



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, April 12, 2023, 9AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Budget Meeting #1 (following Retreat) held on April 19, 2023 was called to order at
2 9:00 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the budget meeting and turned it over to the
3 Manager. The meeting was open to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's
4 website at www.TownofOriental.com.

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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, and members of the public.
8 Commissioner Winfrey absent.

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10 Approval of Agenda: Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a MOTION to approve agenda. Commissioner Roe
11 seconds-4-0.

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13 Revenues:

14 Fees: Watercraft Rental fee: propose taking it back to old fee \$5/mo and not use our locks. Commissioner Overcash
15 asks if we do not have control if we do not have locks. We just will cut off locks. Commissioner Roe says ask
16 HWAC. Water Rates AFTER change are still less than County rates prior to their raise. Meter Changeout has
17 changed the averages of usage from 500-1000-1500 gallons per month, due to newer, more accurate meters.
18 Manager notes garbage and recycling fee income versus what we have paid out YTD. We have taken in \$91K and
19 \$32K. Currently a few hundred dollars over what it costs. Green waste is included- holds its own. Recycling- has
20 taken in \$31K and paid out \$66K Trash charges up from \$4.50/recycling bin to \$6.75/bin. Disconnect fee is
21 currently \$25 (6-8 people)- not a disincentive. Does not cover what it costs to send someone out to turn off and turn
22 back on- BUT it's only 6-8 people. BUT, late fees are \$5 and not a deterrent- and we are running 60 people/month.
23 When its late- we generate list COB after the 25th. We have to print out cards, stamp by hand, take to post office and
24 send. Costly process. Commissioner Roe says to raise the fee to make it noticeable. Fee schedule is approved at the
25 same time as the budget. Commissioner Price asks about those who go out of town and have water turned off- NO-
26 this is disconnect for nonpayment. Commissioner Roe notes that our costs are up- people, gas, materials, etc. Double
27 it. Manager notes that it needs to be relative to our cost. Commissioner Price notes that there are several groups in
28 the County that assist. Manager notes that only other request for fee is driveway fee. Send PAW out to make sure
29 the driveway is not going over the meter. (Had this conversation with attorney- attorney fees double what budgeted).
30 Driveways submitted with building plans do NOT require additional fees.

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32 Manager notes Water Fund is on watchlist, noting that once depreciation is noted in the water fund, it is not looking
33 solvent. Barely covering costs. Manager goes through County's Water Rates vs Oriental water rates and the
34 consequences potential. County is charging \$4.95 at lower level. We can fund our water system, or the State can
35 FORCE you to give it to Pamlico County. Once taken away, you no longer have control over cost or quality. We
36 might not need to go all the way to \$4.95/1000 (county rates) but \$4.25/1000 (Oriental rate) is not adequately
37 funding it. Commissioner Overcash does not want us to lose control of the system. There is a significant quality
38 difference at this end of the County. Commissioner Price notes the large difference in commercial rates. Manager
39 states that the Board can change any of those. Mayor Pro Tem White asks what is the distribution between users.
40 Manager notes most in the middle- meter changeout has proven that the older meters stop working and register less.
41 Water Loss is a factor of that issue. Water Loss was 25% 9 years ago, down now to 8%- acceptable. Meters are

42 warranted to 375,000 gallons. Manager's meter was over 900,000 gallons when changed. There are also subtractive
43 (dock) meters and irrigation meters that are not charged sewer. Sewerage is calculated off of water gallons, not rates.
44 Mayor Pro Tempore White offers \$4.50, \$4.75, and \$4.95. Commissioner Price asks about adjustments in revenue
45 due to that. Manager explains it is not a one to one- you raise rates, people conserve. Commissioner Roe notes we
46 used ARPA funds to make major fixes, but distribution needs real funds- more than we have. Also- employees,
47 equipment, etc. County is worried about being forced into district- worried about County being taken over also-
48 Distribution system goes with the water system- fixes would be delayed. Commissioner Roe says we need to go up.
49 Manager suggests we do not go over County rates, but there is a HUGE difference on commercial rates.
50 Flat rates- Oriental \$16/month, 2inch meters are \$40. We may come close this year because you added depreciation
51 as a line. Manager will look at commercial usage on the high months and see how the numbers will change. We're
52 at \$5 and the County is at \$7/1000. Suggestion to go to \$6/1000. Mayor Pro Tempore White notes that waterfront
53 (dock) usage is wasting water as all stands are leaking.

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55 Revenues General fund- Taxes- that is what we are legally allowed to budget- no flexibility. Prior year taxes high
56 this year as several properties have been caught up. Sales and Use Tax- NCLM recommends (for major metro areas)
57 but ours went up when theirs did not- our number is a portion of the 6% projected- not justifiable.

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59 Interest well overran this year, but the NCCMT says it will NOT be the same situation next year.
60 Franchise tax- cable- cutting the cord lowers this. Also, corded phones, the state tax you see on those bills. A lot of
61 these come AFTER the year is over and then Tammy backs those deposits in.

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63 FEMA reimbursements are in there- any event at all gets us something. We recovered \$20K for preparation in time
64 and equipment for a tropical event- tying it down, picking it up. Public Works is professional at documenting time
65 and equipment used.

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67 Occupancy Tax- way up. Commissioner Price notes that we overran in the last part of the year last year, which were
68 not counted in our projection. Discussion on AirBnB sending a check with no documentation of rooms used each
69 month. Homeowners are required to send that in.

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71 Water Bill Service fee- the charge for using a credit card for online bill pay- needs to go up from \$3.50 to \$4.00. We
72 are currently \$100 behind- not covering that cost to us. Most expensive transaction is the most expensive- one
73 person takes it, another counts, another takes it to the bank- but we have to take cash. All agreed to cover cost.
74 Manager notes that is the only reason to increase costs- cover our costs. For example: trash- we can cover it or we
75 can NOT have the service- individual contracts cost residents TWICE what they currently pay. We got a good deal
76 in the extension this year- tipping increased 8% - our extension caps our increase at 2%- we will likely be hit with
77 that next year.

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79 Census Stats- #99 of 100 counties in young age residents, we are #100 out of 100 for weekly wage- worst wages in
80 the state. We are a Tier 2 county, not a tier 1 county, and we STILL pay less than the poorest counties in the state.
81 Water Rates- our average bill (WATER ONLY) is \$23/mo- highest (in Carteret County is \$206/mo.)

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83 CPI and Pay- we have worked from the CPI in January- which is 6.4%. State is looking at 7.5%. We have been
84 working with the annual CPI. County instituted a pay and class study- brought to us. It enumerates positions and
85 before/after study. This study would cost for a staff of 150 of tens of thousands of dollars. With 11 staff members
86 and attorney input, the Manager can certainly pull data from NCLM salary survey and give same results for those 11
87 positions (gathered from population under 2500) (smallest denomination). Apple to Oranges- Manager in County
88 has an Asst, Finance Officer, and Clerk- Manager here is all three- and it is similar for other positions here- many
89 hats for many workers. Dep Finance Officer/Admin Director- all kinds of extra responsibilities- not even close.
90 County has PW Director at \$73K and a Water Operations Mgr at \$72K-hard to compare our stuff to theirs.

91 Commissioner Roe- if they call Drew and say we'll pay you \$75K to be one of those two positions- he'd be crazy
92 not to go 10 miles down the road. Manager has one issue with County Pay and Class because they are not using
93 Craven as a comparative- if your people leave, that's where they're going. Commissioner Roe says we need to look
94 at those comparatives. Directs Manager to conduct a new pay and class. Pine Knoll Shores is over the CPI raise and
95 03.7% Merit- with 31 people- very similar population to us.
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97 Looking at re-striping of tennis courts- Ms. Crosser found a less expensive option- need approval to contract the
98 work to be done. Board unanimously agrees to move forward with less expensive option.
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100 Next meeting: May 10th: 8:30AM, May 19th 8:30AM

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102 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – May 2, 8AM, Regular meeting.
103 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at AM by MOTION of Mayor Pro Tempore White, second by Commissioner Overcash. 4-
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107 Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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111 Approved _____, 2023



ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2023, 8:30AM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Budget Meeting #2 (following Retreat) held on May 10, 2023 was called to order at
2 8:00 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the budget meeting. The meeting was open
3 to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.

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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, and no members of the public.
8 Commissioner Winfrey absent.

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10 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to approve agenda. Commissioner Overcash seconds-
11 4-0.

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13 The Town Board additionally called a CLOSED Session meeting for 8AM, prior to the previously scheduled
14 8:30AM budget meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore White made a MOTION to go into Closed Session: In accordance
15 with N.C.G.S. §143.318(11)(a)(6) The Board will enter a CLOSED SESSION to consider personnel matters.
16 Seconded by Commissioner Overcash. 4-0.

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18 Board returns from CLOSED SESSION at 8:49AM.

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20 2023-2024 meeting schedule- Mayor will be away Sept 28 and Oct 3- Mayor Pro Tempore White will run those
21 meetings. Commissioner Roe notes January meeting scheduled day after holiday. Board removes/cancels January 2
22 meeting and retains the January 25 workshop. Move the November meeting to the 14th.

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24 Fee Schedule: All things the Board asked to change are in the updated fee schedule. Water rates change. We spent
25 thousands on the last rezoning- moved from \$500 to \$1,000. Recycling going from \$4.50 to \$6.75 as planned last
26 year.

