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Budget Workshop

May 1, 2006

1:00 p.m.-Pitts Center

MINUTES

The Southern Shores Town Council met on May 1, 2006, at the Pitts Center.

The following Council Members were present: Mayor Don Smith, Dan Shields, Jodi Hess, David Sanders, and Brian McDonald.

Also present were: Webb Fuller, Interim Town Manager; Carrie Gordin, Town clerk; and Bonnie Swain, Finance Technician, and Teresa Osborne, Town Auditor.

Mayor Smith called the FY2006-07 Budget workshop to order at 1:00 p.m.

Bonnie Swain presented a brief overview of the proposed budget.

Mayor Smith stated that he would not vote to raise taxes and supports a budget with a 7.5 cent tax rate. He stated that money has been wasted on road projects by previous Council. He stated that he has several recommendations on how the budget could be cut.

Council Member Hess stated there are more people which has an impact on the services provided and the roads need to be maintained.

Discussion was held on the proposed salary plan. Council directed staff to set the cost of living at 3.5 % and the cafeteria plan at \$600 a month per employee and that a merit plan would be implemented.

Council directed the Town Manager to review the position requested from the police, code enforcement and public works departments and submit a recommendation to Council accordingly.

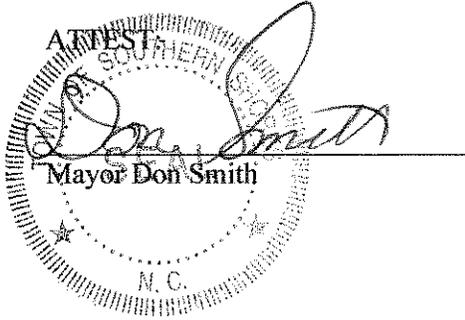
Council directed the Town Manager to review the positions of the part time fire inspector and the administrative assistant in the police department as well as the request for additional personnel in the police, code enforcement, and public works departments, the cost of outsourcing payroll and tax collection with the County to see if there are ways to reduce the budget. It was suggested that outsourcing payroll and tax collection could be done in house if it would be cost effective.

The Town Manager recommends that the cost of trash/recycle cans should be increased to \$80 from the current cost of \$60 to the property owners. He stated that there has been a current cost increase for the cans and the town doesn't charge for delivery or repairs.

Mayor Smith suggested several ways that could be considered to reduce the budget: the police officers should not drive their police cars home, set up a vehicle replacement procedure, and not purchase excess rounds of ammunition.

Council Member Hess stated that issues that need serious consideration in the budget are road improvements to Red Bay Lane and the canal dredging project.

Mayor Smith moved to recess the budget workshop until May 8, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Pitts Center. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.



Respectfully submitted:


Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk