bill Baggett said, "I come to you as a resident and a property/business owner. I think your residents, your property owners, and your business owners are the stakeholders in this beach. Everybody can agree to that. I think it's important that we watch how the money is being spent. The good news is, as Sue said, indirectly the budget for the TDA is \$730,000, which is about over 25% more than it was last year and this is strictly because of the COVID. We did not get to see a copy of the budget until just recently. I think that it's important that we realize that it's useful to talk to the stakeholders, especially the business people at Wrightsville Beach in creating these budgets because our market has changed. People are no longer getting on planes and flying on their vacations to Thailand and Mexico. Some are but most people are saying two hours to Wrightsville Beach from Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill is what we can do. A couple of things I'd like to say about it. One is, I think it would be useful to see last year's budget compared to this year's budget, talking about the TDA budget for Wrightsville Beach. I'm only talking about Wrightsville Beach. \$179,000 for research this year and the research we paid for last year, I haven't seen anything. I think the stakeholders should be allowed to see this research. It's important that we know what this research is all about. There's a 47% increase in PR and social media. Should we be looking at a local ad agency instead of French-West-Vaughn in Raleigh or wherever they are, to perform this service for us? At least, if the marketing advertising agency was local, we'd have a chance of getting some of our money back that we're paying now, which is a lot of money. Finally, I understood a lot of this budget deals with a unified budget. And unified sounds real good but it's Wrightsville Beach money that's going into this unified budget to market Carolina Beach, Wilmington and Kure Beach and us. I'm not quite sure that we're targeting the same target market. I don't think we are. I think it would be better served if it were spent for Wrightsville Beach, since we are the ones that are raising it. Those are the main things I had. I appreciate all of your help with working through this."

Mayor Mills said, "For those of you who are not completely aware of what Mr. Baggett was referring to, there's a room occupancy tax that's levied when people stay in a hotel or a rental home or a vacation home, that type of thing. State law requires that that money be collected and it leaves Wrightsville Beach. It's a State mandated thing, it's not something the County does; it's certainly not something we do. Bill's points are valid. We've raised those with the TDA people. We continue to raise them. We continue to try to coalesce support to change it. But it will have to occur at the Raleigh level. We're trying."

Mr. Baggett said, “One more thing and it’s good news for all the residents. The \$730,000 that’s raised for the TDA, an equal amount is raised for the Town of Wrightsville Beach to spend on our Fire Department and our Police and so on. So, it’s a very positive thing and we want to make sure everybody understands that we’re not just raising money to better ourselves.”

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA.

Mayor Mills said, “There has been a request to amend the agenda for some items that need to be addressed by the Board.” Mr. Owens said, “I would like for the Board to consider amending the agenda for discussion and direction on changes to the Town’s parking ordinance and consider adopting Ordinance No. (2021) 1829. That would be Item g on the regular agenda. I emailed the Board some supplemental information a few days ago and you have it on your desk as well.” Mayor Mills said, “For those of you out there, that pertains to some areas over on Short and Marina Streets and the north end of Lumina relative to no parking and limited paid parking. Most of the two islands will not be affected but Short Street, Marina Street and the north end of Lumina will be.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to add that as Item g to the regular agenda. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mills and unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY MOTION OF ALDERMAN DULL AND SECOND BY MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER.

- a. Approved Minutes of May 13, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting.
- b. Approved special event permits as follows:
 1. YMCA Triathlon (*approximately 1,000 participants*)
Saturday, September 25, 2021 (*setup 3am*)(*race 6:40 am*)(*event ends 11am*)
Location: Banks Channel, WB Park, John Nesbit Loop
*** Recurring Event
 2. YMCA Pier-to-Pier Swim (*approximately 350 participants*)
Sunday, September 26, 2021 (*setup 6am*)(*race begins 9am*)(*event ends 11am*)
Location: Beach Strand between Piers
*** Recurring Event
 3. Redbull Foam Wreckers Surf Event (*approximately 175 participants*)
Saturday, October 2, 2021
Location: Birmingham to East Columbia
*** New Event (Outside of busy season)
 4. WB Elementary School Fall Festival (*approximately 500 participants*)
Friday, October 15, 2021 (*4:15 – 6:15 pm*)
Location: Wrightsville Beach Park
*** Recurring Event
- c. Acknowledged previously approved special events for July.
- d. Adopted Resolution No. (2021) 2241 adopting the 2021 Hurricane Operations Plan.
- e. Set a public hearing for Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, for the Board of Aldermen to consider a request for a Special Use Permit for property located at 520 Causeway Drive, for a high-end convenience- shopping store/coffee shop/restaurant.

PRESENTATION OF WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S PROPOSED FY21-22 BUDGET.

Mr. Owens gave the following overview: “This is the yearly MAC budget that we see every year in June. We need to approve prior to July 1. The increase was correct; it was 22.5%. They withheld almost a hundred thousand dollars for contingencies just for the uncertainty of the times. The CVB is also recommending something that you guys will have to approve - recommending continuing on with the unified approach. That’s something the Board might need to approve or deny. They’re putting out an RFP in October and they sort of need to know an answer a month prior to that. So, that’s something you need to consider. I did put a copy of the MAC roster and who’s on that. We have a lot of people that need to be replaced or reappointed. I plan to put that on the July agenda for us to consider a little more and hopefully appoint some folks or reappoint some folks. The CVB wanted to have another meeting – first meeting in a year and a half probably – with the MAC Committee in August. That’s why I’m looking at July to get the members of that committee appointed or reappointed. Getting into the budget, the Advertising/Media/Services total was \$588,075. The Research total was \$2,500 for this year. Online Management was \$24,265. Fulfillment was \$3,000. Images and Video was \$16,000 for a total budget (including the contingency of \$99,970) of \$733,810. Keep in mind, too, that during the year, a lot of times we will have what they call rollover funds which is unspent funds from the prior year. They’re anticipating some of that as well for next year. We either allocate it for something to spend it on or we put it in reserves. Whatever we want to do with that. Jeff and I met with the CVB the other day and talked about it at length. I’m sure he can add a lot to the conversation.” Alderman DeGroote said, “Basically, Tim and I met with Kim Hufham and a representative. In a normal year or pre-COVID, we would have had multiple marketing meetings with input from business owners and other constituents concerning the budget. Obviously, COVID was very different this year. We just got this, as Bill said, a few weeks ago tops. So, basically, I’m kind of echoing what Bill and Sue said, that in that meeting, I think we kind of agreed to extend this. It needs to be done before June 30th. But before we can put a rubber stamp on this, we need to have some input and some clarification on these line items as well as effectiveness of the research. So, I think Tim has a plan where we keep this meeting open and do it sometime the week of June 20th.” Mr. Owens said, “Yes. We actually have to have another meeting, if you don’t mind, to finish out the budget amendments for the end of the year. We usually do that sort of at the end of the month. We were thinking about June 21st through the 23rd, if at all possible.” Alderman DeGroote said, “I believe Shawn Braden will host a zoom meeting with more clarification.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that would give the Board time to ask questions. Following a brief discussion, the Board agreed that Wednesday, June 23rd at 8:30 a.m. would work for everyone. Mr. Edes said he thought the Board should recess this entire meeting to that date and time.

PRESENTATION OF THE CAUSEWAY DRIVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTUAL PLAN.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller gave the following presentation: “Last summer, Former Mayor Cignotti was kind enough to come over and talk to me about the bike paths at Wrightsville Beach and the need for bike paths at Wrightsville Beach. He was working a petition to bring to us to let us know that quite a few residents of Wrightsville Beach were interested in us looking at bike paths. I suggested and he listened that maybe instead of a petition, and being on the MPO, that we look and see what we could do to maybe speed

up and look at bike paths on Wrightsville Beach. So, David and former Mayor Bill Blair and I, at your approval, got together and we've hired SEPI Engineering to look at what could be done. Basically, we looked at it as low-hanging fruit – what we could do immediately to improve bike paths and pedestrian paths on the beach without a whole lot of cost. And one of the things that jumped out at us first was the bridges are obviously an obstacle and so we really didn't even look at that. The bridges are going to require some sort of cantilever or something so we left that alone. But we did look at the need for Causeway Drive to be re-milled and striped at some point. What we thought we would try to do is get the – you know the bike path ends at the bridge and a lot of people during COVID were coming down on their bicycles – so we said 'how could we get them from there at least to the two bridges and hopefully safely across the bridge and around the beach. SEPI came up with some ideas. We went through at least four or five iterations, had several meetings, and tonight, I'll tell you what we're going to give you and then I want to tell you why. Tonight, we have a plan that the three of us along with SEPI and Tim want to present, that is a plan we think is the best alternative when D.O.T. redoes, repaves and restripes Waynick Blvd. You will see this plan and all of this striping – and striping is shown just as a rendering because they have to have a striping plan. So, what we're going to ask you to do tonight is approve this plan and to ask the town manager to write a letter to D.O.T. to ask that we be included on their five-year plan. That has to happen through D.O.T.'s process – we have to write a letter asking to be included on the plan. What they will do then is have an engineer do a striping plan to take the stripes that you'll see in a minute and put them where they have to be and all that will be approved by D.O.T. Then hopefully, we'll be on their five-year plan. So, that's what we're asking to do tonight. Basically what we're talking about doing is – you'll come off the bridge; we're trying to get you down Old Causeway Drive, and you'll have a five-foot – I'm going to call it a multi path but it's a bike lane – and it'll go that way and one that will come this way. So, each side of Causeway Drive will be five-foot paths. This is the existing lane; we've got a two-foot space to the curb; two twelve-foot lanes; thirteen and fourteen-foot middle lanes – suicide lanes they call it – that's what we've got now. What we're proposing is the lanes go to eleven feet; still have the center lane and two five-foot paths."

Mr. Cignotti said, "Some of it will be leaner than five feet." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Absolutely. That is a general statement, as I said, because this has got a lot of particulars that the D.O.T. will do with their striping plan. So, coming across the bridge, there will be a five-foot lane on the north side all the way to Seawater. Then to get around, the bike lane will go through here and you'll basically cut back to Salisbury Street. Because this doesn't really work and that was the best way to get people around. This way, it will pick up at Seacrest, and then five feet all the way down to Island Drive. Here's where David was talking about, where the road skinnies down in here. So, we'll come down to what they call 'sharrows' and the bikes will stay in the lane but it will be car lanes, too. So, the outside lanes – there's nothing we can do about that. The whole point was to try to keep cost down and do what D.O.T. will do between the two curbs." A gentleman in audience asked if they would lose their parking spots on Causeway Drive. Mayor Pro Tem Miller replied, "That's the plan." The gentleman said, "Because people are opposed to that." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Okay; that's why we're here."

Mr. Owens said, "Here are the two things that Hank mentioned. Basically, we would like for you to consider approving the bike and pedestrian plan and then ask staff to request D.O.T. to place us on their five-year maintenance plan and then also to implement the bike plan in time whenever it's resurfaced. I'm sure we'll get another look at it at the time. It might be a different Board and different personnel, too."

For clarification, Mr. Edes asked the minutes to reflect that “suicide lane” was not a Wrightsville Beach term. He said, “We didn’t coin that phrase.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller agreed.

Alderman Dull asked if there was a timeframe for when the road would be repaved. Mr. Owens replied, “I’ve been asking for five years when they would repave that and all I get is that we’re not on the five-year plan.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “We’re not on the five-year plan. The only way to get on the five-year plan is to send them a letter asking to be considered for the five-year plan. And from there, they will do a striping plan. To answer the question that was asked, our plan that we’re presenting tonight is to ask that you consider putting the two five-foot lanes for bike/pedestrian paths on either side. I will tell you that regardless of whatever we do, they’re not going to touch that road until we send them a letter that says we want them to consider it. So, when we send them that plan that we’re asking, we just ask them to consider that, too. They’ve got to approve it. That’s their road; it’s not our road. And they’re going to approve what they want to approve. But if we don’t ask them to look at it, we’re never going to get that done.” Mr. Owens said, “We hope that helps prioritize their list. Normally, they would probably say this wouldn’t make the five-year list; otherwise, it would be on the five-year list. So, we’re hoping they’ll re-prioritize.” Mr. Edes said, “We can’t even get in queue until we make the request.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “That’s correct.” Mr. Owens said, “Again, I think they’ll hopefully see that this is a need and they’re killing a couple of birds with one stone; we’re getting resurfacing because it’s needed and we’re also doing bike path stuff which D.O.T. likes to see.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said he would not speak for D.O.T., but he felt we would never be considered if we don’t ask to be considered. He said, “To further answer the question about what actually goes in place, the D.O.T will do the striping plan and they will come back to the Town, either down here or give it to Tim, what they have approved, and that’s when we’ll have input about what happens out there. Tonight, we’re just approving the conceptual plan and that’s what the committee is asking the Town to consider.”

Alderman Partin asked if there were other D.O.T. funds available to resurface or restripe – like Powell Bill Funds. Mr. Owens replied, “That’s to resurface our streets. I would say this is the best path because there’s nothing out of pocket for us and we don’t have to apply for any grants or have to match or anything like that.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted that the County has money, too, but this is to get that road done in the five-year plan.”

Mayor Mills asked if that meant the elimination of all the parking along Causeway. Mayor Pro Tem replied, “Yes.” Mayor Mills asked how many spaces that would be. Mayor Pro Tem Miller replied, “Six to the Moorings plus in front of Seapath, which we’ve been asked by Seapath to remove a hundred times.” Mayor Mills asked if this had been talked about or discussed with residents on Causeway. Mayor Pro Tem Miller replied, “No sir, because there’s nothing to tell them.” Mayor Mills said they could have been told something similar to what was being told to the Board. He said, “I hear your point. The point is if we want this road repaved out here, we have to get on the queue and apparently adding these features to it helps prioritize it. I get that. But there are other considerations. These folks live over there and they use those spaces. We don’t want to act so hastily that we create more issues for our residents.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “I agree with that a hundred percent. In my humble opinion, as far as I’m concerned, you can send the D.O.T. a letter and ask them to consider putting us on the five-year plan and we can have a public hearing. But we did not do that. We did it to look at the possibilities of a bike path. I

hundred percent agree before we go put the paint out there that we ought to get input from everybody that lives out there because they're just as important as anybody on the beach. But that's not what we're trying to do. We're trying to get it to where D.O.T. would approve it. It had nothing to do with a bike path. We looked at what could possibly be done. There's still a possibility of just putting it on just one side. We had a lot of things but we were trying to make it as noncontroversial as we could be. So, we could have taken all of that out and just put the restriping but we were trying to show what could be done inside the confines of the curb. I hundred percent agree that, not just the residents that live on that street, I think every resident on Wrightsville Beach ought to be asked what they think ought to happen on that road. The biggest impact to people are the ones that live over there. I totally agree with that."

Alderman Partin asked if the Board could approve the letter going to D.O.T. without the bicycle plan. Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that was all he was asking them to do. He said they could approve or not approve anything they wanted to do. Mr. Edes said, "If they approve the bicycle plan, are we compelled to go forward with it?" Mr. Owens said he was not sure. Mr. Edes said, "I recommend that we submit the request to get in queue and hold public hearings as the Board deems necessary before we implement the plan. Mayor Pro Tem Miller said that was the intention. Alderman Dull said, "I recommend doing that with the bike plan and then we could always have that public meeting later." Mr. Owens asked if the Board would like something to that effect included in the D.O.T. letter. Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "That's fine. I think that's important." Mr. Edes said, "If we can pull back after citizen input, I don't see the harm in submitting the request. I'd rather have these options that we can narrow than an option that we're stuck with." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "If it makes it easier, we can just come back next month."

Mr. Cignotti said, "Just to put this into perspective, in the past year, there are several new homes going up on Causeway and spaces have been disappearing because those homes are putting in thirty feet of driveways. I think there are four homes left that currently use the parking that's left. Just to put that into perspective of how many spaces are actually being used."

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Parking is the most important part of ever considering this bike path. Quite frankly, I want to get a letter to the D.O.T., so I never even considered going over there and getting anybody's feathers ruffled until I thought we were going to have to do it. I apologize. Nobody is trying to sneak anything in on anybody. I just was trying to get this done without people that want the bike path doing a petition... so I told David, why don't we work together and figure out if this could even work before we get everybody's feathers ruffled about the bike path."

Alderman DeGroote said, "I'm in support of this conceptual plan and getting the ball rolling to see if it's even possible. I know this has been in the community and talked about for fifteen to twenty years or more – however long it's been. Is there a way to submit the letter with this conceptual plan with a condition that – just like we're doing with the TDA and CVB – we come back with constituents' input to see if everybody wants it or everybody doesn't want it. So, it's a little bit cleaner, if you will." Mr. Edes said, "Tim, I think we can craft a letter to that effect." Mr. Owens replied, "Yes." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "We didn't want to hold anybody else's feet to the fire. David didn't call people that he wanted to come and talk for it or anybody come talk against it because that time is going to be two to five years when D.O.T. says they're ready to go."

The gentleman in the audience said, “If it’s five years from now, I don’t understand why the bike path has to be part of getting us in line to get this place repaved. Because once you start down that road, you’re going down that road and there’s a lot more opposition than sitting in this room.” Mayor Mills asked if there was an answer to his question. Mr. Owens replied, “What I’ve been told over the years is that this would not qualify for resurfacing at this time; otherwise, we’d be on that resurfacing schedule. I’ve asked for five years to get us on the schedule because Board members have asked me to ask them and we’ve talked about it publicly. Again, I think this is the direction that we got from the M.P.O.; to make the request and it may bump you up.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “The number one thing on their list, the number one thing on New Hanover County’s list, the number one thing that’s getting funded is bike paths. That’s what sells. It doesn’t mean it’s going to have to have a bike path; I hear you loud and clear; but at the end of the day, we can tell them no because we’ve got people that want to park there. We’ll never have anything if we don’t get in line and ask for it.”

A lady in the audience said, “There are a lot of people that support this. I know we have done surveys for the Town. Bike paths is one of the number one things that residents at this beach want. Does anybody off the top of their head know how many residents or children live here” Do you know how many times I’ve been cursed at on the sidewalk for having my five-year-old on a bike so they don’t die on the street? There are huge safety reasons alone to get bike paths here. I don’t have parking in front of my house and I live at the beach.”

Alderman Dull said, “The motion I’d like to make is, let’s get into the queue. In the queue is going to include this plan with a caveat that we’re going to have a public hearing to hear from the residents. So, before it gets funded, we’re going to know from the Town what they want and then we can make that decision then. For now, I want to get it in the queue with the bike plan on it and then we can always leave the striping just like it is if the people speak in that direction. That’s my motion. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin. Alderman Dull said, “I just need to make sure it’s documented that way when it’s sent in.” Mr. Edes said, “Tim and I can work on that and make it clear that we’re not seeking a mandate or seeking the option and then come back after public input.” Mayor Mills said, “We have a motion before us with a second as caveated by Alderman Dull; all in favor. (Unanimous.) Let’s get in the queue. We’ll have public hearings and we’ll let everybody have their time.”

PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION OF FY21-22 BUDGET AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTING BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. (2021) 540-B AND THE PROPOSED FY21/22 BUDGET IN ITS ENTIRETY.

Mr. Owens gave the following budget overview: “Noteworthy facts from the General Fund: the budget includes the revenue neutral tax rate of \$.0923 per \$100 valuation. Following the recent revaluation, the Town’s valuation went from \$2.6 billion to \$3.8 billion. The Town will have the same insurance for employees. The budget proposes a 2% COLA for employees and 2% merit within the departmental budget. The budget includes one new police officer position which will bring the force up to twenty-five officers. And the Town continues to carry a healthy Fund Balance which is \$13.6 million for the General Fund and \$7.9 million for Water and Sewer. Other notable accounts: General Fund CIP Total of \$4.2 million; Water and Sewer CIP Total of a little over a million dollars; and Our South Side Waste Water Treatment Plant CIP of \$3.246 million. Noteworthy General Fund Budget Items: The budget includes \$.50

per hour increase for lifeguards; the budget uses no fund balance to balance the budget; sales tax could be impacted by the tax rates of other governmental entities in the County that chose not to set their tax rate at a revenue neutral rate. We are probably going to be impacted a little bit by the County. The largest two revenue sources in the General Fund are Ad Valorem Taxes and Parking Revenue; the total revenue budget is \$12,551,330. The two largest departmental expenditures in the General Fund are Police and Fire. Notable GF Expenditures and CIP: Beach Nourishment CIP at \$841,167; Sweeney/Columbia Bulkhead Project at \$265,000. Noteworthy Water & Sewer Fund items: The budget proposes no water or sewer rate increases; with recent increases, the Town can now do some needed projects; the Fund is still in good financial shape with sufficient reserve fund. The total Water & Sewer Revenue Budget of \$3,597,924. The total Water & Sewer Expenditure Budget of \$3,597,824. Notable Water & Sewer Projects and CIP: JetVac Truck at \$300,000; we're putting money away for waterline replacement; we're putting \$250,000 away for future sewer projects." Mr. Owens thanked everyone for their hard work on the budget. He noted that he had placed some Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule changes in the back of the budget and said that would be amended in the budget ordinance. He asked the Board to consider, following the public hearing, Budget Ordinance No. (2021) 540-B to adopt the budget in its entirety.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. He then thanked the Board and staff for a lot of time and effort going into this budget.

Ms. Sue Bulluck said, "It's a great budget and you did a great job. But I'm here asking that in this budget, that you find some money to actually fix our electricity over there which amounts to \$2,400. And over the last fifteen months, we paid over \$160 for water/sewer and fees to the Town and we weren't open. So, there was no garbage; there was no water; there was nothing. And, the budget looks great. I know somewhere in there, there has to be a miscellaneous or reallocation, but that's our request. It's your building; it's our building. We've got to be able to find something to maintain it."

Mr. Neal Briggi, 4 West Henderson Street, said, "I want to say thank you for the work you did on the budget and that you took a conservative view of the revenue sources, because as we all know, we're only one storm away from problems. I think there's a strategic gap, though, on the safety side and it has to do with the beach. We invest significantly in the Ocean Rescue on a seasonal basis. We have one Park Ranger and now, hopefully, we will have a second one. But if you think about, let's just say a couple of thousand people in the water with all the Ocean Rescue staff, we are one guy, now two hopefully, traipsing two or three times that amount of people on a smaller beach; they can't really see and they can't get past it; you've got tents. I think you should strategically rethink how you approach managing the beach from the quality of life aspect. And as you all know, it's come up recently quite a bit. I just can't make the math work given the Ocean Rescue versus the Park Rangers."

With no further public input, Mayor Mills closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

Alderman Dull thanked everyone for their hard work and said, "It didn't just happen by chance. It wasn't a perfect process but we got there. To make a political statement: we are going to stay revenue neutral; that was one of our big goals. On the

taxes, I think that's a big deal. We also did not give ourselves a raise. Not that that even came up. So, on this side of the bridge, we're going to try to do our best to look out for the taxpayers."

Alderman Partin said, "We did pay off the public safety building two years early. Nobody commented on that but I thought that was a big accomplishment for the Town." She then made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2021) 540-B and the proposed FY21-22 budget in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mills and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS BY ADOPTING RESOLUTION NO. (2021) 2242 AND CAPITAL PROJECT ORDINANCE NO. (2021) 542-B.

Mr. Owens said, "This is funding that is going to most municipalities and counties to help with impacts from COVID. Most of this, the way I understand it, was population driven. We will get around \$750,000 if you approve it tonight. One of the steps is to officially agree that you want to take the funds. We also have to set it aside because it's going to be scrutinized because it will be federal funds. Capital Project Budget Ordinance No. (2021) 542-B will set aside those funds. There are very limited uses that we can use this for. It's really to support public health expenditures, to address negative economic impacts caused by the public health emergency, replace the loss of the public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, and invest in water and sewer and broadband infrastructure. We're still waiting for the Treasury and the State to give us direction." Mr. Edes said, "The General Assembly is working to broaden the scope of what it can be used for." Mr. Owens said, "We will receive this in two different batches and we'll have to figure out what we can purchase with it. The funds have to be allocated by 2024 and spent by 2026." Following a brief discussion, Alderman Dull made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2021) 2242 and Capital Project Budget Ordinance No. (2021) 542-B. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON COLLABORATING WITH NEW HANOVER COUNTY AND THE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES IN THE COUNTY TO CREATE A COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN.

Mr. Owens said, "The County would like to send out an RFP to consolidate everybody's emergency operation plans. One of my concerns is that it basically ties us to something we may not want. Each storm, or whatever it is, is different so we sometimes don't always go along with what the County may do or the other cities may do. But it clearly said in this RFP that the project would result in one single document outlining regional collaboration and coordination while allowing municipalities to maintain their autonomy in maintenance and execution of the plan when needed. So they clearly put that, hopefully, in that scope of work. I feel confident that that's the case but staff would have to participate in getting them the information that they need." Alderman Partin said, "My concern, if you'll remember in one of our storms, the governor actually called for the closing of our beach before we could call for it. So, I think it's important that we are individualized because what we need to do is different from Carolina Beach. There are things that are different."

Mayor Mills agreed and said, “There’s no question. That’s why when Tim first brought this to my attention, my real concern and question was, does this in any way tie us to anything they’re doing or make up subject to – or can we still operate as Wrightsville Beach wishes to operate. Tim’s belief, and he read some language, is that we remain autonomous. Mr. Edes, have you looked at this?” Mr. Edes replied, “I’ve looked at it where we are but until a document is finalized and we agree to it, it’s still open. But I’m confident that whatever final document would give each town the autonomy to do what they feel is best for their town. Otherwise, I would not advise we enter into it.” Alderman Partin agreed. Mayor Mills said, “I think that’s where we all are with this thing. If we move forward here, can we include in a motion a caveat for some sort of confirmation to that aspect of it, do you think. Mr. Edes?” Mr. Edes replied, “We can; it certainly wouldn’t hurt. I don’t know that it’s necessary, but right now we’re waiting on the response from the RFP, right?” Mr. Owens replied, “No, actually they’re making sure that everybody is onboard with this prior to sending the RFP out. So, we’ll have to notify them that we are onboard with this.” Mr. Edes said, “But, until the responses to the RFP come in, we have no idea what we would be obligating ourselves to. To that end, Mayor, I think our approval could be subject to our ability to not be bound to some global plan; that we can act autonomously. But I do think it’s good for the region to at least try to have a coordinated response, but each town is going to have their own needs.” Mayor Mills said, “Agreed, and if a major storm event comes through, we’re all going to be impacted, so collaboration is good.” Mr. Edes said, “And I think we did well through the pandemic. We didn’t necessarily agree with some of the other towns’ decisions and we were the vanguard of a few decisions that turned out to be, in my biased opinion, the right decisions. But, sure, we can have that caveat in the approval.” Mr. Owens said, “I haven’t talked to them about the process but I’m assuming at the very end of this we’ll want everybody to adopt it and sign it. If there are additions that we need to do then, we’ll do that then. But, through the process, we’ll make sure that caveat is in there.”

Alderman Partin said, “It appears to me that we have an emergency plan, should we have to have an emergency plan right away. It sounds like we are kind of late into this game getting this done. I mean, we’re already in hurricane season. I read through some of it; we do have documentation that tells us what we need to do. So, that’s comforting that we could go ahead with our plan.” Mr. Owens said, “Everyone has a plan but this is just an effort to consolidate. The timing is a little strange.” Mr. Edes said, “And our authority is driven by statute. This wouldn’t preempt that or trump that in any way. I think it’s to the extent that it is a common interest; everyone acts in concert but we certainly have the ability to act autonomously.” Alderman Partin said, “Does the State, like the governor’s office, do they override whatever we want to do – because I know they closed our beach.” Mr. Edes said he would prefer to talk about that type of thing in closed session but the statutes do empower the governor with certain powers.” Alderman Partin then made the motion to approve the collaboration. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mills and unanimously approved. Mr. Edes said, “For clarification, was that with the caveat?” Mayor Mills said it was with the caveat.

DIRECTION ON MOVING FORWARD WITH THE RENOVATION OF THE UPSTAIRS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE; UPDATE ON MOLD REMEDIATION; AND CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. (2021) 2243 EXEMPTING THE TOWN FROM NCGS 143-64.31.

Mr. Owens said, “Basically, to get a trailer and to complete the remediation is about \$60,000 for the entire year. We had \$20,000 set aside in this year’s budget coming up for architectural plans. We also need to go ahead and fix the exterior. When it rained the other day – there is no sheetrock – you could see rain coming in. It’s coming in around the windows. We now have to take the siding off and make sure everything is flashed properly and sealed properly so we don’t have this problem again. We’re asking to move forward with what we planned on doing this budget year, which was design and potentially implement the redo of the inside of that building. We’d also like to hire BMH Architects and to do that, we need to adopt Resolution No. (2021) 2243 to exempt the Town from NCGS 143-64.31.” Mayor Mills said, “I think we all saw that building when we did our tour. It had issues then and now it’s significantly worse.” Alderman Dull made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2021) 2243 exempting the Town from NCGS 143-64.31. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mills and unanimously approved.

UPDATE ON THE CORAL DRIVE SIDEWALK PROJECT.

Mr. Owens said, “We had a bid process; we only got two bids. We did not open those bids because you need three. We rebid it and we should get those July 2nd. We contacted other folks to solicit bids from those. Regardless, we can open the bids then. It should be on your July agenda regardless of whether they come in where we need them to or not.”

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON MOVING FORWARD WITH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TOWN’S SAFETY AND TRAFFIC CAMERA PROGRAM. AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. (2021) 541-B.

Mr. Owens said, “We’ve invested in a lot of safety cameras around Town; they help solve crimes, they’re good for traffic. We’ve added a bunch of cameras; we’ve upgraded the resolution. We have roughly sixty-four cameras. We are starting to have issues with latency; they’re not talking to each other. We’re starting to have issues with seeing a car go through and it’s coming in in increments. So, what we would like to do is fix those at a cost of around \$70,000. We would also like to move forward and invest in other cameras. Basically, there would be one at Well #8 looking at Salisbury Street, so you’ll have coverage at the end of Salisbury and middle of Salisbury at the bridge; a four-way camera at the L-shaped lot; at the Wrightsville Beach playground and make sure we have that under video surveillance; and also the gazebo halfway down Causeway so we’d have one at the bridge and one at the mid-point and at the intersection of Waynick and Causeway. We believe this will fix everything and make everything run like it’s supposed to.” When asked if we need more servers, Information Technology Manager Raquel Ivins replied, “We need more radios.” Mr. Owens said, “There were two solutions; one used fiber, that was expensive, or use these better radios to talk to each other. They are higher resolution and better technology.” Mayor Mills said, “One of our prime responsibilities is safety.”

Alderman Dull asked if this included a license plate recognition camera at the bridge. Mr. Owens replied, “No, I think the Chief can tell you about that. There are issues with the General Statutes – I think the Attorney General says we can’t do it in a State right of way. We had a mobile one at one point but it did not work as well.”

Mr. Edes said he and the Chief could talk about it to see if there are any options. Alderman Partin made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2021) 541-B in the amount of \$88,000 to fund the new camera system. The motion was seconded by Alderman DeGroot and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF AN OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE WITH UNCW AND THE TOWN'S FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR ADDITIONAL WORKOUT EQUIPMENT AND HEALTH AND WELFARE PROGRAMMING.

Mr. Owens said, "UNCW would like to do a couple of things. One is to commemorate Captain Jeremy Owens who passed away. They would also like to name our Fitness Center. Right now, our workout area is in one of the bays. They will bring \$30,000 worth of equipment and some of their students in their Exercise Science Program would come in and set you up with a workout program or a meal plan or whatever it might be. There is no obligation either way; if they pull out, they'll take the equipment. They'll also set us up with their human services and applied health side and once or twice a year, come in and talk about mental health and those types of things." Mayor Mills asked what the downside was. Mr. Owens replied, "There is no downside. If it falls apart, there's no obligation either way." Fire Chief Rogers said, "Obviously, physical fitness with the firefighters is a high priority. Same thing with the Ocean Rescue lifeguards. This is a good program. We think it's a great tribute to Jeremy and his dedication to fitness. There's really no downside that I can see." Alderman Partin asked if that could be extended to other employees. Mr. Owens replied, "Maybe later. They're really just focusing on emergency services now." Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to approve the collaboration. The motion was seconded by Alderman DeGroot and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON CHANGES TO THE TOWN'S PARKING ORDINANCE AND CONSIDER ADOPTING ORDINANCE NO. (2021) 1829.

Mr. Owens said, "There are several things that we're looking at and it's up to the Board to approve any changes. We're talking about potentially towing from the restricted parking area on North Lumina from Stone all the way to Mallard when the bags are on – on the weekends and holidays. Basically, it would be a \$250 fine for probably a first action and then eventually tow or both. That way, that area remains open. Again, we would have to amend the Code for that. Currently, they're charging for parking under the Heide Trask Bridge. It says no parking now – we've been sort of allowing parking; we didn't have signs up. So, we would delete that as a No Parking area and we'd continue to charge like we've done. Short Street was also a No Parking street (paid or otherwise). We're trying to clean that language up. I've contacted most of those owners over there and mentioned that to them like Marine Max and I talked to Atlantic Marine – the Mayor and I actually met with David Floyd. So, no parking on that street. That's what people are doing now – parking on the sides. The other is parking on the street. There are a lot of differences on the houses – where the college kids are; they have a lot of folks in there that actually pull in the driveway and then have another car parked sort of out in the roadway. We've started enforcing that. I just wanted to notify you of that. There are a couple that are going to be touchy, I think, here shortly. So, we'll notify those two folks here shortly. I put it on hold and tried to

notify you so you know what's coming. The other is parking on Keel Street. Basically, we were sitting there talking about painting those two corners yellow to keep people from parking in those areas. There are a lot of big boats and things getting delivered. Those are some of the actions that we're looking at. The actual ordinance is (2021) 1829 and you can see the changes we're proposing: 1) to amend the one about Short Street and no parking; 2) to delete where it says no parking under the bridge – we do allow paid parking; 3) to add another penalty section that would allow for towing or \$250 fine or both."

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Let's go back to parking on the street. I'm going to read this sentence and you tell me what we're going to do. 'There are some properties in Town that have historically parked some portion of their vehicle on the paved roadway due to limited driveway size. We've gotten some concerns from individuals that have gotten tickets.' So, what are we going to do about those?" Mr. Owens replied, "We'll notify them but I just wanted you guys to know and make the decision that that's what we want to do." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "So, as long as their wheels are off the street; they're going to be treated just like everybody else." Mr. Owens replied, "Yes. I needed the backing of the Board when the emails start flying."

Following a brief discussion regarding the number of cars in a driveway, Mr. Edes said, "It doesn't matter if it's just one car; if it's poking out – it's poking out." Alderman Dull said, "If it's poking out past parking spaces or just poking out into the road?" Mayor Mills said, "Do they have to be further into the street than the lined parking spaces that do exist?" Mr. Owens replied, "Basically, the way I understood the discussion was, all tires have to be off the roadway. So, the fact that the bumper hangs over, that's simple." Mayor Mills said, "I guess my question is, if there are delineated parking spaces on that side of the street and somebody's trunk exceeds but it's no further out than the parking space." Mr. Owens replied, "I would say that would be something that would get a ticket." Alderman Dull said, "I'd like some clarification on that because I think if you've got parking spaces all the way down the street and you're in your driveway and you're not parked out past that line – that's kind of part of your driveway isn't it? It's not in a fire lane and the main purpose here is to keep fire lanes open, correct?" Mr. Owens said, "To keep the roadways open and not block traffic. Again, this is why I'm bringing this up."

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "We're talking about two different things. The fire lane is the restricted parking area on Lumina where the red bags are. That's where he's talking about towing. But the car in the street – if a car is blocking in a paid parking area, obviously they're going to get a ticket whether it's a trunk or anything else. You're talking about an active roadway where anything past the tires are in the street. So, if you park your car and that was the end of your driveway and your tires are out here – he's going to give you a ticket." Mayor Mills said, "Even if they're parked in spaces that extend further into the street?" Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Correct." Alderman Dull said, "So, I'll use my driveway: so, I pull in my driveway in my pickup truck and the right side of my driveway is only twelve feet deep; so, the back end of my truck is going to stick out into the street next to the parking space. So, the car is going to be another two feet past the back of my truck. But because my tires are on the asphalt, that means I'm going to get a ticket?" Mr. Owens replied, "Yes. So that's why I wanted to talk about it to make sure everybody will be on the same page."

Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “That would be my question. We can use the situation on the sidewalk. There is a sidewalk that people walk on every day and there’s a driveway that the car will fit in with the tires on the driveway with the trunk on part of the sidewalk. That’s not a problem. But using what you just said, because that’s all active roadway; there’s no lines out there.” Alderman Dull said, “I think the clarification needs to be on the white line that delineates the roadway between the parking spaces. That’s what shouldn’t be blocked.” Mayor Mills said, “In other words, if you extended the side of the parking space that’s further...” Alderman Dull said, “Yes.” Mayor Mills continued, “If you extended that line all the way from one end of the street to the other, as long as you’re not further into the street than that line, you’re saying you’re considering not ticketing?” Alderman Partin said, “I kind of agree with you.” Mr. Owens said, “I’ll tell you what that means. There are areas where you don’t have any parking. If you want to be consistent with extending the line down, now you’ve got cars parked seven feet out.” Mr. Edes said, “But couldn’t you say that rule only applies if you’re.....” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “Has adjacent parking.” Mr. Edes said, “Exactly – or in a driveway essentially. Enforcement is going to be the key here.” Mr. Owens said, “That’s why I need clarity.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “I don’t know that we can give you clarity. Somebody that works over there has got to come over here and say. Because, I think to your point, if there’s adjacent parking on either side of that driveway, who cares? But if the whole street, for some reason, out here where there’s no parking (Causeway), you don’t want them sticking their tail out there. You’ve got to be consistent.” Mr. Edes said, “Are they appealable to you?” Mr. Owens replied, “They’re appealable to Pivot Parking.”

Mr. Edes asked if he could make a recommendation. He said, “Perhaps, the course would be to adopt what’s proposed tonight; work with Pivot on refining it; and if there’s an appeal process, one of these scenarios as Alderman Dull is talking about, we can work with Pivot on that. I understand the concept, but I’m saying it seems to me staff needs more teeth right now to address.” Mr. Owens said, “We’ve sort of been going down this road a little bit but I think right now, we need some clear direction.” Mr. Edes said, “Do you recommend we go forward as proposed, Tim, and then maybe some refinement next month?” Mr. Owens replied, “This whole situation about out in the road, I’m not comfortable with the guidance that I have right now. I’m hearing several different things.” Mayor Mills said, “How did you change it in here?” Mr. Owens replied, “I didn’t change anything in the ordinance. There is an ordinance already that applies to that.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “Well, we can start with that.” Mr. Owens said, “If there’s a parking space on either side and if you think it’s okay to stick out not beyond those parking lines, then that could be the direction.” Mr. Edes said, “If you’re in a driveway.” Mr. Owens said, “So, if I have a driveway and a parking spot here out in the road, you can park just outside the driveway but in between the parking spaces. It gets a little cumbersome.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “Unfortunately, you’re going to have people that abuse it.” Mayor Mills said, “Alternatively is, as long as both sets of tires are in the driveway, then if the trunk sticks out.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “Right.” Mayor Mills said, “Or in Ken’s case, the bed of the truck sticks out.” Mr. Owens said, “With twelve feet, he’s going to have tires in the road. He said his driveway is twelve feet in one area.” Alderman Dull said, “There’s a house on the east end of Asheville Street.” Mr. Owens said, “That’s one of the ones that has concerns.”

Alderman DeGroot said, "I agree with Ken; there's a lot of unique properties where this could have an impact." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "You've got to have a rule" Mr. Edes said, "But I think it makes sense if there's adjacent parking spots next to a driveway and you're not past that." Mr. Owens said, "In the instance of East Asheville, there are no parking spots there." Mr. Edes said, "Then it wouldn't be applicable." Mr. Owens said, "It's a 50x50 lot with a beach beside their house and all they have is ten feet – twelve feet max." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Somehow we've lived this far with it. So, let's figure it out and come back with a recommendation that we can agree to." Mr. Edes said, "We can talk to Pivot, too." Alderman Dull said, "Where I would come down hard is – it's about public safety and fire access and keeping roads clear. If we have a certain width of road we're trying to keep clear, then that's what we need to do." Mr. Owens said, "Historically, we've just sort of not enforced anything. And this year, we decided to enforce something like that. Still, I thought it would be a good idea to talk to you guys about making sure everybody's on the same page." Mayor Mills said, "Literally, there's just a handful but they're vocal and they exist." Mr. Owens said, "So, at this point, we will suspend any of that and we can come back with a recommendation." Alderman Partin said she thought that was a good plan. Alderman DeGroot said, "And give Pivot a call, too." Mayor Mills clarified that Mr. Owens didn't address 'cars in the roadway' in the proposed ordinance. Mr. Owens replied, "No, sir, I did not." Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. (2021) 1829. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

ALDERMAN PARTIN: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- Represented the Board of Aldermen at a benefit event at the Oceanic Restaurant on May 16th. It was a fun event.
- Attended the Wilmington Chamber Event for Elected Officials on June 4th.
- Called in on June 7th to a short meeting of the Cape Fear Council of Governments. We're hoping they will eventually have live meetings.

ALDERMAN DULL: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- We had a TDA meeting and adopted the budget last night. It's a whole bunch of money and we have no control over it.
- Alderman Dull asked who gets to decide how the \$99,970 reserve money will get spent. Mr. Owens said it would come to WB Marketing Advisory Committee and then back to the Board of Aldermen.

ALDERMAN DEGROOTE: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- The CVB wants to go to a more unified plan moving forward; so it's not just for what we did during COVID; they want to continue this. The Board members can think about that before we meet with Kim Hufham and Shawn Braden; if that's something you think is good for Wrightsville Beach or not good for Wrightsville Beach and how we're going to move forward.

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- We had an MPO meeting and spent a lot of time in closed session talking about a project that I can't talk about. And we spent a lot of time talking about bike paths.

- Mayor Pro Tem Miller thanked Chief Squires for doing a fantastic job at the last Community Meeting in addressing different concerns by residents about things like noise and speeding. Alderman Partin said she went to the first Community Meeting and he did a good job then, too. She also expressed appreciation that Chief Squires was walking the beach during the holiday. Mayor Pro Tem Miller agreed.

MAYOR MILLS: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- We will be entering into a closed session relative to a personnel matter after this.
- “To Tim and Mr. Edes regarding a call from Rhett Taber a couple of weeks ago: The three of us need to decide what we’re going to do with that. I think we discussed calling the Commander over there and setting up a meeting with him. I don’t know if there is anything we can do.” Mr. Owens said, “I’ll ask the Chief to set up a meeting in the next two weeks.”
- “Something I brought up some time back – and this is just for everyone’s consideration: Former Police Chief John Carey recommended to me and asked me to bring before the Board – the Board considering taking a street that may not have a name like Gene Floyd or Bob Sawyer, and consider naming said street or streets – two names – one for Former Fire Chief Everett Ward and one for Former Police Chief George Antley. Just give it some thought and we’ll put it back on the agenda at some point and discuss it. Both of them served the town long term and were well respected.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked the Town Clerk to look back at the last time this happened to see if there was a process put in place or how that came about.

CLOSED SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER PURSUANT TO G.S. 143.318.11.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to go into Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. pursuant to G.S. 143.318-11 for discussion of a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

MEETING RECONVENED.

Mayor Mills reconvened the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m. and asked the record to reflect that the Closed Session had been held for the reason so stated with no action taken.

MEETING RECESSED.

Mayor Mills recessed the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m. until Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Conference Room of Town Hall.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS RECESSED AT 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia J. Holleman
Town Clerk