

# Sunset Council Accepts Land But Keeps No Parking Signs

BY SUSAN USHER

Approximately 45 Sunset Beach property owners crowded into the town hall Monday night for an anticipated confrontation over parking restrictions on the island.

But except for a few sharp words and outbursts of laughter or applause, the meeting of less than two hours proceeded quietly. Services of a policeman on standby outside were not needed, though Mayor James Gordon first suggested the officer come inside, Town Manager Wallace Martin said.

Under council rules adopted earlier, public comment was delayed until all business was completed, though one

citizen representing the 300-plus members of the Sea Trail Community Association wanted to comment on a parking issue before council voted.

Parking did figure largely on the agenda, with council taking mixed action.

Members unanimously accepted an offer of 35 acres of west end property for future public parking from Sunset Beach and Twin Lakes, Inc., a company of which Mayor Pro Tem and candidate Edward Gore is president.

But on a split vote broken by the mayor, they rejected a proposal to loosen parking restrictions on the island off-season.

Mayor Gordon broke the 2-2 tie with the words, "The

parking signs stay."

Council members Kathy Hill and Mary Katherine Griffith voted in favor of removing no parking signs along the state right-of-way between September and May, while members Ed Gore and Donald Safrif voted against the measure. Lame-duck councilman George Foster was absent.

Mayor Gordon reminded Hill that the board had adopted the ordinance in response to property owners' concerns.

Gore said he thought a canvass of property owners would be needed—with Hill pointing out none was taken before the first vote. "Why now?" she asked.

"Because we represent them," replied Gore.

When Hill questioned that limitation, Gordon interjected, "You're playing with words now," prompting laughter.

"Any more outbursts and we will clear the town hall," warned Gore.

## West End

The western tract will be developed for public parking and access.

The town anticipates varied funding. Gore said the donated land may qualify as the 10 percent "in-kind" contribution required for a state beach access grant.

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## Election Results At A Glance

### Shalotte

MAYOR  
 Frankie L. Bennett... 118  
 ✓ Jerry Jones... 161  
 ALDERMAN  
 Michael J. Arnold... 88  
 Gary A. Cheers... 101  
 Joseph Ebright... 44  
 Danny Wesley Roden... 4  
 ✓ Sarah L. Tripp... 103  
 Charles Williams... 54  
 ✓ Paul Wayne Reeves... 137

### Ocean Isle Beach

MAYOR  
 ✓ LaDane Bullington... 145  
 COMMISSIONER  
 ✓ William Benton... 110  
 ✓ Terry Barboe... 94  
 Connor Cox... 45  
 Toby Tomblin... 18

### Calabash

MAYOR  
 ✓ Doug Simmons... 58  
 COUNCILMAN  
 John Johnson... 27  
 ✓ Patricia Lawollyn... 55  
 ✓ Suzy Moore... 57  
 Linda Roberts... 48  
 ✓ Sonia Stevens... 46  
 ✓ Robert Weber... 50

### Bolivia

MAYOR  
 ✓ Ina Mae Mintz... 16  
 ALDERMAN  
 Steve Robbins... 16  
 ✓ Deborah Stanley... 14  
 ✓ Murray S. Tatam... 13  
 ✓ Ella Jane Wescott... 15

### Southport

MAYOR  
 ✓ Norman B. Holden... 610  
 ALDERMAN, WARD I  
 ✓ James C. Brown... 437  
 Barry J. Callari... 342  
 ✓ Edward L. Oliver... 410  
 ALDERMAN, WARD II  
 ✓ W. B. Thorsen... 496

### Sunset Beach

MAYOR  
 ✓ James Gordon... 72  
 COUNCILMAN  
 ✓ Kathy Hill... 75  
 ✓ Minnie K. Hunt... 74  
 ✓ Edward Gore Sr... 63  
 Richard Plyler... 57

### Holden Beach

MAYOR  
 ✓ John Tandy... 148  
 COMMISSIONER  
 ✓ Gay Atkins... 129  
 Guilford Bass... 111  
 Addison Hayes... 45  
 ✓ William Williamson... 118

### Belville

MAYOR  
 ✓ Kenneth D. Messer... 39  
 COMMISSIONER  
 ✓ Thomas Butler... 29  
 ✓ Robert Reigle... 32

### Navassa

MAYOR  
 ✓ L. (Bobby) Brown... 51  
 COMMISSIONER  
 ✓ Thomas Mosley Sr... 49  
 ✓ Edward Williams... 45

### Boiling Spring Lakes

MAYOR  
 Lester Beal... 115  
 ✓ Elmer Handler... 197  
 COMMISSIONER  
 ✓ Herbert Bunten... 191  
 ✓ Eleanor Esmlinger... 205  
 Thomas Simmons... 44

### Leland

Sanitary District  
 COMMISSIONER  
 ✓ Patsy Elliott... 116  
 ✓ George Mintz... 117  
 ✓ Leo Nowak... 104  
 ✓ Ava V. Thomas... 130  
 ✓ Boyd Williamson... 119

## Trends Hard To Find In Election Results

BY SUSAN USHER

Incumbents, protest candidates and write-in candidates came through Tuesday's elections with results that varied sharply from town to town.

Two of most obvious successes for current office-holders occurred in Shalotte, where Alderman Paul Wayne Reeves was returned to a third four-year term of office with the highest vote total of any candidate.

Alderman Jerry Jones survived a challenge in the mayor's race from Frankie L. Bennett to emerge the successor to longtime Mayor Beamon Hewett.

Voters also elected their first female alderman, bank officer Sarah Tripp.

Sunset Beach protest candidates Minnie K. Hunt, secretary of the Sunset Beach Taxpayers Association, and incumbent Councilwoman Kathy Hill led the ticket, trailed by Mayor Pro Tem Ed Gore and a fourth candidate, Richard Plyler.

Bucking the trend countywide, Belville's voters almost filled two seats with write-in candidates.

Mayor Mildred Boney trailed the only declared candidate for mayor, Kenneth D. Messer, by only 12 votes. Linda Mullins, a write-in candidate for commissioner, had three less votes than Thomas Butler, one of two commissioners elected.

Write-in candidates elsewhere didn't fare as well in terms of percentages or actual votes received.

A write-in campaign netted 33 votes for Holden Beach Mayor Kenner Amos. Councilman Jim Griffin, received four votes for mayor. Neither he nor Amos filed for office. Also getting votes in the mayor's race were Harry Yoder, two; Charlie Trippi, Pat Williams, Becky Robertson and Greg Bellamy one each.

John Tandy is one of two former mayors from the south end of the county who will regain office in December. In a game of musical chairs at Calabash, Doug Simmons will succeed Sonia Stevens as mayor.

She in turn will return to her former job as council member.

In the Holden Beach commissioners' race, a former commissioner, Virginia Craig, got two votes. Edward Sweat, Rose Cole and Daphne Fournier received one vote each.

At Sunset Beach, Bill Hunt received one vote for mayor and Jack Thomas got two. Ed Steele and Leo Johnson received one write-in vote for mayor each at Ocean Isle Beach, where it was turn-about time in the commissioner's race.

Commissioner Connor Cox lost his bid for re-election to a third term,

netting only 45 votes. A former commissioner, William Benton, led the field with 110 votes. In 1981, it was Cox who led the field; Benton lost his 1983 re-election bid.

Incumbents in Navassa and Bolivia were re-elected without opposition.

At Boiling Spring Lakes, coalition candidates seeking a general spruce-up of town operations won the mayor's race and both available commissioners' seats.

Townspice also voted in favor of a leash law that will require all dogs to be restrained by a leash or to be within the immediate control of their

owner. The town has been working with the county to establish its own animal control department.

Results from the Oak Island towns of Caswell, Long and Yaupon beaches were not available at press time. Because of problems experienced with voting machines, elections officials began a complete hand-count at about 10:30 p.m. of all ballots for municipal offices and the Doshier Hospital District board. It was expected to take three to four hours to complete.

Southport I and II tabulations for the hospital trustees' seats were inconclusive.

## County Will Accept Bids For Phase II Of Water System

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD

After numerous delays, Brunswick County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to allow Lewis and Associates to advertise for bids to complete Phase II of the county's water system.

Lewis & Associates is the Shalotte engineering firm that is designing the water distribution lines that will connect the new water treatment plant at Malmo with the existing plant on N.C. 211 near Southport and with the existing county line at Shalotte.

