



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Special Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Mayor J. Alan Holden; Mayor Pro Tem H. Ashley Royal; Commissioners Peter Freer, Kim Isenhour, John Fletcher and Ken Kyser; Town Manager David W. Hewett; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manager Christy Ferguson and Town Attorney Noel Fox.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 16-09, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FILING OF CONDEMNATION ACTIONS TO ACQUIRE PERPETUAL EASEMENTS FOR THE TOWN'S CENTRAL REACH SHORE PROTECTION PROJECT**

Town Manager Hewett provided background on the Central Reach Project (CRP). We are aiming for October 4<sup>th</sup> as the date for the Local Government Commission (LGC) application hearing. We will have to get the application together in the beginning of September. He reviewed the timelines of the project and explained there is a schedule we need to adhere to in the acquisition of the easements. Town Manager Hewett said the resolution authorizes the attorney to proceed with preliminary notification and the actions required to file the condemnations. Shoreline Protection and Recreation Manager Ferguson read the resolution. Town Manager Hewett said there are a couple of actions he did not mention earlier. The interlocal agreement with the county is a completed action and one of the items that will need to be in place for the filing of the application to the LGC. The initial public hearing for the Municipal Service District is scheduled for August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner Freer provided his input on the process and asked the status of the easements. Attorney Fox said there has been a good response since the notice of this special meeting was sent out. Her office will send a copy of the resolution to everyone who hasn't returned their easements. There are 486 total easements that were sent out. About 50 of those are timeshares that they were just able to identify the property owners. They have 280 recordable easements in hand. Attorney Fox stated the Town needs to have one from every property owner in order to satisfy the permit requirements. When the Town files the application with the LGC, we need to have a significant number recorded. She explained the condemnation process. Commissioner Fletcher asked everyone to sign their easements and get them to the attorney. Attorney Fox said the easements are only for the easement area, which is narrowly defined. She talked about some of the answers to the common questions she is getting. Commissioner Isenhour thanked Attorney Fox and her staff for their work on the project. There was discussion on the easement timeline and the education process.

*Motion by Commissioner Fletcher to adopt the resolution as written; second by Mayor Pro Tem Royal; approved by unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Commissioner Fletcher to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.; second by Commissioner Kyser; approved by unanimous vote.*

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J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Heather Finnell, Town Clerk