

1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
2 OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
3 FY 2007-08 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
4 MONDAY, MAY 21, 2007
5 5:00 PM – EMERALD ISLE TOWN HALL
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8 The special workshop meeting of the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners was
9 called to order by Mayor Art Schools at 5:00 pm.

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11 Present for the meeting: Mayor Art Schools, Commissioners Nita Hedreen, Tom
12 Hoover, Floyd Messer, John Wootten, and Maripat Wright.

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14 Others present: Frank Rush Town Manager, Asst. Town Manager/Finance
15 Officer Mitsy Overman, and Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee.

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17 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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19 *Motion was made by Commissioner Wootten to adopt the Agenda. The*
20 *Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.*

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22 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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24 There were no public comments.

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26 **5-YEAR CAPITAL REPLACEMENT / IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

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28 Town Manager Frank Rush discussed with the Board in detail the 5-Year Capital
29 Replacement / Improvement Program. Mr. Rush noted the grand total of
30 \$9,289,500 over the next five years broken down by year, category and revenue
31 source. Mr. Rush noted a significant point is Installment Financing for FY 07-08
32 and FY 08-09 representing over half of the grand total amount of the 5-year
33 capital improvement plan. The installment financing represents several projects.
34 Town Manager Rush stated this is done each year to have some idea going
35 forward of future impacts. Mr. Rush noted this plan is a best estimate of what we
36 are looking at in the future based on the Board's priorities, requests for
37 equipment and projects, with the Board's complete flexibility to adjust each year.
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40 **DISCUSSION – FY 07-08 BUDGET ISSUES**

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42 **a. Solid Waste Fees vs. Property Tax**
43 **b. Follow-Up Items from May 14 Meeting**
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45 Town Manager Rush provided for the Board solid waste information from other
46 local towns. (A copy of this information is attached in its entirety and hereby
47 made a part of these minutes). Mr. Rush provided an estimate and various

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2 scenarios to put into perspective if the annual solid waste fee was eliminated and
3 these services were funded by property tax revenues. The Board expressed
4 concerns with the commercial and undeveloped property owners for which no
5 solid waste services are provided whatsoever. The general consensus of the
6 Board was to leave the solid waste fee as is at this time, and to also leave solid
7 waste as part of the general fund rather than create a separate solid waste fund
8 for accounting purposes.

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10 Town Manager Rush discussed with the Board various follow-up items from the
11 workshop meeting held on May 14, including EMS, and Fire Station #3. Mr.
12 Rush also noted that he had asked Public Works to purchase a 4-wheel drive
13 utility vehicle that will also serve Parks and Receptions needs in Emerald Isle
14 Woods. An RFP for banking services will be pursued following the budget
15 process. Mr. Rush said he would contact the Emerald Isle Business Association
16 to determine their need for funding. The Board also discussed the status of Crew
17 Drive and the paving funds of \$115,000. Additionally, the Board agreed that the
18 Town should join the Swansboro Chamber of Commerce.

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20 After further discussion, Mr. Rush noted that he would make all suggested
21 changes and have a packet of information ready for the Board and the public at
22 the public hearing scheduled for next Thursday, May 31, 2007 at 7 pm at the
23 Emerald Isle Community Center.

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25 **DISCUSSION – POTENTIAL PHASE II STORM WATER DESIGNATION**

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27 Town Manager Rush updated the Board on the Phase II Storm Water
28 Designation following his recent meetings in Raleigh. Mr. Rush stated that the
29 staff of the Division of Water Quality recommended that Emerald Isle not be
30 designated for Phase II. It first went to the Water Quality committee, a
31 subcommittee of the NC Environmental Management Commission. The Water
32 Quality committee after a very disjointed discussion ultimately decided that
33 Emerald Isle be subject to the Phase II Storm Water rules; this then went to the
34 full Environment Management Commission and they delayed action on Emerald
35 Isle until their July meeting in order to get an opinion from the Attorney General's
36 Office about how much discretion they have as to whether to designate a
37 community. Mr. Rush said he would like to ask Senator Jean Preston and
38 Representative Pat McElraft to request the Attorney General's opinion on a
39 definition of an adverse water quality impact. Mr. Rush will then put together
40 written comments for the Environment Management Commission to consider at
41 their July meeting.

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2 **ADJOURN**

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4 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Messer to adjourn the meeting. The***
5 ***Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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7 **The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.**

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9 Respectfully submitted:

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13 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC

14 Town Clerk