

VILLAGE OF BALD HEAD ISLAND
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
November 12, 2010
Bald Head Association

COUNCILORS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Andrew Sayre
Mayor Pro Tempore John Fisher
Councilor Art Morris
Councilor John Pitera

STAFF PRESENT: Calvin R. Peck, Jr., Village Manager
Chris McCall, Asst. Manager/ Shoreline Protection Manager
Chip Munna, Chief of Public Safety
Charles Baldwin, Village Attorney
Debra Talbert, Village Clerk (recording minutes)

1. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda

Mayor Sayre called the November 12, 2010 Council Work Session to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Councilor Morris made motion, with all in approval. **(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)**

2. Review of Council Meeting Agenda

4.1- Calvin reviewed the financials for October. Calvin stated the Accommodation taxes year to date collections exceed projections by 15% ahead of prior years.

5.2- Calvin stated the Finance Committee has made recommendation for the approval of Walter McNairy as a committee member.

3. Communications Director

Tom Hayden with the Communications Committee reviewed a request from the committee for the Village to hire a Communications Director. The agronomics and communication issues for the Island were reviewed. The committee suggests the position should be the Liaison for the Island to communicate the Village issues. Mr. Hayden stated the position would be a full-time position and with the current economic environment the position could filled inexpensively. Council discussed the present position and asked if duties involved would overlap any other position. Calvin stated all positions would work together and would not interfere with the present positions role. Mayor Pro Tempore Fisher suggested the Council should study and research the request further and review the established positions for possible training in the field. Councilor Pitera suggested a possible Interim to begin program and staff follow-up. Mr. Hayden stated the communication position is a large job and should be permanent. Mayor Sayre and the Council agreed to review the proposal and discuss with staff.

4. Aquifer Study

Calvin spoke on the Aquifer Study focusing on the irrigation ponds and the issues on Lagoon 4 and 5 on the 14th hole. The Village will have to request of a setback variance

requirement and placing Lagoon 3 on the 15th hole back into the storm water system. The Village staff has had meetings with the Engineer and Jim Cornette reviewing results from the study and will be presenting them to the Club and the other entities on the Island. Calvin stated when the draft proposal is sent to Division of Water Quality. The staff will discuss with Council available options.

Mayor Sayre asked on the aftermath results of TS Nicole on the Island. Calvin stated the Engineers are researching the outfalls on both beaches to examine the conditions and operation.

Council and staff discussed the numbering of the ponds and lagoons. Calvin stated when the process of receiving a permit, the lagoons should be renumbered at that time.

Council and staff discussed the estimates for the pumps, pipes and supplies for the Storm water projects.

Councilor Morris asked if the flooding occurred due to the gate not being open at the number 6 hole. Calvin replied the Club did have the gate open and during the evening hours the Club's gate was closed and wheel was removed. Location of the wheel is unknown and recommendation has been made to the Engineer for a solution to secure the valve from future instances.

5. Council Retreat

Calvin spoke on request made for a Facilitator for the Council Retreat. Council discussed and Mayor Sayre has asked for a price quote to discuss further at a later date.

6. NCLM Green Challenge- Level One

Calvin spoke on the Green Challenge from the North Carolina League of Municipalities recognizing governments that have taken the initiative to conserve energy and natural resources at the local government level. This award was presented to the Village of Bald Head Island at the NCLM Annual Conference, October 24, 2010.

7. Solid Waste discussion

Calvin spoke on the two contracts with Waste Industries.

There is a solid waste removal contract and a transportation contract. There are price negotiations that are being discussed between the financial personnel.

Calvin reviewed the request of curb side pickup on Saturdays. The issues of timeframe, ICE vehicles on the road, cost rate and noise issues were discussed between Council and staff. Council was not in favor of proposal. Mayor Sayre suggested having Property Management and Public Works work together on timeframe of drop-off of trash with possibility of Public Works staff report to work later and stay later on Saturdays. Calvin will research further solutions and report back to Council.

Calvin spoke on curbside recycling for Brunswick County. The service level would provide bi-weekly curbside co-mingled recyclables pick-up with 96 gallon rollout containers. The County would propose to levy an annual service fee of approximately \$45- \$50 (placed on the County tax bill) to each residence or business receiving the service. Village Staff has reported to Brunswick County that the Village is not interested in this service.

8. Financial Report

Calvin stated the Accommodation taxes for the year to date collections exceed projections of 15% ahead of prior years.

9. Manager's Report

Calvin stated the Revaluation issues with Brunswick County will be discussed in Closed Session. Calvin stated the Village has disbursed \$12k for attorney fees for revaluation. There have been concerns about student ferry rates. Calvin stated if student attended a public school, Brunswick County will cover the fees; however if student attends a private school, the parent is responsible for the fees.

Calvin stated the Village has disbursed \$64k on attorney fees for the Rate Case to date. Calvin spoke on the Inlet Hazard area letter to be addressed to Jeffrey Warren with Division of Coastal Management. *(letter attached with official minutes)*

Calvin reviewed the upcoming meetings he will be attending.

Calvin stated the new water valve has been replaced on Middle Island and informed that water will be turned off this coming Tuesday for the removal of the old valve with a water boil advisory in place.

Mayor Sayre asked if there has been a response to the Boathouse issues and has volunteered to contact the necessary persons.

Calvin stated there is no FEMA municipal support due to the recent flooding on Bald Head Island. Only individual assistance has been approved through FEMA.

Chris McCall reviewed the issues with the timber groins. Chris has been involved with Limited on the third groin and the minor modification to the permit. Limited has stated this will take approximately one more month to acquire. Council discussed the concern of the time frame for repairs and will make a decision when to begin repairs when the minor modification to the permit arrives. Calvin stated the time frame window should not be a major concern due to repairs will be made on the river side, yet conditions will need to be reviewed. A Village easement agreement for real property rights will have preliminary documents drafted by Limited for the Village to review and both parties will need to approve.

Mayor Sayre spoke on two large alligators located on the golf course and the safety concerns. Mayor Sayre requested the Wildlife Commission to be contacted on the safety concerns and direction the Village should take.

10. Closed Session Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143-318.11 (a)(1),(3), and (5)

- ❖ Village of Bald Head Island vs. US Army Corps of Engineers

Pursuant to N.C. General Statutes 143.318.11(a) (1), (3) and (5), Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to enter into Closed Session at 10:40 a.m., with Councilor Pitera made the motion with all in favor.

(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)

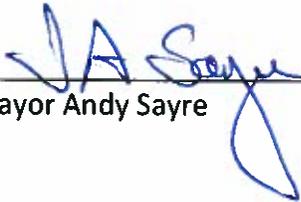
Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to come out of Closed Session at 1:04 p.m., with Councilor Pitera made the motion with all in favor.

(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)

11. Adjournment

Mayor Sayre entertained a motion to adjourn at 1:04 p.m., with Councilor Pitera made the motion with all in favor.

(MOTION CARRIED 4-0)



Mayor Andy Sayre

ATTEST:



Debra C. Talbert, Village Clerk

