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Budget Workshop

May 8, 2006

1:00 p.m.-Pitts Center

MINUTES

The Southern Shores Town Council met on May 8, 2006, at the Pitts Center.

The following Council Members were present: Mayor Don Smith, Dan Shields, Jodi Hess, David Sanders, and Brian McDonald.

Also present were: Webb Fuller, Interim Town Manager; Carrie Gordin, Town clerk; and Bonnie Swain, Finance Technician.

Mayor Smith called the recessed FY 2006-07 Budget workshop to order at 1:10 p.m. Workshop was delayed for Council Member McDonald.

Discussion was held on the issue of sanitation. The town currently replaces trash/recycle cans to the property owners at no cost, as well as repairing the cans. Cost increases in production and shipping warrant a change in that policy. Possible changes to Chapter 8-Solid Waste of the Town Code. The fee schedule may be changed also.

Mayor Smith recommends this issue be placed on the May 23 Council agenda to review the solid waste ordinance, and to discuss providing trash/recycle cans to the property owners and to place a canal dredging update on the agenda also.

The Town Manager recommended that Council consider compensation to the council in the amount of \$250 per month for the mayor and \$200 a month for council members.

Council Member Sanders stated his concern that the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment are also volunteers and receive no compensation. He recommended that the Planning Board receive \$100 a month, BOA receive \$100 each per meeting, and the Vegetation Advisory Board receive \$50.00 a month.

Council Member Hess stated that this is not the time to consider this since Council is talking about cutting back on services to the tax payers.

Council Member McDonald stated that he would vote for the compensation but that he would not accept it.

Mayor Smith stated that he has always felt that Council should be compensated.

Mayor pro tem Shields stated that he agrees with Council Member Sanders that all the boards should be compensated if one is to be recommended. He moved to include compensation for council and all the advisory boards. Council Member Sanders seconded.

The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.

Council Member McDonald amended the motion to read the BOA would be compensated on a monthly basis. Mayor pro tem Shields withdrew his motion and Council Member Sanders withdrew his second.

Discussion was held regarding collecting the town taxes by the county or to put back in house. It was stated that it would take one to two employees three to four months out of the year to do in house. It currently cost the town \$25,000 for the county to collect the taxes.

Discussion was held regarding salaries, specifically if the part-time fire inspector position is needed. Mayor Smith suggested that Mike Hejduk or David Cowan could do the fire inspections and this would save the town the hourly rate paid for that position at a cost of \$16,000 a year. Other areas of salaries were discussed such as over time/comp time, exempt/non-exempt. Council directed the town manager to review the town personnel policy and submit recommendations as needed.

Discussion was held regarding the police department and recommendations were discussed regarding the need for new vehicles, additional personnel, ammunition and computer purchases, community policing by specific town zones, the policy of taking police cars home and how many officers the town actually needs. Council directed the town manager to review these issues and submit recommendations.

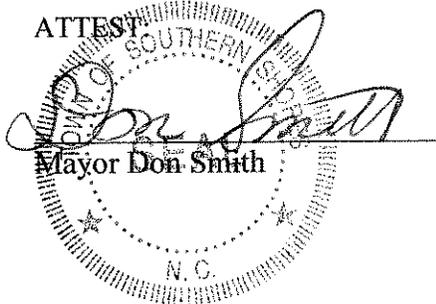
Mayor Smith expressed his concern regarding the increase of the SSFVD contract (\$50,000) and the life guard service contract increase (\$11,000). He stated that additional life guard services (roving patrols) are not needed. He stated he would not vote for a budget where the tax rate has not been reduced and he recommends 7.5 cents.

Council Member Hess recommends leaving the tax rate at 8.5 cents.

The town manager will present an amended proposed budget to Council at the May 23 Council meeting.

Mayor pro tem Shields moved to recess the workshop at 5:25 p.m. until June 1, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Pitts Center. Council Member Sanders seconded. The motion passed with Mayor Smith and Council Members Shields, Hess, Sanders, and McDonald voting aye; no Council Member voting no; and no Council Member absent or not voting.

ATTEST



Respectfully submitted:


Carrie Gordin, Town Clerk