Under the proposed schedule, construction could begin as early as late February or early March, according to County Engineer Dan Shields.

The bids will cover five segments of pipeline, a storage tank contract, a pumping stations contract and an electrical contract.

Pending approval of plans and specifications by the state, the county plans to advertise for bids on Nov. 22. Bidders will have a 45-day period to prepare bids, with the tentative bid

opening date set Monday, Jan. 6, 1986. Commissioners plan to meet in mid-January to consider recommendations for contract awards and to issue notice of award. Once agreements are executed by contractors and the county, a notice to proceed with the work must be issued within 60 days, preferably sooner. The contractor must begin work within 10 days of receiving notice to proceed.

After spending two hours and twenty minutes in executive session discussing land acquisition and client-attorney matters, commissioners decided by a 4-1 vote to purchase land for the Town Creek pumping station and storage tank.

Frankie Rabon, the commissioner for District 4 where the tracts are located, voted against the land acquisition.

The county will assert eminent domain over two tracts of 1.6 acres and 1.55 acres belonging to Cecil C. Robbins for a pumping station and storage tank and an easement.

The board will also acquire an easement from Franklin Bryant for .16 acres for not more than \$320.

Shields said the Leland Sanitary District should be getting water from Phase II by approximately December 1986. The rest of the county can expect service by February 1987.

The new water treatment plant, located on the Cape Fear River between Northwest and Phoenix, began preliminary tests of equipment on Monday. After tests by the state, the plant will be "mothballed" until the system is ready to begin working.

Lines will run south from the water treatment plant, crossing Seaboard Coastline Railroad. The line will then head east toward Eastbrook, then south toward U.S. 74, running parallel with the Sunny Point rail line. The line will then run along U.S. 17 to the southwestern end of the county. An extension will run from Bell Swamp at N.C. 87 to Southport.

Shields said the plan to design

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## SAYS HOLDEN BEACH MAYOR

# Erosion On East End Is King-Size Problem

BY EDDIE SWEATT

Erosion is a "king-size problem on the east end," Mayor Kenner Amos remarked at Monday night's election eve meeting of the Holden Beach Board of Commissioners.

High tides and rough seas have already undermined and collapsed the cul-de-sac at the end of Ocean Boulevard east and Amos fears the road in front of what were once second-row homes on that end of the beach will soon be washed away.

"The state will abandon the part (of the road) that goes," Amos said, suggesting that it would be wise to begin thinking of moving the street to the back of the houses before the present road access in front is cut off.

The mayor, who did not offer for another term in Tuesday's election, posed the problem for his successor without making any proposals.

Town Administrator Bob Buck broached the subject when he asked the commission for guidance on the beach erosion at the end of Ferry Road where the town recently participated in building a seawall to protect a public parking area.

Buck reported that severe erosion has occurred at Ferry Road west of and behind the seawall constructed earlier this year. The end of the road has been undermined and access steps to the beach have been removed.

The only action permitted under CAMA regulations is sandbagging which, Buck estimated, would likely cost several thousand dollars at \$100 per 5x10-ft. bag. "The number needed to slow or stop further erosion is not known but will be very substantial," he added.

"Let's see what nature's going to do in the next 30 days," Commissioner Hal Stanley suggested. Other commissioners agreed to postpone the subject until the December meeting. "We can't buy enough sandbags to stop it," Commissioner Graham King remarked.

Erosion problems, which usually occur with winter storms in January and February, have begun early this year, Commissioner Stanley observed.

But despite the erosion rate, commissioners reaffirmed their moratorium on moving houses from the oceanfront to other lots on the island.

Reaffirmation came after a request to consider making an exception in the case of a house at 121 Ocean Boulevard West which is said to be "about falling into the ocean."

The request was made on behalf of the property owner, Melva Price of High Point, by developer Alan Holden. Holden, who said moving equipment was already in place at

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A PEEK THROUGH THE BARRICADE at the east end of Holden Beach reveals the cul-de-sac collapsed by high tides and rough seas recently. The east end of Ocean Boulevard may be the next thing to go, Mayor Kenner

Amos warned. In that case the state will abandon the portion that goes, he added.

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