



Town of Southern Shores

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Council Special Meeting

April 30, 2002

12:20 p.m.-Pitts Center

Mayor Sutherland called the Special Meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. following the regular Council agenda workshop.

Mayor Sutherland stated that the purpose of the meeting is to consider a budget amendment, to discuss the budget for FY 2002-2003 and to call a closed session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter.

Councilman Denny stated that it was found that the Road Repair Project Bid was in error and he had polled each of the Councilmen to make them aware of the estimated \$30,000.00 to \$35,000.00 miscalculation. Council agreed to continue with the work as planned.

He stated that the final estimated cost is \$31,480.00. He made a motion to approve the budget amendment for \$35,000.00 as presented. Councilman Kennedy seconded.

Councilman Smith stated that he didn't see a choice in that the road repair needed to be finished. He recommended that the street budget be reduced for the next fiscal budget by the amount spent on Trinitie Trail and the additional cost that has incurred.

Councilman Kennedy stated that at the retreat when the road budget was discussed that they all agreed the roadwork needed to be done.

Councilman Smith recommended that Council consider reducing taxes in the upcoming budget. He stated that in the ITRE study it recommended that Trinitie Trail did not need to be improved and the residents on that street expressed that they did not want it improved and it was done anyway at a considerable cost. The road budget went from \$111,000.00 in 1999 to over \$700,000.00 in 2002.

Councilman Campbell stated that Council committed to do the roads. He stated that Council was too prudent in the past on the road repairs and the Undesignated Fund Balance is up and the money is available.

Councilman Smith stated that Council should listen to the citizens and live by the budget.

After further discussion Mayor Sutherland called for the vote. Councilman Smith did not vote on the budget ordinance amendment which is counted as a yes vote. Approved unanimously.

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T. Gjestson, Town Manager, gave a review on the upcoming budget presentation.

- With the State's budget problems the Town could lose up to 6.5% of Powell Bill funds.
- The SSVFD budget has been submitted and is acceptable with no proposed changes.
- The incorporation of Duck will decrease the Town's revenues approximately \$80,000 in 2004.
- Additional revenue is expected from Southern Shores Crossing.

Other areas of discussion are:

- chipping contract-agreed to review the current procedure
- solid waste-contract increased by 15%
- curb-side recycling contract is set for 3 years
- town landscaping and the remote areas-new contract is currently being solicited
- multi-use path-Juniper Trail-matching grant money
- police equipment
- dredging program and waterway care
- wages & benefits

Councilman Smith asked to be excused from the discussion regarding wages and benefits due to his wife being a Town employee. Mayor Sutherland made the motion to excuse Councilman Smith. Councilman Campbell seconded. Councilman Smith left the room.

The discussion continued on the health care increase in the amount of 38% beginning July 1, 2002, the cafeteria plan, and cost of living and merit raises. Council was supportive of the employees in that the Town would bear the additional health care expenses for the employee.

Councilman Smith rejoined the meeting.

Mayor Sutherland moved to go into closed session at 1:20 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter and that the minutes be sealed until there is no further need to be sealed. Councilman Campbell seconded. Approved unanimously. Police Chief Pledger was in attendance.

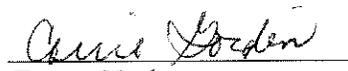
Meeting was adjourned following closed session at 2:35 p.m. Motion made by Councilman Campbell. Second by Mayor Sutherland. Approved unanimously.

ATTEST:



Mayor

Respectfully submitted:



Town Clerk



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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Council of the Town of Southern Shores that the Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION I. Appropriations:

The amount appropriated for the Street Department is hereby increased by \$35,000.00 to \$713,500.00.

SECTION II. Estimated Revenues:

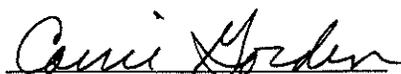
An amount totaling \$35,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance.

Total appropriations and total estimated revenue for fiscal year 01/02 now each equal \$3,125,070.00.

Adopted this 30th day of April 2002.

SEAL

ATTEST:


Town Clerk


Paul Sutherland, Mayor