

Village of Bald Head Island

Council Worksession

April 28, 2006

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Larry Lammert, Mayor Pro Tempore Andy Sayre and Councilmembers Gene Douglas and Art Morris.

Councilmembers Absent: John Pitera

Staff Present: Village Manager Jon Middleton, Chief of Police Richard Herring, Chief of Emergency Services Chip Munna, Tax Collector Dawn Reno, Finance Director Shelia Boyd, Utilities Director Ken Bowling, Public Works Director Ben Liddle, Building Inspector Stephen Boyett and Village Clerk Amy Candler recording the meeting.

Others Present: Bald Head Limited Director of Communications Joyce Fulton, Bald Head Island Limited Director of Transportation Woody Fulton, and Bald Head Association Manager Joey Hill.

Citizens Present: Don Tillman, Mike Boozell, and Anne Boozell

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda Mayor Lammert

Mayor Lammert called the April 28, 2006 Work Session meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Lammert added an agenda item regarding a presentation on the new ferry boat classification by Mr. Fulton. Councilor Douglas made a motion to approve the agenda with the stated changes. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

2. Review of Agenda for the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2006

Ms. Boyd advised that the resolution regarding Finistar, Inc. is to add several more banking institutions to the original resolution adopted by Council in August 2005. Mr. Tillman was present on behalf of the Public Safety Committee. He advised that the Public Safety Committee recommends that all of the striping on the roadways be repainted. He added that the Committee does not recommend any new striping on the roadways rather just the repainting of the current striping. The Council directed Mr. Middleton to work with the Public Works Director to move forward with this project. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre asked if the Public Safety Committee has addressed the issue of scooters. Councilor Morris replied that the Committee has discussed the scooter issue but is not currently prepared to make a recommendation to Council at this time. Councilor Douglas advised that the Beach Committee would like to recommend to Council that the Village place doggie trash bag dispensers at all of the public beach accesses. He advised that Bald Head Island Limited Facility Maintenance department has agreed to construct the doggie boxes for a total of \$650.00. The Village Council directed Mr. Middleton to move forward with the process of the construction and installation of the doggie boxes.

3. Discussion of the Greenway/Blueway Plan

Mayor Lammert advised that he asked Ms. Fulton to come to today's meeting to discuss the Greenway/Blueway plan for informational purposes because there seems to be numerous rumors revolving around the Island regarding the plan. Ms. Fulton explained that this pedestrian pathway plan has been a vision of Mr. Mitchell's for the past ten (10) years. She explained that after the initial idea, Bald Head Island Limited

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started adding easements on the properties of which they developed so the vision could be maintained. She further advised that Mr. Mitchell took his vision before the Island Communication Group and the group was very receptive of the plan. The Long Range Planning Committee also reviewed the vision and was receptive but very adamant that no bicycles be allowed on the path. Ms. Fulton explained that in Stage II, any property that was sold by the Developer had easements retained from the property owners for the pathway. Mayor Lammert advised that the path that currently passes through the maritime forest does not incorporate into the proposed path. Councilor Morris commented that the area on Muscadine of where the proposed trail is to be located would involve several large oak trees. He asked if these trees would be taken out to make way for the proposed path. Ms. Fulton assured the Council that Mr. Mitchell will not cut any trees to develop the pathway. Ms. Fulton reported that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Henry have walked that path and taken pictures of the scenery along the way. She advised that it might be possible for Mr. Mitchell or Mr. Henry to be available for the May meeting to answer questions regarding the pathway. Ms. Fulton reassured the Council that Mr. Mitchell would not cut down any trees to build any type of structure on this pathway. Mayor Lammert explained that the pathway was listed as one of the goals of the Long Range Plan. He emphasized that the Village Council has not accepted this pathway plan and so the Council agreed to hold a Public Forum on this idea before they endorse this vision of Mr. Mitchell's. Ms. Fulton explained that this idea has been switched from the Developer's concept to the Bald Head Island Conservancy in hopes of receiving some Federal Funding toward the construction of the pathway. It was the consensus of the Council to add the presentation of the Greenway/Blueway Trail to the May 19th Regular Council Meeting

4. Review of the Bald Head Island Transportation New Barge Fees and K-boat Status

Mr. Fulton commented that by the description of the agenda item, it appears that there are new barge fees. He advised that the barge would continue to charge for six (6) feet worth of deck space as in the past. He further advised that the actual fees have not changed; the new schedule is a clearer presentation of the current barge fees.

Mr. Fulton reported that Bald Head Transportation is currently working on getting the ferry system to K-boat standards. K-boat standards were put into affect as part of Homeland Security. Mr. Fulton reported that passengers would not notice a large difference. Basically, the vessel and facility security will be increased; luggage will have to be tagged, the wheel house will have to remain locked at the times of which passengers are on the ferry and the mates will have to continue to move about the ferry as they do currently. Mr. Fulton advised that there is going to have to be some improvements made to the Patriot before the K-boat classification can be approved by the Coast Guard. Mr. Fulton clarified that the Ranger was built to K-boat standards during the construction phase of the vessel. The Council asked when the Ranger is scheduled to enter into the

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ferry fleet schedule. Mr. Fulton responded that hopefully the Ranger would be in service by the middle of May.

5. Review the Progress of the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget and Set Date for Special Meeting

Mr. Middleton reported that he has met with all of the Village Department Heads regarding their budget request for the 2006-2007 budget. He advised the Council that they need to move forward with setting a Special Meeting date for the review of the proposed budget. The Council agreed to hold the Special Meeting on Tuesday, May 16th at 9:30 a.m.

