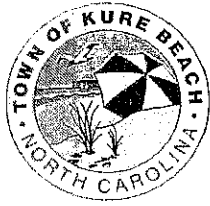


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PUBLIC HEARING

June 12, 2013

The Kure Beach Town Council held a public hearing on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 for the purpose of receiving public comments on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (FY 13-14) budget. There was a quorum of the Council present.

## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Dean Lambeth  
Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Keener  
Commissioner Emilie Swearingen  
Commissioner David Heglar

## COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner Steve Pagley

## STAFF PRESENT

Finance Officer Arlen Copenhaver  
Fire Chief Harold Heglar  
Town Clerk Nancy Avery  
Deputy Town Clerk Nancy Hewitt

## CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING OF PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Lambeth called the public hearing to order at 6:30 pm stating the purpose of the hearing and expounding further, as follows:

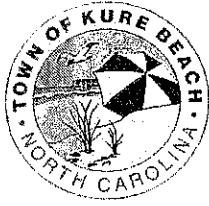
General Fund	\$3,977,425
Water/Sewer Fund	\$1,652,775
Storm Water Fund	\$ 246,480
Sewer Expansion Reserve Fund	\$ 20,180
Beach Protection Fund	\$ 96,000
Federal Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$ 50,000
<u>Powell Bill Fund</u>	<u>\$ 60,040</u>
TOTAL All Funds	\$6,102,900

Notice of this hearing was posted at Town Hall and on the Town's website on May 22, 2013 and advertised in the Island Gazette newspaper on May 22 and May 29, 2013 as per General Statute 159-12.

Mayor Lambeth read the highlights of the proposed budget, as follows:

- Tax rate of 26.15 cents per \$100 of value remains the same
- Increase of \$2.00 per cart per month (from \$4.00 to \$6.00) for residential garbage collection
- Increase of \$8.75 per cart per month (from \$17.50 to \$26.25) for commercial garbage collection

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- An additional four full time employees: three for the Fire Department/Ocean Rescue (split 2.5/.5) and one for the Administration and Finance Department
- Merit increase of 3.5% to reward employees who are performing above expectations

Mayor Lambeth proceeded to call on the public to address Council regarding the proposed budget.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Mary Stevens, 610 S. Ft. Fisher Blvd

### Talking Points:

- Asked Council to consider giving part-time residents a break on the garbage fees they are proposing to increase.
- Part-time residents don't always have garbage that needs picking up; sometimes needing only 10-20 pickups per year.
- Suggested that Public Works could keep track of the houses not needing service each week and base the billing on that.
- Asked Council to remember the request she made at the April 16, 2013 regular Council meeting about fixing the water lines around her property to prevent her property from flooding due to burst pipes.

## CLOSING OF PUBLIC HEARING

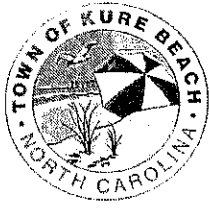
As no one else indicated their intent to speak, the Mayor closed the hearing at 6:34 pm.

## COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET

### Council Comments regarding funding for Inlet Dredging:

- At the last meeting of the Ports, Waterway & Beach Commission (PW&BC), Layton Bedsole from New Hanover County said \$10,000 was supposed be planned in the beach towns' upcoming fiscal year budget to be used for inlet dredging. He said this was requested at the January meeting of the commission and it was noted in their minutes. (Lambeth/Swearingen)
- PW&BC liaison, Jim Dugan, knew about it but didn't think to inform Council. The \$10,000 is not due at any specific time; it is just a request to put it in the budget in case it is needed. Mr. Bedsole said that, not only was the request in the PW&BC minutes, but he also sent Council an email a couple of months ago about it. (Swearingen)
- Mr. Bedsole said he sent Council another email today. (Lambeth)
- Council members responded that they never received the January minutes of the PW&BC, never received the email Mr. Bedsole said he sent a couple of months

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ago and they didn't receive the email he said he sent today. They also questioned why an equal share of \$10,000 was being requested from the three beach towns when Kure Beach is 1/5 the size of Carolina Beach and 1/3 the size of Wrightsville Beach.

## Staff Comments:

- He brought up the question about budgeting for inlet dredging during one of the budget work sessions in April, but was not informed it was a requirement to budget \$10,000 for the upcoming fiscal year. He reminded Council that the Town already submitted \$15,000 for the inlet dredging from the current budget. (Finance Officer Copenhaver)

## Council Requests:

- Town Clerk Avery was asked to obtain the January minutes of the PW&BC, along with the email that Mr. Bedsole said he sent Council a couple months ago, and forward them to Council. Once received, Council will respond to the request with something to this effect:
  - Council has a Contingency Fund to be used for such issues but, if Council had known of the requirement, they would have discussed it during budget planning. At this point, it will not be put in the budget.
- Commissioner Heglar asked the Mayor to let Mr. Bedsole know that Council can't find the email he sent today and request that he re-send it.

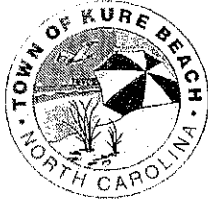
## Council Comments regarding the request from Mary Stevens to fix the water line on her property (Heglar):

- He spoke with Public Works Director Sonny Beeker about fixing the water lines on Ms. Stevens' property, which is in the 2014-15 Capital Project plan.
- They are looking to move that date forward because of an anticipated amount of money coming from Carolina Beach which could be used for the purpose.
- The water lines might have to be moved from the backs of people's properties to the fronts, if there isn't an easement through the lot from the old water system.
- This could mean digging up large areas of people's properties to replace and move the lines.

## Council Comments regarding request from Mary Stevens to reduce garbage fee for non-resident homeowners (Swearingen/Heglar):

- It would be almost impossible for Public Works to keep track of the garbage collection for part-time residents in order to provide them a break on the fees.

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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION – Commissioner Heglar made the motion to adjourn the meeting

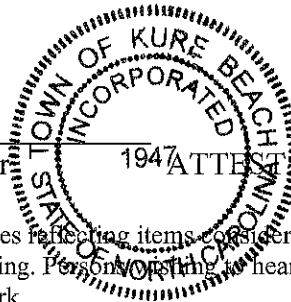
SECOND – Mayor Pro Tem Keener

VOTE – Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm.

Council will consider adoption of the FY 13-14 budget at its June 18, 2013 regular meeting to be held at 6:30 pm.

Dean Lambeth, Mayor



Nancy Hewitt, Deputy Town Clerk

NOTE: These are action minutes reflecting items considered and actions taken by Council. These minutes are not a transcript of the meeting. Persons wishing to hear the recording of this meeting may request to do so by contacting the Town Clerk