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Recessed Council Meeting

May 27, 2005

8:00 a.m.-Pitts Center

MINUTES

The Southern Shores Town Council reconvened the May 17, 2005 recessed meeting on May 27, 2005, in the Pitts Center, Southern Shores Town Hall Complex, Southern Shores, North Carolina at 8:00 a.m.

The following members were present: Mayor Hal Denny, Council Members: Jodi Hess, Dan Shields, David Sanders, and Brian McDonald

Also present were: Carl Classen, Town Manager and Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk

Mayor Denny stated that Council is awaiting a revised bid from Barnhill Contracting regarding the Beech Tree Trail road project. It will be placed on the June 7 Council meeting agenda.

Mayor Denny suggested that due to Council Member Hess being out of town on the regular June 21 Council meeting that the date be changed to June 24 at 9:00 a.m. in the Pitts Center. Hearing no objection, so ordered. Mayor Denny reported that he would be out of town for the June 7 Council meeting.

Mayor Denny reported that the Dare County Emergency Management Control Group is scheduling a meeting on June 22-24 in preparation for the upcoming hurricane season.

Mr. Classen recommended that the Town hold its hurricane meeting in conjunction with the July 19 Council meeting.

Mayor Denny stated the next item on the agenda is Council's review and discussion of the proposed FY 2005-2006 budget. Council had some discussion regarding the process for reviewing the budget and the required public notice needed for the public hearing. Mr. Classen reviewed the General Statute as applied to the public notice.

Mayor Denny stated that Council is prepared to review the budget worksheets today and to direct the Town Manager on what revisions may be needed before the budget is presented for public hearing.

Mr. Classen's proposed budget to Council includes a proposed tax rate of nine and one half (9.5) cents and zero use of the Undesignated Fund Balance; seven cents (7) to be used for operating expenses and two and one half cents (2.5) to be used for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

Mayor Denny stated that upon review of the proposed work sheets some revisions are needed. He stated that the estimated actual total for FY2004-2005 for the Public Works Department is incorrect and there may be other numerical errors to be corrected which would change the proposed budget as submitted.

Mr. Classen stated that the line items in the public works department in the past included streets, buildings and grounds and the cemetery, now those items are separate.

Discussion was held on the receipt of the annual Powell Bill funds and how those funds may be used. Mr. Classen stated that the funds can be placed in the General Fund or in the Capital Improvement Plan but the funds need to be used only for road repair. Mayor Denny moved to place the Powell Bill Funds into the Capital Improvement Plan. Hearing no objection, so ordered.

Mr. Classen stated that a correction would be made in all departments showing the same account numbers throughout the accounting system.

Mayor Denny called for a five minute recess at 9:30 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

Mayor Denny stated Council was presented with a proposed revised fee schedule at the prior budget meeting. He stated that review of this document requires considerable time and needs to be discussed at a later meeting, possibly July. Mr. Classen stated that for Council not to act on the fee schedule at this time does have a direct impact on the proposed budget.

Council will discuss the proposed Perpetual Care Cemetery Fund at the June 7 meeting.

Following discussion regarding revenues Council supports a budget of eight and one half (8.5) cent tax rate of which seven (7) cents is to be used for operating expenses and one and one half (1.5) cents is to be used for the Capital Improvement Plan.

Mayor Denny, with Council's consent, directed the Town Manager to submit the FY 2005-2006 Budget Ordinance to reflect a tax rate of eight and one half (8.5) cents for the public hearing to be held on June 7.

Leo Holland suggested that Council consider providing information to the residents on how their tax dollars are being spent.

Mayor Denny made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Council Member Hess seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Shields, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent.

ATTEST:

Mayor Denny



Respectfully submitted:

Carrie Gordin
Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk