



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 13, 2008 ♦ 5:00 o'clock p.m.

STORMWATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 3:05 P.M. Members in attendance: Ken Harbin, Dan Sine, P.L. Mabry and Jerry Strange. Member Bill Blankenship was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

There was a motion made by Mr. Harbin to elect Mr. Sine as Chairman. Mr. Strange seconded motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

There was a nomination by Mr. Sine to elect Mr. Harbin as Vice Chairman. Mr. Strange seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as submitted.

MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes were approved as submitted.

Meeting was reconvened and called to order at 5:00pm by Chair Dan Sine.

Date for next meeting was discussed. Committee agreed next meeting would be held on Wednesday, March 5th at 5:00pm in Council Chambers.

BUSINESS/DISCUSSION

Representatives from EARTHWORKS were not present when the meeting was called to order so the committee moved to agenda Item 7.c. 5 mill stormwater capital improvement tax. Administrator Booth explained that the 5 mill levy is used to do stormwater improvements. From the tour taken earlier, committee was made aware of the lakes that need to be cleaned out and that with or without a grant, the outfall needs to be done. Administrator Booth provided some background referring to the Clean Water Act passed in 1972. This act was the start of programs to insure proper sewer treatment, etc. Improvements can be funded with either an impact fee or a capital improvement tax. Establishment of an impact fee involves more detailed calculations. The Town opted to enact the 5 mill capital improvement tax which is very reasonable since, according to Administrator Booth, the state average is 124 mills. Administrator Booth strongly recommended the continuation of the 5 mill tax to be used for capital projects approved by Council. Administrator Booth stated he would bring the Stormwater Committee's recommendation to Council to continue the 5 mill stormwater capital improvement tax. Chair Dan Sine asked for someone to make a motion directing Mr. Booth to bring the Committee's recommendation to Council. P.L. Mabry made a motion to urge Council to continue funding for stormwater projects and that Council set the mill limit be it one mill,

three mill or five mill whatever Council deems appropriate. Ken Harbin seconded the motion. Chair Sine called for a vote on the motion. **All committee members voted in favor of the motion. MORION CARRIED.**

Item 7.a. Review bids for dredging. EARTHWORKS representative Bobby Moore stated that one company, L-J, Inc. had dropped out of the bid due to an error in their calculations. Administrator Booth stated that L-J, Inc. would be paying fifteen thousand dollars to the town for dropping out. Mr. Moore recommended the dredging bid from Cooper Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. be accepted. EARTHWORKS has investigated Cooper Sand & Gravel's previous work and found them to be very reputable and dependable. Administrator Booth will be traveling to Easley, SC to meet with Cooper Sand & Gravel Co., Inc. next week. He stated that we have access to four of the lakes; Holly Lake is not doable. Total cost for the dredging of the four lakes is \$531,880.00. Dan Sine directed a question to EARTHWORKS representative Steve Strickland inquiring why prices are so diverse among the companies bidding. Mr. Strickland said that we really couldn't answer that question. He believes that due to the construction slow down, Cooper Sand & Gravel has the necessary equipment available and the trained employees to operate that equipment as well as knowing operational costs. These factors enabled Cooper Sand & Gravel to bid what they did. Mr. Strickland also reiterated that all of the references provided by Cooper Sand & Gravel checked out. There was lots of praise for the quality of their work. Dan Sine asked if EARTHWORKS would be monitoring the work of Cooper Sand & Gravel. Steve Strickland said that at the beginning of the project EARTHWORKS will be there to insure everything is as it should be. Administrator Booth said the new Director of Public Works would be out there all the time to monitor the project. P.L. Mabry asked who will be monitoring where and how they dredge. Mr. Strickland said that we have a clear measurable goal as to the necessary depth of the dredging. Consistent depth throughout the lakes will be measured to make sure that required depth has been achieved. Dan Sine asked, "How long is the dredging good for?" Mr. Strickland referred to the NPDS Phase 2 Best Management Process explaining that sediment has to be controlled at its source. The key to minimizing dredging needs is to control sediment coming from new constructions. P.L. Mabry asked Mr. Strickland about the usefulness of check dams. Mr. Strickland stated that yes check dams do help but the problem is finding appropriate locations to put them and then setting up the proper maintenance schedules. Chair Sine asked for a motion directing Administrator Booth to recommend to Council that Cooper & Sand Gravel Co., Inc. be awarded the dredging bid. P.L. Mabry made a motion the recommendation be brought to Council by Mr. Booth. Jerry Strange seconded the motion. Chair Sine called for a vote on the motion. **All committee members voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Childs, 311 14th Avenue North stated that he had attended a sediment seminar at Clemson. He felt the city has been negligent in maintaining the ditches and utilizing proper ditch cleaning tactics. Crews should not be scraping the ditches and leaving nothing but dirt to clog up pipes. Administrator Booth responded that new equipment has been purchase that will clean ditches more efficiently. He also stated that crews will be receiving more training as well as assisting with the dredging of the lakes.

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COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Jerry Strange asked for clarification of the date and time for the next meeting. Chair Sine stated the next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th at 5:00pm in Council Chambers.

Ken Harbin stated that employees controlling the equipment must know how to properly trim trees, etc. Administrator Booth responded that all trimming would be monitored.

ADJOURN

P.L. Mabry made a motion to adjourn. Ken Harbin seconded the motion. Chair Sine asked for a vote. **All members voted in favor of the motion. MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

APPROVED, March 5, 2008

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town of Surfside Beach