

Village of Bald Head Island Council Meeting

April 20, 2007

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

Councilmembers Absent: Councilors Gene Douglas and John Pitera

Staff Present: 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, Accounting Tech Gloria Agnew, Village Attorney Charles Baldwin and Village Clerk Amy Candler recording the meeting.

Others Present: Bald Head Island Limited Director of Communications Joyce Fulton, Genie Ostle with the Bald Head Island Club and Amanda Timbers with the Bald Head Island Conservancy.

Citizens Present: Dick Johnston, Jane Johnson, Diane Mesaris, Bob and Gail Liesegang, Juanita Roushdy, Bob Porter and Marianne Link.

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda Mayor Lammert

Mayor Lammert called the April 20, 2007 Village Council Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Councilor Morris made a motion to approve the Council Meeting agenda as presented. In a voice vote, with Councilor Douglas and Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

Mayor Lammert explained today is a day of mourning for the Virginia Tech students. He advised that the ribbons that are being worn are in memory of the students that were killed earlier in the week.

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."

Mr. McCall advised that the amendment to the proposed ordinance will regulate the vegetative debris that property owners can leave on the road. He further advised that the main reason the Public Works Committee made the recommendation to amend the ordinance was to regulate landscapers from being able to leave the vegetative debris along the roadside for the Public Works Department to pickup. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre added that the Village Council want to continue to help the citizens with the disposal of white goods and furniture so the Village will ask that property owners sign a waiver that will not hold the Village liable for any damages that could occur. Mayor Lammert opened up the floor for public comments. There were no public to comment on the proposed ordinance amendment, therefore Mayor Lammert closed the public hearing.

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4.2 Consideration and Approval of 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."

Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances regarding the pickup of major discarded items with the amendment stated earlier concerning a property waiver. In a voice vote, with Councilor Douglas and Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

4.3 Consideration and Approval of an Ordinance of the Village of Bald Head Island to Regulate the Movement of New and/or Existing Structures on the Island

Mayor pro Tempore Sayre suggested that the Village Council take into consideration the comments made by Ms. Fulton and allow the Village Manager the right for the movement of large structures between Memorial Day and Labor Day on a case by case basis. Mr. Baldwin advised that the Council should delay the approval of the ordinance until May meeting. It was the consensus of the Village Council to continue the discussion on the proposed ordinance at the May Council meeting.

4.4 Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Village of Bald Head Island Beach Equipment Ordinance

Councilor Morris made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the beach equipment ordinance. In a voice vote, with Councilor Douglas and Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

5. New Business

5.1 Financial Statement-March, 2007—*Debra Straub*

Ms. Straub introduced Gloria Agnew. She advised that Ms. Agnew's is the new Accounting Technician of which is currently a full time temporary position. It will be requested that the position become permanent with the approval of the 2007-2008 fiscal year budget.

Ms. Straub reported that the Village had a couple of notes that came due during the month of March. She advised that the Village is getting a 5.28 percentage rate. She further advised that the main expenditure for the month of March was the quarterly waterline payment.

5.2 Consideration and Approval of the Request from Ibis Roost HOA to Accept the Right-of-Ways for Maintenance within the Ibis Roost Development

Mr. McCall explained that the Ibis Roost HOA submitted a request in August of 2006 that the Village accept the right-of-way for maintenance within the Ibis Roost subdivision. At this time the Village Staff conducted an inspection and identified several areas in need of repair and repaving. Mr. McCall advised that the repairs have now been completed and the Ibis Roost HOA have also submitted a letter from Coastal Land Design indicating that there have been no drainage issues. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre made a motion to accept the right-of-ways for maintenance within the Ibis Roost

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subdivision. In a voice vote, with Councilor Douglas and Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

5.3 A Resolution Concerning Brunswick County 2007 Property Tax Revaluation

Mayor Lammert explained that the Village has decided to join in with other municipalities in Brunswick County and pass a resolution that will ask the Brunswick County Commissioner to delay the affective date of the revaluation for one (1) year. Councilor Morris made a motion to approve the resolution. In a voice vote, with Councilor Douglas and Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Beach

Anne Kane

In the absence of Ms. Kane and Councilor Douglas, Mayor Lammert advised that he attended the Brunswick Beaches Consortium Meeting Beach meeting yesterday in the place of Councilor Douglas. He advised that the Consortium passed statement regarding static vegetation line. Mayor Lammert further advised that Ms. Roushdy has tendered her resignation from the Beach Committee therefore the Village Council is now in search of a new member.

6.2 Finance

John Knott

In the absence of Mr. Knott, Mayor Lammert reported that the Finance Committee did not meet but are continuing to work on the Five (5) year rolling plan.

6.3 Public Safety

Don Tillman

In the absence of Mr. Tillman, Councilor Morris advised that the Public Safety Committee is continuing to review safety concerns of the Island.

6.4 Public Works

Richard Mesaris

There was no report from the Public Works Committee at this time.

6.5 Transportation

Wayne Lambert

There was no report from the Transportation Committee at this time.

7. Monthly Reports

7.1 Manager's Report

Assistant Manager McCall

Mayor Lammert advised that Mr. McCall is sitting in for the Village Manager, Mr. Peck so that Mr. Peck could take his son to an Atlanta Braves baseball game before he is deployed to Iraq for the forth (4th) time.

Mr. McCall reported that the Village is continuing to work on the expansion to the Village Hall. He advised that we have recently contracted with and architectural firm in Wilmington. He further advised that it is anticipated that the expansion will include public restroom facilities and an assembly hall.

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Mr. McCall reported that the Village has contracted with the MAPS group in regard to a salary study for the Village Employees. The MAPS group will also revamp the personnel policy.

Mr. McCall reported that the Village will start the sea oats project. He advised that the planting will start around the Muscadine area and continue in the Vitex areas.

7.2 Police Department

Chief Herring

Chief Herring reported that the Police Department made it through Easter weekend without any major problems. He reported that two (2) of his officers have new additions to their families. Scott Anderson a girl and Brad Stone a boy.

7.3 Fire/EMS Department

Chief Munna

Chief Munna reported that the Fire Departments new boat will be on the Island by the end of next week. He invited everyone to stop by and check out the new boat. Chief Munna further reported that the Department had a long day of NIMS training on Thursday. He advised that the Fire Department, volunteers and Village Officials are required to have the training.

8. Comments, Reports and Questions

8.1 Citizens

Ms. Roushdy asked of the status of the Middle Island Sewer Project. Mayor Lammert reported that the bids came in higher than the Village or the engineers anticipated. Therefore, Village Staff is going to work with the engineers and rebid the project.

8.2 Bald Head Island Association—Bob Porter President

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

8.3 Bald Head Island, Ltd.—Joyce Fulton

There was nothing to report from Bald Head Island, Ltd. at this time.

8.4 Bald Head Island Conservancy—Suzanne Dorsey

In the absence of Ms. Dorsey, Ms Timbers reported that the Interns have been hired and will be on the Island on May 19th. She invited everyone to attend the annual Crayfish Boil on May 25th.

8.5 Mayor and Council

There was nothing further from the Mayor and Council at this time.

9. Adjourn

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Lammert entertained a motion to adjourn the April 20, 2007 Council meeting. Councilor Morris made a motion to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Councilor Douglas and Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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Approved:

Larry Lammert, Mayor

Attest:

Amy R. Candler, Village Clerk