

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020
BALLROOMS, MYRTLE BEACH CONVENTION CENTER**

Roll Call.

Present: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

Staff present: John Pedersen, Will Bryan, Fox Simons, Lisa Wallace, Mike Shelton, Mark Kruea, Chasity Pendergrass and Sandra Zanfini.

CALL TO ORDER.....2:00 P.M.
INVOCATION.....Mike Chestnut
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....Mike Chestnut

APPROVAL OF AGENDA.....

Motion: To approve, **Moved by** Michael Chestnut, **Seconded by** Philip N. Render.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

Chief Prock reviewed the policies of the Myrtle Beach Police Department.

“Listening Session” Proposal – Neighborhood Services Director M. Cookie Goings, and Human Resources/Organizational Development Director Angela Kegler.

Cookie Goings gave an update on the Beachside Chats. The next Beachside Chat is scheduled for June 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. at Chapin Memorial Park. Angela Kegler said the City will hold similar chats internally. Mr. Pedersen said the third part of this will be having similar dialogue in our Neighborhood Watch meetings once we are able to resume having those meetings.

Public Safety Update – Police Chief Amy Prock

Chief Prock reviewed the Public Safety Update plan.

John Pedersen reviewed the two actions before Council.

Mayor Bethune – requests motion to go into executive session to receive legal advice related to Ordinance 2020-34.

Decision was made to hear public comments before executive session.

10 minute break taken

Public Comments

The following business owners and/or residents spoke regarding the actions before Council today as well as noise issues, mopeds/golf carts, and pedestrian traffic on Ocean Boulevard: Russ Stalvey, Dennis Stalvey, Chris Walker, Ben Robinson, Rachel Beckerman, Michelle Kerscher, Justin Plyler, David Utterback, Mark Lazarus, Ilan Aish, Joel Elliott, Mark McBride, a Myrtle Beach resident whose name was not documented, Steve Taylor, Richard Calvert and Ducey Blake.

Motion: To Enter Executive Session for discussion of potential legal claims that may arise from the adoption of Ordinance 2020-34, **Moved by** Michael Chestnut, **Seconded by** Gregg Smith.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

Motion: To Exit Executive Session, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** John Krajc.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

Mayor Bethune addressed the audience and said their comments were taken into consideration and that council will be voting on the resolution today, but will continue the ordinance until it can be discussed in a workshop setting.

Resolution 2020-31 Resolution to declare the weekends (Friday through Sunday) from Friday June 19, 2020 through Sunday September 6, 2020 as Extraordinary Events.

Motion: To Approve, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** John Krajc.

Motion: To Amend the Dates of the Resolution to run from Friday, June 19, 2020 through July 5, 2020, **Moved by** Gregg Smith, **Seconded by** Mike Lowder.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

Mayor Bethune called for a vote on the original motion as amended.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

1st Reading Ordinance 2020-34 to amend 19-178 and 19-180 to:

- **Declare events of any description with an anticipated or actual estimated attendance of greater than 10,000 people to be an Extraordinary Event.**
- **Declare the “NOPI” and “Mustang” (and other similar events) to be an Extraordinary Event based upon the history of disorderly, unruly, and sometimes unlawful behavior, including but not limited to noise ordinance violations, motor vehicle violations and resulting traffic congestion.**
- **Declare Memorial Day Weekend (Thursday through Monday), July 4th (from July 2nd to July 7th), and Labor Day Weekend (Thursday through Monday), as Extraordinary Events.**
- **Delete section 19-178 (e) referencing motorcycle events immediately preceding and on Memorial Day.**
- **Authorize the Chief of Police (with the concurrence of the City Manager) to temporarily close businesses when it is necessary to insure the safety of the public. Such action to be taken only upon the failure of at least one previous**

effort to achieve compliance, and to be effective only from the moment of such order until that business normally reopens (but not sooner than four hours).

- To authorize the City Manager to impose a curfew in certain areas of the City as necessary to maintain public safety and good order.

Motion: To Continue, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** John Krajc.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session which are deemed to be "emergency" concerns.

Note: South Carolina law requires that Council's business is conducted in public with limited exceptions known as "Executive Sessions". Subjects eligible for Executive Session include:

- Personnel matters.
- Negotiations concerning proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property.
- The receipt of legal advice relating to:
 - A pending, threatened, or potential claim.
 - Other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege.
 - Settlement of legal claims, or the position of the City in other adversary situations.
- Discussions regarding development of security personnel or devices.
- Investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.
- Matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses.

Motions to go into Executive Session must be made in public and specify one or more reason above. Council can take no votes or take action in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To Adjourn, **Moved by** Mike Lowder, **Seconded by** Gregg Smith.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Mayor Brenda Bethune, Michael Chestnut, John Krajc, Mike Lowder, Philip N. Render, Gregg Smith, Jackie Vereen.

5:55 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Sandra Zanfini

BRENDA BETHUNE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

LINDSEY HARING, ACTING CITY CLERK