

Fwd: RE: The Mayor

From: **charlieovercash@townoforiental.com**

Monday, Aug 25 at 2:02 PM

To: **Allison DeWeese** | allison@towndock.net

From: **allenprice@townoforiental.com**

To: **manager@townoforiental.com**

Friday, Aug 22 at 10:14 AM

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Cc: "Scott Davis" <scott.davis@dhwlegal.com>

Thanks, for this information. No reason to move forward with the special meeting at this time.

From: **Diane Miller** | manager@townoforiental.com To: **bonniecrossover@townoforiental.com**

Friday, Aug 22 at 11:51 AM

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From:

Good Morning,

There was a question the attorney was researching. The Charter is a State local bill. Local Bills trump statute- for example- you cannot drive golf carts on state roads (or any roads really) unless you have a state local bill allowing it. The Charter is a State Local bill.

Charter says you need the Mayor and a majority of Commissioners to call a meeting. Statute says The mayor, the mayor pro tempore, or any two members of the council may at any time call a special council meeting by signing a written notice stating the time and place of the meeting and the subjects to be considered.

His response was positive- the Charter does trump the statute. So- the Mayor and a majority of Commissioners are required to call a Special Meeting. Previously, I had been guiding you according to statute, and apparently, that is incorrect. (See attached) This came up because I asked him to confirm the quorum numbers. According to the charter, the quorum is determined to include the Mayor. Quorum is the Mayor PLUS 3

Commissioners. If you would like to call a special meeting, Lisa has the draft of the document that needs to be signed by the Mayor plus 3 to call a Special Meeting.

There was also a question about how the 48 hours works. Remember when we did the "no exotic animals" Ordinance? That started late on a Friday, the attorney walked me through the Ordinance proposal, we met first thing Monday morning- so it is TIME, not BUSINESS DAYS. I am fairly confident in that because Scott was so very integral to that process. Scott, please correct me, if I am wrong.

As this seems to be very contentious, I am simply making sure we are following the law.

It seems several of you have spoken to the attorney, and his main point is that choosing a method needs to be a very thoughtful action, perhaps best left until after elections, leaving the vacancy open until the election. Something to consider. However, if you do choose to move forward with a meeting to discuss the options and a tie breaking method.

Last I was able to follow an email trail (which is much more difficult on an iPhone, so I'm at the office), you had postponed the meeting with the Sheriff to a later date. Is that true? Just trying to keep it all straight.

I'm in and out and intermittently reachable by phone. I'll try to keep my phone near.

Thanks,

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From: To: **AllenPrice**

Thursday, Aug 21 at 6:37 PM

Charlie Overcash; Diane Miller; Fo.lisa Millington
Subject: Re: The Mayor

I support the direction Commissioner Price is proposing. We need a Special Meeting to set the direction of process - Nomination vs Motion.

I support the Special Meeting request of Commissioner Price.

Commissioner Bonnie Crosser, CPA

From: **Allen Price**

Thursday, Aug 21 at 4:20 PM

Thanks Breena. I would like for us to have a special meeting on Tuesday morning August 26th to decide the process for filling the vacant seat on the board. We had a meeting scheduled with Chris Davis on Tuesday at 10:30 am that was cancelled. Let's meet on Tuesday morning at 10:30 am at Town Hall in the large meeting room. If ok, we need to have the proper notification sent out by 10:00 am Friday morning.

Thanks,

Allen

-----Original Message-----

From: breenalitzenberger@townoforiental.com

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Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 12:49 PM

To: Sally Belangia <sallybelangia@townoforiental.com>

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I want to echo the Mayor's concern here. The priority should be ensuring that the vacancy is filled smoothly and without creating unnecessary stalemates. The Mayor's role in breaking a tie is an important safeguard to keep the board functioning, and it shouldn't

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undermined.

This isn't about "winning" or "losing" — it's about

respecting the

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process and making sure the community has a full, functioning board. I

would strongly encourage all of us to put aside personal frustrations

and avoid actions that only make the board appear divided or petty. We

owe it to the people we represent to be team players and handle this

responsibly.

-Commissioner Litzenberger

From: **Sally Belangia**

Wednesday, Aug 20 at 12:21 PM

All these emails are getting confusing! Why won't you all let the

Mayor vote in a tie? We are not New Bern! It hurts me that you all

are being ridiculous! Maybe I should resign since no one seems I am

an important part of this dysfunctional board. I am sorry you all

can't be a team player! All I know is I will try my best to conduct

the meeting! I do not want to bother our attorney anymore.....

Sent from my iPhone
