

VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2006

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

Staff Present: Village Manager Jon Middleton, Planning Director/Assistant Village Manager Chris McCall, Police Chief Richard Herring, Chief of Emergency Services Chip Munna, Building Inspector Stephen Boyett, Public Works Director Ben Liddle, Tax Collector Dawn Reno, Utilities Director Ken Bowling, Village Attorney Charles Baldwin and the Village Clerk Amy Candler recording the meeting.

Others Present: Bald Head Island Limited Director of Communications Joyce Fulton and Hillary Snow with the State Port Pilot.

Citizens Present: Bob Flynn, Richard Mesaris, Don Tillman, Bill Waddell, Bob Leisegang, Brooks Powell and Marianne Link.

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda

Mayor Lammert called the March 24, 2006 Regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Mayor Lammert asked for amendments to the regular meeting agenda. With no changes to the agenda, Councilor Pitera made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

2. Consent Agenda

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| 2.1 | Approval of Minutes | February 16, 2006, Special Meeting
February 17, 2006, Regular Meeting
February 17, 2006, Worksession Meeting
February 24, 2006, Special Meeting |
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| 2.2 | Tax Release Request |
| 2.3 | Annual Report of Unpaid Taxes |

Resolutions

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| 2.4 | A Resolution Supporting the Use of Tolls to Construct, Operate and Maintain Interstate 74 in Brunswick and Columbus Counties Roads |
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Proclamation

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| 2.5 | Spring Litter Sweep 2006 |
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Mayor Lammert reviewed the consent agenda. He advised that it consists of the minutes from previous meetings, a tax release request, and the annual report of unpaid taxes which after approval will be advertised in the local papers. He further advised that there is also a resolution supporting the use of toll roads for Interstate 74. He added that there is also a proclamation for the spring litter sweep which will be held during the last two (2) weeks of April. Councilor Pitera made a motion to approve the consent agenda. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

3. Old Business

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| 3.1 | Consideration and Approval of the Spring 2006 Paving Project
Mr. Middleton reported that after the morning meeting he talked with Mr. Henry and he advised that Limited is paving a portion of South Bald Head Wynd in the fall. Mr. |
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Middleton suggested moving the South Bald Head Wynd project to the fall so the Village can piggyback with Limited. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre made a motion to approve the spring paving project without the South Bald Head Wynd. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

Mayor Lammert asked Ms. Fulton if Limited plans to turn the remainder of South Bald Head Wynd over to the Village after the fall paving. Ms. Fulton responded that it is the intent of the Developer to ask the Village accept the remainder of the road.

4. New Business

4.1 Financial Statements—February, 2006

In the absence of Ms. Boyd, Mr. Middleton reported that the Village received \$31,000 in interest on investments for the month of February. He advised that the Building Inspections Department collected \$24,000 in permit fees and the Village also received reimbursement of \$163,000 from FEMA for Hurricane Charlie. Mr. Middleton reported that the Village expended \$18,000 for a new Ford Explorer for the Police Department. He continued, reporting that the Village also transferred \$539,000 to the Beach Stabilization Fund and paid \$450,000 for the Bald Head Creek Dredging Project.

4.2 Update on Political Lobbying Efforts in Washington DC

Mayor Lammert advised that two (2) groups of the Village Officials went to Washington DC for political lobbying efforts for Bald Head Island Beach Restoration efforts. He advised that all of the representatives that he and Mr. Middleton met with were very receptive to the issues that face Bald Head Island. He further advised that the Presidents Budget came up \$7 million short for dredging and restoration projects. The \$7 million is the amount needed for dredging the channel. Mayor Lammert emphasized that he and Mr. Middleton not only met with North Carolina Representatives they met with Congressman Mollohan who has a special interest in the island. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre reported that during his visit to DC, the representatives he met with were non-enthusiastic about the fifty (50) year beach plan and were very surprised at the announcement of the mega port. Mayor Lammert advised that the Council will continue to work on the beach issues as there is a meeting planned with the Council and the Corps of Engineers April 24th.

5. Committee Reports

5.1 Beach

Anne Kane

In the absence of Ms. Kane, Councilor Douglas reported on a Beach Vitex Symposium of which he made a presentation regarding the vitex program on Bald Head Island. He advised that he reported on the amount of Vitex found on the Island as well as the eradication program sponsored by the Village. He reported that North and South Carolina has joined forces to form the Carolina task force. He also reported that a herbicide is currently being worked on that will kill the seed of the Vitex. Councilor Douglas reported that by November, Beach Vitex will be placed on the states obnoxious weed list. Mr. Mesaris asked what the removed Vitex will be replaced with. Councilor

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Douglas responded that the removed Vitex in the common areas and dunes will be replaced with sea oats and bitter panicum and private properties will be replaced with native plantings to the Island.

5.2 Finance

John Knott

In the absence of Mr. Knott, Mayor Lammert reported that the Finance Committee did not meet but they are still working on the five (5) year rolling plan.

5.3 Public Safety

Don Tillman

Mr. Tillman reported that there was not a quorum present at the meeting and therefore the Public Safety Committee reviewed items from the month before.

5.4 Public Works

Richard Mesaris

Mr. Mesaris reported that the Public works Committee came up with recommendations for the spring paving project. He further advised that the Committee also came up with fourteen recommendations of which the Village Council directed Village Staff to look into. Mr. Mesaris reported that as of the morning meeting, the Village Council agreed to do away with the cardboard recycling program on the Island. As of May 1st. The Council decided that the program was not feasible. Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre commented that Mr. Mesaris and the Public Works Committee did a great job putting these recommendations together.

5.5 Transportation

Wayne Lambert

In the absence of Mr. Lambert, Councilor Pitera advised that the Transportation Committee did not have a quorum at their last meeting. Ms. Fulton advised that the Ranger should be coming to the Island in the next few weeks.

6. Monthly Reports

6.1 Manager's Report

Manager Middleton

Mr. Middleton reported that Progress Energy will start replacing power lines on the Island that have been in place for over twenty-five (25) years. He advised that there will be minimal outages.

Mr. Middleton reported that the Deer Management Program is complete and a total of one hundred forty-five (145) deer taken and the meat was donated to Hunters for the Hungry.

Mr. Middleton reported that the Village is going to move forward with the bid documents for the stormwater improvements. He advised that the cost of the improvements has been estimated at \$330,000. He further advised that the estimate does not include the cost of the portable generator. He further reported that the Engineers are currently working on a plan to remove Lagoon 3 or from the system.

6.2 Police Department

Chief Herring

Chief Herring reported that February was a slow month but resulted in high citations due to expired registrations. He further reported that the Village just hired Deb Dellinger as an Officer. Deb came to the Village from Oak Island. He advised that she plans to attend the April meeting to be formally introduced. Chief Herring announced the birth of Officer Adam Green's baby girl.

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6.3 Fire/EMS Department

Chief Munna

Chief Munna reported that February was a slow month but it will start picking up around Easter. He further reported that the Department just finished up a sixteen (16) hour trauma course. The course had lots of hands on training. He advised that some of the members of the Fire Department went to Mayden to burn the rest of Captain Kiser's Mom's house. Chief Munna further advised that water rescue training will begin in April.

7. Comments, Reports and Questions

7.1 Citizens

There were no citizen comments at this time.

7.2 Bald Head Island Association—Bob Porter President

There were no comments from the Association at this time.

7.3 Bald Head Island, Ltd.—Joyce Fulton

There were no comments from Bald Head Limited at this time.

7.4 Mayor and Council

The Mayor and Council had no additional comments at this time.

8. Adjourn

With no additional items of discussion, Mayor Lammert entertained a motion to adjourn the March 24, 2006 Village Council meeting. Councilor Douglas made the motion to adjourn. In a voice vote, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Approved:

Larry Lammert, Mayor

Attest:

Amy R. Candler, Village Clerk