

1 MINUTES OF THE FY 2008-2009 GENERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP  
2 OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
3 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008 – 8:30 AM – EMERALD ISLE TOWN HALL  
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6 The Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners held a general planning workshop at  
7 the Emerald Isle Community Center beginning at 8:30 A.M. on Friday, February  
8 22, 2008.  
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10 Present for the meeting: Mayor Art Schools, Commissioners Nita Hedreen, Tom  
11 Hoover, Floyd Messer, John Wootten, and Maripat Wright.  
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13 Others present: Town Manager Frank Rush, Assistant Town Manager and  
14 Finance Director Mitsy Overman, Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee, Planning Director  
15 Kevin Reed, Parks and Recreation Director Alesia Sanderson, Police Chief Bill  
16 Hargett, and Asst. Fire Chief Don Askew.  
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18 **(Backup information for all items are attached to and, incorporated into  
19 these minutes.)**  
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21 The Board and staff discussed in great detail all items as presented on the  
22 Workshop Agenda. Below is a summarization of the Board's FY 08-09 Budget  
23 and 5-Year Capital Plan Priorities.  
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25 **FY 08-09 Budget and 5-Year Capital Plan Priorities**  
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- 27 - Strive to maintain the existing 6.7 cent tax rate for FY 08-09.  
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- 29 - Work hard to minimize the need for future tax rate increases between FY 09-  
30 10 and FY 12-13.  
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- 32 - Seek funding assistance from Carteret County for targeted capital projects  
33 and/or budget items that also provide County benefits. Potential links include  
34 beach walkway replacements, Coast Guard Road bike path segment.  
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- 36 - Investigate ways to mitigate tax impacts on the business community if the  
37 Town eliminates the annual solid waste fee and replaces this revenue with  
38 property tax revenue. If a satisfactory plan can be devised to address the  
39 business community impact, then implement in FY 08-09. (Note - there is a 10  
40 month lag on additional sales tax revenues). Plan to use any additional sales tax  
41 revenues between FY 09-10 and FY 11-12 to avoid debt issues, bolster fund  
42 balance, and/or reserve funds for future expenses.  
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- 44 - Reject the Police grant that would have funded 2 additional Police Officers for  
45 a Traffic Management Unit, and redirect all or a portion of these funds toward the  
46 enhancement of the compensation package for existing officers.

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- 2 - FY 08-09 will essentially be a year to "catch our breath", with no or minimal
- 3 initiation of new capital projects.
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- 5 - Maintain, and if possible, increase General Fund balance level.
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- 7 - Put overall permitting activities for the Coast Guard Road Storm Water Project
- 8 on hold for now, and keep remaining Moffatt & Nichol contract budget "off to the
- 9 side" for now. Rough estimate is \$100,000 will be available.
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- 11 - Island Circle pump is next highest priority for storm water improvements.
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- 13 - Evaluate condition of all Town vehicles and equipment scheduled for
- 14 replacement to determine if replacements can be delayed without negative
- 15 operational and future budget consequences. Carefully review need for
- 16 replacement of Fire Engine.
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- 18 - Review cost estimates for needed HVAC improvements at Police Station /
- 19 Town Meeting Room building.
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- 21 - Invite County officials to upcoming Board meeting to learn about their plans for
- 22 consolidated E911 center
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- 24 - Seek to avoid construction of potential Fire Station 3.
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26 ***The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.***

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28 Respectfully submitted:

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32 Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC

33 Town Clerk

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