

MINUTES

TOWN OF KURE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

117 Settlers Lane ▪ Kure Beach, NC 28449



Mac Montgomery, Mayor
Jim Dugan, Mayor Pro Tem
Dean Lambeth, Commissioner
Barry Nelder, Commissioner
Jim Vatr, Commissioner

Michelle James, Town Administrator ▪ Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

JUNE 10, 2009 3:00 P.M.

PURPOSE

Council will hear public comment regarding the preliminary budget for FY2009-10.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor	Mac Montgomery
Mayor Pro Tem	Jim Dugan
Commissioner	Dean Lambeth
Commissioner	Barry Nelder
Commissioner	Jim Vatr

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Town Administrator	Michelle James
Police Chief	Dennis Cooper
Building Inspector	John Batson
Town Clerk	Kaysie Pralle

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Mayor Montgomery called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

The Town completed the second workshop with Department Heads regarding the budget.

Administrator James opened with the General Fund under benefits and salaries. Includes 8.9% increase in State Healthcare Plan.

There will be no Merit Increase or Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) Increase.

There are departments where employees will be getting pay increases due to additional duties or certifications.

There is a health fair and longevity program.

Under committees, budget includes all items in which committees asked for and were approved by Council.

Decrease in legal fees for the Planning & Zoning Commission. It is unnecessary for the Attorney to attend all the meetings.

Election Commission budget is \$8,520 based on the numbers New Hanover County Board of Elections submitted.

There is a recycling rate increase. The rate would increase from \$2.52 to \$4.52.

Beach Re-nourishment is budgeted at \$10,900 which includes the turtle program.

Economic Development is budgeted at \$20,000.

Water & Sewer Fund is balanced with funds that will come from the Fort Fisher Recreation Area tying in with the Town's water system.

There is a Sewer Rehab Grant at 1.2 million.

309,000 is a grant, the remaining balance is a zero interest loan

Reduction in investment proceeds due to the economy

Powell Fund has been reduced by 11%.

Mayor Montgomery opened the floor for discussion.

Emilie Swearingen - The rates that Kure Beach residents pay is far lower than all other municipalities in New Hanover County. She is in favor of a rate increase.

Sandy Cox - She and the Beach Protection Committee would like more police presence on the beach and suggested hiring a part-time officer for the beach.

Chief Cooper - His department makes an on-going attempt to have more presence on the beach.

Commissioner Lambeth questioned the \$5,000 budget for codification.

Administrator James explained that codification is a legal requirement and agreed that it is very expensive, but necessary.

Commissioner Lambeth questioned the \$40,000 investment revenue estimate.

Administrator James explained that this is a much lower number than in previous years due to the economy.

Commissioner Lambeth questioned the \$72,000 Utility Franchise Tax and whether it would increase.

Administrator James clarified this is a set figure and will not increase.

Commissioner Lambeth questioned the amount of time left on the Waste Management contract.

Administrator James noted there are two years remaining and the rate is locked. They do reserve the right to increase if necessary.

Commissioner Lambeth questioned contributions.

Administrator James explained that these are requested and Council approved contributions.

Commissioner Lambeth questioned if there was money for the Kure Beach Christmas Show.

Administrator James stated that to date, there has been no formal request for a contribution for the Christmas Show.

Commissioner Nelder questioned any contributions to the Island of Lights.

Administrator James noted that information was sent to the Island of Lights regarding submitting a request for funding. To date there has been no response from the Island of Lights.

Commissioner Lambeth questioned expenses for the Community Center to include maintenance at \$4,000.

Administrator James clarified that this covers True Clean stripping and waxing the floors, extermination, etc.

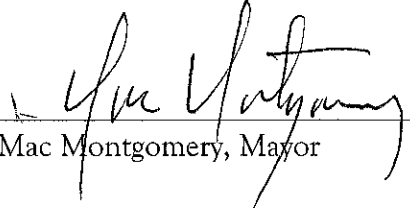
Commissioner Lambeth questioned the FICA expense.

Administrator James explained that is a mandatory payroll expense. Attorney Canoutas noted that this is mandated by the Federal government.


Mayor Montgomery noted that the next budget public hearing would be at 5:30 on June 16, 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

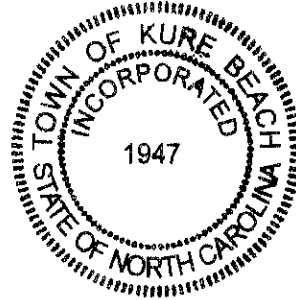
ACTION - Commissioner Nelder MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 3:57 pm. Mayor Pro Tem Dugan seconded the motion. THE VOTE OF APPROVAL WAS UNANIMOUS.



Mac Montgomery, Mayor



Kaysie Pralle, Town Clerk



NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. Persons wishing to hear the recording of this meeting may request to do so by contacting the Town Clerk.