

APPROVED AND RELEASED AT THE TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
MOREHEAD CITY, N.C.**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The Honorable Council met in CLOSED SESSION in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 202 South 8th Street, Morehead City, N.C., during a Regular Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., as per G.S. 143.318.11[a][4][6] to approve the Closed Session Minutes of Tuesday, October 11, 2016; to consult with the City Attorney; to discuss an economic development possibility and for the annual review of City Manager David Whitlow. Those in attendance were:

MAYOR:	Gerald A. Jones, Jr.
MAYOR PRO TEM:	William F. Taylor
COUNCIL:	George W. Ballou
	Demus Thompson
	Harvey Walker
	Diane C. Warrender
CITY MANAGER:	David S. Whitlow
DEPUTY CITY CLERK:	Janet Hill

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSSIBILITY: SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

Sister Cities International was created at President Eisenhower's 1956 White House summit on citizen diplomacy, where he envisioned a network that would be a champion for peace and prosperity by fostering bonds between people from different communities around the world. By forming these relationships, President Eisenhower reasoned that people from different cultures could understand, appreciate, and celebrate their differences while building partnerships that would lessen the chance of new conflicts. Since its inception, the Sister Cities International network has played a key role in renewing and strengthening important global relationships.

A sister city organization is a volunteer group of ordinary citizens who, with the support of their local elected officials, form long-term relationships with people and organizations in a city abroad. Each sister city organization is independent and pursues the activities and thematic areas that are important to them and their community including municipal, business, trade, educational and cultural exchanges with their sister city. In addition to trade delegations and tourism dollars, sister city programs create connections with international municipal officials, institutions, and businesses.

Councilman Harvey Walker stated that he was in support of Morehead City submitting a membership application to the Sister Cities and would like to see more development of business, trade and economic growth. He also stated that Morehead City becoming a sister city member could encourage future global relationships with the State Port.

Council Members stated they were in support of the Sister City national membership application and would like to have the item placed on the next Town Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 13th, 2016.

ANNUAL EVALUATION OF CITY MANAGER DAVID WHITLOW

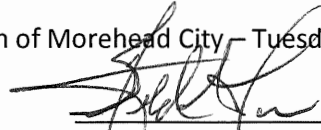
Deputy Clerk Janet Hill did not attend this portion of the CLOSED SESSION.

The Council presented its Performance Evaluation for the City Manager and discussed upcoming goals and objectives.

Councilman Bill Taylor MOVED, seconded by Councilman Demus Thompson, and carried unanimously, to return to OPEN SESSION.

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Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Janet L. Hill, Admin. Assistant/Deputy Clerk

