

# Calabash Delays Vote On N.C. 179 Zoning

BY ERIC CARLSON

The Calabash Board of Commissioners Tuesday night agreed to delay voting on a controversial zoning change until all members of the board are present to discuss the matter.

At issue is a proposal to re-zone a strip of lots in Clariday Woods and Calabash Acres along the north side of N.C. 179 between Georgetown Center and the NAPA store from residential to commercial. The Calabash Planning and Zoning board has recommended the new zone.

Several residents of the two developments attended the meeting to oppose the change.

Seaside lawyer Kenneth Bridges, representing Calabash Acres property owners, told the board that a "140 out of a possible 150" residents and owners have signed petitions opposing the zoning change.

Bridges said the town could not justify altering the zoning because it has no evidence that such a change is needed. He said the action would violate the town's duty to "promote the health, safety

and welfare of the community."

Maurice Mosher, who lives on the south side of N.C. 179, expressed concern that business development on the north side would increase storm water runoff and pollution into nearby ponds.

Billie Mitchell, also a Calabash Acres resident, said the housing development has deed restrictions that prohibit commercial uses of property there.

"You also have deed restrictions that require stick-built houses and those have been violated many times," said Commissioner Ed Schaack.

The N.C. Department of Transportation has plans to widen that portion N.C. 179 to two lanes and to install curbs and gutters that will control drainage, Schaack said. Using the property for private homes, with "driveways every 50 feet" would pose a safety problem on a roadway that he said already carries an average traffic load of 12,000 cars per day.

Schaack also said that a commercial designa-

tion would prohibit roadside stands and promote "first-class" development along the highway. It would also require anyone who builds along the highway to provide a vegetative buffer to shield nearby residents from traffic noise.

"I'm of the opinion that it would be in the best interest of all involved, and it would enhance and improve property values if the zoning were changed," Schaack said.

Commissioner Jon Sanborn said it would be inappropriate for the board to vote on the issue at a meeting where two commissioners who oppose the zoning change—Teddy Altreuter and Alvin Leisey—were absent. His motion to table a decision until the board's May 10 meeting was unanimously approved.

In other business, the board agreed to meet only once per month during May, June, July, August and September. Regular meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of those months. Other workshops and hearings may be scheduled, especially during budget negotiations.

# Ocean Isle Action Requires Second Vote

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ty to conduct business due to lack of a quorum. That prompted Proctor's proposal to expand its membership to include five town residents and three ETA residents, providing as well more diversity of opinion and greater consensus-building. Since then the planning board has had a near-complete turnover in membership.

The board majority Tuesday supported the alternative presented by

Planning and Zoning Board Chairman DeCarol Williamson, whose resignation was accepted later in the meeting.

Under that plan all five members will vote on all issues; three members constitute a quorum; members can miss four meetings a year; meetings will be held monthly but may be canceled by the chairman if no business requiring action is pending; and the chairman can call special meetings with five days' notice to

members and the public (through posting at the town hall).

Also, members must be residents of the area they represent. The board will elect its own officers to one-year terms with eligibility for re-election. The town clerk will serve as board secretary and maintain public records of its actions.

The planning board had proposed deleting certain references to its power and authority, saying it had

none, but Jess advised retaining the sections, which are state law.

Williamson, a planning board member for six years with only one absence, said he was resigning because of scheduling conflicts with his Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International lay witness ministry and his dual residency in Wilmington and Ocean Isle Beach.

His resignation was accepted "with regret."

# Motorcyclist, Passenger Injured When Bike Falls

A motorcyclist and his young passenger were injured last Tuesday night, April 5, in an accident on U.S. 17 one-half mile north of Town Creek Park at Winnabow.

At approximately 9:05 p.m., Donald Owen Vaczy, 33, of Southport, was driving his 1993 Honda motorcycle north on U.S. 17 in the right hand lane when he attempted to change lanes. When the motorcycle struck the raised paving on the left lane, the bike fell in the roadway and slid into the median, according to Trooper D.B. Harvell's report.

Both Vaczy and his passenger, 14-year-old Craig Owen Vaczy, also of Southport, were transported to New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, with serious but not incapacitating injuries.

No charges were filed. Damage to the motorcycle was estimated at \$1,000.

Both drivers were injured in a two-vehicle accident that also happened April 5 in the north end of the county. In that wreck driver Paul Price, 63, of Leland, was charged by Trooper D.A. Lewis with failure to reduce speed.

At about 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, two vehicles were traveling east on Village Road (S.R. 1472) one-half mile west of Leland when the first

vehicle, a 1985 Oldsmobile operated by Isaiah Jackson III, 44, of Leland, slowed to attempt a left turn into Mike's Mini Mart.

Price's 1983 Chevrolet truck struck the Jackson car in the rear, according to the report filed by Trooper Lewis. Jackson's car ran off the left shoulder of the road, struck the Mini Mart sign and continued on, striking the front steps of a private residence.

Both men were transported to New Hanover Regional Medical

## Center Receives Funds For Women, Children's Program

Southeastern Center for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services has been awarded \$279,871 in grant funds from a Maternal Substance Abuse Initiative application submitted to the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

The funds will be used for a new outpatient treatment program called "New Visions," designed to provide comprehensive services for women and children in Brunswick, Pender and New Hanover counties.

The program begins July 1.

Center, Jackson with serious, non-incapacitating injuries, and Price with complaints of injury.

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Now Colonel North is a candidate for the U.S. Senate in Virginia and as the Marine recruitment advertisement talks about, "a few good men" we need a heck of a lot of good people in our government. Ollie needs all the help he can get. Some of the same groups that villainized him before are working hard to defeat his run for the senate because he is an outsider. We need strong people who love this great country of ours, people who know what America stands for and will work to keep it strong and free.

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