

**Town Council Special Meeting Minutes
2023 Morehead City, North Carolina**

Thursday, January 19,

The Honorable Council of the Town of Morehead City held a Special meeting on Thursday, January 19, 2023, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 1100 Bridges Street, Morehead City, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was to hold a Closed Session per 143-318.11(a)(5) to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of an employment contract.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Gerald A. Jones, Jr.; Councilmembers George Ballou, David Horton, Bill Taylor, Harvey Walker, and Diane Warrender.

STAFF PRESENT: City Clerk Cathy Campbell, Communications Director Alize Proisy, Fire-EMS Chief Courtney Wade, and Police Chief Bryan Dixon.

Mayor Jones called the Special Meeting of the Morehead City Town Council to order at 4:00 p.m. with a quorum present.

Councilmember Taylor made a motion **to enter into Closed Session at 4:01 p.m.** Councilmember Warrender seconded and the motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Councilmember Horton moved **to return to Open Session at 4:10 p.m.** Councilmember Ballou seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

Councilmember Ballou moved **to approve the proposed employment agreement with Christopher S. Turner to serve as City Manager of the Town of Morehead City pursuant to its terms and instruct the Mayor to execute the same on behalf of the Town.** Councilmember Walker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. (5-0)

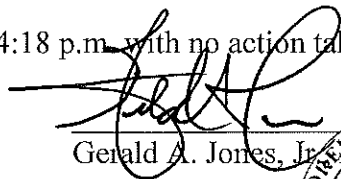
Councilmember Taylor stated that the contract as well as Mr. Turner were thoroughly vetted, and he felt it was time to act upon the contract in order to build employee morale.

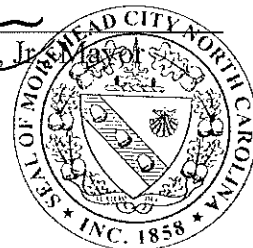
Councilmember Ballou stated that he was well pleased to support Chris Turner as city manager and is ready to move the city forward.

Mr. Turner shared that he was encouraged by the dialogue with the Town Council, and that he is humbled and happy to be asked to serve the city in this capacity. He added that he accepts the position based upon the amazing group of department heads the Council has put in place. "Now, let's go to work!"

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. with no action taken.


Gerald A. Jones, Jr.
Mayor



Cathy Campbell
Cathy Campbell, City Clerk