

**Town of Swansboro
Board of Commissioners
January 31, 2022, Special Meeting**

In attendance: Mayor John Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Frank Tursi, Commissioner Pat Turner, Commissioner Harry PJ Pugliese, Commissioner Larry Philpott, and Commissioner Jeffrey Conaway. It was noted that Mayor Pro Tem Tursi participated remotely as allowed by NCGS 166A-19. Governor Cooper had declared a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic in March 2020.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm. Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The purpose of the meeting was to re-evaluate/identify Goals and Priorities for the coming year, which will assist Staff in preparation for in depth discussion at its annual Planning Retreat.

Re-evaluate/Identify Goals and Priorities

Board members gave their top 5 items and a supporting reason for their choices. After reviewing those, it was narrowed down to 5 main goals for discussion at the March 2nd Planning Retreat.

- Emergency Operations Center
- Sidewalks
- Historic District Preservation
- Employee Pay
- Strategic Plan

One additional item that was brought up by Board members as a priority was the street acceptance of the Charleston Park subdivision. Due to its legal nature, the item would be discussed in closed session at a future meeting.

Other Individual Goals/Questions/Comments

Mayor Pro Tem Tursi commented that EPA 319 Grants were great opportunities for town improvements and encouraged application for the funding.

Commissioner Philpott commented that the Strategic Plan should be reviewed by the Board members so that they are familiar with what it covered. He shared that Wayfinding signs Phase II should be pursued as well as the possibility of offering grants for business to improve their façade.

Commissioner Conaway shared that a top item of discussion during the recent

Essentials of Municipal Government course he attended, was the American Rescue Plan funds stressed that the funds should be utilized on big immediate impact items.

Mayor Davis shared that he wanted to see an improvement to customer service and solution to the Water Street stormwater issue.

Several members mentioned traffic – safety at crosswalks/intersection and traffic flow improvements for Highway 24.

Adjourn

On a motion by Commissioner Philpott, seconded by Commissioner Conaway, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm with unanimous approval.