



# TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

## PUBLIC HEARING

June 5, 2014

The Kure Beach Town Council held a public hearing on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed FY14-15 budget. Town Attorney Canoutas was in attendance and there was a quorum of the Council present.

### COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dean Lambeth  
Mayor Pro Tem Craig Bloszinsky  
Commissioner Emilie Swearingen

### COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner David Heglar  
Commissioner Steve Pagley

### STAFF PRESENT

Finance Officer – Arlen Copenhaver  
Town Clerk – Nancy Avery  
Deputy Town Clerk – Nancy Hewitt

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Lambeth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. He stated that Commissioner Heglar asked to be excused from the meeting and gave Council a message to read to the public. The Mayor read the message and then proceeded to state that the purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 14-15 budget which includes the following highlights: no increase in the property tax rate or Town fees; no changes to the type or level of services provided by the Town; merit increase of 3.5% to reward employees who are performing above expectation; and cost of living adjustment of 1.5% for all full-time employees. He stated that the notice of the public hearing was posted at Town Hall and on the Town website on May 21, 2014 and was published in the Island Gazette on May 21 and May 28, 2014.

MOTION – Commissioner Swearingen made the motion to excuse Commissioner Heglar from the meeting

SECOND – Mayor Pro Tem Bloszinsky

VOTE – Unanimous

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

### CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING

As no one indicated their intent to speak, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:33 p.m.

## COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

Finance Officer Copenhagen summarized the changes he needed to make to the proposed FY14-15 budget, beginning with the General Fund revenue, as follows:

- 1) Fund Balance Appropriation of \$4,125 for parking donations received from businesses in FY 2014 of which three-quarters of the amount pertain to the next fiscal year
  - 2) elimination of Privilege License revenue of \$4,500 due to Session Law 2014-3
  - 3) a reduction of \$1,611 in TDA reimbursement due to a reduction in lifeguard expenses.
- The Finance Officer said that the net change to the General Fund revenue for FY 14-15 budget is \$1,986.

Finance Officer Copenhagen said he balanced the expenditure side of the General Fund by \$1,986, as follows:

- 1) parking lot expenses will be paid out of the Administration and Finance budget at \$5,625 which includes not only the business donations but also the Town's donation
- 2) there was an increase in the Fire Department Budget for reallocation of personnel related costs coming to an extra \$1,101 while there was a decrease in the lifeguard budget of \$1,587
- 3) with the total of all of the changes, additional expenses needed to be reduced, so he reduced the transfer to the Beach Protection Fund by \$7,000. He said the original proposed budget had \$110,000 transferring from the General Fund for it, but he reduced the transfer to \$103,000. He said that this is still more than the Town transferred in FY13-14, which was \$96,000.
- 4) reduction of the Contingency Fund of \$125 due to State regulations which state that the fund can only be 5% of the appropriations of the budget

He summarized that only two funds were affected with a total reduction of \$8,906; with \$5,927,598 being the original proposed budget and \$5,918,612 being the revised proposed budget. He said that the two driving forces behind the change were the newly-leased parking lot and loss of the Privilege License fees. He said the Town will have to issue refunds in the amount of about \$1,200 for fees that were already collected.

Commissioner Swearingen said the Finance Officer did an excellent job and instructed him to move ahead with presenting Council with the final budget at Council's June meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bloszinsky commended the Finance Department and Department Heads on doing a good job gathering the information, and commended the Finance Officer for presenting the proposed budget in a very understandable format.

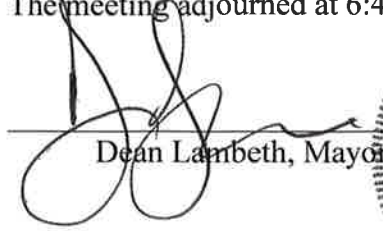
## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Commissioner Swearingen made the motion to adjourn.

SECOND – Mayor Pro Tem Bloszinsky

VOTE – Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

  
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Dean Lambeth, Mayor



  
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Nancy Hewitt, Deputy Town Clerk

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