

Village of Bald Head Island Council Meeting

March 16, 2007

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

Staff Present: Village Manager Calvin Peck, Assistant Village Manager/Planning Director Chris McCall, Chief of Police Richard Herring, Chief of Emergency Services Chip Munna, Tax Collector Dawn Reno, Utilities Director Ken Bowling, Public Works Director Ben Liddle, Finance Director Deb Straub, Village Attorney Michael Myers and Village Clerk Amy Candler recording the meeting.

Others Present: Bald Head Island Limited Director of Communications Joyce Fulton, Bald Head Association Manager Joey Hill, Bald Head Island Conservancy Director Suzanne Dorsey and Danny Glauson with Progress Energy.

Citizens Present: Ray Webb, Dana Quanstrom, Tina Grambrel, Alex Grambrel, Kevin Grambrel and Marianne Link

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda Mayor Lammert

Mayor Lammert called the March 16, 2007 Village Council Meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. Councilor Pitera made a motion to approve the Council Meeting agenda as presented. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

2. Public Hearings

2.1 An Amendment to the Village of Bald Head Island Code of Ordinances Chapter 20, Article II, Section 20-36 Entitled "Pickup of Major Discarded Items 2."—*postponed until April 20th*

2.2 An Ordinance of the Village of Bald Head Island to Regulate the Movement of New and/or Existing Structures on the Island—*postponed until April 20th*

Mayor Lammert advised that due to the time change of the meeting the public hearings will be postponed until the April 20th meeting.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Minutes
January 19, 2007, Regular Meeting
January 19, 2007, Work Session Meeting
February 16, 2007, Regular Meeting
February 16, 2007, Work Session Meeting

3.2 Annual Report of Unpaid Taxes

3.3 Authorization for Delinquent Tax Notice Advertisement

Budget Amendment

3.4 A Request to Amend the Budget Ordinance to Fund Unanticipated Expenditures in Administration

Councilor Pitera made a motion to approve the consent agenda. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

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4. Old Business

4.1 Update on Wilmington Harbor Project Maintenance Dredging Project
Mayor Lammert reported that the Wilmington Harbor is on schedule and the first leg of the project should be complete in the next few days then sand will start being placed on the groinfield. The pipes should be moved Monday to the Muscadine area.

5. New Business

5.1 Recognition of Biff White for his Years of Dedicated Service to Bald Head Island

Mayor Lammert advised that Biff White with Progress Energy has accepted a position in Morehead City and therefore he will be leaving this area. He further advised that Mr. White has been the main contact person when any problems have occurred on the Island for the last several years. Mayor Lammert presented a certificate of appreciation for the work and dedication that Mr. White has shown the Village as well as the Island over the past several years. Danny Glason was present to accept the certificate on behalf of Mr. White.

5.2 Financial Statement-February, 2007—*Debra Straub*

Ms. Straub reported that \$112,000 was collected in property taxes during the month of February as well as \$38,000 in investment interest and \$37,000 in building permit fees. She further reported that as of the end of February the expenditures are 51% for the fiscal year budget. She advised that the major expenditure for the month of February were auditor and legal fees.

First Reading

5.3 A Proposed Amendment to the Village of Bald Head Island Beach Equipment Ordinance

Mr. Myers explained that the proposed amendment to the Beach Equipment ordinance would tighten up the ordinance which would not allow the Village Manager to much authority. Mayor Lammert advised that the second reading and the public hearing will be held at the April Council Meeting.

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Beach

Anne Kane

In the absence of Ms. Kane, Councilor Douglas advised that the Beach Committee did not meet.

6.2 Finance

John Knott

In the absence of Mr. Knott, Mayor Lammert advised that the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday.

6.3 Public Safety

Don Tillman

In the absence of Mr. Tillman, Councilor Morris reported that the public Safety Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday.

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6.4 Public Works

Richard Mesaris

In the absence of Mr. Mesaris, Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre reported that the Public Works Committee did not meet.

6.5 Transportation

Wayne Lambert

In the absence of Mr. Lambert, Councilor Pitera reported that the Transportation Committee did not have a quorum and therefore did not meet.

7. Monthly Reports

7.1 Manager's Report

Manager Peck

Mr. Peck reported that today is Ms. O'Brien's last day with the Village. He advised that staff came together and looked at the two (2) separate roles her position occupied and decided that there is a greater need at this time for the finance side of the position. Therefore, the Village is going to hire a temporary person to assist the Finance Director and Mr. Boyett will adjust the office hours of which he will be available in the office.

Mr. Peck reported that April 3rd is the bid opening for Middle Island sewer. He advised that the Village hopes to have the permit in hand by the time of the bid opening. Mr. Peck emphasized that the engineers made an attempt to get the bid packets out to contractors that have worked on the Island in the past. Hopefully the bid will be awarded at the April 20th Council Meeting.

Mr. Peck reported that the Village has hired a new architect for Village Hall expansion. The architects will be on the Island to meet with the Administration and Building Inspections staff on April 3rd.

7.2 Police Department

Chief Herring

Chief Herring reported that the Police Department fared well during Spring Break. There were very few disturbances.

7.3 Fire/EMS Department

Chief Munna

Chief Munna reported that the slower winter months have allowed time for the Department to get caught up on various tasks. He advised that Easter weekend will start the season and therefore the Department is trying to get ready for a very busy summer.

8. Comments, Reports and Questions

8.1 Citizens

Ms. Grambrel read a letter in opposition to the recently amended ordinance which will require licensed drivers to operate electric scooters on the Island.

Master Kevin Grambrel asked the Village Council to reconsider their decision regarding that scooter ordinance.

Master Alex Grambrel asked the Village Council to please allow unlicensed drivers to operate electric scooters on the Island.

Ms. Grambrel stated that her as well as her neighbors would like to ask the Council to reopen the amendment to the scooter ordinance for discussion.

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8.2 Bald Head Island Association—Bob Porter President

There was nothing to report from the Bald Head Association at this time.

8.3 Bald Head Island, Ltd.—Joyce Fulton

Ms. Fulton reported that the River Pilot Café will become completely smoke free.

8.4 Bald Head Island Conservancy—Suzanne Dorsey

Ms. Dorsey thanked the volunteers that helped with the construction of the new shed. She advised that next community discussion will be on evasive species.

8.5 Mayor and Council

There were no comments from the Mayor or Council at this time.

9. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Lammert entertained a motion to adjourn the March 16, 2007 Council meeting. Councilor Pitera made a motion to adjourn. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Approved:

Larry Lammert, Mayor

Attest:

Amy R. Candler, Village Clerk

