

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2025, 5:30PM

TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 321 CAUSEWAY DRIVE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm by Mayor Mills. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation was provided by Caroline Jinkins, Pastor, Little Chapel on the Boardwalk Presbyterian Church. The following were present:

Board of Aldermen

F. Darryl Mills, Mayor
Hank Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jeff DeGroot, Alderman
Ken Dull, Alderman
Vivian (Zeke) Partin, Alderman
Todd Schoen, Alderman-Elect
Margaret Baggett, Alderman-Elect

Staff

Haynes Brigman, Town Manager
Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk
Grady Richardson, Town Attorney
Brian Nague, Police Lieutenant
Jason Bishop, Police Chief
Tosha Campbell, HR Officer
Bailey Hartsell, Communications Manager
Katie Carus-Childers, Parks & Rec. Director
Tony Wilson, Director of Planning

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Neal Briggi, 4 W. Henderson St., expressed appreciation to outgoing Board members Mills and Miller for their service to the Town.

Laura Lunsford, 6 Palmetto Dr., asked for a review of utility contractors installing a water line on behalf of CFPUA, stating that the root systems of live oak trees had been damaged. Lunsford also expressed opposition to “visual clutter” caused, in part by Christmas decorations.

Mayor Mills recognized the attendance of Judges Chad Hogston, Robin Robertson and Jay Corperning, who were present to administer the oaths of office.

CONSENT AGENDA

Upon motion by Miller, seconded by Partin and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was approved. It consisted of: 1) the open session minutes of the 11-18-25 meeting; 2) a Facility Agreement with the New Hanover County Board of Elections for the use of the Council Chambers as a polling place; 3) acknowledgment of previously-approved special events for January; and 4) set a special called meeting for 12/17/25 at 9:30am to consider a presentation on the Town’s parking program by Pivot Parking.

PRESENTATIONS

Upon motion, duly seconded and carried by unanimous vote, the Board adopted Resolutions (2025) 2363 and 2364. Resolution 2364 honored Mayor Mills for his service to the Town since 2011 as a member of the Planning Board, Alderman, Mayor Pro Tem, and Mayor. Resolution 2363 honored Mayor Pro Tem Miller for his service to the Town since 2013 as a member of the Planning Board, Alderman and Mayor Pro Tem. Incoming Mayor Dull read both Resolutions in their entirety and presented both individuals with tokens of appreciation for their service.

Miller was also presented with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, an award signed by the Governor and presented to individuals who have demonstrated an exemplary record of service to the State.

The award was presented to Miller by fellow MPO Board Member Landon Zimmer and Natalie English, President of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

COMMENTS BY OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Mills expressed appreciation for the thanks received and urged incoming Board members to keep the betterment of Wrightsville Beach as a whole as their guiding light. Mills expressed appreciation to the current Board, previous Boards and Town employees for their service. Finally, Mills expressed appreciation to the citizens for allowing him to serve.

Mayor Pro Tem Miller thanked the employees, the Board and the citizens and asked that all come together for the betterment of the Town. Miller also expressed appreciation to his family for their support during his years of public service.

OATHS OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to incoming Mayor Ken Dull by Judge Jay Corpening.

The Oath of Office was administered to incoming Alderman Margaret Baggett by Judge Robin Robertson.

The Oath of Office was administered to incoming Alderman Todd Schoen by Judge Chad Hogston.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Dull assumed chair of the meeting and Aldermen Baggett and Schoen joined Partin and DeGroot at the Board table.

REGULAR AGENDA – INCOMING BOARD

Upon motion by Baggett, seconded by Partin and carried unanimously, the Board selected Alderman DeGroot to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Upon motion by Partin, seconded by DeGroot and carried unanimously, the Board adopted the 2026 Meeting Schedule.

COMMENTS BY INCOMING BOARD

Baggett expressed appreciation to the residents for their support and the outgoing Board for their service. Baggett pledged to continue to listen to the residents and stated she looked forward to working with the new Board and staff.

Schoen thanked his family for their support and outgoing Board members for their service, as well as those who had helped him in his campaign.

Partin expressed appreciation to outgoing Board members and offered her assistance to the new Board members.

Dull thanked his family and expressed excitement in working with the Town Manager and staff. Dull acknowledged previous Mayors and Board members for their service.

Brigman thanked the Board for putting him in this position and stated that he was looking forward to working with the new Board.

Richardson and Heater both expressed appreciation to outgoing Board members and offered their assistance to the new members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lance G. Heater, Town Clerk