

Holden Panel Recommends Time Limit On Rezoning Action

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD
Holden Beach commissioners would be required to act promptly on zoning amendments under a recommendation from the town's planning board.

A public hearing will be held Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the Holden Beach Town Hall on the proposed amendment.

The amendment would require the town board to act on a proposed rezoning brought before it within at least three meetings after a public hearing on the matter. The 'tabling' of consideration of a matter would not be considered action under the amendment.

The proposed amendment would

fill a void in the town's ordinances. Presently neither the zoning ordinances or state law specifies a time limit on how long commissioners can take to consider a proposed rezoning.

The town board was criticized recently after voting to rezone the "State Park" property on the east end nearly three years after a public hearing on the subject was held. They rezoned approximately 13 acres on the east end from R-1 (residential for one- and two-family dwellings) to R-2 (residential for multi-family dwelling units).

The board finally addressed the matter, which had been tabled since the fall of 1982, in a special session on May 23. The proposed rezoning had

not been put on the agenda; it was reconsidered at the request of Commissioner Jim Griffin. The board voted to consider the matter, and then passed the proposal unanimously. Griffin, who had a special interest in the property, was excused from the vote.

Alan Holden, chairman of the Holden Beach Planning and Zoning Board, commented, "It was the feeling of the board that, due to so many inquiries concerning the rezoning of the state park property per the request of Jim Griffin, and the method with which he handled that as a commissioner after a considerable amount of time from the original application, it was felt a time limit should be placed on such activities."

Holden Beach Council Approves Bid

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Holden Beach commissioners voted unanimously last Wednesday to accept a bid from Ballenger Corp. in Shallotte to pave Tuna Drive.

The bid was for \$21,684.66. The board had also planned to approve a bid for the painting of the beach's elevated water tank, but none were received. Commissioner Lyn Holden said the matter would be looked into and put on the agenda of the next meeting.

Members also voted unanimously to grant Police Chief Raymond Simpson permission to park cars on both sides of Ocean Boulevard during the N.C. Festival-by-the-Sea on Oct. 25-27. This was deemed necessary as the festival committee has decided to continue the tradition of having craft activities at the town hall, and a dance is to be held on Davis Street between Brunswick Avenue and the Intracoastal Waterway.

Commissioner Gloria Barrett said Simpson has promised special attention to the parking situation during the festival to insure that driveways will not be blocked and that vehicles are parked completely off the pavement.

Commissioner Graham King pointed out to the board that the town could probably save a considerable

amount of money if they contracted the same company working on the bridge to complete the planned street resurfacing. The board concurred; King is to bring cost figures to the next meeting.

The town plans to resurface Rothschild Street, Brunswick Avenue from Rothschild Street to Davis Street and the town hall garage parking area.

It will also pave Brunswick Avenue from Davis Street to Jordan Street to complete a loop from the new bridge.

After the meeting Commissioner King explained, "This is going to help the traffic flow coming off the new bridge."

Commissioner Hal Stanley worried the town might be setting a bad

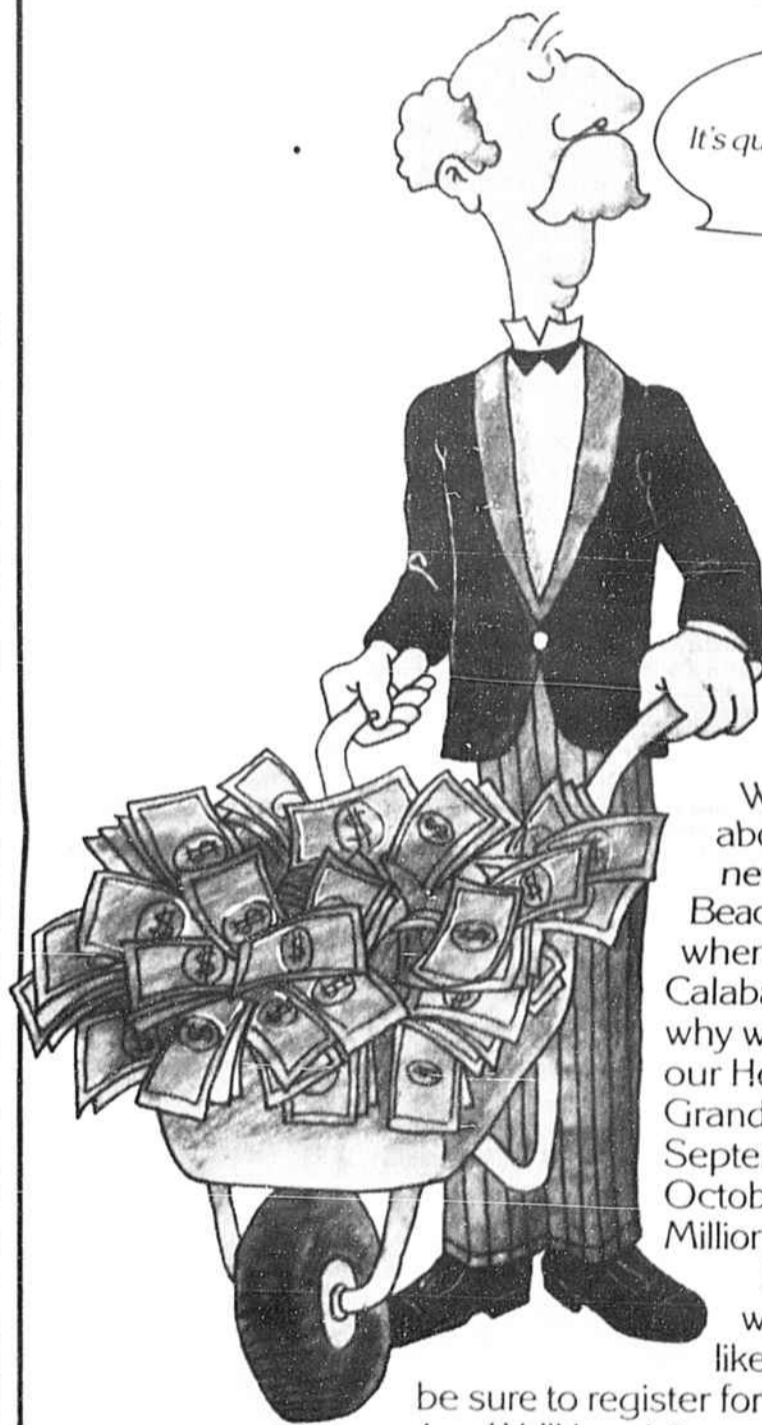
precedent by completely paying for the Brunswick Avenue paving. He pointed out in the past property owners who had land next to the areas that had been paved had shared in the cost and suggested the same thing be done again.

Commissioner King agreed they should be approached to see if they would be willing to pay for some portion of the paving.

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