6. Discussion of the Request for Funding for the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association

Mayor Lammert reported that he received a request from the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association requesting assistance with funding for lobbying efforts for beach restoration and preservation. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre agreed that the Council should put money toward these efforts but should ask for accountability of the funds. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with \$5000.00 to go toward the funding of lobbying efforts but contact the American Shore and Beach Preservation Association and request documentation of accountability.

7. Discussion of Amendments to the Floodplain Damage Prevention Ordinance

Mr. McCall reported that he included a brief memo with the agenda packet and a letter that was addressed to the Mayor stressing the importance of adopting the amendments to the Floodplain Damage Prevention Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre asked what areas of the Island are going to be most affected by the changes. Mr. McCall answered that the main areas will be Middle Island and areas of South Bald Head Wynd. Mr. McCall further advised that the flood damage prevention draft ordinance was taken directly from the state model. Mr. McCall explained that the major change in the ordinance is that the HVAC and ductwork has to be above the base flood elevation. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre shared his concerns regarding the two (2) foot free board requirement that is incorporated into the ordinance. He advised that this could affect the building height restriction which in turn could cause architectural problems and the over all aesthetics of the house. Mr. Middleton reported that the Village will make the changes known to Emily Bonney with the ARC and also to Bald Head Limited Planning Department. Mr. McCall added that the Council will need to add the First Reading and set a Public Hearing date to the afternoon meeting to beat the June 2nd deadline that is required by the State. It was the consensus of the Council to add the First Reading to the afternoon meeting and set the Public Hearing date for the May 19, 2006 Regular Council Meeting.

8. Discussion of South Bald Head Wynd Elevation Issues

Mr. Middleton advised that he received a quote from Island Contracting to raise the road elevation of South Bald Head Wynd. He reported the estimate was \$50,000. Mr. Middleton further advised that Barnhill Paving suggested grading the road and using roll-over curbing versus raising the elevation of the road. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre stated that grading the road and roll-over curbing will not work because if overwash were to occur it would be difficult to clear the road. Mr. Middleton asked for clarification as to why the Village is looking to do this project. Mr. Liddle commented that the blacktop is beginning to break off in the area. Councilor Douglas suggested installing stormwater drains in the area while the project is under construction. Mayor Lammert advised that Mr. Middleton, Mr. McCall and Mr. Liddle work together on this project and bring the plans back to the Council so it can be added to the fall paving project.

9. Manager's Update on Village Projects and Other Matters for Consideration

Mr. Middleton reported that Mr. Galvani agreed to sign the stormwater easement relating to lagoon seventeen (17). The Village is awaiting the signed agreement. Mr. Middleton further reported that the drawings of the pump house have been delivered to the Club and the Village is yet to hear anything back from the Club. As per all of the hold ups and delays, the June 1st completion date has been moved back to July 1st. Mayor Lammert advised that the pumps need to be in place before hurricane season.

Mr. Middleton reported that mobilization for the paving project is scheduled to begin today. He advised that if the weather is good Barnhill Paving could have the work complete by next week.

Chief Munna reported that the new beach rescue vehicle is parked in lot A at Indigo. He advised that there are a few more things that need to be done to it before it is moved to the Island. He further advised that it should be on the Island in the next two (2) weeks.

Mr. Middleton reported that an alligator decided to relocate to the Maritime Market area and with the help of Captain Cox and Wayne Krahn, the alligator was moved to the alligator lookout on Stede Bonnet.

Mr. Middleton reported that the Village is in the process of modifying the permit to remove lagoon three (3) and add lagoon two (2) to the loop. He added that the Village is also looking into drilling test wells that would take lagoon fifteen (15) out of the system.

Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre commented that the Council agreed to look into the revenue for daily and annual ICE permits after the lawsuit was settled. Mr. Middleton advised that this would be covered during the budget meeting as well as hiring a multipurpose individual to collect those fees and other fees for the Village.

Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre asked where the Village is at on the Median Maintenance Project. Mr. McCall replied that the irrigation has been installed at the median that runs from Sea Lavender Court to Laughing Gull Trail. He advised that the Public Works Department is also working on the crossovers.

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Councilor Douglas reported that David Nash came over to the Island on Monday and went with Maureen Dewire and David Nash to visit some of the Beach Vitex sites. He advised that millions of seeds have germinated from the plants and that on Horsemint Trail there are lots that are completely covered. He further advised that this is somewhat discouraging. Councilor Douglas reported that the Conservancy has three (3) interns they want to hire for deer, alligator and vitex and if the Village were to agree to assist in the funding of one (1) intern, we would be assured the equivalent of one (1) fulltime person for Vitex over the summer. Mayor Lammert asked of the Council's wishes regarding the funding of an intern. The Council directed Mr. Middleton to contact Ms. Dorsey from the Conservancy regarding the amount of an intern.

Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre asked about the status of the jetty. Mr. Middleton reported that the CAMA permit is being looked into to ensure that it would cover the extension without a modification.

10. Closed Session (*pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a) (6)*)

• Personnel

At this time, Mayor Lammert advised that the Council will enter into closed session. Councilor Douglas made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11(a) (3) and (5). In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

Closed session began at 11:40 a.m.

Councilor Morris made a motion to return to open session. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)** Mayor Lammert advised that no action was taken during closed session.

The open meeting reconvened at 12:34 p.m.

12. Adjourn

Mayor Lammert asked for any additional items for discussion. With no additional items for discussion, Councilor Douglas made a motion to adjourn the April 28, 2006 Council Work Session meeting. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

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The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Approved:

Larry Lammert, Mayor

Attest:

Amy R. Candler, Village Clerk