MINUTES

TOWN OF KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

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Dean Lambeth, Mayor Chuck Keener, Mayor Pro Tem Jim Dugan, Commissioner Barry Nelder, Commissioner Tim Fuller, Commissioner Kaysie Pralle. Town Clerk

WORK SESSION JUNE 10, 2010 at 10:00 AM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting is for Council to continue its discussion on the 2010-11FY budget.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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Mayor Dean Lambeth
Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Keener
Commissioner Jim Dugan
Commissioner Tim Fuller
Commissioner Barry Nelder

STAFF PRESENT:

Building Inspector John Batson Interim Town Clerk Nancy Hewitt

Town Attorney A. A. Canoutas was in attendance. There was a quorum of the Town Council present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lambeth called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Commissioner Fuller stated that the purpose of the meeting was to see if there were any final changes to the budget that needed to be addressed. He asked if there were any errors or questions from the members of council.

Commissioner Nelder requested that John Batson, Building Inspector, be given a pay increase of \$6,000. He said that Mr. Batson has excelled in his educational opportunities and advancements.

Commissioner Fuller asked questions about the fee totals on a handout that Mr. Batson gave to Council. He noticed that some of the fees that his department collected were placed in other departments' revenue numbers.

Mr. Batson responded that the items listed were all of the fees he was expected to collect from his department.

After comparing the budget figures on the handout with the draft budget, Commissioner Fuller asked to leave the room to check on the figures. After returning to the room, Commission Fuller said what Mr. Batson is showing as his revenues are all of the different fees that he collects, yet many of them don't go into his department's budget. He stated that Mr. Batson does a fair amount of work that ends up as revenue in other parts of the budget.

Commissioner Lambeth asked if some of the increase in Mr. Batson's salary should come from the Water/Sewer department, in light of this fact.

Commissioner Dugan asked if this would impact Public Works' budget.

Commissioner Fuller stated that it would only change the total of expenses for the Water/Sewer Fund and would narrow the surplus by whatever that amount is.

Commissioner Nelder commented on the amount of money the new Town Clerk was going to be paid in comparison to the increase he is requesting for Mr. Batson.

Commissioner Dugan pointed out that the incoming Town Clerk is a new hire versus Mr. Batson's increase being a raise.

ACTION - Mayor Lambeth MADE THE MOTION to increase John's salary by \$4,000 to be taken out of the water/sewer fund since he is collecting a substantial amount of money for that department. Mayor Pro Tem Keener seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

Commissioner Fuller said there is a surplus of over \$100,000 in the Water/Sewer fund.

Mayor Lambeth asked that it be duly noted in the minutes that Mr. Batson had finished all of the certification courses he needed and was now doing all of the commercial inspections in-house.

Commissioner Nelder asked Mr. Batson to tell the councilmen what he and his new intern were doing to measure the beach after the renourishment in order to provide data to the Corp of Engineers.

Mr. Batson said that he was going to bring it before a regular council meeting in about two months and would have a presentation of spreadsheets and graphs to show what they have done.

Commissioner Fuller said he'd like to see all departments begin putting the account numbers into their draft budgets to clearly mark into which accounts their revenues are counted.

Mayor Lambeth said the ICS software representative will be providing two free days of training after the Finance Office is on board and suggested that other department heads come to learn the software.

Commissioner Fuller asked that, before making any more adjustments to employee salaries other than the upcoming salary increase for Town employees, he'd like to get the new Finance Officer and new Town Clerk in place and see how the job responsibilities will be divided up between Town Hall employees. This item will be brought up again at the August council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION – Mayor Lambeth MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am. Mayor Pro Tem Keener seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.

Dean Lambeth Mayor

Nancy S. Hewitt, Interim Town Clerk

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