

Village of Bald Head Island Council Meeting

July 20, 2007

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

Councilmembers Absent: Councilor John Pitera

Staff Present: Village Manager Calvin Peck, Assistant Village Manager/Planning Director Chris McCall, Police Chief Richard Herring, Finance Director Deb Straub, Chief of Emergency Services Chip Munna, Tax Collector Dawn Reno, Utilities Director Ken Bowling, 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, Suzanne Dorsey with the Bald Head Island Conservancy and Ben Brown with the State Port Pilot.

Citizens Present: George Hayworth, King Triplett, Marianne Link, Bob Porter,

1. Call to Order/Approval of Agenda Mayor Lammert

Mayor Lammert called the July 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 Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

2. Public Hearings

2.1 An Amendment to the Village of Bald Head Island Code of Ordinances Section 24-37 Entitled "Minimum Design Standards for Sidewalks."

Mayor Lammert opened the Public Hearing regarding the minimum design standards for sidewalks. With no public comments, Mayor Lammert closed the public hearing.

3. Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of Minutes
May 7, 2007, Special Meeting
June 15, 2007, Regular Meeting
June 15, 2007, Work Session Meeting
June 27, 2007, Special Meeting

3.2 2006 Unpaid Property Taxes and Tax Settlement
Ordinance Amendment

3.3 An Amendment to the Village of Bald Head Island Capital Project Ordinance Regarding the Completion of Modifications and/or Improvements to the Infiltration Pond System (Lagoons) and the Discharge of Treated Effluent from the Village Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant

Proclamation

3.4 Proclaiming August 3rd and 4th National Lighthouse Days on Bald Head Island

Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre made a motion to approve the consent agenda. In a voice vote, with Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

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4. Old Business

4.1 Update on Beach Private Sand Placement Efforts

Mayor Lammert reported that the Village Council is working on the details of a plan to move forward with the private sand placement project. He advised that the Village has approximately eighteen (18) months to get everything in line for the project.

Ordinances

4.2 Consideration and Approval of an Amendment to the Village of Bald Head Island Code of Ordinance Section 24-37, adding an Ordinance Entitled “Minimum Design Standards for Sidewalk”

Mayor Pro Tempore Sayre made a motion to approve the “Minimum Design Standards for Sidewalks.” In a voice vote, with Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

5. New Business

5.1 Recognition of George Hayworth for his Years of Dedicated Service to Bald Head Island

Mayor Lammert presented Mr. Hayworth with a plaque in appreciation for his time and dedication to various Village Committees and Boards. Mayor Lammert thanked Mr. Hayworth and wished him and his wife the very best future. Mr. Hayworth thanked the Village Council and Staff for their support over the years.

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

Ms. Straub reported that the Village ended the year on a positive note. The revenues were over budget at 4% and the expenditures were under budget at 71%.

5.3 Consideration and Approval of the Annual Audit Contract—Brock, Padgett, & Chandler, PLLC

Ms. Straub reported that the audit contract is basically the same as last year except for a minimal increase in the amount of the contract. Councilor Douglas made a motion to approve the audit contract. In a voice vote, with Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

5.4 Consideration and Approval of Storm Debris Removal Contract

Mr. Peck reported that the Village has negotiated contracts for three (3) separate divisions of storm debris removal. The process includes sand sifting, debris removal and trees and limbs. Mr. Peck further advised that FEMA requires these contracts be in place before an event occurs due to the reimbursement process. Councilor Morris made a motion to approve the low bidder in regard to the debris removal contracts. In a voice vote, with Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

6. Committee Reports

6.1 Beach

Anne Kane

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

6.2 Finance

John Knott

Mayor Lammert advised that the Finance Committee did not meet.

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6.3 Public Safety

Don Tillman

Councilor Morris reported that the Council appointed Brenda Quanstrom to the Public Safety Committee at the morning meeting.

6.4 Public Works

Richard Mesaris

Mr. Liddle reported that the Public Works Committee is working on design standards for bulk heads.

6.5 Transportation

Wayne Lambert

There was no Transportation Committee Meeting to report.

7. Monthly Reports

7.1 Manager's Report

Manager Peck

Mr. Peck reported that the reconnaissance study did not receive federal funding but has however received federal authorization.

Mr. Peck reported that as of yesterday afternoon, the sea oat plantings were almost complete except for a very small area.

Mr. Peck reported that the expansions for the Public Works Department and the Utility Department went out to bid this week. He advised that additional information will be available at the August meeting.

Mr. Peck reported that the conceptual design for the Village Hall expansion is scheduled for public presentation at the August Council Meeting.

Mr. Peck welcomed David Cox to the Administration Department as the IT Systems Administrator.

7.2 Police Department

Chief Herring

Chief Herring reported that during the month of June the Police Department wrote 32 citations for various offenses.

7.3 Fire/EMS Department

Chief Munna

Chief Munna reported that June was a very busy month. He advised that the July 4th festivities went well but the Department did have a couple of air lifts during the holiday weekend.

8. Comments, Reports and Questions

8.1 Citizens

Ms. Reece commented that she disagrees with the scooter ordinance. She advised that her family spends most of the summer on the Island and her children have always rode their scooters and have been very responsible. She further commented that the safety of children on the Island should be left to the parents. Ms. Reece submitted a list of names that was collected during the golf cart parade of people that are opposed to the scooter ordinance. These names will be attached as part of the official minutes.

Mr. Reed commented that he was surprised when arrived this year on the Island and found out that unlicensed drivers were no longer allowed to operate electric scooters. He asked how the property owners could open this issue back up for further discussion. He further commented that there seems to be more underage golf cart drivers than

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scooters. Mayor Lammert emphasized that any suspicion of underage cart drivers should be reported to the Police Department or dial 911

Mr. King complimented the Village Council on their decision to regulate scooter drivers. He commented that the ordinance is a good ordinance and he agrees with it completely.

Ms. Knight commented that she is very concerned about Public Safety on the Island and requested that the Village work on an alternate place for walkers, bikers and scooters riders to stay in tune with nature as well as maintain safety.

Ms. Reece asked how the scooter ordinance could be opened back up for discussion and reconsideration. Mayor Lammert replied that if someone comes up with a better solution the Council will be glad to reconsider the ordinance amendment.

8.2 Bald Head Island Association—Bob Porter President

There were no comments from the Association at this time.

8.3 Bald Head Island, Ltd.—Joyce Fulton

There were no comments from Ms. Fulton at this time.

8.4 Bald Head Island Conservancy—Suzanne Dorsey

Ms. Dorsey reported that the Conservancy is trying to get more parents involved with the functions of the Conservancy. Please call the Conservancy if you know anyone that would like to volunteer.

Ms. Dorsey reported that there are 37 turtle nest on the Island which is 15 less than last year. She advised that the trend seems to be the same on the East Coast this year.

Ms. Dorsey reported that the interns will be leaving soon but have spent the summer collecting wildlife information and beach vitex.

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 June 15, 2007 Council meeting. Councilor Douglas made a motion to adjourn. In a voice vote, with Councilor Pitera being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 4-0)**

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The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Approved:

Larry Lammert, Mayor

Attest:

Amy R. Candler, Village Clerk