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28 Revenues: columns C and D: Paving: Manager explains bond process: In order to get a bond, we must spend \$50-
29 \$60K up front to hire bond counsel, financial advisor/planner and several others. The Manager does not do the bond
30 request- this hired team does- part of the LGC rules. That must all be approved by LGC. That takes about 6 months.
31 Once approved, you now have that sunk cost plus interest on the bond. Then you must designate a new revenue
32 stream to pay for that bond. This new revenue stream is a raise in the property tax. Likely about 10 cents on the
33 \$100. That might get you \$5M and you pay for it for 20 years. You are also on the Unit Assistance List- you are
34 already being watched by the LGC. The LGC must approve a bond. 50/50, after spending \$60K, to get that bond.
35 Another option: You could NOT spend the \$60K, approve the same property tax increase, and earmark that money
36 for paving- that gives you \$247,580/year for paving as long as you leave that tax in place. HOWEVER, you cannot
37 commit a future Board to continue that. You COULD do it for this year, and then the next Board could potentially
38 do away with the tax and not have additional paving. So you have both options in front of you in those two
39 columns, plus \$40K in Powell funds every year. Commissioner Roe asked for comparable taxes. Pamlico County-
40 our rate and the combined rate- right now at 84.5 cents on the \$100. This increase would put you at \$.945/\$100.
41 County tax is currently \$.625/\$100 and ours is \$.22/\$100. Everything you see highlighted in pink is higher than us

42 with a raise. Looking at Onslow- County is higher and all municipalities are higher. Up to a future Board to change,
43 continue, end, whatever.
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45 Solid Waste fees are changed- revenue projections up.
46 Interest rate will not stay up, plus you will drain Powell reserves in the current year.
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48 Water Revenues: best projection, taking into account reduction in usage for conservation. Also raised late fee and
49 disconnect fee- raised to deter the action.
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51 GF expenditures: Salaries are according to salary survey- not every staff member gets the same raise and less going
52 into the water fund. This can change on your direction. Merit line is 3% of the total payroll. If you chose to
53 decrease or increase any, all of the other calculations change as well- FICA, retirement. Health is age banded.
54 Dental changed minimally, and Health also. Employees pay for eye care insurance in order to select a more robust
55 dental plan for the same cost as previous dental and eye. Comparing our benefits to the County- they are on the State
56 Health plan, averaging \$568/employee- they pay \$25/month, eye and dental, 401 K additional contribution and life
57 insurance. Oriental provides Health (BCBSNC) at \$630/employee average, dental, required 401K only, no life
58 insurance, no eye care- pretty similar costs. Orbit- State tells us what we have to pay- we pay LEOs more (required).
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60 Added \$1,000 to audit in case we have a yellow page.
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62 Utilities: we moved all of the P&R utilities as directed to utilities, so significantly higher than last year.
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64 Additional funds budgeted for closed session issue. GF appropriated covers closed session thing and capital
65 reserves. Can be removed and put back if/when it happens. If take those out, take out the appropriation. Never
66 recommended to balance the budget on GF appropriated- use for capital project or capital purchase (one time
67 things), but we will do as directed.
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69 Commissioners had some difficulty understanding that there is no savings in taking the projects out.
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71 Commissioner Roe asks what impact this water budget has on us being on the watchlist- NONE- once you're on,
72 you're on for three consecutive years. This year's revenues SHOULD cover because you (1) raised rates and (2)
73 budgeted depreciation- builds your reserve. Low reserve got you on the list. WF currently running \$78K above its
74 cost. We have not budgeted depreciation for years. Proposed budget is due to NC Treasurer May 16 as part of the
75 process being on the list. 23-24 budget is \$13K, but Manager believes that we should cover that, but if chemicals
76 rise like they have, we could get behind. Salt from \$45K last year to \$58,800 this year. Chlorine is already over
77 budget. Using LESS chemicals, but cost is skyrocketing. You also had an injection of cash from ARPA, but that's
78 gone. We used that to fix and make more efficient the process. Also- required additional testing. Adding to the
79 unrestricted unreserved should get us off the list. Commissioner Overcash asks if this affects ability to get grants.
80 So the raising of rates should show we are raising rates to solve the problem. Those in Carteret at base rate of
81 \$206/month will get grants first- because their rates are painful. Ours are not. Ours are .1% of Monthly Household
82 Income goes to our water bill(from the NC dashboard for rates).
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84 Commissioner Roe does not want to raise taxes. If you do not raise taxes, we would need to re-order our priorities.
85 Take Occupancy tax and fund Parks and Rec from it. That frees up GF. Manager notes they are at \$19,950, \$4,000
86 of that is Tree Board. Commissioner Roe also suggests to remove the Capital Reserves. Sell the 3rd Police vehicle.
87 Take all of that and shift into paving/drainage.
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89 Mayor Belangia is excused from the meeting for an appointment- Board takes a 5 minute break.
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91 Commissioner Roe- we have to pay our people- leave the human costs alone- look at other things- again, if remove
92 the project, you take out what is funded from GFA. It only removes the \$8K from Police Capital Reserve. You gain
93 nothing from removing those things, except that it remains in the GF unreserved, unappropriated.
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95 Last year's total budget had extra projects- Neuse Beach project, Net House project- larger total budget.
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97 Occupancy tax can only be spent on those things designated from that tax- reserved, restricted.
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99 Election cost- we have elections this year.
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101 Tourism funds: Commissioner Roe: from Occ Tax- Take \$23,000 and divide between Tourism and P&R- \$13,800
102 to Tourism, \$9,200 to P&R. Commissioner Roe asks about requested funding- what for? Repair backboard, ADA
103 progress, replacing pickleball.
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105 Manager asks for clarification. Manager notes revenues and expenses need to match and be moved together- he is
106 looking for \$100,000 for paving. Manager tries to explain that moving the funds within the general fund moves it to
107 a different department, it's still in the general fund. Proposal for Occ Tax to go to 50% P&R, 25% to Tourism, 25%
108 to P&R. No bond, no tax increase. Don't want to do it this year- kick the can down the road. Manager notes
109 \$100,000 gets you \$75,000 of paving. Remember, we have moved the utilities from Parks and Rec to utilities. This
110 also reduces both P&R and Tourism requested budget. If you make that funded out of OCC Tax, then it is restricted
111 to that reserve unless you appropriate from GF in addition. \$23K/\$11.5K/\$11.5K. Go through HWAC expenses-
112 maintenance. MPT White offers 50-35-15% split. Dog Park under Parks and Rec. Commissioner Roe wants us to
113 make progress on drainage and streets. Manager explains the Capital Reserve Ordinance and ability to move the
114 reserved funds from designated asset to another within the department. Talk about deferring contributions. MPT
115 White is calculating from removal of expenses, but some of those expenses were designated to be funded from GF
116 appropriated. Instead of GF appropriated at capital assets, put it to paving. GF appropriated should not be used for
117 operating expenses. Split for Occ Tax- will talk to Boards about actual numbers. 50-30-20 is agreed. Board feels
118 expense of Our State and radio may not be the best use of funds. \$23K-\$13800-\$9200.
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120 Manager tries to recap- \$30K in drainage.
121 Conversation goes to new crowd of fishermen coming in powerboats- huge addition. Significant decrease to P&R,
122 Tourism. Commissioner Roe notes he will blame the manager- she understands that! Manager notes, doing the
123 calculations, that P&R is left with \$5200 because \$4000 of that department is Trees. Back to Parks and Rec- you can
124 cut Tree down- we are required to fund them at a rate due to Tree City. Discussion concerning Trees in Parks and
125 Rec. Manager offers to take Trees out and put it elsewhere. Commissioner Price asks what can be moved out? Asks
126 if additional funding from GF can be put out- Manager asks if we really want to do it. Manager suggests moving
127 Tree Board to Public Works and then Tree (\$4,000) is funded from GF, and removed from P&R, INCREASING GF
128 expenses by \$4,000. Discussion concerning not tracking every nut, bolt, and screw and just allot the amount to the
129 department- whatever we have to do to work in those areas. What did we do away with in Recreation? The ADA
130 project- your plan is not approved yet. Draft ADA plan JUST came in- you have to look through and prioritize
131 projects- plenty of time.
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133 MPT White notes we need to let people know that the budget was cut in order to NOT raise taxes, but if we can't
134 find the money to pave, those taxes will have to go up. Manager notes on the sheet of taxes around the area- a good
135 number of them will change this year. Commissioner Price asks if the Manager is good with the changes. Increased
136 costs we are absorbing, the budget is still lower. We did have additional income and some very large project
137 expenditures.
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139 Revenues- YTD numbers- we always outrun our projections- we're currently behind on property taxes, more than
140 usual. This affects the amount I am allowed to budget- if the collection rate goes down, the amount we can budget
141 going forward also goes down.

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143 Sales and Use Tax is not close-we make most of our S&U Tax in the crossover portion- May, June, July. Still
144 awaiting April, May June for Occ Tax as well. But we were open when others were not, so we were MORE of a
145 destination.

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147 Commissioner Roe notes this was a great session- reduced issues, moved funds, still balanced. Reallocate
148 Occupancy Tax. Raising water rates, recycling.

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150 Manager notes this is the end of our garbage contract. We were the beneficiary of a contract extension- we are
151 limited to a 2% raise while others went up 10%- we will likely see a large increase next year.

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153 Manager will redistribute after cleaning this up and meet again on the 15th- in time for the Manager to get the
154 required documents to LGC.

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156 Next meeting: May 15th: 9AM,

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158 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – May 2, 8AM, Regular meeting.

159 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at AM by MOTION of Commissioner Price, second by Commissioner Frank. 4-0.

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162 Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Monday, May 15, 2023, 9AM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Budget Meeting #3 (following Retreat) held on May 15, 2023 was called to order at
2 9:00 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the budget meeting. The meeting was open
3 to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.

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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, and one member of the public.
8 Commissioner Winfrey absent.

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10 Commissioner Roe distributes his thoughts on several aspects of the budget. Discussed watchlist, depreciation-still
11 not funding that in this proposed budget. We raised rates. Base rate raise potential. Raise it a dollar- \$738/month.
12 (\$8856)- straight into water fund. Commercial rates are higher- could raise an additional amount (still would not be
13 significant. Also look at every item for cuts. Human expense is disproportionately in the general fund. OR- we just
14 give it up. Looked at base rates. \$16>\$17, \$20>\$22, \$40>\$45. While balanced, does not address the problem.
15 Depreciation funded at \$2,000.

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17 Hard to estimate when usage is highest while we are preparing the next budget. Manager notes the \$39K into
18 depreciation 22-23 was RIGHT- we don't have that this year. There is enough extra spread through several lines for
19 one of the two breaks you had last year, and that's IT. Distribution system is beyond life expectancy- capital assets
20 now depreciating from scratch. Reset of softeners, filters makes those items new and depreciate from new.
21 Commissioner Roe: Can either raise the price or lower the cost- simple. MPT White agrees with raising base rates.
22 Manager notes by COB today she needs to forward a balanced budget. Commissioner Roe says the Manager needs
23 to be aggressive in finding the required depreciation- MPT White agrees.

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25 In paving- his calculations were wrong because of moving things around, but not out. If we want to pave, we need to
26 raise property taxes, but we don't have the stomach for that this year. Manager notes that there is no revenue for
27 paving-you have to remove it as a priority. Commissioner Roe states that he looked at every line- PEV- \$2,000-
28 funds software maintenance. Non-Powell signs (parking, street signs, etc). Portable toilets, dog bag stations, bank
29 fees (steady). If we move everything out, we have to drive to make a deposit. Bank fees are relative to those using
30 credit cards for transactions. It's a pass-through cost. What we are charging, we pay what we are charged.
31 Commissioner Roe has issue with we earmark a tax increase for roads- new Board can change that. Salaries-
32 Commissioner Roe thought we were going to take the two positions and adjust according to pay and class. He heard
33 that the rest were to be 5%- no, 6.4%. Manager notes she was directed to do pay and class. Some got more than
34 6.4, some got less. He understood only those two were to be raised over the 6.4. He struggles with pay and class
35 AND 3% Merit. Are we being good stewards of taxpayer funds. Manager notes she was directed to do pay and
36 class, so these are the results of pay and class. MPT White asks for suggestion. Commissioner Roe says other than
37 the two designated employees, these are too rich. Commissioner Overcash asks if this brings us back to "does this
38 bring us to standard?" Manager notes- yes, much closer. The Merit line provides UP TO 3%- some do not get 3%.
39 Manager notes again that the PW Director and ORC gets paid more in the County for just ONE of those duties.
40 Commissioner Roe says average raise is 7.5%- retirement rate goes up- state mandated. Commissioner Overcash
41 notes we said people were a priority and now we're backing up- Mayor agrees. Commissioner Roe wants to do them
42 all at 5% and see what happens. Commissioner Overcash says that's kind of nebulous.

43 Green waste: Commissioner Overcash asks about the cost of emptying- Dep Finance Officer notes that is dependent
44 on how often we call. MPT White notes if we deduct all of these things and then get ¼ mile of paving for it- is it
45 worth it? MPT says if you want paving, you need to raise taxes. If you don't, pull paving out of the budget. We've
46 gone to legislature, state's not giving any- but piece-mealing it isn't going to get it. A lot of places are skimming
47 over bad roads- looks great, will last a few years tops. Take paving off.
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49 Manager notes \$40K from Powell gives you paving every 3 years. Statute prohibits transfer of funds as other than a
50 loan.
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52 Commissioner Roe sees lines 61000- money in the GF for pier, docks, etc. Manager notes we can remove- has
53 always been in both- it's for PW repairs. MPT White notes we sell the Charger, we might get \$1,000/\$2,000. Strip
54 it, remove equipment. Obviously we're reducing everything, and still not able to pave. It has to be clearer that we
55 are going to have to raise taxes to pave. We have \$2,000 in EV stations, but a lot of times it is residents using them.
56 That \$2K is to maintain- insurance on the stations plus access to the usage logs.
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58 Again discussed deferring payment to Capital Reserve. Manager explains how Capital Reserves are restricted
59 accounts. MPT White asks about putting \$ into unrestricted unreserved for paving. Discussed percentage of reserve
60 with respect to operating budget. Anything extra- revenue over income- has to be put SOMEWHERE- regardless of
61 intended use. Manager recommends it be put into storm prep- anything over \$3600 we are able to apply to FEMA
62 for.
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64 Commissioner Roe asks if we have a catastrophic water emergency, we can use unrestricted from GF to fix? YES-
65 awaiting the answer on whether that is a loan or it has to be paid back.
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67 Police: speeding signs removed- capital project intended a National Night Out type event. Commissioner Roe says
68 it's National Police Week- we should do something for them. Tammy notes one is on vacation and the other is on
69 limited duty this week.
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71 Is there anything that we can "risk" by not funding, and get to save that? Expenses must equal revenues. We also
72 do not know what the County will do. MPT says we have not raised taxes in several years. Commissioner
73 Overcash notes we need to settle salaries before we leave. Commissioner Roe asks if we re-grade, are we still
74 giving merit? Yes. Who got the whole 3% last year? ALL. Because the traditional raise was cola and 3%- you
75 gave cola-3% and then 3% in merit. Manager notes that you can re-grade or change the percentage. Commissioner
76 Roe believes we need to get our people on grade, but not necessarily the whole 3% merit. Commissioner Roe asks
77 to remove the prior to 18-19 years in order for the print to be enlarged on the spreadsheets. Confirms that staff does
78 not get 5% plus the re-grade- no. Manager's bonus is decided by Board- Manager decides the rest.
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80 MPT White talks about green waste- might need to police it better, but it is being used. Unless lock it up, how do
81 we police it?
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83 Mayor recognizes Bonnie Crosser- limit green waste to one, limit the pick up of green waste by PW. Too often large
84 vacant/second homes with contractors left all debris. Duke also clears and comes back later to chip/shred and we
85 have removed. One dumpster is sufficient. Saves money, gas, staff time. MPT White notes the burning had
86 stopped. It's an asset to the town. People abuse everything. Agree that we should not pick up unless called.
87 Burning- our resident population has changed- second homeowners don't burn as much. Remember the movement
88 from every day recycling to one day recycling – did not happen. Suggests the staff can pick it up once and take to
89 the dump. Manager notes that we use the dumpsters also- with additional drainage work- we are filling them up. So
90 it may be better to revisit this issue next year. Ms. Crosser suggests putting one of them into the yard to be locked
91 up. Taking it directly to the dump is gallons per mile, and there is a greater cost, while the manager understands the

92 point of view of touching it twice. Let's not pick it up. If someone calls- Town Hall does not know who is doing it
93 themselves and who has a contractor. Commissioner Overcash says just cut out the pickup.

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95 Drainage is still being worked. Grade was expected to go down 3 inches on average and we are averaging 6 inches.
96 We also have some culverts set at the wrong place- holding water- permitted under previous rules.

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98 Mayor notes that she skipped Public Comment- Ms. Crosser- the only participant- was asked if she had any other
99 comment. Mostly was green waste issues. Training- recommend that training is budgeted for classes necessary for
100 licensing. All of Public Works training is required- all else is to maintain existing certifications. Like OSHA
101 training- took them all- but all completed in one day. Ms. Crosser objects to extra Police Training. Manager explains
102 checklist issues- got to the end and they were missing 2 classes. They got the advanced LE certificates, which took
103 other off their plates. Some of the training is also joint training with no certification to be gained – with Sheriff or
104 Fire. Also asks about “short pay”. Manager explained that short days usually Friday-(3PM), get moved to the
105 previous day- hours are made up via lunch- 4- ½ hour lunch and 1-1 hour lunch- 40 hour week.

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107 Commissioner Roe asks why we do not close for lunch or close earlier. A lot of people come at their lunch hour.
108 But PW leaves at 3:30- so the extra half hour would help Admin tremendously in getting paperwork caught up.

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110 Portable Toilets- in Utilities- we just moved them out of Parks and Rec- portable toilets are not utilities. Board
111 disagrees- leave it in Utilities. Manager reminds that if moved to P&R, it is then coming from a restricted fund. Ms.
112 Crosser believes it should be in Parks and Rec. County pays for cardboard dumpster. We are only billed for 2
113 portable toilets- one is paid for by the County.

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115 We have to put it somewhere (overage) and then move it if you need it. If you use it- Manager chooses Storm Prep-
116 if we don't use it, it goes back to unrestricted unreserved- if you want to use it- that's a good place to put it.

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118 \$1699 lack of balance is because insurance quote came in- that will go up as additional bond on the finance officer
119 this year as an unfunded mandate. Maybe a few hundred more- based on operating budget.

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121 Commissioner Roe asks about the revenue line of GF appropriated- to balance. Manager again reiterates, never a
122 good idea to balance operating costs- better for capital projects and purchases. Asks about street light costs. We
123 will be renegotiating the street light contract- we can't just turn them all off because of safety- but our options, while
124 better than last time, still not great. Drainage is split between contracted services and in-house drainage (purchase
125 of culverts, etc.)

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127 Mayor asks if the Manager has enough information to clean this up. YES- will send a draft corrected to the Board,
128 ask for responses on corrections, so it can be filed with LGC May 16.

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130 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – May 19, 9AM, Regular meeting.
131 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at AM by MOTION of Commissioner Price, second by Commissioner Frank. 4-0.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD BUDGET MEETING

Monday, May 19, 2023, 8:30AM

507 Church Street, Oriental, NC

Mayor Sally Belangia Officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Budget Meeting #4 (following Retreat) held on May 19, 2023 was called to order at
2 8:30 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present, opened the budget meeting. The meeting was open
3 to the public. All documents for the meeting were available through the Town's website at
4 www.TownofOriental.com.

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6 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Price, Commissioner
7 Roe, Town Manager Diane Miller, Deputy Finance Director Tammy Cox, and one member of the public.
8 Commissioner Winfrey absent.

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10 No agenda.

