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Budget Workshop Meeting  
March 29, 2011  
8:00 A.M.-Pitts Center

Mayor Denny called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and held a Moment of Silence.

The following Council Members were present: Mayor Hal Denny, Mayor pro tem Jodi Hess, Council Members Jim Pfizenmayer, Kevin Stroud and George Kowalski. Also present: Town Manager Peter Rascoe, Town Finance Officer Bonnie Swain and Town Clerk Carrie Gordin.

The Budget Officer (Town Manger) and the Finance Officer, presented a revised draft proposed FY 2011-2012 Budget showing the recommended changes Council provided at the February 15 Budget Workshop Meeting and a change directed at the March 1 Regular Meeting. The proposed \$4,874,150 balanced budget reflects no tax increase and no use of the Town's undesignated fund balance to balance the budget.

[Clerk's Note: A copy of the amended Power Point Presentation is available at Town Hall and on the Town's website].

The Budget Officer stated he will submit the final proposed FY2011-2012 Budget and Budget Message to Council at the April 19 Budget Workshop Meeting and he will request that Council set a date for the required budget public hearing.

Mayor Denny recommended the Budget public hearing be held at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. Council agreed.

The Budget Officer addressed the cost for curbside recycling and recommended that Council possibly consider other possible funding alternatives for this service in the upcoming years.

Mayor Denny called upon each Council Member to provide comments or to ask questions of staff following the draft proposed budget presentation.

Council Member Kowalski stated he has no issue with the proposed budget except for the purchase of the emergency generator, he would like to see that \$60,000 used on road repair. He would like to wait another year before purchasing a generator.

Mayor pro tem Hess stated she supports the purchase of the generator and supports completing the Chicahauk Trail rebuild project before working on other roads. She thanked staff for presenting the budget earlier than in past years.

Council Member Stroud stated he supports the purchase of the generator, and stated staff has done a great job in presenting the budget. He stated he does not support a full rebuild of Chicahauk Trail or the proposed cost of living and merit increase for the employees.

Council Member Pfizenmayer stated he supports the purchase of the generator and the continuation of the canal dredging project, but he does not support the full rebuild of Chicahauk Trail. He stated through roads need consideration first.

Mayor Denny stated he supports the proposed budget. He commended the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer on the preparation presented. He supports the full rebuild of Chicahauk Trail saying the high cost is due to stormwater issues.

Mayor Denny called for a short recess. Upon returning Mayor Denny called for public comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Norm St. Laurent, 63 Hickory Trail, stated the elected officials work for the citizen's and are to provide guidance to the Town Manager regarding the budget process. He stated the citizen's should know employee's salaries and why changes to the line items are made to the budget. He would like to see this additional information placed on the Town's website.

Frank Maturo, 235 Dogwood Trail, addressed the proposed cost of living in the budget for the employees. He commented that he is retired and doesn't get an increase in his pay but everything goes up. He is fed up with government.

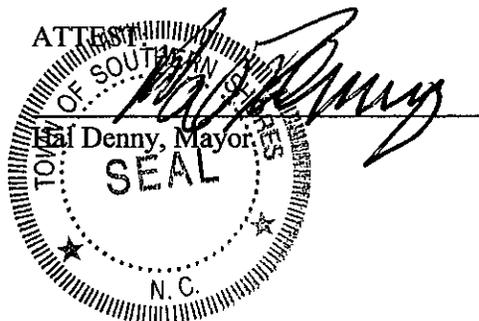
Frank Sciacchitano, 203 Wax Myrtle Trail, stated the FY2008-09 budget was 3.5 million and the proposed FY2011-2012 budget is almost 5 million dollars but the Town has not grown. He stated that budget lines that exceed a 10% increase, should include a justification. He likes that Council shares ideas and strategies, but he doesn't see closure on items where a Council member disagrees. He would like to see a cost benefit analysis done on projects. He encourages communication and in keeping taxes in check.

Mayor Denny stated he meant to amend the agenda to allow Gerrie Sullivan and Bob Palombo time to speak on an update on the Mid-Currituck Bridge Project. Now he would request Council waive the three minute rule so they may speak as long as needed to address their request. All Council Members agreed.

Gerrie Sullivan, 31-10<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated she is speaking as a member of the Build the Bridge-Preserve Our Roads committee for the Mid-Currituck Bridge project. She is requesting Council support an email/letter campaign asking state legislators to continue their financial support to build the bridge. She provided a list of legislator's emails and phone numbers and will submit a resolution to Council for the April 5 meeting for their consideration. She asked Council to direct placing the information on the Town's broadcast email and website so residents and others can contact their legislators

Mayor Denny asked Council if this is something they would support and all indicated agreement.

Hearing no other business Council Member Hess moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. Mayor Denny seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Denny and Council Members Hess, Pfizenmayer, Stroud and Kowalski voting aye.



Respectfully submitted:

  
Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk