

MINUTES  
March 27, 2017 – 6 P.M.  
OAK ISLAND TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING  
TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Loman Scott, Council members Sheila M. Bell, Charlie K. Blalock, Jim Medlin and Jeff Winecoff, Town Manager David Kelly, Town Attorney Brian Edes and Asst. Manager/Town Clerk Lisa P. Stites. Mayor Cin Brochure was out of town and could not be present.

Mayor Pro Tempore Scott called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

1. Contract with Andrew Consulting: Mr. Edes asked that any motion to approve this contract be subject to the Town Attorney's final approval; he offered to review the items of concern he noted, including "Other Services and Costs" (page 3) that aren't listed on the fee schedule on page 2. There should be a way to stay in control of the change order process or at least make sure there is some cap on this. He also had concerns about the liability limitation provision (page 4), etc. Councilor Medlin asked if this could be brought to the April meeting after it is revised. Consensus was to place it on the April agenda.
2. Contract with Moffatt & Nichol for engineering/design for the FEMA Emergency Dune Restoration Project: Mr. Edes again asked that any approval be contingent upon the Town Attorney's Final Approval. **Councilor Winecoff made a motion to approve the contract subject to the Town Attorney's final approval. Mayor Pro Tempore Medlin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.** Mr. Edes clarified that the Town Manager would have the authority to sign the contract once it is finalized.
3. Contract with Wayne's Backhoe for the FEMA Emergency Dune Restoration Project: **Councilor Medlin made a motion to approve the contract subject to final approval by the Town Attorney. Councilor Blalock seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.** Ms. Stites clarified that the approval was for the base bid, in the amount of \$3,288,291.
4. Contract with DEC Associates for financial planning for beach nourishment: Councilor Bell said it seemed like it was putting the cart before the horse. She asked if it was a contract price or if he would start charging immediately. Mr. Edes said it was a contract price, with half due upon approval and half when the final report was accepted by Council. Councilor Medlin said his concern was over the unnamed out-of-pocket expenses. Mr. Edes said that the firm had a good reputation; out-of-pocket expenses would cover travel, etc. Councilor Winecoff said that by the time the consultant could come back with a plan, it would be obsolete. He said that they don't even know how much a beach nourishment plan would cost. He also said that it wouldn't be possible to fund beach nourishment solely from property taxes. Councilor Medlin disagreed and said that the Town needed direction and that the firm would put together a complete package no matter how large the project is. **Councilor Medlin made a motion to approve the contract as presented in the packet. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion.** Councilor Medlin said that sooner or later, it had to become clear that we have a huge project in front of us and we need to start putting a plan in place to pay for it. He said they had given us good direction in the past, and even brought us ideas we hadn't thought of regarding the wastewater system. He said he was not a financial expert. Mayor Pro Tempore Scott said that when considering how much would be spent on the project, \$30,000 didn't seem like a lot. Councilor Bell said she agreed, especially considering that DEC Associates would help us with bond counsel, engineers etc. to put the financing plan in place. Finance Director Dave Hatten spoke about the firm, saying the consultants were a great help in the process to refinance our wastewater bonds. Councilor Winecoff said the Town had already

wasted money on a consultant for beach nourishment funding. **The motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tempore Scott and Councilors Bell, Blalock and Medlin in favor and Councilor Winecoff opposed.**

**Councilor Medlin made a motion to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Councilor Blalock seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

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Cin Brochure, Mayor

ATTESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa P. Stites, CMC  
Assistant Manager/Town Clerk

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