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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE EMERALD ISLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016
10:00 AM – TOWN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

1. Call to Order

The special meeting of the Emerald Isle Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Eddie Barber at 10 am.

2. Roll Call

Present for the meeting: Mayor Eddie Barber, Mayor Pro-Tem Floyd Messer, Commissioners Candace Dooley, Steve Finch, Jim Normile, and Maripat Wright.

Others present: Town Manager Frank Rush, and Town Clerk Rhonda Ferebee.

3. Adoption of Agenda

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

4. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

5. FY 15-16 Budget Amendments – Welcome Center (Procedural)

- a. General Fund
- b. Future Beach Nourishment Fund
- c. Capital Project Ordinance

Town Manager Rush presented for consideration three budget amendments, all procedural in nature, as recommended by Finance Director Laura Rotchford. It was noted that these changes didn't change Town revenues or expenses in any way but simply changed the way we were accounting for the lease payments from the TDA for the new Welcome Center, and the way we accounted for the internal debt service payments for our internal loan from the Future Beach Nourishment fund to the General Fund for the construction of the new Welcome Center. Mr. Rush stated that changes needed to be made prior to June 30 to have it reflected correctly in the June 30, 2016 audited financial statements.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wright to approve all three budget amendments. The Board voted unanimously 5-0 in favor. Motion carried.

1 **6. General Discussion – Future Board Goals, Capital Project Initiatives, Etc.**

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3 Town Manager Rush stated that this meeting was an opportunity for the full Board to
4 discuss future goals as a group. Mr. Rush planned to listen intently to the Board's
5 comments and discussion gaining direction from them collectively. Mr. Rush said he
6 was interested in getting a better sense of any "big" goals that the Board hoped to
7 achieve so that he could do his best to help achieve them in the coming months and
8 years. Mr. Rush said maybe some consensus would emerge about what things the
9 Board would like to be further refined or developed.

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11 Mr. Rush also noted the matrix he had provided the Board that included their responses
12 to his email that listed the person who listed it, a brief description, the current status (if
13 there was any), any known obstacles to making the goal a reality, additional notes,
14 questions about the goal to ask themselves, and potential funding partners that may be
15 solicited to make the goals a reality in the future. (A copy of the Matrix outlining the
16 Potential Future Projects/Goals is attached in its entirety).

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18 The Board discussed in great detail the following potential future projects / goals as also
19 outlined in the matrix provided. The Board provided their input about each goal as well
20 as providing their thoughts and suggestions as to how they envisioned their goals being
21 achieved.

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23 1) NC 58 Traffic Improvements
24 2) New Meeting / Events Center / Hotel Facility
25 3) New Park Facility with Athletic Fields, Other Amenities
26 4) New or Renovated Fire Station 1
27 5) Bicycle Path Improvements
28 6) Additional Special Events
29 7) New Water Park / Amusement Park
30 8) Beach Nourishment / Inlet Management
31 9) Maintain Lowest Tax Rate Possible
32 10) Maintain Highest Service Quality Possible
33 11) Enhanced Internet Connectivity
34 12) NC 58 Landscaping Improvements
35 13) Indoor Swimming Pool
36 14) New Ocean Fishing Pier
37 15) Dedicated Staff Position for EI Business Association
38 16) Create "True Downtown" in Emerald Isle
39 17) Other projects, goals, etc.
40 a) Encourage CVS to improve landscaping and building appearance
41 b) Install new "beach swings" at public beach access locations; similar to bench
42 program that is funded by contributions
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7. Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda C. Ferebee, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk