

1 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING
2 OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
3 FY 09-10 RECOMMENDED BUDGET
4 TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2009
5 6:00 PM – COMMUNITY CENTER LOUNGE
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7 The special workshop meeting of the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners was
8 called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem Messer at 6:00 pm.

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10 Present for the meeting: Mayor Pro-Tem Messer, Commissioners Tom Hoover,
11 John Wootten, and Maripat Wright.

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13 Absent for the meeting: Mayor Art Schools and Commissioner Nita Hedreen.

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

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18 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Wright to excuse the absences of***
19 ***Mayor Schools and Commissioner Hedreen. The Board voted unanimously***
20 ***4-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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22 **Adoption of Agenda**

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24 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Wootten to adopt the Agenda. The***
25 ***Board voted unanimously 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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27 **Public Comment**

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29 There were no comments from the Public.

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31 **Board Discussion**

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33 **a. FY 09-10 Recommended Budget**
34 **b. 5-Year Capital Replacement / Improvement Program**
35 **c. 5-Year Forecast**
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37 Town Manager Rush provided the Board with a building permit fee comparison (a
38 copy of which is included herein by reference and attached in its entirety), that
39 showed that even with the permit fee increase proposed the Town's fees would
40 still be lower or comparable to everyone else in our area.

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42 The Board also discussed the fees for the Parks and Recreation Community
43 Center. Town Manager Rush noted that the proposed increase was for individual
44 memberships to go from \$75 per year to \$100 per year for residents/property
45 owner, family membership for residents/property owner would go from \$115 per
46 year to \$150 per year, over 75 for residents/property owners would be free. Mr.
47 Rush noted for non-residents/non-property owners individual membership would

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2 go from \$225 per year to \$300 per year, family from \$345 to \$450. Mr. Rush
3 noted that you would be hard pressed to find a private club membership for less.
4 The Board agreed that the membership fees were a good deal.

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6 Beach driving fees were also discussed and Mr. Rush noted that the
7 recommended budget keeps those fees as they are now, which for anyone over
8 65, whether resident/taxpayer or not, the beach driving permits are free. The
9 Board at their earlier workshop in February had not been aware that the beach
10 driving permits were being issued free for non-resident/non-taxpayers. Mr. Rush
11 provided the revenue figures should the Board determine that all non-
12 residents/non-taxpayers regardless of age be charged \$80. The Board directed
13 that Town Manager Rush make the change in the recommended budget
14 requiring that all non-residents / non-Emerald Isle taxpayers pay \$80 for beach
15 driving.

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17 The Board discussed proposed donations included in the recommended budget.
18 Commissioner Wootten discussed the EMS budget with the Board.

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20 Town Manager Rush discussed with the Board possible beach nourishment
21 special district tax scenarios. Mr. Rush provided 6 different scenarios in detail for
22 the Board for consideration in future years (a copy of which is included herein by
23 reference and attached in its entirety).

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25 Mr. Rush stated that he didn't expect the Board to make any decisions tonight or
26 even when they adopt this budget, but wanted some general guidance to base
27 financial projections on, and that the time the Board would make a semi-binding
28 decision would be when he comes back to them later this year or next year with
29 the beach nourishment plan, that would outline our plan and how we would pay
30 for it, and the official decision not to be made until they adopt the budget in June
31 2011. Following discussion the Board gave guidance to the Town Manager that
32 he should go ahead and build Scenario 6 into the initial projections.

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34 **Closed Session – Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(5), for the Purpose of**
35 **Discussing Potential Real Estate Acquisition**

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37 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover to enter Closed Session. The***
38 ***Board voted unanimously 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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40 ***Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover to return to Open Session. The***
41 ***Board voted unanimously 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.***

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43 There was no action taken as a result of Closed Session.
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Motion was made by Commissioner Hoover to adjourn the meeting. The Board voted unanimously 4-0 in favor. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC
Town Clerk