

**VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

August 17, 2012
Bald Head Association

COUNCILORS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Andrew Sayre
Mayor Pro Tempore John Fisher
Councilor Gene Douglas
Councilor Bob Helgesen

STAFF PRESENT:

Calvin R. Peck, Jr., Village Manager
Chris McCall, Asst. Manager/ Shoreline
Protection Manager
Deb Straub, Finance Director
Stephen Boyett, Building Inspector
Karen Ellison, HR/ Communication Director
Chip Munna, Chief of Public Safety
David Cox, Systems Administrator
Charles Baldwin, Village Attorney
Daralyn Spivey, *recording minutes*

1. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Mayor Sayre called the August 17, 2012 Council Work Session to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Douglas made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

2. Review of Council Meeting Agenda

3.1- Approval of Capital Project Ordinance Amendment- Calvin reviewed the proposed Shoreline Re-nourishment Fund amendment. This would transfer a portion of Accommodation tax receipts for FY 2011-2012 from the General Fund to the Shoreline Beach Fund in the amount of \$429,781 per budget ordinance 2011-0601 dated 6/24/11. Mayor Sayre asked if the amount was the total for the fiscal year. Deb Straub stated the total amount was \$863,402 collected.

3.2- 2011-12 Tax Collector Settlement Report & Releases- Daralyn Spivey reviewed the presented report of a list of persons owning real property whose taxes for 2007-2011 that remain unpaid and a listing of discoveries, adjustments, and releases for collections this tax year 2011-12. Mayor Sayre asked if the collections are higher than prior years. Daralyn stated she understood from Deb Straub this seemed higher due to the study performed on the island with some accounts that are being collected are on a monthly payment plan to Brunswick County. This item will be voted on to accept the tax reports for 2007- 2011.

3.3- July Financial Statement Report- Deb reviewed the financial statement for July 2012. The total operating general fund revenues and expenditures are on target with budget. The utilities fund revenues are slightly ahead of last year and expenditures are slightly higher than past years due to equipment maintenance.

3. Broadband

Councilor Helgesen spoke on the issues with broadband communication on the island. Councilor Helgesen stated parts of the legal issues should be discussed in Closed Session. Councilor Helgesen reviewed the Session Law 2011-84/ House Bill 129 to protect jobs and investment by regulating local government competition with private business. Councilor Helgesen suggested presenting a petition to be signed and present to the Public Utilities Commission for possible leverage to receive services on the island. Councilor Helgesen stated this is still being researched and he will present more information at the September Council meeting. Further information will be discussed in closed session.

4. Manager's Report

Mayor Sayre spoke about a group on the island who has met to discuss the concerns with the boathouse. The group is called the Friends of the Boathouse. Mayor Sayre reviewed the research that has been done. Mayor Sayre asked if the Village can act as a signer once the collected monies are in place with no financial obligation. Councilor Helgesen asked what the administration would be responsible for in the Village. This would assist the group for knowledge of working with CAMA issues. The possible location for a viewing area will be at the end of Muscadine and North Bald Head Wynd. The estimated cost for the boat house is \$60k with another \$10k for the viewing area and \$20k to be held in a maintenance fund to be held by Old Baldy.

Stephen Boyett spoke on the Fortified Living program. This program will benefit owners who are planning to have construction done on existing or new homes. Stephen will be getting information out to property owners who are building or renovations to educate on the options available for possible lower wind and hail insurance.

Calvin spoke to Council on the additional warning signage at beach accesses. This process will move forward to begin at the point. The signage on the beach is more of a challenge with the Division of Coastal Management. The Village is still working on these issues and will keep Council informed of progress.

Calvin stated there has been a pedestrian crossing sign placed at the end of the bridge. Progress Energy has given approval to install a street light at the end of the bridge for safety concerns.

Mayor Pro Tempore Fisher stated there are concerns with parking issues at the Shoals Club beach access 42. Calvin stated he would research further options.

Calvin stated the Village has been in contact with Doshier Hospital in reference to having a clinic on the island. There are a lot of unanswered questions and further research is needed. Councilor Douglas and Calvin will be speaking with officials and report further.

Joe Hawkins, BHA President, stated his support for possible broadband on the island and the Association will help in any way to make it happen. Mr. Hawkins also stated the medical services will be beneficial to the island.

5. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11 (a)(1),(3),(5), and (6)

- ❖ Village of Bald Head Island vs. US Army Corps of Engineers Lawsuit
- ❖ Contracts
- ❖ Personnel

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to enter into Closed Session at 10:05 a.m. with Councilor Helgesen made the motion with all in favor.

(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session at 12:14 p.m., with Councilor Douglas made the motion with all in favor.

(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)

6. Adjournment

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to adjourn at 12:15 p.m., with Councilor Douglas made the motion with all in favor.

(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)

Andy Sayre, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra C. Talbert, CMC/NCCMC
Village Clerk