

**Town Council Minutes
Morehead City, North Carolina**

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

The Honorable Council of the Town of Morehead City met in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 8, 2019, in the Municipal Chambers located at 202 South 8th Street, Morehead City, North Carolina. Those in attendance were:

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Gerald A. Jones, Jr.; Councilmembers George Ballou, Keri V. McCann, William F. Taylor, Harvey N. Walker, Jr. and Diane C. Warrender.

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Ryan Eggleston; City Attorneys Derek Taylor and Mike Thomas; Public Services Director Daniel Williams; Planning Director Sandi Watkins; Deputy Police Chief Bryan Dixon; and City Clerk Cathy Campbell.

OTHERS: Elise Clouser of the Carteret News Times; Mrs. Edna Cordova along with Donald, Jodi, Brooke Cordova, Philip, Becky and Logan Cordova, and Nancy and Herman Fletcher; Rachel Bisesi of NC Coastal Federation; Lee Hinson of Downtown Morehead City, Inc.; Cody Eure, Ed and Jackie Harris, Joe Logan, and Phyllis Wade.

Mayor Jones called the regular meeting of the Morehead City Town Council to order at 5:30 p.m. with a quorum present. Councilmember Ballou gave the invocation and Mayor Jones led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jones recognized Boy Scout Cody Eure of Troop 130 who was present at the meeting.

RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of Resolution 2019-R-01 in Remembrance of Paul W. Cordova

Mayor Jones presented Resolution 2019-R-01 in Remembrance of Paul W. Cordova to members of Mr. Cordova's family. Mr. Cordova was a citizen of Morehead City beginning at the age of seven, and served as a Morehead City Councilman from 1967 until 1991, and then again from 1995 until 2007. Throughout his life, Mr. Cordova demonstrated in countless ways his dedication to the welfare of others and the City he loved, and earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life.

In an emotional tribute, Mayor Jones recounted Paul Cordova's professionalism and the value of his leadership. He noted that he misses Mr. Cordova's wealth of knowledge as a historian of Morehead City. Mayor Jones gave special thanks to Mrs. Edna Cordova for sharing Paul with Morehead City and serving as a partner in his success.

Mrs. Cordova accepted the resolution proudly stating that he truly loved Morehead City.

Presentation of by North Carolina Coastal Federation on Living Shorelines

Ms. Rachel Bisesi, Coastal Education Director for the North Carolina Coastal Federation, made a presentation on living shorelines. She presented pictures of living shoreline projects throughout Carteret County and of how well they performed during Hurricane Florence. The North Carolina Coastal Federation works to protect coastal seashores and is encouraging property owners to consider this method of erosion protection in lieu of hard surface bulkheads.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Jones then reviewed the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Taylor made a motion **to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.** Councilmember Warrender seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Included within the Consent Agenda were the following approvals:

- A. Approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting.
- B. Accept the Finance Director Reports, Tax Collector Reports, and Notice of Ad Valorem Tax Overpayments in the amount of \$3,750.54 for the month of December 2018
- C. Approve the Requests for Refunds of Overpayment of Ad Valorem Taxes in the amount of \$4,635.97 for December 2018.
- D. Approval Olympus Dive Center Lease Agreement as Presented.
- E. Adopt Resolution 2019-R-01 in Remembrance of Paul W. Cordova
- F. Release Letter of Credit for Country Club Run Phase II
- G. Adopt Resolution 2019-R-03 Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Petition and Resolution 2019-R-04 Setting the Date of the Public Hearing for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. for Voluntary Contiguous Annexation Request from Medical Park Partners for property located at 4358 Bridges Street Under N.C.G.S. 160A-31.
- H. Adopt Resolution 2019-R-06 Endorsing the Annual Cape Lookout Rotary Club Road Race and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be Held Saturday, April 27, 2019, in Morehead City.
- I. Adopt Resolution 2019-R-07 Endorsing the Oyster Festival and Authorizing Action Necessary for the Event to be Held Saturday, April 20, 2019, on the Morehead City Waterfront.

All above noted resolutions are attached to and made a part of these minutes herein by

reference. The Olympus Dive Center lease agreement is on file in the City Clerk's office.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider Acceptance of Galantis Drive Extension Street Dedication

Public Services Director Daniel Williams appeared before the Town Council to present Resolution 2019-R-05, a resolution accepting dedication of Galantis Drive Extension into the Town's municipal street system.

Galantis Drive Extension is a newly constructed street that intersects Friendly Road and Galantis Drive and is located to the north of The Preserve at Carteret Place multifamily subdivision. The subdivision plat depicting the street is recorded with the Carteret County Register of Deeds.

Mr. Williams confirmed that street, sidewalk, water, and sewer infrastructure are complete and were constructed to Town standards. The Town will be responsible to maintain the street following acceptance.

Councilmember Walker made a motion **to adopt Resolution 2019-R-05 accepting dedication of Galantis Drive Extension into the Town's municipal street system.** Councilmember McCann seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Ryan Eggleston reported that the City has completed the hurricane debris hauling with an estimated 106,000 cubic yards of debris picked up by contractor at the cost of \$800,000, and another 100,000 cubic yards of debris picked up by city staff. The last phase of cleanup will be to address hanging limbs and leaning trees. This is also applicable for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement although it will be some time before the City begins to receive such funding. Staff continues to meet with Witt O'Brien's, LLC, the Public Assistance/Hazard Mitigation & Grant Management Consultants, and FEMA representatives weekly to review the recovery status. The City will continue to pick up roadside debris; however, citizens are encouraged to have contractors include disposal costs in estimates for all new projects.

Bids for the demolition of Charles Wallace Building were received yesterday, and staff is beginning the review process.

CITIZEN REQUESTS/COMMENTS (2 Minute Time Limit)

There were none.

COUNCIL REQUESTS/COMMENTS

Councilmember Warrender state that she is looking forward to the New Year and is encouraged to see that quality volunteers are staying in the area to help with long-term recovery.

Councilmember Taylor thanked Scout Cody Eure for attending the meeting and extended appreciation to the Cordova family. He expressed a desire to replace the trees along Arendell Street that were lost during the storm, and stated that he looks forward to receiving the audit report from RSM US, LLP. He also requested that Council hold a strategic planning session to set goals for next five years.

Councilmember Walker thanked everyone for coming and wished all citizens a happy and prosperous new year

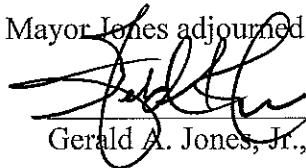
Councilmember Ballou wished everyone a happy new year and stated that he is thankful to serve.

Councilmember McCann agreed with former comments and wish everyone a healthy New Year.


Mayor Jones wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked citizens and volunteers who help make city events, such as the New Year's Downtown Countdown, a success.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting 6:10 p.m.



Gerald A. Jones, Jr., Mayor

Attest: 
Cathy Campbell, City Clerk

