

VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
Work Session Meeting
September 16, 2005

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Larry Lammert and Councilmembers Gene Douglas, and John Pitera.

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Pro Tempore Andy Sayre and Councilor Art Morris.

Staff Present: Village Manager Jon Middleton, Assistant Village Manager/Planning Director Chris McCall, Police Chief Richard Herring, Tax Collector Heather Hardee, Public Works Director Ben Liddle, Village Attorney Charles Baldwin and Village Clerk Amy Candler recording the meeting.

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

Citizens Present: Bob and Judy Porter.

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Mayor Lammert called the September 16, 2005 Work Session meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. Mayor Lammert asked for amendments to the Work Session agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilor Douglas made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. In a voice vote with Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre and Councilor Morris being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

2. Review of Agenda for the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2005

Mayor Lammert reviewed the agenda for the regular Council Meeting. He advised that under old business there is a resolution authorizing the purchase of assets of the Bald Head Island Utility Company. Mayor Lammert concurred that the Council had read over the resolution and were in agreement to any revisions made to the resolution since the original copy was distributed. There were no questions regarding the resolution and everyone was in agreement with the content.

3. Discussion of an Ordinance to Declare Beach Vitex a Highly Invasive Plant and Therefore Prohibit From Planting on Bald Head Island

Councilor Douglas explained that Beach Vitex is a highly invasive plant and dangers the native vegetation which exists on the island dunes. He advised that Beach Vitex first became apparent on the South Carolina coastline at Debidue Beach. At this time a task force was formed to eradicate the plant species and prohibit the planting of this species in South Carolina. Since that time, North Carolina has followed suit and is in the process of forming our own task force. Councilor Douglas advised that he recently attended a Symposium at Fort Fisher that addressed the harm that Beach Vitex caused to other dune vegetation. Councilor Douglas announced that David Nash with the New Hanover County Cooperative Extension Service will be at the October 21st Regular Council Meeting to discuss the negative impact of the Beach Vitex plant. Councilor Douglas explained that David Nash has already visited the Island and along with Maureen Dewire from the Conservancy discovered thirty-three (33) different sites where Beach Vitex is located, three (3) sites of which has excreted over the dunes. Councilor

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Douglas further explained that the first step the Village Council needs to take is passing an ordinance prohibiting the planting of Beach Vitex and laying out the process for eradication. He advised that Clemson University is currently researching methods of eradication of the Beach Vitex plant. It has been estimated that the cost of eradication is \$5000 per acre. Councilor Douglas informed the public that for more information regarding Beach Vitex there is a website, www.beachvitex.org that provides more detailed information on the plant. Councilor Douglas emphasized that the Village is applying for grants to help fund the eradication process. He added that a landscaper planted fifty-eight (58) Beach Vitex plants for the Villa's. John Chamberlain, the President of the Villa's Association, was contacted and informed of the danger of the plants and therefore the plants were immediately removed. The Village is currently waiting for these plants to dry so the Public Works Department can burn them. Ms. Fulton commented that Bald Head Island Limited recognizes the fact that Beach Vitex should not be planted on the Island. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the First Reading of the ordinance at the 3:00 meeting and schedule the Second Reading and the Public Hearing date at the October 21st Regular Meeting.

4. Committee Appointments to the Beach and Transportation Committees

Mayor Lammert reported that the Beach Committee has one (1) vacancy and the Transportation Committee has two (2) vacancies. He advised that the Beach Committee has recommended the appointment of Bob Helgesen. He further advised that Ann Cary Hevener and Don Tillman have filled out applications for appointments for the Transportation Committee. Councilor Pitera made a motion to appoint Bob Helgesen to the Beach Committee and Don Tillman and Ann Cary Hevener to the Transportation Committee. In a voice vote, with Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre and Councilor Morris being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

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

With the Work Session Meeting delayed to the 2:00 p.m. due to Hurricane Ophelia, Mr. Middleton reported that he would provide his Manager's Report at the 3:00 p.m. Regular Meeting.

Mayor Lammert thanked everyone involved with Hurricane Ophelia. He added special recognition to Chief Munna for his dedication during the storm.

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

- **Village of Bald Head Island, et al. vs. Great Lakes Dock and Dredge Company**
- **Village of Bald Head Island, vs. US Army Corps of Engineers**
- **Village of Bald Head Island, vs. Bald Head Island Utilities**

Councilor Pitera made a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(3)(5)). In a voice vote, with Mayor Pro

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Tempore Sayre and Councilor Morris being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

Closed session began at 2:17 p.m.

Councilor Douglas made a motion to return to open session. In a voice vote, with Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre and Councilor Morris being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)** Mayor Lammert advised that no action was taken during closed session.

The open meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

7. Adjourn

With no additional items of discussion, Mayor Lammert entertained a motion to adjourn the September 16, 2005 Village Council Worksession. Councilor Pitera made the motion to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre and Councilor Morris being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 3-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Approved:

Larry Lammert, Mayor

Attest:

Amy R. Candler, Village Clerk