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12 Commissioner Price questions the green waste pickup for seniors that can't do it themselves. Have decided NOT to
13 do it. MPT White would like to turn over discretion to Manager and Public Works Director. As opposed to the
14 Board in the weeds- let them do it- Commissioner Price forwarded a form that says they do not have a way to get it
15 gone, certifies the work is not done by contractors, etc. Guys driving around and picking up often is because storm
16 is moving in.

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18 Manager has concerns with removing dumpster are about drainage work. Might be best to revisit next year. There
19 are people who need assistance. MPT- we're a small town- we have to help each other. Manager notes we go onto
20 private property to help move heavy things in prep for storm- they call us in a panic.

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22 Police \$1500- change to COMMUNITY EVENT.

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24 Cardboard pickup to continue.- maybe 8-10 businesses. Some leave in right-of-way, some do not leave it in right-
25 of-way. (That may have to be adjusted). MPT White repeats that we need to help people when we can.

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27 Marsha- does not use that service. Others should also. Commissioner Overcash asks about time- about an hour each
28 Monday. Commissioner Roe disagrees.

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30 Commissioner Roe requests private lesson on General Fund balance.

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32 Commissioner Overcash asks if Merit was changed back from 2 to 3%. Board answers yes.

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34 Might be a good idea to send out something to all residents about changes with the new budget.

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36 MPT White asks if Manager needs a MOTION to move forward. Manager needs direction- this version is good or
37 something else needs to change. MPT White makes a MOTION to move the budget forward as presented.
38 Commissioner Overcash seconds. Discussion. Manager notes we are still awaiting some firmer numbers on quotes
39 AND BRMSD rates ARE going up. Flats \$23.50 to \$24, rates increasing by 50 cents/tier. Commissioner Roe asks
40 for estimates per residents- Water/Trash/Recycling: about \$1.50/mo for each water and sewer and \$2.25 for
41 recycling/mo. 4-0.

43 Meeting schedule/Holiday schedule- all good with moved meetings. Columbus Day and Presidents' Day are both
44 bank scheduled holidays. We are required to make deposits daily. Our vacation schedule is about 2 days shorter
45 than average- you lose nothing (budget) by granting these. All good with the proposed schedules.
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Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Meeting – June 6, 8AM, Regular meeting.

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Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 849 AM by MOTION of MPT White, second by Commissioner Overcash. 4-0.

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Sally Belangia, Mayor

Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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ORIENTAL TOWN BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 8AM
507 Church Street, Oriental, NC
Mayor Sally Belangia officiating

1 The Town Board of Oriental Regular monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 was called to order at
2 8:03 AM. Mayor Belangia determined a quorum to be present. The meeting was open to the public. All documents
3 for the meeting were available through the Town’s website at www.TownofOriental.com.

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5 Present: Mayor Belangia, Mayor Pro Tempore White, Commissioner Overcash, Commissioner Winfrey,
6 Commissioner Roe, and Commissioner Price. Town Manager Diane Miller, Administrative Director Tammy Cox,
7 Officers Wichrowski and Blayne, Administrative Assistant Mary Kent, and Attorney Scott Davis. Mayor begins
8 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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10 Approval of Agenda: Commissioner Overcash made a MOTION to accept the agenda. Commissioner Roe seconds.
11 5-0.

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13 Consent Agenda: Mayor Pro Tempore White made a MOTION to approve the consent. Commissioner Overcash
14 seconds. 5-0.

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16 Public Comment: 8:05AM Martin Barrow 3008 Sloop Dr-comments on dog attack on his wife and that the Town
17 should pursue options to ensure safety before something worse happens and post disclaimer. Thanks those who
18 assisted his wife.

19 8:11AM Debbie Slook 103 Norman Circle-asks what rights a resident has to defend themselves against future
20 attacks.

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22 Public Hearing: Rezoning of 1216 Lupton Drive: Manager lays out the question for rezoning-process used by
23 Planning Board (PB)- chart showing uses allowed, recommendation from the Planning Board and statement of
24 consistency, Planning Minutes, instructions on procedure for both PB and TB(Town Board). Repeats direction that
25 SUP request cannot be considered in conjunction with rezoning request. Mayor Pro Tempore White makes a
26 MOTION to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Roe seconds. 5-0.

27 Sally Belangia (SB): Jennifer Pawlikowski:

28 8:19- Jennifer Pawlikowski: Good Morning, I’d like to apologize (inaudible). My husband and I own the lots of
29 Sailcraft service, 1218, 1216, 1214. Yesterday was our five year anniversary. That’s how long we’ve been running
30 Sailcraft. This issue has been going on the entire five years. We’re happy that’s there’s finally going to be a vote and
31 that this is going to be coming to an end. I want to read from Oriental’s long range vision- this is from the Planning
32 Board and their recommendation to approve our request for rezoning. Oriental’s Long Range Vision, approved by
33 the Town Board of Commissioners on October 6, 2009: Community identity, waterfront, appearance and lifestyle:
34 The Town’s appearance and charm come from its proximity to the Neuse River and the many creeks surrounding it.
35 Harbor Waterfront, Oriental Village, and newer neighborhoods off White Farm Road echo the theme of a lifestyle
36 that is safe, friendly, and historically reliant on maritime activities. A. Oriental Waterfronts: Maintain and expand
37 public access to the water to use docking and launching facilities, and public waterways throughout the community.
38 Encourage public and private expansions of commercial and recreational maritime activities and services along
39 Oriental’s traditional working waterfront. We are connected to two and across from multiple (inaudible). Harbor:
40 Ensure the future development and redevelopment included in the public interest in preserving and expanding access
41 to the harbor’s working waterfront. Encourage fishing, both commercial and recreational, as important elements of
42 the local economy, and traditional reflections of the town’s heritage. Economic opportunity and development and
43 sustainability: Over the years, Oriental’s economic capacity has expanded and retracted based on the success or
44 failure of water oriented businesses. A comprehensive business development strategy that creates and environment

45 for opportunity for growth and support will help to overcome threats, both real, and perceived, which face
46 businesses and entrepreneurs like my husband and I. Waterfronts: Encourage and facilitate the continuation and
47 enhancement of working waterfronts such as fish houses, marinas and boatyards. Business and commerce: engender
48 an atmosphere of welcome and support for entrepreneurs and business owners. I've never felt that. Assist in the
49 coordination of community resources for activities and services among the town, its business, and (inaudible). I am
50 so sad to say that I have never felt that. And I wish it was different, because this was our dream, and it's really really
51 been a difficult five years. With that said, my final thought is Mike and I would really like the personal attacks to
52 stop, because, it's just painful.

53 SB: Ceri Anne Lewis:

54 8:21 Ceri Anne Lewis- 518 South Water St-: Good Morning, I'm Ceri Anne Lewis and I'm the dockmaster and
55 Oriental Harbor, and my job, like many of those businesses around town depends on our waterfront and our sailing
56 heritage here as we walked in the door this morning, the first thing we see is that Oriental is the Sailing Capital of
57 North Carolina. And that is my impression of the three years that I've been in Oriental is that sailing is our life. As
58 the dockmaster, I frequently have people coming into my marina looking for a place to get work on their boats done.
59 And in many cases they can't get a space at our local boatyards, such as Sailcraft. They end up having to go to other
60 places- up to New Bern, down to Beaufort, over to Hurricane Boatyard and places that are not in the heart of
61 Oriental where they can do business with the other businesses in the community. So, this is a need, and the property
62 they are looking to have rezoned is really not a rezone, it's a correction of an [improper] zone, because even prior to
63 them owning it, this property has been used as part of the Sailcraft Marine. I remember when I was at the Planning
64 Board meeting, there were a few people said that if we rezoned this piece of property, then they're going to ask to
65 rezone the next property, which they also own. That property has never been used as part of the boatyard. So that
66 would be a totally unrelated issue. And I can understand people being against that, but as far as the property they are
67 concerned with now, it's not really changing its appearance, or its effect on the neighborhood. It's going to bring
68 business into our town by allowing more space legally for boats to be placed and worked on. As I said, if you look at
69 the list of businesses in town, most of them derive all or part of their business base from our boating industry, so this
70 is part of supporting Oriental, and making Oriental truly stand up to the Sailing Capital of North Carolina. Thank
71 you.

72 SB: Thank you. Billy Creech (siren wails)

73 8:24 Billy Creech- Blackwell Point: Thank you, Madame Mayor, and thank all of you members for your service to
74 this wonderful town I love. I'm hoping to take you back on a little historical trip. I've been sailing out of here since
75 the late sixties. Probably before a lot of you even knew Oriental was on the map. And Oriental, like the Town I
76 came from in eastern North Carolina, was considered maybe a podunk town. It was not the town it is today, and you
77 know that, Madame Mayor. And it's because of good leadership that's led us to this point. Businesses- and I'm a
78 business owner- I have owned six businesses. Businesses have to plan. And in the early days, there were not many
79 rules and regulations, so businesses had to find their own way. And now you come in and people like Michael and
80 Jennifer, in a community, and because the way things have been done, we all take it for granted that we can
81 continue. And then, they got the door shut on them. It's not right. What you do today won't affect anything the next
82 day or two or next week or two- it's down the road. I don't want to see Oriental become an anti- business
83 community. Because you're gonna need the revenue from these businesses to patch streets, and do things like that.
84 They've been great corporate citizens, as you all know, and what really I appreciated as much as anything is their
85 environmental concern. Now I'll go back to the other boatyard owner. I've done business with him. And you know,
86 you just don't have a clue how much they've improved the environmental standing of the whole area. They used to
87 pressure wash boats, and that bottom paint would go right into the creek. It doesn't anymore, because of a major
88 expenditure. And I think each and every one of you need to think about the future- not today, not tomorrow, not next
89 week, but the future of Oriental, that you all love, just like I do. And I would appreciate your vote and support of
90 this rezoning. Thank you.

