

Town of Oriental
Town Board Meeting
June 4, 2013

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Oriental Town Board was held at Oriental Town Hall on Tuesday, June 4, 2013, beginning at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Sage, Commissioners Johnson, Styron, Venturi and Summers; Town Manager Maxbauer, Town Attorney Scott Davis, Administrative Assistant Beyer, Police Captain Moore, and public

ABSENT: Commissioner Bessette

Mayor Sage determined that a quorum was present. He opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The **CONSENT AGENDA** listing approval of the Agenda Workshop Minutes from May 30, 2013; the Minutes from the Closed Session Meeting May 30, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget May 30, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Search for new Town Manager May 7, 2013; the Minutes from the Town Board Meeting and Closed Session May 7, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Search for new Town Manager, Recessed from May 7, 2013, reconvened May 8, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Town Manager’s Report recessed from May 7, 2013, reconvened May 8, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget May 8, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget May 10, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget May 17, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Water Plant May 21, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget and Water Plant Issues May 23, 2013; the Minutes from the Special Meeting – Budget May 28, 2013; the Tourism Board’s Long Range Strategic Plan; a Proclamation – Cycle NC; use of the large Board room by NC Presenters Consortium.

The Mayor and Commissioners made the following corrections to the Minutes: the Town Board Meeting Minutes recessed from May 7, 2013, reconvened May 8, 2013, a Motion was omitted. Motion should read, “Discussion was held regarding NC Cycle 2014 and the Town of Oriental being the designated host site. Commissioner Venturi made a Motion that the Town authorize and host the NC Cycle 2014 event, on April 3-6, 2014, utilizing Lou Mac Park and other Park sites within town. Motion seconded by Commissioner Johnson. Motion passed 5-0.”; Minutes from the Special Meeting – Water Plant May 21, 2013 Commissioner Johnson was marked as Present, and should be marked as Absent.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

TOURISM BOARD'S LONG RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN: After discussion, Mayor Sage suggested using the term Chairman and Members instead of individual's names, as these positions will change over time, and; coordinate with County Tourism and Development.

MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a motion to modify the Comprehensive Plan to add the end of Neuse Street to street ends of Oriental. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Sage instructed the public of the Town Board's Policy of limiting comments to 3 minutes at the Town Board meetings. Mr. Bill Hines expressed his concern over the Bay River sewer moratorium and asked the Board to please inquire on the Town's behalf as to when the moratorium will be lifted. The next public meeting of Bay River Board will be Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 PM.

DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL: Ms. Flora Moorman updated the Board on the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival to be held on Friday and Saturday, August 9 and 10. The actual races will be held at River Dunes on Saturday the August 10, but the Town will enjoy the vendors and various activities on Friday, August 9. Ms. Moorman also requested to have streets closed, as depicted on the handout map from 6:00 AM until 5:30 PM. **MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion to close the street as depicted on the map at the specified times on Friday, August 9. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

RESOLUTION TOWN OF ORIENTAL WATER PLANT COMMITTEE: MOTION: Commissioner Summers made a motion to approve the Resolution to form a Water Plant Committee for the Town of Oriental. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Discussion followed. The vote was 2 Ayes (Commissioners Summers and Styron) and 2 Nays (Commissioners Johnson and Venturi). Mayor Sage voted Nay as tie breaker. Motion failed.

SOUTH AVENUE APPEAL AND LITIGATION UPDATE: Town Attorney Scott Davis updated the Board as to the progress of both cases. South Avenue I is currently in the Court of Appeals and moving through that process; South Avenue II had court date of June 6, 2013 postponed to a date yet to be determined.

INTERIM TOWN MANAGER: MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to appoint Wyatt Cutler as Acting Town Manager beginning June 25 through June 30, 2013, and Interim Town Manager beginning July 1, 2013 until a new Town Manager is hired. Mr. Cutler will work 4 days per week, possibly getting it down to 3 days per week. Mr. Cutler's salary will be \$30 per hour and no benefits. Any current contract or contracts with our current Town Manager Mr. Maxbauer will expire as of June 30, 2013. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

MANAGER'S REPORT: A Public Hearing will be held at Town Hall Monday, June 17 at 5:30 PM to present the 2013-2014 Budget.

An OSHA handout was discussed concerning update of chemical uses training.

Renovations have commenced on the tennis courts and all work is scheduled to be completed by the first weekend in July.

Town Manager Maxbauer discussed the 3 engineering firms who are preparing proposals for the Water Plant improvements. Proposals are being drawn up for presentation at a later date, and will encompass 3 levels of improvements: Assessment of repairs or improvements that needed to be done immediately, to restore the intended state of operation; additional repairs and improvements to buy Plant 10 years of additional life; and, long range assessment of salt water intrusion and water quality.

The public restrooms will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days per week on a trial basis. After an approximate time of 90 days, this will be re-evaluated and changed, if necessary.

The Tree Board is drafting a policy concerning the Town's use of Herbicides and Pesticides and will present this policy draft at the next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

The charitable group Mission of Hope is requesting permission from the Board to install a donation drop box in the Town. Further information will be made available at the next regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

POLICE REPORT: Captain Moore announced that the Town's newest part-time police officer, Ben Barnett will be sworn in next week. No action by the Board was taken.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS: The minutes for the various Committees/Boards were reviewed, a copy of which is to be made a part of these official Minutes. **MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi made a motion to request the Tree Board to develop a policy concerning the Town's use of pesticides/herbicides. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed 4-0. **MOTION:** Commissioner Summers made a motion to task the Town Manager to obtain a formal explanation from Bay River concerning the sewer moratorium delays. None seconded; meeting moved on. **MOTION:** Commissioner Venturi nominated Bill Hines as a committee member for the Harbor Water Front Committee. Commissioner Summers seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT/DISCUSSION PERIOD: MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to nominate Jim Barton to the Water Board Committee. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the contract with the accounting firm of Pittard, Perry and Crone for the annual audit. Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

MOTION: There being no further business, Commissioner Venturi made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

William R. Sage, Mayor

Wyatt Cutler, Interim Town Manager