Sunset Beach Plan Calls For 83 Street Lights In Five Years

BY SUSAN USHER

A stepped-up street lighting plan adopted by Sunset Beach Town Council Monday would add 83 lights to town streets over a five-year period, 54 of them on the island.

During the first three years the bulk of the lights would be placed on the island, while a majority of lights would be installed on the mainland the last two years.

This year's 20-light first phase will put 17 lights in the middle of blocks on the island that are unlight at this time, as recommended by the police department for safety reasons. Three lights will be added on the mainland.

Phase two, 20 more lights, would include areas such as Canal Drive and intersections that are not well lighted, while phase three, with 17 lights, would include streets that need additional lighting because of population, vehicular traffic and foot

Questioning the number of new lights proposed for the island, Clete Waldmiller said at the close of the meeting, "The place is going to be lit up like Times Square.

He asked the town to consider using recessed or shadow box fixtures on the island instead of cobra-arm

The plan was adopted with the understanding that adjustments might be needed in location and number of the lights as the work progresses.

If the plan is followed as approved the town's annual street light costs will increase from \$16,528 last year to \$24,227 in 1997-98 at current rates. Another 78 lights would be added later.

Delay In Sewer Project

Consulting engineer Joe Tombro of Piedmont Olsen Hensley reported that the environmental section of the 201 facilities plan for the South Brunswick Water & Sewer Authority has not been approved. Tombro had expected approval by the end of September. He now anticipates issuance of a FONSI (finding of no significant environmental impact) for the project by the end of October, followed by a month-long public comment period. On Friday

his office will submit more information requested by the N.C. Division of Environmental Management. Financing for the project can't be completed until the approval is received.

A series of changes made in the plans in responding to the state's environmental concerns are expected to have a "minor" effect on user fees, Tombro said last month, but a new proposed schedule hasn't been presented to the authority

Public Hearings Set Nov. 7

Public hearings on everything from the underground utility project to zoning along N.C. 904 are set at the town council's next regular

meeting Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., as follows: proposed single-family zoning (MR-2) along the east side of N.C. from Bill Benton Realty (Calabash Creek) to the edge of the town's extraterritorial area 100 feet south of Sea Village.

possible rezoning of all or part of a large mainland tract from mainland business to other uses. Owned by Odell Williamson, the tract generally between Angel Trace and N.C. 904 is currently zoned MB-1, but a written description had included it in a MR-3 (which allows multi-family residential) zone by error. The town is attempting to limit the amount of land zoned for business use.

the preliminary assessment roll for the last underground utility installations on the east end of the island, at a cost of \$3.35 per foot for electric and cable TV lines along Main Street East to Canal Drive and back to Sixth Street and Sunset Boulevard from North Shore Drive to Main Street. One section of Sunset Beach Boulevard includes cable TV only, at a cost of \$1.25 per foot. Total project cost is estimated at \$51,461.54.

a resolution of intent to close Fairway Drive East on petition of residents of Sugar Sands and King's Trail in Sea Trail Plantation. Sea Trail proposes to install a road to meet town specifications and to close Fairway Drive East by placing a berm at the end.

an amendment to the ordinance regulating alteration of sand dunes. This is a second public hearing, re-

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quired because of substantial changes in wording since the first hearing. Town council and the planning board will discuss the new proposal at their joint workshop.

Joint Workshop Set

When the council and the town planning board hold a joint workshop Thursday, Oct. 13, at 10 a.m. at town hall the sand dune alteration ordinance is one of several items on the agenda. They also plan to discuss reduction of the overall amount of land set aside for business/commercial use, including a proposed amendment to the town land use plan update, and possible rezoning of a mainland business tract owned by Odell Williamson.

The boards will also consider proposed amendments to the beach business (BB-1) district zoning that would more clearly specify the types of sales, equipment rentals and offices/public buildings allowed. It would also require a special use permit for any type of entertainment establishment.

Other Business

In other business council: agreed to proceed to contract with Mobilnet for a 10-year lease at \$6,000 per year. The company will erect an antenna on the town water

tower and place a small building on

the site. m directed the town clerk to investigate a petition from Sea Trail Corporation requesting voluntary annexation of an area encompassing the newly subdivided areas of Woodstock Village, Osprey Watch

and Barony Place. reappointed Don Safrit for another three-year term on the Sunset Beach ABC Board, which owns and operates the state-controlled ABC

praised staff member Edie Caudill for collecting 100 percent of the taxes due the town for 1993-94. long time," Mayor Mason Barber noted.

amended the 1994-95 budget, adding \$1,856 to the street light budget to cover the cost of the first phase

of a new town-wide lighting plan. after a public hearing at which no comments were offered, adopted a series of amendments to zoning ordinances, primarly relating to use and placement of accessory structures on residential lots. Trailers and mobile homes are not considered accessory structures and are not allowed as such on a lot with a principal building.

approved a letter asking the General Assembly for the authority to regulate littering and debris in the Atlantic Ocean and in all other navigable waters in or adjacent to the town. Such an ordinance would be used mainly to enforce clean-up of debris when a boat breaks up near shore. The town has a similar ordinance relating to housing debris.

changed the definition of "footprint," eliminating the need for a variance in two situations. The changes allow temporary ramping for handicapped access to be excluded from the footprint (exterior dimension of a house) and to allow alteration of the footprint (as in adding on to the front of a house) as long as it doesn't encroach on the front yard

amended the subdivision ordinance to require, as each building in a multifamily project is completed, planning board (not town council) approval of the final plat prior to recording, and to allow issuance of building permits for multifamily developments after the preliminary plat has been approved by the planning board and town council. Previously the final plat had to have been recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office.

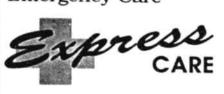
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