91 SB: Thank you. Greg Bohmert.

92 8:28 Greg Bohmert 309 Midyette St: Hello Mayor, I'm Gregory Bohmert and I'm the owner of Clancy's Marina on
93 the west side of town. My comment is that I've been here almost thirty years, and the zoning, in my appearance has

94 been motivated a lot by fear. Fear of what's going to happen next. And I was taught that fear stands for false
95 emotions appearing real. On my side of town, when I moved in, it was mixed use. The Garland Fulcher Ice House
96 had like nine big refrigeration compressors that ran all the time. It reminded me of living back in the Bronx, it was
97 so noisy. But when I bought my property, I knew that was there. Just like that fire whistle. That thing is annoying,
98 but it's needed. So if you bought a house in this neighborhood, you're getting that fire whistle, because it's been
99 here. Now, in the thirty years I've been here, this lot has been more or less used for mixed use activities. And it does
100 appear to be a clerical error that has caused this kertuffle [sic]. It's one thing that when they built those big condos at
101 the end of the street (which is like having a WalMart at the end of the street. That was mixed use- I was there. I had
102 to agree to that because that's what the people who bought the property were proceeding with it. Again, these are
103 inconsistencies that I see, and the inconsistency with this property is that it has been used for so long, the dividing
104 line, like was stated earlier, from the most restricted use to the least restrictive use was never penciled in. I really can
105 feel for these people because, in my area, which is mixed use, the zoning has been changed so much that I now
106 approach nonconforming use. The property that was my goal next door- Mr. Walker's property that I've been
107 wanting to buy for the last 25 years, even though I could buy it, I'm now restricted to things I can do on it. And I
108 don't think that's right because I've been building my dreams for thirty years now, only to have the rope pulled out
109 from underneath me, and I really don't think that anyone in my neighborhood requested that zoning. This might be a
110 little bit different because the map we saw, there are strong feelings in that neighborhood, but you can't deny the
111 fact that these activities- and let's be clear- this is all about the activities that are going on-they've been going on,
112 they've been going on for the thirty years I've been here and now we're going to turn around and say that you can't
113 do it? That's a little bit like closing the barn door after the cow's out. I would strongly encourage you to look at the
114 facts of this situation. This is not putting McDonald's next to the church or something like that. This is existing use
115 of the property that hasn't been correctly documented, and I would strongly suggest that you pass it. Thank you.

116 SB: Thank you. Breena Litzenberger. 711 Midyette St

117 8:31AM Breena Litzenberger-: Hi, my name is Breena and my husband and I own Inner Banks Sail and Canvas on
118 Straight Rd. and I am also a full time resident in Oriental around Midyette St. I'm here in support of the rezoning of
119 the lot from R-1 to MU. I would like to highlight a few of the strongest points made by the Planning Board during
120 the meeting: The first is the focus on businesses in the Long Range Plan of Oriental. In the very introduction of the
121 Long Range Plan it reads, the community's vision is to preserve its waterfront personality by seeking to maintain the
122 historic access to the waterfront by commercial and recreational interests. And by supporting growth and
123 development that is diverse, environmentally sensitive, economically sustainable, and consistent with the natural,
124 historical, and cultural character of Oriental. I was really excited to know that the support of locally owned and
125 operated businesses wasn't just a sentimentality, that my husband and I had received from locals here, but it was, in
126 fact, written in the official documents in planning and support for our town. Oriental would not be Oriental without
127 Tim at the deli, Paul Fairbanks[sic] at the hardware store, Blair Cooper at Triton, and the Provision Company or the
128 Bean, and Jen and Mike at Sailcraft. Small businesses make up the interwoven foundation that makes Oriental the
129 boating destination known by cruisers and racers alike as a welcoming mecca. The other point I wanted to bring up
130 was how the recreational boat industry was growing. Annual US sales of boats, marine products and services total
131 \$56.7B in 2021. That was up 12.7% from 2020. It's not just (inaudible) from sales, and estimated \$1.(inaudible)
132 boats were sold in 2021, up 19.2% from 2020. It continues to grow despite many other industries experiencing the
133 first signs of recession. Just in the two years since taking over Inner Banks, business has exploded and continues to
134 be(inaudible). The fact that the Planning Board sees this growth and supports the locally owned businesses that are
135 faced with the very good, but also very real problem of having to expand, hire, and manage more work with such
136 (inaudible) revelations. The last point I'd like to make is something only touched on, and it wasn't really by the
137 Planning Committee members, it was, in fact, a point made by a dissenter to the rezoning, who brought up the fact
138 that a member of the Planning Committee works in the same industry as Jen and I. I understood the need for
139 confirmation that a member of the committee has a personal interest in the after-effects of this decision made. While
140 I am confident our officials act in the interest of the Town and its Long Range Plan, I also want to state that what a
141 uniquely Oriental issue that was. Everyone in our town is connected. Local business owners are so close knit here
142 that it often goes beyond professionalism and into friendship. Business owners in town are supported by the local

143 residents and feel connected to our success, and businesses are excited to support town events and causes to show
144 our gratitude. I think it's a good thing we are so intertwined. It links one resident's success to the other, and the town
145 is better for it. So I hope you consider the Planning Board's recommendation to rezone. Thank you.

146 SB: Thank you. Laurie Sampson- 803 3rd Ave.

147 8:35AM Laurie Sampson: Good Morning. I am here to support the proposed zoning at Sailcraft Service, and
148 specifically the lot at 1216 Lupton. I came to Oriental in 2010 to teach sailing at Bow to Stern Sailing School, and,
149 at that time, Jim Edwards introduced me to the staff on the facilities of Sailcraft Service when he was having some
150 work done on his boats. In 2016, I purchased a 1966 Morgan 34 Sailboat at the townwide garage sale, but it was in
151 the water at the time. And I realized I needed to have a survey done. I had no idea what the bottom looked like, and I
152 knew there was some mechanical work that needed to be done. Billy Creech had told me that I needed to talk to the
153 people at Sailcraft and he accompanied me on my first motorboat ride. I (inaudible) to Sailcraft where I had that
154 work performed. I developed a relationship through talking with Alan and other people there and I ended up
155 working for Sailcraft for about eight months from 2013-2014. Mr. Halpern had erected a tent on the lot at 1216 and
156 was working on building his boat on that lot. I didn't know how I was going to revisit that later and in 2015 I
157 decided I wanted to repaint my boat, which was sorely needed, and the building was empty, so I contacted Sailcraft
158 after working with Alan, and in October of 2015 I had my boat hauled out and it was placed in that building to be
159 repainted. I ended up being there- was hoping for 6 weeks- it worked out to be about 5 months. I was not the only
160 one using that building at the time. Matthew the rigger was also working in there, and there were a couple other
161 people that were doing small projects. I did bring a picture that shows- a picture of my boat in the hut. So I'm
162 validating the fact that there was once a building on that lot at one time, so the information suggesting there was
163 never a building on that lot, and also that it was used for work at the marina. In addition to my doing most of my
164 paint work, I have had (inaudible) work done on the boat by Sailcraft and I also had electrical work there. I'm happy
165 to see that the Planning Commission unanimously voted for support of this rezoning request. I believe Jennifer and
166 Mike are very conscientious business owners. They're good corporate citizens who are very involved in the
167 community. They've done many improvements, which have already been mentioned to the property, since I first
168 visited it. I mean, Oriental needs people like the Pawlikowskis doing things right. That effort should be recognized. I
169 hope the Commissioners will follow the Planning Commission's recommendations and approve the rezoning request
170 on the lot at 1216 Lupton from R-1 to Multi-Use. Thank you.

171 SB: Thank you. Erich Huber 82 Salter Drive.

172 8:40 Erich Huber: Good Morning everybody. My name is Erich Huber and I've lived in the area about 8-9 years,
173 and I recently purchased a house for my mother on Mildred Drive. She's over there feeding half of the village with
174 her delicious delights from her kitchen. I have this sheet from you guys' long range vision, but I don't want to beat a
175 dead horse. It says in here 6-7 times marina stuff, advancing, expanding everything in marine, marine services. We
176 all know that. I just want to read my personal thoughts on this place in general. We all moved here 'cause this place
177 is cool! I've been all over the country, been fortunate enough to travel, and I found this a very unique place and
178 there's not a lot of places that have sailboats, farms, boats, festivals all in one little area, yet it still feels like a small
179 town. I mean we have boating, golf carts, and more small unique restaurants than most of the towns in the area. We
180 have a cool bridge, a theater, which I have participated in, and lots of shops to spend their time and money in. This
181 place is based off of boating and tourism, and for the most part, they go hand in hand. There are good and plentiful
182 services that cater to that. It's possible that this town will slowly dwindle away, like many of the towns in the
183 Pamlico area. For those worried about property values, I ask you to look at home prices in Beaufort, Little
184 Washington and Morehead and all the other big towns. I don't want Oriental to turn into one of those towns, but
185 things change, economies change, and the base population and activities that they use go along with that. This place
186 is great, but it can become amazing. I'm not saying Oriental should expand, I'm saying we should strive to make
187 what we have better. Better activities, better shopping, better restaurants, education, and the services that we provide
188 for everybody. I think we should work together so that we have a safe, fun town that remains a destination, instead
189 of a quick stop on the way to another town. That's it.

190 SB: Thank you. Neil Whitford, Morehead City.

191 8:42AM. (Mr. Whitford distributed a substantial package (attached) and quoted from several parts of it. For that
192 reason, Minutes from Mr. Whitford's time are referred to his documentation.

193 SB: Thank you. Roger Huth 3021 Maritime Dr.

194 8:51AM Roger Huth: Somebody has said it all. That's all I should say up here, but just as- I'm a resident of
195 Oriental-on Maritime Drive. I've been a part of the Oriental community on and off since 1972. As a property owner
196 going back to 71, my family owned property out here and we spent time in Oriental. But for the same reason most of
197 us are here- it's because of the extraordinary boating conditions that we have here. And people come here to live,
198 people come here- I came here as a resident-more or less going into a fishing and farming community, or a farming
199 community with a fishing village-but by and large, that's what it was, and what it's turned into in the last 50 years is
200 an extraordinary boating community. And I think that's why almost all of us are here now. One of the reasons we
201 moved here and why we are now permanent residents of Oriental is because of the boating community. Not just the
202 fact that it's a boating community, but because of the support of the boating community- the ability for us to get
203 boats maintained, boats taken care of, boat serviced, and not have to be in a queue that's two months three months
204 out. And as a (inaudible) There's going to be a continued need for more of that type of support. This request is a
205 really simple request- to not build another boatyard- nobody's trying to add another boatyard to the community.
206 They are just trying to use a piece of land adjacent to the boatyard, which has been, in the practical sense, a part of
207 this boatyard for probably 30 years. I don't believe I understand what the fuss is about. This hasn't been enforced in
208 30 years, I don't understand why it is enforceable now, but that's for lawyers and people smarter than I am. In a
209 practical sense, I don't understand why this isn't a simple solution. The Planning Board has said this is consistent
210 with the Plan for Oriental, that was really successful in 2009 and probably been reassessed since then. This does not
211 impede anything out there- nobody's trying to put a WalMart there, not trying to put a Margaritaville that could
212 really disturb the neighbors, and they are asking to do the same things that were always done there. As anyone who
213 knows the Pawlikowskis, they don't want to just kind of do it, they want to do it right. They're not asking to say
214 sneak around the lot doing things they are not supposed to do, just like they didn't come in and start hosing paint
215 into the river, even though people have done that for years. They did the right thing. They are making sure they are
216 doing what is in the best interest of the Oriental community, for the environment, and just like we're doing now-
217 asking you to give them the approval to do something that's already been done for many years, but they are asking
218 to make sure that they do it right. In a way that is official and approved. (inaudible) correct me. So I, like almost all
219 of Oriental, very much support the rezoning of that lot and hope the Commissioners will do as the Council is elected
220 to do- support the interests of the majority of the people, and what's in the best interest of Oriental, and what the
221 Planning Commission has said they want for Oriental, and what the long term plan of Oriental has been documented
222 to say, and vote to approve this zoning request. Thank you.

223 SB: Thank you. Butch.

224 8:55AM Butch Rasmussen 306 Mildred: Thank you for being here. I've been in the marina business 25 years. I've
225 worked in boatyards throughout the Chesapeake and to and through Florida. We're losing a lot of those boatyards
226 (inaudible) to upland development. This just increases the need for what we have here in Oriental. We don't want to
227 go backwards on that because it's not going to help us or the boating community in general. A couple facts I'd like
228 to point out: At the Planning Board- first of all, The Planning Board has done an incredible amount of work and
229 research on everything and I thank them for what they have done. I hope you honor their decision. This zoning
230 change is not going to create additional noise. That noise exists there now, it exists across the creek, and across the
231 street at that yard. The zoning change will not add noise. Pollution was also brought up. The cost for cleanups
232 potential (inaudible). The zoning change is not going to add pollution risk. So I hope you respect the Planning
233 Board's hard work and vote to approve this zoning change. Thank you.

234 SB: Thank you. Chris Daniels. 90 Willowbrook Dr.

235 8:57 Chris Daniels: Hey. Chris Daniels. What I haven't heard yet is thank you for your hard work. I've been here 24
236 years and I have worked my butt off in this town. I've had two restaurants, and a sailing school for 13 years.
237 Oriental School of Sailing. And it's hard to make a living in this town as a business. And we need to give these guys
238 the opportunity to continue their lifestyle. And I support them as a business owner in town of the Silos restaurant
239 100% to change that piece of property. I worked on that piece of property twenty some years ago- Billy, I haven't

240 been here as long as you. That's crazy. I think a long time I have seen this town grow and I do want it to continue to
241 grow in a good way, a positive way, and also make sure we keep the businesses afloat, literally. Thank you.

242 SB: Thank you. EJ Mitchell 1213 Lupton Dr.

243 EJ Mitchell: Thank you. My name is EJ Mitchell and we live on the lot, our home is right at the end of Lupton Drive
244 before the wooded area approaching the marina and in the early 1980s my parents retired here and built a home on
245 an empty lot, and I have a picture from about 1982 of what that area ending at Tosto Circle and the marina- that is
246 what it looked like then. It was pretty sparse- there weren't a lot of homes there. In fact, Miss Helen Jones- she was
247 one of the homes that were there and then Andy Denmark, who owned the marina to begin with at the very start, had
248 a home there at the lot, which I understand the Pawlikowskis- your mother lives in that home. And then the adjacent
249 lot next to it. We were just teenagers, just about ready to graduate from high school, and come here- what brought
250 my parents here was exactly what everybody's been talking about- that this is the Sailing Capital of North Carolina.
251 And they have tremendously contributed to this community throughout the many years that they've been here
252 almost over 40 years-and I have to say I have mixed feelings about all this because I've seen all the positive things
253 that happened in Oriental, the growth of businesses, the growth of the neighborhoods, and all of the people that are
254 coming from everywhere to live here. And that's really kinda neat. I really like that aspect of the growth of Oriental
255 that we have a lot of different people from different places. I think my main concern and what a lot of the older
256 residents along Lupton Drive had was what was already voiced by the other people who stood up earlier about fear-
257 about our fears about environmental impact, about noise, access, increase in traffic, and I would have to say that in
258 the forty years that we have lived on Lupton, we have seen an increase in traffic as the marina has grown. So one of
259 the concerns or questions that I would have for the Board, is with the Special Use Permit that is coming, is how is
260 parking or access to that particular area be affected. Because right now as people are coming to the end of Lupton,
261 many of them park alongside the right-of-way or on the side of the road. Over the years what we've noticed, is that
262 there is a gully that ran alongside of the road has slowly sort of flattened and gets flooded every year. So increased
263 parking along that grassy area could cause issues for drainage, and I think that's something somebody needs to look
264 at. The increase in vehicles has increased noise, so even though the gentleman said there's no noise increase with the
265 zoning, my concern is larger vehicles or trailers pulling boats, or just larger trucks coming down that road. We've
266 noticed in the last, not just five years, but before that, an increase in the traffic of large trucks and trailered trucks
267 that have been pulling boats and equipment in and out of the road. There are a lot more walkers and dog walkers
268 who were enjoying the quiet end of Tosto Circle. Now, not so much because it's quite a busy intersection. So there's
269 kind of a mourning of the quietness at the end of the street. When people bought into Tosto Circle and at the end of
270 Lupton, it was a very quiet neighborhood. There really weren't a lot of noises and other issues were being created
271 out of the work at the marina. I think, after all is said and done, I would just like to have some peace of mind that
272 our wooded property there is not- it's not just a devaluing of property in the future with a commercial enterprise
273 right across it. It's what happens in the future. So, if some day the Pawlikowskis decide to retire or move on and that
274 property is sold, what if the new owner decides to just buy those two lots and it's not attached to the Marina and
275 they want to build another business there, then any kind of business could be put up into that particular rezoned lot.
276 So- again, maybe just having the restrictions that were talked about in the Special Use Permit, what could and could
277 not go there in the future, because nothing's forever. We remember when Andy Denmark had a little house and a
278 grassed lot. That's really all I wanted to say, is that I do support the growth of businesses, I work for a small
279 business, and we do really support the sailing and the boating industry here but, I am concerned how that's going to
280 affect the nice aspect of the quiet residential area. Thank you.

281 SB: Thank you. Terry Halpern 306 Whittaker Point Rd.

282 9:04Terry Halpern: Good Morning, I don't want to repeat all the cogent arguments that have been set forth, I just
283 want to say that my husband and I are in favor of the Rezoning Application for many reasons. We came here, as so
284 many others have, because Oriental is the Sailing Capital of North Carolina- we moved here from the Caribbean.
285 My husband erected that large shelter building on the particular lot in question and certainly we would not have
286 gone to that expense if we had been advised that it wasn't there. (inaudible) We donated- after my husband built our
287 boat- it took about two years-donated the building to Sailcraft and our understanding is that the lot has always been
288 used as a working marina. I just wanted to comment on the woman that just spoke- I've been biking that area

289 everyday for probably the last ten years and I haven't noticed any increase in the noise. The large trucks that I've
290 noticed are usually from building on the lots over on that area. But I don't really- I don't want to (inaudible) all the
291 arguments- and today for the zoning, and the Planning Board put a lot of work into this. The attorneys have put a lot
292 of work into this decision. My concern is the appearance of impropriety. As an attorney- I'd been a prosecutor for
293 30 years- when I was on Boards, if I had any vested interest, any personal interest in a particular decision, I would
294 recuse myself from that decision and I am very concerned that the decision and the vote today, because anybody on
295 this Board has that vested personal interest and financial- I think the financial interest is totally speculative, you
296 need to recuse yourself, because otherwise, me personally, I can't feel that you are considering the best interest of
297 this community, the Sailing Capital of North Carolina, or you're just considering your own personal interest or the
298 interest of a very few people in this community because you can't say that we are in favor of growth or in favor of
299 promoting the Sailing Capital of North Carolina and then tie the hands of this well-run, working boatyard to do the
300 work they're supposed to be doing there. You have boats coming up and back from the Caribbean to New England
301 and they need to be worked on, and I believe the other boatyards, there's several months wait for that work to be
302 done, whereas Sailcraft will try to get them in right away and get them out. That's what we're supposedly here for
303 and I think that's what we need to support and I hope that you vote with the interest of the whole community in
304 mind.

305 SB: Thank you. Martin Barrow(MB)- Forgive me, I marked you off because I thought you were just on the other.

306 9:09 Martin Barrow: I thought you had enough of me the first time.

307 SB: I'm so sorry.

308 MB: I wanted to speak in favor of the zoning request and the reason I wanted to speak today is because at the time it
309 was first presented, I was on the Planning Board, and the Planning Board listened to the Pawlikowskis' arguments,
310 which were not lengthy- it wasn't really a lot of presentation to the Board before it voted, and voted not to support
311 that rezoning. Shortly after that, I started doing a little research on my own through the Town's Minutes and history
312 and what I thought was that the property probably should have been grandfathered a long time ago. Because it had
313 been used as a work yard. I thought what we did was probably not the right thing to do. I went and talked to the
314 Pawlikowskis at Sailcraft and suggested find people who have been here for years and they can indicate by letter or
315 by photographs that work had been taking place on that property and I fussed long enough that it wasn't done
316 properly at the front side of this thing. This is the opportunity that you, as a Board, can set a wrong, right. I've been
317 in meetings with at least four of you- be it Planning Board or Town Board, and I heard repeatedly, and I was right
318 there with you, that we want to do all we can to support businesses and promote business in the state. And I think
319 that's what they're asking to do. (inaudible) their business. I don't see this changing any use at the harbor
320 whatsoever. And if you work on a boat on one side of the line and then move it over 5 feet, I don't see a lot of
321 change. So I recommend that you support this rezoning and let these folks get to work.

322 SB: Thank you. Helen Lee Jones 1206 Lupton Drive

323 Helen Lee Jones: My name is Helen Lee Jones, I live on Lupton Drive- this year makes 50 years. My husband and I
324 came to Oriental from Colorado. I was- maybe I still am- a "Come Here," I remember that term long ago. Sally was
325 here as a young person, she sat in my classroom. What I wanted to say was that long ago is long ago. And I don't
326 expect it to stay the same, forever. There certainly has changed a lot in my years here. I remember lovely times
327 when I first came here, we had kids in this town. There were children- little children, high school students, all of
328 them, and I love to see that. I don't see near as many school busses coming into town as used to be. I know it can't
329 be that way forever. I have a picture that showed what our house looked like and the property looked like when we
330 built. I had been developed- this whole Sea Vista had been developed by the Dolphin Company. Probably it had
331 been farmland, trees. When I came here, the canals had been dug, all of the plats were laid out, and there were two
332 little tiny pine trees on each lot- wide open- you could see clear to the river. And there were kind of fishing shacks,
333 right? Down there where your marina is. That building was destroyed and rebuilt. Anyway, it was a lovely
334 neighborhood. And that lot, when we walked on the waterfront on Lupton Drive, it was the highest point in Oriental.
335 And fortunately, about two or three lots over, bought that lot, planned our house and had it built. In August of 73 we
336 lived in it. When you talk about reaching out to the first 150 feet of an area you're talking about rezoning, ours is a
337 neighborhood. Everything that goes to the marina affects our neighborhood. I've been there a long time and I've

338 been a good neighbor all this time. I have welcomed and loved and enjoyed the people who have come in and built
339 around me. I will say that I miss looking way down from my house and looking across to the Trade Mart (?) in the
340 days we were rationed on gasoline, and I could see the cars lined up from my upstairs window trying to get in line to
341 get their \$3 worth of gasoline. So, those were days, and I want to tell you- everyone who spoke here, so far, except
342 for Elspeth [EJ Mitchell] has been someone who has a vested interest in sailboating, in the business of sailboating. I
343 appreciate that. I applaud you. I want you to thrive and do well. I would like to know you. Many of you pass my
344 house every day and that old white haired lady's out there maybe. Never have any of you stopped and said hello. I
345 think your mother [looking at the Pawlikowskis] has. I think we talk sometimes- she walks up the street.[laughter as
346 "mother" waves to her]. I appreciate the business of the marina and the business it has brought in. Often I'm at my
347 mailbox and I meet some of the most remarkable people from all over the world, who come walking up the street or
348 riding a bicycle. We stop, we have great conversations from everywhere and I enjoy that. Now I'm gonna say this to
349 you-I have really appreciated all of you who have come to Oriental. I can't claim I'm a native, after 50 years, I'm
350 still not a native, but what are you gonna do? But I can tell you I have appreciated all of the things- the culture, all of
351 the opportunities you have brought to our county. I thank you for that. I can think how well- just think of this-
352 schoolteachers were required to wear pantyhose. What I hated you couldn't buy pantyhose in Pamlico County. I
353 remember going to New Bern- or I need wrapping paper for a gift- I'd go to New Bern to get it. You know so many
354 things have changed, you have no idea. So, I am not in favor of making things uglier, noisier, louder. I'm not in
355 favor of that. I still miss my quiet neighborhood. And I will tell you, sometimes I can't back out of my driveway,
356 because there is so much traffic. It's not all trailer traffic, there are condominiums and all sorts of traffic around the
357 corner from where I live. I just want you to know I have mixed feelings about this. I want you to thrive and do well,
358 and I so much appreciate that you're environmentally conscious. That was not always the case. (inaudible) I will not
359 eat anything that comes out of that canal, nor will I swim in there. I don't fully trust anything anyway. This is what I
360 have to say- at this time, I have very very mixed feelings, and you have been there five years, this is the first time
361 I've ever seen you, and looked the two of you in the face. I want you to know that you are welcome to our town. I
362 want you to know that, however, the 150 feet that was notified didn't include the neighborhood. You have to come
363 (inaudible) and stop and say hello, and I'm a new business owner- I have a new business here, and I think you'll
364 find Oriental a very welcoming place. Come in with that attitude and you'll get what you want.

365 SB: Thank you, Helen. Alright, is there anybody else that didn't sign up that wants to say something? Well I want
366 you all to know I gave everybody 5 minutes except three because it was interesting. But there's just a few of you
367 Commissioner Overcash(CO): Eric Dammeyer may want to speak- left them room, to the restroom- I don't know if
368 you want to wait.

369 SB: Is he in here? OK, so....

370 CO: I don't know.

371 Frank Roe (FR): Let's postpone for 90 seconds. Give him 90 seconds.

372 Beth Frazer from the floor: Sally, I don't have a really big presentation, I just want to show my support.

373 SB: OK. Yes.

374 George Midyette (GM): I was born and raised in the Town. I would like to offer- just like Mrs. Jones said, and I
375 have stopped and spoke with you, Mrs. Jones, - you were my teacher in high school.

376 SB: It was hard to cut her off.

377 GM: This town needs businesses. We need young people. A seventy year old man isn't gonna climb a ladder with a
378 2 inch fire hose to put your house out. We need to think about this. This expansion is good. Like Mr. Whitford
379 pointed out, it's not a spot zoning, it's inclusive for the people who own this property. (inaudible) I think it's a good
380 thing for Oriental. You know I work in the boatyard. I live on property, my mother raised me on property just next
381 to a boatyard. It's not that big a deal. And anybody that thinks it is is wrong. We need this expansion. This town
382 needs industry. Last weekend I was up at Mount Olive for the pickle festival. Right next to Mount Olive is a little
383 town called Warsaw. This is a tale of two towns. Mount Olive has a college and a pickle factory. They're still in
384 business and they're still a thriving community. Warsaw had the fabric industry, which all went overseas. And that
385 town, which at the time, was a growing town just like Mount Olive, is now a dying town. Property values have

386 dropped to the bottom, you could buy what was once a million dollar house for \$100,000. Now y'all need to think
387 about that when you make these decisions. It's important.

388 SB: Thank you.

389 GM: I'm in favor of expanding our boatyards. It's basically one of our only (inaudible). It's not like they're going to
390 expand up the neighborhood and take over the town or anything. They're just trying to do what's right. Thank you.

391 SB: Thank you George. Alright, did Eric come in?

392 CO: no.

393 Meredith Bailey: I live in Tosto Circle. I would just like to speak in favor of the rezoning. My partner Andrew stays
394 and works, so we don't hear the noise, and as far as traffic goes, we haven't had any issues getting to our property.
395 And we have two dogs as well and we walk down a couple times a day. I see other dogs out as well and people
396 walking. I don't think it's hurting the area at all. I think it's definitely harmless.

397 SB: Thank you. Alright. Can I have a motion to close the Public Hearing?

398 CO: Makes the MOTION to close the Public Hearing.

399 FR: seconds the MOTION.

400 5-0 to close the Public Hearing.

401

402 Mayor asks if there is anything else from the Manager- there is not additional information. Mayor asks the attorney
403 to explain potential recusal. Attorney Davis notes a direct financial stake in the outcome is grounds for recusal.
404 Meaning a direct ownership interest in the applicant's business. The second issue is that if any of you believe that
405 you cannot render a fair decision, you can ask to be excused from the vote.

406 Commissioner Roe makes a MOTION to accept the rezoning request. Commissioner Price seconds.

407 Discussion: Mayor Pro Tempore White asks to recuse himself from the vote not because he is an adjacent property
408 owner- across Tarpon Channel. No direct financial stake in the outcome- within 150 ft- two parcels. The reason for
409 recusal has nothing to do with my ownership. During the process, Mrs. White was threatened that if she spoke at a
410 meeting, her reputation would be ruined, she'd be banned from River Dunes, etc. She raises a lot of money for Hope
411 and the Senior Citizens. The comment that personal attacks should not be a part of this, and totally agrees. We have
412 afforded the applicants a fair and open process and threats are not a part of this. Sorry it came to that, but feels like
413 he must. She does more for this community's seniors than anybody. This is the best solution.

414

415 Attorney notes we need Motion to recuse. Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to recuse Commissioner
416 White from voting. Commissioner Roe seconds. 4-0.

417

418 Commissioner Winfrey asks to comment. There's a lot of things going on here. Would feel better if he had more
419 time to review the SUP. Manager notes that the Board cannot consider the SUP in conjunction with the rezoning
420 request according to statute- that is conditional zoning, which we do not, nor does any town our size, have. You
421 must consider them separately. Mr. Whitford asked for them to be put together, but that is the very definition of
422 conditional zoning.

