

**MINUTES OF  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
LORIS PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING  
3909 WALNUT STREET  
LORIS, SC 29569  
AUGUST 7, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>HENRY L. NICHOLS</b>
<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>MICHAEL DOZIER LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR. TODD M. HARRELSON MICHAEL E. SUGGS JAN P. VESCOVI</b>
<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>JOAN S. GAUSE</b>

**NEWS MEDIA present were Mrs. Joyce Graham, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune, Ms. Jennifer Boyd, writer for The North Myrtle Beach Times and Mr. Scott Harper with The Loris Scene.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nichols.**

**INVOCATION:**

**The invocation was given by Mayor Nichols.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Nichols.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**The roll was called by Clerk Jenna Winborne.**

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the regular council meeting held on May 1, 2017 were presented for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Hardee, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi to approve the minutes as presented. Mayor Nichols and all members voted favorably.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Mayor advised that Clerk Wright, Administrator Kempski, Councilwoman Gause and himself attended the Annual Municipal Association in Hilton Head. Mrs. Wright will give a presentation on a later date.
2. Ms. Michelle Cantey with Coast RTA advised that Coast RTA will kick off on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A travel training workshop will be held at Loris City Hall on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. for anyone interested in the program.
3. Mayor Nichols advised that proposed 2017-2018 budget highlights will be presented on a later date by Administrator Kempski.
4. Mayor advised that Mauldin & Jenkins will present Council with a presentation after the audit is complete.
5. Mayor introduced the new Code Enforcement Officer Brandon Harrelson. Mr. Harrelson is a veteran and a graduate of Horry Georgetown Technical College studying Civil Engineering. Mr. Harrelson was a previous employee in the Planning Department for Horry County.
6. Attorney Battle presented an order to be signed by Council in connection to the termination of Officer John Jackson. A grievance was heard and a recommendation was made by the grievance committee to reinstate Officer Jackson. The recommendation was presented to Council and was considered in executive session. After considering the grievance committee's recommendation and arguments presented by Mr. Jackson's Attorney along with the City's Attorney, Council decided to uphold the termination by unanimous vote by Council.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

Departmental reports were received as information.

#### **A. FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Rutelich thanked the Red Cross for their partnership with the City. 285 Fire alarms were installed in homes of residents within the City. Mr. Rutelich also advised several statistical numbers. Mr. Rutelich advised that the month of October is Fire prevention month and the Loris Fire Department will have Open House on October 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

**B. Police Department**

Lt. Buley advised that Officer Jason Vaught and Officer Greg Lee are now patrolling after their recent graduation from the Police Academy. The Loris Police Department has partnered with North Myrtle Beach Public Safety Special Olympics and will be a participant during the 2017 fundraising events.

**C. Recreation**

Mr. Singleton advised that Fall registration began today, August 7<sup>th</sup> for tackle football, soccer and cheerleading. Registration has been advertised on Facebook and a banner has been placed in front of City Hall.

**D. Public Works**

Mr. Bellamy advised that the Bayboro pump station upgrades are currently being completed.

**E. Street Department**

Councilwoman Vescovi commended the Street department for their monthly report. She requests that each department give a detailed report to Council on their completed monthly tasks.

**BUSINESS:**

**A. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III CONDITIONAL USE REGULATIONS UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE**

Councilman Dozier made a recommendation to set August 24<sup>th</sup> as the public hearing date for amendment to Article III Conditional Use Regulations Unified Zoning Ordinance.

**B. SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE FORT PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET**

Councilman Dozier made a recommendation to set August 24<sup>th</sup> as the public hearing date for the proposed 17-2018 budget.

**C. AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR BID PROPOSALS FOR PEST CONTROL**

**D. AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING FOR BID PROPOSALS FOR UNIFORMS**

Mayor Nichols authorized Administrator Kempski to seek bids for uniforms.

**E. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 04-17 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LORIS AND TO REVISE THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE II TECHNICAL CODES BY REPLACING SECTION 8-31 IN ITS ENTIRETY WITH A REVISED SECTION 8-31.**

Clerk Jenna Winborne read the ordinance by title only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilman Hardee to give first reading of Ordinance Number 04-17 as presented. Mayor Nichols and all Members favorably.

**F. SET OPENING AND CLOSING FILING DATES FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2017 GENERAL ELECTION.**

Mayor Nichols advised that three (3) members are up for election. Councilman Suggs advised that the opening date would be in mid-September. Opening and closing dates will be announced at a later date.

**G. REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEMBER SYLVIA GRAHAM – TERM EXPIRED JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2017.**

Councilman Dozier made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Vescovi to reappoint Sylvia Graham as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**PUBLIC AND PRESS COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Lennell Black of 120 Fox Glen Drive expressed concerns about flooding issues in her area. Councilman Harrelson advised that the City is in the process of investigating flooding issues in her area. Mrs. Black requests that the City revisit codes and make upgrades and changes similar to Horry County.

Mr. Alan Levinson of 5020 Forest Drive asked for an update on the flooding issues on Forest Drive.

Councilman Harrelson advised that the issue would be addressed with the availability to do so by the City.

Mr. Levinson questioned as to whether flags would be placed throughout the City for Martin Luther King's birthday in January of 2018.

Mayor Nichols advised that the Loris Civitans will place flags out to acknowledge Martin Luther King.

**Mrs. Janice Hinson of 5006 Forest Drive questioned the availability of grant money regarding flooding issues within the City.**

**Councilwoman Vescovi advised that the City has contracted Hanna Engineering to help obtain grants to help the City make upgrades regarding flooding issues within the City.**

**Mrs. Hinson requests that the City post updates about work completed on social media for citizens of Loris.**

**Mr. William Dillenbeck of 4809 Circle Drive questioned a letter of intent for a 3 million dollar loan.**

**Mr. Dillenbeck commended the professionalism of the Police and Fire Department, the Public works department along with the local hospital.**

**Jamisha McCants of Renovation Resurrection Church shared information about the upcoming events within the church.**

**Wendy Baruch of 5325 Woodbine Street advised of a pot hole located on Walnut Street that needs to be addressed before Walnut Street is paved by DOT.**

**Mrs. Joyce Graham, writer for Tabor-Loris Tribune questioned when the auditor's report would be available to the public.**

**Mayor advised that a presentation would be given after the audit is complete at the next available council meeting.**

**Mrs. Graham questioned Ordinance 04-17.**

**Councilwoman Vescovi advised that this Ordinance would update the City's building codes to bring the City up to date with the International Building Codes.**

**Mr. Scott Harper with The Loris Scene requested a copy of the letter read by Attorney Mike Battle in regards to the termination of Officer John Jackson.**

**Mr. Battle advised the letter would be made available to the public after signed by Mayor Nichols and Council.**

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**A motion was made by Councilman Dozier, seconded by Councilman Hardee to go into executive session to discuss administrative and personnel matters.**

**After executive session, Council reconvened to open session upon a motion by Councilwoman Vescovi, seconded by Councilman Suggs. All members voted favorably.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**A motion was made by Mayor Nichols, seconded by Councilman Dozier to adjourn. Mayor Nichols and all Members voted favorably. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.**

ATTEST:



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JENNA WINBORNE  
CLERK

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HENRY L. NICHOLS  
MAYOR

LORIS COUNCIL MEMBERS




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MICHAEL C. DOZIER



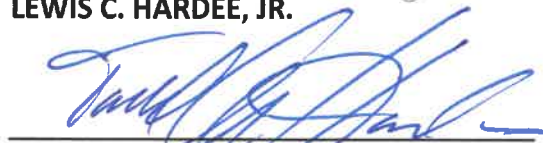
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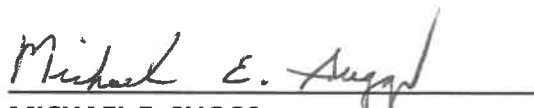
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LEWIS C. HARDEE, JR.



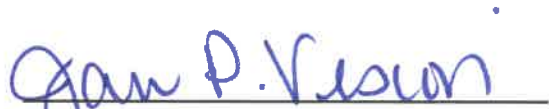
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