

Town of Oriental
Town Board Agenda Workshop
April 02, 2015

The Town Board of Oriental held its regularly scheduled Agenda Workshop Meeting on Thursday, April 02, 2015 at 4:00 PM. Mayor Sage determined a quorum to be present, and opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Sage, Commissioners White, Overcash, Summers, Venturi and Winfrey, Town Manager Miller.

Mayor Sage read through the draft agenda and there were no additional comments on or objections to the following items;

- The consent agenda; three sets of minutes, including closed session minutes.
- A budget amendment to move money from the water tank budget line to water plant maintenance for replacing the plant's roof.
- A fee schedule amendment to make water deposit rates more consistent.
- A resolution on establishing the Town as a Dragon Sanctuary.

Town Manager Miller addressed that the Manager's Report will include 2015-2016 League of Municipalities tax projections and reminded the Board that a Town Hall open house will be taking place an hour before next Tuesday's Board meeting - all of the Town's boards, committees, and employee departments will be presenting information, answering questions, and taking input from the public.

The Police Report lists one arrest in the past month.

Some of the boards did not meet this past month. As such, there are fewer minutes in this month's agenda packet.

In the Commissioner Comment Period, Mayor Sage brought up four year staggered terms for Town officials, a topic discussed at the Town Retreat. Mayor Sage stated that if this was something the Town wished to pursue, it would need to be taken up soon. Commissioner Venturi pointed out that to change terms by ordinance, a petition would need to circulate for either 45 or 90 days. Town Manager Miller stated that she would find out the exact protocol. Mayor Sage requested to have the topic of staggered terms added to Tuesday's Board agenda and to have more information on the process ready by then.

Town Manager Miller reminded the Board that budget meetings were scheduled for April 8th, 22nd, 30th. The meeting on the 30th will take place directly after the Town Board Agenda Workshop Meeting.

Commissioner White asked if the open house needed to be added to the agenda, Town Manager Miller responded that it did not, seeing that the open house would be over before the meeting started.

Motion: Commissioner White motioned to move into closed session under NC statute 143-318.11A6 citing an employee review, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board moved into closed session at 4:10 PM

The Board moved back into open session at 4:45 PM

Returning from closed session, the Board reported a positive evaluation of Town Manager Miller's performance over the past 6 months.

Motion: Commissioner Venturi motioned to increase the Town Manager's salary by 5%, \$2,500 a year, beginning from the first pay period in May, Commissioner Overcash seconded. Discussing the motion, Commissioner Summers stated that the pay increase will be announced at Tuesday's Board meeting. Commissioner White suggested rounding the increase to \$3,000 a year. Following a brief discussion, a decision was made to amend the previous motion.

Motion: Commissioner Venturi motioned to amend the previous motion and increase the Town Manager's salary by \$3,000 a year, beginning from the first pay period in May. Commissioner Overcash seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion: Commissioner Overcash motioned to adjourn the meeting, Commissioner Venturi seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM

William Sage, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager