

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JUNE 11, 2020

Mayor Mills called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Chambers.

Attendance: Mayor Darryl Mills, Mayor Pro Tem Hank Miller, Alderman Jeff DeGroot, Alderman Ken Dull, and Alderman Zeke Partin; together with Town Attorney Brian Edes, Town Manager Timothy W. Owens and Town Clerk Sylvia J. Holleman.

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation by Planning and Parks Director Tony Wilson

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Mills noted that two residents from the Channel/Sweeney Avenue area had submitted emails to be read into the minutes. He said since the Board members had read the emails, he would ask the Clerk to incorporate them by reference into the minutes. He said, "They've got some storm drainage issues that we're trying to address. We're aware of their situation and later tonight, we will hear an item directly dealing with that.

CONSENT AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY MOTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER AND SECOND BY ALDERMAN PARTIN.

- a. Approved Regular Minutes of December 12, 2019; Regular and Closed Session Minutes of January 15, 2020; Retreat Minutes of February 4, 2020; Regular Minutes of February 13, 2020; and Budget Workshop Minutes of March 10, 2020.
- b. Approved special event permits as follows:
 - 1) James Sunrise Wedding (*approximately 25 participants*)
Saturday, June 20, 2020 (7:00 – 10:00 am)
Location: Public Beach Access 43 (south end)
 - 2) Grace Baptist Church Easter Sunrise Service (*approximately 275 participants*)
Sunday, April 4, 2021 (5:00 – 7:30 am)
Location: Public Beach Access 8 (north side of Holiday Inn)
 - 3) SNC ESA Wrightsville Beach Wahine Classic (*under 200 each day*)
Saturday-Sunday, August 15-16, 2020 (7am – 6pm) (*Event begins 8:00am*)
Scaffolding up Friday, August 14, 2020 (12:00 Noon)
Location: Between Public Beach Accesses 38/39 Strand (south of Oceanic)
*** Recurring Event
 - 4) YMCA Pier to Pier Swim (*approximately 350 participants*)
Saturday, September 12, 2020 (6:00 – 12:00 pm)(*race starts at 9:00 am*)
Location: Johnny Mercers Pier to Oceanic Pier
*** Recurring Event
 - 5) WB Elementary School Fall Festival (*approximately 500 participants*)
Friday, October 23, 2020 (8:00 – 7:00 pm)(*event 4:15 – 6:15 pm*)
Location: Wrightsville Beach Park
*** Recurring Event
- c. Acknowledged previously approved special events for July.

- d. Adopted Resolution No. (2020) 2203 adopting the 2020 Hurricane Operations Plan for the Town of Wrightsville Beach.
- e. Approved revised 2020 Board of Adjustment Meeting Schedule to cancel the June 25th meeting.
- f. Set a public hearing for Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider a Text Amendment to add a new Section 155.7.26 Sidewalk Café; to amend the Table of Uses in Section 155.6.4; and to add a new definition for Sidewalk Café.
- g. Set a public hearing for Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 5:30 pm., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider and amendment to the Conditional Use Permit for 13 East Salisbury Street to allow for a sidewalk café.
- h. Set a public hearing for Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider a Text Amendment to Sections 155.2.10 Open Space Requirements to allow stair/landings in the front yard setbacks.
- i. Set a public hearing for Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, to consider a Text Amendment to amend Sections 155.6.4, 155.7.18 and A.3 Definitions of the Wireless Facilities Ordinances.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER TEXT AMENDMENTS TO: ADD SECTION 155.7.28 MARINA RESTAURANT IN THE C-3 COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; AMEND SECTION 155.6.4 TABLE OF PERMITTED/CONDITIONAL USES; ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR MARINA RESTAURANT IN SECTION A.3; AMEND THE EXISTING DEFINITION OF FLOATING HOME IN SECTION A.3; AND AMEND SECTION 155.9.1.5 OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS FOR MARINAS.

Planning and Parks Director Tony Wilson said staff would like to open and continue this public hearing to the July 9, 2020 Board Meeting. Alderman Dull made the motion to open and continue this public hearing to the July 9, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Council Chambers of Town Hall, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE FLOATING RESTAURANT WITHIN WRIGHTSVILLE YACHT CLUB'S EXISTING MARINA TO SERVE AS AN AMENITY FOR MEMBERS OF WRIGHTSVILLE YACHT CLUB AND THEIR GUESTS.

Planning and Parks Director Tony Wilson said staff would also like to open and continue this public hearing to the July 9, 2020 Board Meeting. Alderman Dull made the motion to open and continue this public hearing to the July 9, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting at 5:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as possible, in Council Chambers of Town Hall, 321 Causeway Drive, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FY20/21 BUDGET AND TO CONSIDER ADOPTING BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. (2020) 525-B AND THE PROPOSED FY 20/21 BUDGET IN ITS ENTIRETY; AND TO SCHEDULE A YEAR-END FY19-20 CLOSEOUT MEETING.

Mr. Owens reviewed the budget process that had taken place thus far and said, “The Initial budget requests exceeded revenue estimates by \$300,000. The budget was balanced over a series of budget workshops. The final budget was submitted to the Board on May 29, 2020. There is no tax increase proposed and the Town will provide the Town employees with the same insurance (we received a good renewal rate). The budget proposes a 1.5% COLA and another 1.5% Merit. There are no new employees included in this budget and the Town continues to carry a healthy fund balance of almost \$13 million. The Water & Sewer Fund is similar. We had to raise rates previously in order to take care of projects. We have \$4.1 million in the General Fund-CIP Fund but the majority of that is our set-aside for future beach nourishment. We have a Water & Sewer-CIP Fund with a little over a million dollars for future projects. We have the South Side Wastewater Treatment Plant (SSWWTP) CIP that was set aside for if we stay in our current condition and they expand their plant. We expected to have to pay something towards that but we also talked about other things as well. Some noteworthy budget items: \$0.75 increase per hour for lifeguards; there is no fund balance used to balance this budget; and sales tax and room occupancy tax were decreased due to COVID and hopefully we hit that on the mark. The total revenue is \$11,583,000. The two major revenue sources include ad valorem taxes and parking revenue.” Following a brief review of the proposed budget by department and some General Fund Expenditures, Mr. Owens said, “Revenues equal Expenditures of \$11,583,000. This budget proposes no Water & Sewer rate increases. The budget is still in good financial shape with a sufficient reserve fund. The total budget for the Water and Sewer Department is \$3,896,000. The Storm Water Department is a little higher this year because we’re doing a few projects. We’re doing W&S CIP and Projects. One change that came from our last budget meeting was to the parking fee schedule – the Board voted to change the fee for parking violations to \$50, \$60 and \$70.” Mr. Owens thanked the Board and Town staff for all the hard work that went into the proposed budget this year.

Mayor Mills opened the public hearing at 5:44 p.m.

Ms. Amber Moshakos asked, “How was revenue adjusted due to the COVID impact on occupancy rates?” Mr. Owens replied, “I think we were roughly at 30% that we reduced down. We normally budget \$553,101 each year. We are looking at the ROT budget for the current year; their estimate is 35%.”

With no further input from the public, Mayor Mills closed the hearing at 5:46 p.m.

Alderman Dull said, “All the departments, staff and Board members have worked hard. I think we have been fiscally responsible. We talked about the CIP and if things don’t get better, we can refrain from spending some of the CIP money. We just don’t have clarity on what the future looks like.” Mayor Mills expressed gratitude to Mr. Owens and everybody involved in the budget. He said COVID-19 was real and he hoped we had taken that into proper account. Alderman DeGroot said, “Hopefully we can consider in a future budget the Fire Department raise and getting them back up to a level comparable to other agencies; and, hopefully moving forward we can give some of our first responders a pay raise.” Alderman Partin made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. 525-B as presented and the Proposed FY20/21 Budget in its entirety. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller and unanimously approved.

CONSIDERATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE LIAM STRONG 5K RUN ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2020.

Program Supervisor Katie Ryan said, “Before you is a special event permit application from Kimberly Batten for a Liam Strong 5K Run to benefit UNC Children’s Hospital. The proposed Run is from Johnnie Mercer’s Pier on the beach strand to the north end and back. The only other time this event was held was in March of 2017 which complied with the requirement to have new events occur outside the April through September timeframe. The September date has some significance because it’s Pediatric Cancer Awareness Month. I initially turned down this request but they asked to petition the Board.” Following a brief discussion regarding the process for applicants to follow when they are initially turned down, Mayor Mills said, “We get a lot of blow back from residents and our job is to try to manage this. We do that by trying to push some of these events to the shoulder season.” Ms. Ryan noted that there would be no road closures associated with this event. Alderman Dull said, “The fact that it is not closing roads and is a beach only event in September, I do not think it breaks with our precedent.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “One of the good things about all the folks being here on the beach for this Run is that they can help support our businesses; and since they will be on the beach, it should not overtax our fire or police. Especially this year, we need to encourage people to come and spend money in our businesses.” Alderman DeGroot agreed and said he thought this was for a great cause and it could take a tragic situation for them and turn it into a positive thing moving forward. Mayor Pro Tem Miller made the motion to approve the special event as presented. The motion was seconded by Alderman Dull and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE APPROVAL OF THE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH MARKETING ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S FY20/21 MARKETING BUDGET.

Mr. Owens reviewed notes provided by the CVB that included: revenues came down 26.3% below what our 19/20 revenues were going to be; the Wrightsville Beach agency fees were cut by 82.7% because they are pulling everybody else’s fees to get us a united front; all of those funds will be redirected to other areas; advertising and paid media was cut by 35%; public relations increased by 14.7%; management’s online fixed cost remains the same as far as the budget goes; video was cut 20%; and overall reduction of salaries and benefits is 26%. The total budget this year is \$412,004. All of the resources are being pooled into one pot for marketing destination as opposed to Wrightsville Beach doing its own thing.” A brief discussion following regarding the print budget, the unified approach, and appreciation for the CVB taking staff away and handling some of this on their own. Alderman Dull made the motion to approve the Wrightsville Beach Marketing Advisory Committee’s FY20/21 Budget in the amount of \$412,004. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF RESTROOMS AT 88 SOUTH LUMINA AVENUE. BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. (2020) 517-B.

Mr. Owens showed renderings of what the restrooms would look like near the Trolley Stop on South Lumina Avenue. He reviewed a cut-away of the building and said it was about 480 square feet and 336 of that would be conditioned space. He said, “It was a little more expensive because we had to flood proof up to eight feet. The thought originally was that we could get a grant and have a good payback period on what we’re leasing now and get away from having to lease every year and worrying about whether we get a lease or not or if the lease amount is going up. We got a grant for \$220,000; \$55,000 of that coming from the Town. The architect and engineering was around \$30,000. So, there’s \$165,000 coming from the State and \$55,000 from the Town.

Mr. Owens said, “We had five bids on the project but our bids have since lapsed. Bordeaux Construction was the lowest bidder at \$399,000 and they would still like to do the job. So, Bordeaux Construction \$399,000; contingency of \$20,000; architect at \$30,000 – total budget would be \$449,000. The total amount we would have to put in is \$284,000 (that includes the \$55,000) if we decided to go with Bordeaux.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted that the Board could reject all of the bids and do the bid process again. Mr. Owens said, “Our options: 1) approve the lowest bidder and hope that they go with the bid; 2) we could rebid the project; 3) we could negotiate a long-term lease for the restroom facilities; or 4) we could just not have restroom facilities there at all. If you decide that you want to go forward with construction, I’m asking you to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2020) 517-B for \$229,000. We already have a project ordinance so you would take \$229,000 from your reserve fund and push it over to the project ordinance with the \$55,000. If we decide to go that route, we could consider not renewing that lease in November and starting construction on Labor Day and just not have restrooms for however long it takes to come back online. We close them in the winter so I think we can make do for six months or whatever it might take.”

Alderman Dull asked about the design and said, “I would be willing to roll up my sleeves and sit down with Chip (Hemingway) and figure out how to value engineer this thing. This thing was bid about thirty days before COVID hit and the economy was red hot, which was probably the worst time you could have bid it. Three months from now would probably be a great time to bid it – that combined with some tweaking of the drawings before they go back out for bids.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller agreed. Alderman Dull said, “Our cost right now at \$300,000, that’s \$75,000 per toilet.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted that they were also talking about ten years of rent. Alderman Dull said, “Even with all the other stuff; even taking the grant off of it, it is still costing us \$75,000 per toilet. It’s actually costing over \$100,000 per toilet.” Mr. Owens said, “Chip didn’t design the foundation; that was the structural engineer. We went to several different structural engineers to try to come up with something. I’ll be glad to sit down with you and go over it.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said he would like to do that. Mayor Mills said, “So, the consensus is that we want to look at building this thing versus trying to get a long-term lease in place?” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “\$300,000 is a lot of money but \$300,000 is better than \$480,000. If we could cut \$50,000 or more out of it, why wouldn’t we do it?” Alderman Dull asked if this had to be bonded. He said, “When you get people who build \$50 million schools bidding a \$300,000 bathroom because those are the only kind of people that bond work.” Mr. Edes said, “The statute for performance guaranty gives the builder the option of which one is best for them as opposed to the Town choosing which option. Another option besides a performance bond is a letter of credit.” When asked if there were a better way to do this, Alderman Dull said, “I would rather tweak the drawings and then get more competitive bids.” Mr. Owens said, “I would rather have that discussion about tweaking the drawings. We can tweak them and then put it out to bid if the Board approves doing that.”

Mayor Pro Tem Miller asked if we could do a different delivery system like they did at the university to be more competitive. Alderman Dull said, “On something like this, I would rather tweak it and put it back out – timing is better.” Mr. Owens noted that this does not have to be a formal bid.

Mr. Owens said, “What I’m hearing is let’s get a meeting with Chip and the structural engineer and you two want to be involved (Mayor Pro Tem Miller and Alderman Dull) and we’ll do that as soon as possible. If we can tweak the drawings, we will and put it back out to bid. If we can’t tweak the drawings, put it out to bid anyway and see what happens.” There was Board consensus to do that.

DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION ON EXTENDING THE PIER HEAD LINE AT 110-111 SEAPATH ESTATES.

Mr. Owens stated that this item had been pulled before the meeting and placed on the July 9th agenda. The Board concurred.

REQUEST TO NCDOT TO RESTRICT PARKING UNDER THE HEIDI TRASK DRAWBRIDGE.

Mr. Owens said, “There’s an ongoing issue underneath the bridge. It creates congestion and there are litter concerns. Most recently, we had some damage to the bulkhead over the washout area. There was also some damage to the roadway down there. Public Works Director Bill Squires met with the D.O.T. a while back and they’re still trying to determine who maintains. I’m assuming it’s being maintained by the Department of Transportation. In order to have a No Parking Area, we need to request that. I’ve given you a copy of a letter that we would send to Chad Kimes, Division Engineer. I think it has to go to their Board and then come back for some kind of action.” Alderman Partin said, “I walk under the bridge a lot and I see a lot of trash and there are a lot of people parking there. My other concern is that there used to be a sign as you come over the bridge directing boaters to take a right. My request would be to ask if they would consider putting that sign back up and direct traffic under the bridge that way.” Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, “I think they took it down when they did that dedicated left-over – but I will ask them.” Alderman Partin noted that it is hard for someone with a thirty-foot boat or trailer to get across the street. Alderman DeGroote noted that it would also be hard to go right with a thirty-foot boat or trailer. Mayor Mills said, “If we restrict parking, it seems to me the best thing would be to be able to go both ways so they’re not backing up either way.” Alderman Dull suggested turning it into a bike path and not let cars go through it. There was Board consensus for Mr. Owens to send the letter. Mr. Owens said he would also ask about replacing the sign.

RECAP OF WATER AND SEWER PROJECTS AND RESULTS OF THE WITHERS AND RAVENEL STORMWATER STUDY

Mr. Owens said, “At the end of last year, we started a preliminary design project for four areas in the Town that had storm water issues. We probably got this (study from Withers and Ravenel) in February or March and met with them and had them make some tweaks – then everything went south with the Corona virus. I’m sure they would have preferred to present this but I do have their Power Point. Basically it addressed problems in historically flooded areas. The first area we’re looking at is North Channel Drive. There is standing water caused by an inability of surface water to flow to existing inlets and pipes. The flooding is worse when there is a tidal influence – high tide and heavy rain. There are also some other issues in there with regard to streetscape improvements and pavers and parking and driveways. A lot of

people use those areas to park and there is basically no infiltration now because of pack down. Again, there is limited right of ways, there are some existing constraints with design. They came up with a conceptual design. The estimated cost is \$120-140,000 and that's if we don't go back in with a lot of pavement and work like that. It is really to put in six additional catch basins and to go back and repave those areas where the catch basins are. This is one of the higher priced areas. The engineering fees will probably be ten to fifteen percent on that as well. What they're saying is this will help with general flooding but if you have a king tide or what have you, it won't address it but it will improve the situation."

Mayor Mills said, "We've got to address it now. I see that and I don't know if that is going to address the issues they have 80% or 90% of the time. The cost is a lot of money but those folks have been putting up with this for a long time. I saw the limitations and the various reasons why we can't do this or that. If we do what they're proposing, is it going to seriously address the problems?" Mr. Owens replied, "I think that's the second phase you get into. If we decide to do this, you have to get into the engineering and they can probably tell you better. I just can't answer that question now. I would love to have them come back and present these things." Mayor Mills said, "This is now mid June, we've got summer rains and hurricane season. We'll get them back in here. Those poor folks are in the danger zone and we're still talking about it and not doing anything. I'm not suggesting you can go make that happen but it's just not acceptable for this thing to keep dragging out." Alderman Dull said, "I would like to get some clarification on the area to be addressed. If it's \$130,000 to do all of North Channel Drive, it's a no brainer." Mayor Pro Tem Miller referenced the Sweeney/Channel Avenue area and said they have been talking about that a long time as well. Mayor Mills said, "That is this – it's one project." Alderman Dull said, "If that's the whole project, that's easy." Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "Let's confirm that's what it is. We can approve it subject to." When Mr. Owens suggested holding a workshop with Withers and Ravenel, there was Board consensus that they needed to get the ball rolling and there was no time for a workshop. Mr. Owens said, "We have to exempt ourselves from the General Statutes to have them do engineering. That's just one of the areas. The next one was Arrindale. The goal is to provide positive flow. I think we need to use some pervious pavers and pave that at some point." Alderman Dull said, "What's there is already impervious – the stone is packed down." Mr. Owens said, "Some of the constraints there – the existing utilities are in the roadway so it is hard to get a culvert and a drop inlet from one side of the street to the other. Their design would be to re-grade things and mill and fill and push the water so it hits Arrindale and goes out across Waynick. They're estimating \$40-\$50,000. I don't believe engineering is included in that. You can probably expect 10% engineering fees. The next one is the intersection of Sweeney and Channel – this area floods for multiple causes. The goal is to reduce the frequency of flooding in this area. We need to replace the check valve and I think Buck (Squires) is prepared to do that at any time as long as the Board is all right with moving forward with something like that. Then the other stuff would have to be engineered and is a bigger fix. Here are the constraints, there's an existing storm drain system which is equipped with a duckbill valve to minimize back flow during high tides. There's also infiltration pits which need to be maintained and probably increased. Here are some of the assumptions: the existing

rubber duckbill valve is compromised and it is difficult to maintain. I think Mr. Squires is ready to move forward with it. They also want to incorporate measures to allow for regular low-cost maintenance. So, they're redoing the French drain system and creating a better situation than duckbill valves, and also replacing some of the pipes. The estimate for that is \$50-\$75,000. I don't believe that includes engineering." When asked about replacing the duckbill valve, Mr. Owens replied, "I don't know if the pipe has to be fixed first and then the duckbill valve or whatever they're going to use, but I can find that out. I think Buck wanted to try that and make sure there's a good impact there. Next is Asheville Street; there's standing water there. Again, we have an infiltration basin down there. The elevation won't allow us to connect back to the existing drainage probably about midway down the road and then go down Lumina that way because of the elevation there. Re-grading the street is not an option. What they're saying is they would go a thousand new linear feet to place a perforated pipe and go out towards the dune where there's sand and it should filtrate out. We would have a better maintenance in place; something that's easy to clean. That cost is also \$50-\$75,000 to fix that as well. We had \$150,000 in our budget to fund this." Alderman Dull said, "I think you could do one of those pipes and not do all three of those pipes and that would take care of most of it." Mr. Owens said, "If you want us to move forward, Brian would have to review any kind of contract." Alderman Dull made the motion to adopt Resolution No. (2020) 2206 to allow the Town to exempt itself from the services up to \$50,000 for this project. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Miller. Mayor Mills clarified that this project was for all four of those areas. Mr. Owens said, "We'll have them sort of sectioned out and, hopefully, it's not over \$50,000. We can do each one of these and they would be under \$50,000. I can bring that back to you in July for you to review what the cost is going to be and if we need a budget adjustment or if it's going to be under "X" amount, we can just move forward on it." When asked if this was for the design, Mr. Owens said this was for the design. He said, "The options would be, if you want to, I can go ahead get their proposals and come back to you for each four of those. If you have a dollar amount and you're okay with moving forward as far as engineering goes, and let Brian (Edes) look at those contracts, if it's \$50,000 for all of them, we could move forward with engineering without coming back in July."

Mayor Mills said, "Well, can we (the Board) agree on prioritizing so that when he goes and finds out the cost, if this isn't sufficient to cover all four of the projects, he can go down the list so we can get this going." Mr. Owens said, "Also, I need to come back with a budget adjustment anyway in July. If you want to prioritize those four, that helps a little bit." Mayor Pro Tem Miller noted that they were just talking about design. Mayor Mills said, "For the sake of these folks, I would say Channel and Sweeney ought to be at the top." The Board members agreed. Mayor Pro Tem Miller said, "If I had to put one at the end, I'd put Asheville – it affects fewer people." Alderman Dull said, "Number Two would be North Channel and then Arrindale and then Asheville." He asked if we needed sealed drawings for Arrindale and Asheville and if we needed engineers for that?" Mr. Owens said he would see how much it would cost to get a consultant to come in with a proposal for those two streets. The vote was then taken and recorded as unanimous for approval of the motion.

CONSIDERATION OF FIRE TRUCK FINANCING.

Finance Officer Melissa Norton said, “H-GAC Buy is a cooperative to get a better purchase price. The purchase price for the fire truck is \$1,232,822. We have \$390,000 in CIP funds for the fire truck so we need about \$850,000. We did an RFP for \$850,000. We are able to go tax exempt on the fire truck so it gets us very low interest. The three respondents are as follows:

Respondent	Rate Structure		Maturity
First Citizens Bank	Option 1	1.42% BQ	3 years
	Option 2	1.55% BQ	4 years
	Option 3	1.69% BQ	5 years
US Bancorp	Option 1	1.488%	3 years
	Option 2	1.576%	4 years
	Option 3	1.656%	5 years
BB&T	Option 1	1.57%	3 years
	Option 2	1.73%	4 years
	Option 3	1.85%	5 years

Mrs. Norton said, “First Citizens had the lowest rates for almost all three of the years. I looked at what the interest would look like if we kept it in our current General Fund (our CIP) versus what it would be if we financed. It is pretty much even. My proposal would be to do a four-year at 1.55%. You have Budget Ordinance No. (2020) 526-B which would just move the money over from CIP and accepting \$850,000 in some form of financing.” Mr. Owens said, “We would also look at moving forward with the financing and let the attorney review the documents and move forward with whatever the Board decides. Also, the approval to move forward with the purchase of the truck.” A brief discussion followed regarding which rate would be the best and the fact that the RFP had stipulated no prepayment penalty. Alderman Dull made the motion to adopt Budget Ordinance No. (2020) 526-B and Resolution No. (2020) 2205 – to finance for five years with First Citizens Bank and that we buy the truck. The motion was seconded by Alderman Partin and unanimously approved.

MRS NORTON: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- We need to schedule a year-end closeout meeting for department budgets. There was Board consensus to hold the special meeting on June 30, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. in Council Chambers of Town Hall.

ALDERMAN PARTIN: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- I have had some discussion about the Flotilla with Linda Brown but nothing to report.

ALDERMAN DULL: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- No report from Ports & Waterway but we did get an email from the Corps of Engineers and they are looking at the fifty-year extension.
- Update on ad hoc committee for setbacks. We are going to try to get this thing wrapped up. Trying to do a comprehensive overview – maybe we'll call it an overlay – from Stone Street to Mallard Street and from Lumina to the beach; that will basically encompass front yard and side yard setbacks for that whole area. I am going to try to get that back in front of the Planning Board at their July meeting and after that, at the next Board of Aldermen meeting.
- Salisbury Street Ocean Access will hopefully be completed by July Fourth.

MAYOR MILLS: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- The TDA will have a budget meeting next week – taking into account the impacts of COVID-19.
- I have asked the Planning Board to take a deep dive into our noise ordinance to explore what other towns are doing to see if there is anything we can come up with that will add a little more teeth.
- There is a lawsuit filed against various law enforcement people by a local businessman. Mr. Edes said, "They sued the District Attorney and the Sheriff as well. The contention essentially is that one of the Executive Orders is unconstitutional and they're seeking a Declaratory Judgment and a temporary Restraining Order for local law enforcement from enforcing it. It was filed in District Court."

MAYOR PRO TEM MILLER: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- The MPO voted on the STPDA Grant for Coral Drive funding. It was approved by them so now it goes to the State for their approval.
- The D.O.T. still does not have any money. They're working on the approval for the 2050 Plan.

MR. EDES: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- Senate Bill 831 was introduced on May 22nd seeking to authorize certain cities and towns to assess an additional 1% occupancy tax – there's a section that allows certain municipalities to use that 1% for any purpose. Wrightsville Beach is one of those towns that would qualify for any purpose.
- The League of Municipalities is rallying to seek relief legislation from the State and Federal Government for COVID-19-related impacts.

MS. HOLLEMAN: OTHER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- Acknowledged with sadness the passing of long-time resident Joe Walsh on June 5th.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia J. Holleman
Town Clerk