Sown of North Topsail Beach

Joann M. McDermon, Mayor Pro Tem Aldermen: Mike Benson Jerry Heid Tom Leonard **Richard Peters**



Bryan Chadwick, MPA Town Manager

Laura Oxley, JD, MPA Town Clerk

Board of Aldermen Special Meeting Minutes March 20, 2020

Present: Mayor Pro Tem McDermon; Aldermen Benson, Heid, Leonard & Peters (via phone); Town Manager Chadwick; Deputy Town Clerk Winzler; Town **Attorney Edes**

I. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m.

II. **Approval of Agenda**

Alderman Leonard made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Alderman Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

III. Acknowledgement and Recognition of Mayor Tuman's Recent Retirement

Alderman Leonard reviewed the many achievements of Mayor Tuman during his various terms of serving the Town of North Topsail Beach. Attached is the statement Alderman Leonard read to the attendees.

Alderman Heid made a motion to acknowledge the service of Mayor and accept his retirement. Alderman Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

IV. **Conferring of Mayoral Powers**

Alderman Leonard made a motion to confer the mayoral powers to Mayor Pro Tem McDermon. Alderman Heid seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

V. **Interim Town Manager**

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Phone (910) 328-1349 Toll Free: (800) 687-7092 Fax (910) 328-4508 Alderman Leonard made a motion to appoint Mr. Dave Gilbride as the Interim Town Manager. Alderman Peters seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VI. Remote Participation

At the recommendation of Attorney Edes, Alderman Heid made a motion to suspend the current Policy for Remote Participation by Board Members for Board of Aldermen Meetings, giving more flexibility for the Board to meet under the current pandemic and still abide by the social distancing recommendations. Alderman Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VII. Status of Declaration of Emergency

Attorney Edes recommended that Mayor Pro Tem issue a declaration of state of emergency, including specific language pertinent to the state of emergency. There was much discussion. The board directed Attorney Edes to work with Town Staff to generate this declaration with Mayor Pro Tem McDermon.

VIII. Adjourn

Alderman Benson made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Heid seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

The Board of Aldermen Emergency Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

 Joann McDermon Mayor Pro Tem
ATTEST

Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: 04/ /2020