



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:00AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Monthly Meeting held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 was called to order at 8:01 AM.
2 Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the meeting and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
3 The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town’s website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.
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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Winfrey, Commissioner Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, Officer Bill
8 Wichrowski, Officer Nic Blayney, and many members of the public.
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10 Prior to agenda approval, the Mayor allowed Sam Myers to speak about the upcoming Boat Show due to his
11 commitment to a radio interview at 8:30AM. Mr. Meyers noted that the show was the same format and the Rotary
12 Club was excited to bring the show back after the hiatus with Covid, and thanked the Board for allowing the
13 required closures. Weather is looking “iffy”.
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15 The Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Commissioner Roe, seconded by Commissioner Overcash..
16 Unanimous vote: 5-0.
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18 The Consent Agenda was approved by a **MOTION** from Mayor Pro Tem White, seconded by Commissioner Roe.
19 Unanimous vote: 5-0.
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21 Public Comment: there was no public comment.
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23 Appointments: The Board approved appointment of Laura McDonald and Linda Hoff to the Tourism Board by a
24 **MOTION** by Commissioner Roe and second by Commissioner Overcash and recognized the contributions of
25 departing member Carol Mabe. 5-0.
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27 Coastal Resources Advisory Council: The Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) is seeking nominations for the
28 Coastal Resources Advisory Council. The solicitation was posted to our website in the hope someone would
29 volunteer to be nominated. Mr. David Szerlag asked for additional meeting information prior to committing to the
30 position. Manager will ask the CRC and communicate that back directly. Commissioner Roe **NOMINATES** Mr.
31 Szerlag following satisfactory resolution of calendar concerns. Mayor Pro Tem White seconds. 5-0.
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33 Crosswalk at the Bean: Manager provides several options following extended discussion at the Budget Retreat for
34 slowing traffic on Hodges St (noted as the most likely intersection of pedestrians and vehicles.) Rumble Strips, Post
35 sign in road, crosswalk, stop signs ahead of the road, signage all suggested. Following discussion, Commissioner
36 Overcash makes a **MOTION** to install rumble strips and crosswalk as a first step to slowing down speeders.
37 Commissioner Row seconds. The Manager will move forward with crosswalk and rumble strips that extend the
38 width of the road on both sides of the crosswalk. Mr. Lambert is recognized by the Mayor asking if there would be
39 space for people to try and go around the strips could make things worse. 5-0.
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41 Procedure for Town Council/ Minutes Policy: Following significant discussion during the budget retreat, both a
42 short statement and the City of Denton rules of procedure were discussed and noted the shorter statement, naming
43 the rulebook issued by the School of Government to be the overarching guidance. Minutes Policy corrected to note
44 that the Minutes are sent following FY end, not calendar year end, and also that recorded minutes will be kept from
45 Beginning of FY to the January following the end of the FY, and available to the public upon request. Mayor Pro

46 Tem White makes a MOTION to accept the proposed changes to the Minutes Policy. Commissioner Winfrey
47 seconds. Commissioner Price objects to erasure of Minutes after the designated period. 4-1, Price voting no.
48 Commissioner Price also notes that the Public Comment should include names and subject matter to be included in
49 Minutes. Public comment speakers will be noted along with subject matter.

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51 Police Report: Officer Blayney noted a new option for the Public to communicate with Police to request assistance
52 (Police escort for funeral requested day of within an hour of the funeral). This will allow residents to request Police
53 presence. Can be listed in online forms. Also- new format of Police Report notes this month and YTD numbers.
54 Commissioner Price requests to sit down with Police and go over the changes.

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56 Manager’s Report: The Manager went through the financials, noting that it also now reflects MTD and YTD
57 numbers. Commissioner Roe asks if it is enough time from when we close the month until the report is generated.
58 Manager notes the time is adequate. She noted administrative tasks accomplished, Ethics requirements completed by
59 elected officials, potential subdivision also being researched. upcoming meetings and auditor progress. She noted
60 Public Works tasks accomplished, including new meters set, increased development. Manager notes rising costs,
61 notably gas, freight, must be accounted for- reducing mowing schedule, idling hours. She notes Town Hall will be
62 open Good Friday because it is a “floater” holiday and not everyone is taking it. Noted Softener rebuild progress-
63 should be noting changes in the water already. Mr. Allen sealed the artwork on the street end benches and reinstalled
64 to help them last a bit longer. Question from Commissioner Price if cardboard pickup is a large cost. County
65 provides that dumpster- we would overwhelm the weekly Tuesday county dumpster. Commissioner Roe complains
66 about the water/shampoo issue- does not understand the issue (!)

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68 Committee Reports: Minutes from Tree Board, Parks and Recreation, Tourism attached to Official Minutes.

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70 Commissioner Comments: Mayor Pro Tem White notes diver assessed the pilings at TD1- structurally sound. Net
71 House- still trying to get a GC to sign on. Manager notes similar problems with contracting the Neuse Dr fix.

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73 Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION to **go into Closed Session for discussion on land acquisition**
74 **according to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) (i). Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0. (8:50AM)**

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76 8:54AM- Board returns from Closed session. Commissioner Overcash makes a **MOTION** to reopen the meeting.
77 Mayor Pro Tempore White seconds. 5-0.

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79 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – The Board will meet Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 8:00AM.
80 Next regular meeting scheduled for May 3, 2022, 8AM.

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83 Commissioner Winfrey made a **MOTION** to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Roe. 5-0

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85 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:56AM.

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92 Sally Belangia, Mayor
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94 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

95 Approved _____, 2022