423

424 Commissioner Roe speaks to the threats to Mrs. White- supports her causes and her- she is an asset to the
425 community and it should never have happened. As liaison with Commissioner Overcash to the Planning Board- they
426 did phenomenal work- I thank them for the guidance. I support Mike and Jennifer, but not threatening- not
427 acceptable, but this was an emotional event. I understand Sandy's point, but have been educated by our Attorney
428 and Manager that we move ahead. We need to close the issue.

429

430 Commissioner Overcash notes the legal, emotional, public aspects of this issue have been very interesting. People
431 expect R-1s to be expected to remain. Not legal issue- an emotional issue. If they sell, the SUP goes out the
432 window, but it appears the town wants this.

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434 Commissioner Price- this has gone back and forth.

435 Mayor Belangia calls for a vote. Manager asks for clarification count. 4-0 (White recused, Mayor not voting)
436 (Mayor Belangia waits for the room to clear).

437
438 Public Hearing Request: Manager forwards the request for an SUP hearing for the newly rezoned property. Planning
439 Board will discuss the SUP, potential conditions at their May 17, 2023, 3PM meeting. Commissioner Overcash
440 makes the MOTION to schedule the Public Hearing for June 6, 2023, 8AM. Commissioner Winfrey seconds. 5-0.

441
442 Appointment: The P&R Committee for appointment of Eileen Price to their number. Commissioner Roe makes the
443 MOTION to appoint Ms. Jones. Mayor Pro Tempore White seconds. 5-0.

444
445 Upcoming dates (conflicts): Budget meetings scheduled for May 10, 19. Because on the UAL, a draft of the budget
446 is due to LGC by May 16. Board schedules May 15, 9AM. In addition, scheduled for June 29 for last budget
447 amendment. June 30 starts Croakerfest, and end of fiscal year. We USUALLY close Town Hall in order to turn over
448 the fiscal year, but we can't do that on Croaker Festival weekend. Asking to close Town Hall to the public July 3,
449 we are closed on July 4 for the holiday. Recommend, though not currently scheduled, you'll need to meet in July,
450 but the 1st Tuesday is July 4th, to schedule your July meeting for July 11, 8AM. Board agrees to all rescheduling.

451
452 Pending Legislation: Manager notes several pieces of legislation that have already crossed over from one chamber to
453 the other in the General Assembly that would directly affect us and require changes to current Ordinances if passed:

- 454
- 455 • Senate Bill 515:suspend water (flat)rate raises (page 1,lines 16-20). Determination of sale
 - 456 of public water system (p. 2, l. 10-25)
 - 457 • House Bill 474:tiny homes (we do allow)
 - 458 • Senate Bill 317: p.3,L.6-9- workforce housing in all zones, p3,L15, p4, L37(utilities)
 - 459 • Senate Bill 166: lead/copper abatement p1,L19-21
 - 460 • Senate Bill 275: shortens review of plans to 21 days.
 - 461 • House Bill 273: additional Public Hearing for those on UAL for budget- p1, L24-36, additional
 - 462 notifications of fee changes/tax rate changes.
 - 463 • Senate Bill 675: public schools allowed in commercial zones. 160A-176.2- jurisdiction over water
 - 464 p10, L33-38 (no wake?)
 - 465 • Senate Bill 667: short term rentals(STRs) p1,L33-35- cannot prohibit STRs in any zone

466 Manager notes that contact with NC Legislators could be helpful. Full text is loaded into meeting notice, noted at
467 Page and Line number on each bill. Commissioner Roe asked for input from the Town. A lot of this is not good for
468 small towns. Suggests we contact Representative Kidwell. Commissioner Roe asks the Manager to draft a response
469 to the pending legislation. Board agrees.

470
471 Library Donation: Letter from Pamlico Library requesting a donation for the building of new structure. Asked to
472 budget based on population- \$896. Commissioner Roe asks if this is one time or recurring. Commissioner Overcash
473 notes it is a government entity and not a charity- this is an exception and not a rule. Commissioner Price notes it is a
474 request "annually." Commissioner Overcash makes a MOTION to approve the Library request for a one-time
475 donation to be inserted into the budget. Commissioner Price seconds. 5-0.

476
477 Fairfield Harbor request: Group sailing in, most staying at Oriental Marina and Inn, but one vessel is too big,
478 requesting TD#2 for that one vessel. Mayor Belangia was asked during the Boat Show. Commissioner Roe makes a
479 MOTION to reserve right side of TD2 May 12-13. Mayor Pro Tempore White seconds. 5-0.

480
481 Expansion of Airspace: Cherry Point has issued notice of request for additional training space WEST of Oriental.
482 Does not immediately impact us other than the path to get there. Hard deck proposed at 3000 ft. For information
483 only. Commissioner Roe notes that it will be noisier, but should not affect local air traffic significantly because of
484 the proposed hard deck. Manager notes current hard deck is 1500 ft over Oriental.

485

486 Police Report: Officer Blayney presents the report. Commissioner Price notes absence of speeding sign and
487 stationing of Charger during CycleNC. Is there any movement on being able to present data from that sign? We
488 haven't seen any in a while. He also asks about BOLO sent by Sheriff- no update at this time- Officer Wichrowski
489 notes he believes the suspect has left the area. CycleNC had a few accidents (fallen/distressed riders)- all incidents
490 had good response. Rain was not as bad as expected. Have not heard from merchants or residents. Mayor Pro
491 Tempore White noted was very clean- no issues until wind hit Sunday afternoon, crew came in and reset cans that
492 had blown over. Shower truck removal was bad.

493
494 Manager's Report: Financials attached. Drainage working through Whittaker Point Road, 1800 feet of progress to
495 clear and re-grade path. Took 3 rounds of line locates to move forward. Contractor delayed for other work. Shot
496 elevation, grading to proper angles. Final drain is between Vick property and Whittaker Creek Yacht Harbor- started
497 to clear and Mr. Vick stopped progress. (Had permission from Mr. Bysheim to clear from his side. Manager stopped
498 the progress- gave Mr. Vick a week to clear the ditch- if not clear, we will go back in. After clearing up to that point,
499 water is now backed up in the ROW in front of Vick house with no outflow path. Mr Bysheim agreed to allow a
500 new ditch parallel to the original ditch, to avoid taking out the scrub vegetation. Manager offers if you (the Board)
501 would like us to stop, go notify all, take in comment, and restart, we will do as directed. Commissioner Overcash
502 notes all we have heard is drainage from the town, so we need to move forward. Commissioner Roe received call
503 and letter about the incident, Commissioners Price and Roe went to site- very professional work. I understand not
504 wanting to look at the marina, but the work being done was not on his property. Contractor noted the Police Officer
505 was professional, as was the manager. We're not doing anything wrong. Mr. Vick is welcome to do what we did and
506 plant bushes on his property to screen. Commissioner Price notes the rest of the work is on the ROW. Mayor Pro
507 Tempore White notes the new complaint that the residents are concerned that PW may cut their lines. Manager
508 shows three rounds of locates –we waited three rounds of three days on them to come locate. PEV “fixed”- new
509 modem, then failed to remain connected. They will replace the head unit. CCR complete by NCRWA, posted, link
510 to our website on this month's water bill. Issues with shower trucks for CycleNC, first time vendor. This weekend
511 town wide yard sale, next weekend bulk pickup- have to the curb by 7AM- one sweep only. Also shred event at the
512 County- Plein Air event in town for a week- things painted go on sale at the Art Gallery. A few large leaks on 2”
513 meters- changing out meters and sending old to be inspected. Chairs in memory of are being taken for placement in
514 parks. Working on the process. Ms. Crosser notes working on verbiage in advance of Memorial day for those
515 donations. Closed on Memorial day. Quarterly Mgmt meeting in the County- COLA ranging, but lower than state
516 projections. Introduces Mrs. Mary Kent as new Admin Asst. Boat Show Director thanks staff for assistance. ARPA
517 report filed as required. Awaiting contract from paving company attorney. Paving hope to be done before June 30.

518
519 Rights-of-way: approximately 30 feet from center of road is public right of way- the public can walk there, park
520 there, residents cannot prevent that. Utilities are in that space also- utilities (water, sewer, electric, cable,
521 DRAINAGE, etc) are all in the right of way and homeowners own their property to the asphalt, but utilities have the
522 right to enter the property to attend to the utilities in the right of way- by right- the owners cannot stop that. NO, the
523 Town is not going around and fixing ruts afterward.

524
525 Committee Reports: Tourism- new brochures delivered, visitor survey cards available. CycleNC cards were very
526 popular. Planning Board- you are very much aware of what we have been up to-thanks for a good process. Still
527 working on survey updates. Bonnie Crosser Park and Rec thanks Public Works- working on planting, restriping, will
528 notice closing. Welcome tent staffed by P&R was great- positive comments. Working on Chapter N and grant work.
529 HWAC- MPT White notes- focused on maintenance- tightening bolts- jurisdiction was pulled- maybe new
530 legislation might help.

531
532 Commissioner Comments: Mayor Pro Tempore White notes we had considered doing a new zone for just boatyards
533 and marinas- Issues with that- who gets put in, why would marinas agree? Don't need to go down that road.
534 Commissioner Overcash agrees- you also have two fish processing entities also- Commissioner Roe agrees.

535 Welcome tent was packed- Marsha was quite the advocate for the Town. All menus were available. Commissioner
536 Price asked about NVB permit for food trucks- limited by request- they would just need to change the request.
537 Manager notes we can expand their permits if requested and Board agrees. Assume we will start hurricane preps
538 soon. Yes.

539
540 Next meeting scheduled: Town Board Budget Session April 12, 2023, 9AM.
541 Meeting **ADJOURNED** at 10:36 AM by MOTION of Commissioner Winfrey who changes it to a PLEA, second by
542 Commissioner Roe. 5-0.

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545 Sally Belangia, Mayor

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545 Diane H. Miller, Town Manager/Clerk

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547 Approved , 2023