



**Town of Southern Shores
Council Meeting
April 15, 2014**

The Town of Southern Shores Council met in the Pitts Center located at 5375 N. Virginia Dare Trail at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Tom Bennett, Mayor Pro Tem Jodi Hess, Council Members David Sanders, Larry Lawhon and Leo Holland.

COUNCIL ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Manager Peter Rascoe and Town Clerk Sheila Kane. Other Town staff present were Finance Officer Bonnie Swain, Police Chief David Kole, Public Works Director Rachel Patrick, and Code Enforcement and Planning Director Wes Haskett.

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and held a Moment of Silence.

AMENDMENTS / APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Council Member Holland moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hess. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item:

- Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation 2014-04-02

MOTION: Council Member Lawhon moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Council Member Sanders. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

[Clerk's Note: A copy of the consent agenda item is hereby attached as Exhibit A].

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Town Manager presented a draft of his upcoming to-be proposed budget. He stated it calls for no tax increase (22.0 cents per \$100 of taxable property value) and no draw from the undesignated fund balance. He stated the distribution taxes that the Town receives from County occupancy tax, County land transfer tax, and sales tax is down about the equivalent of a half-

penny's (rate) worth of property tax revenue, just roughly over \$60,000. A penny on the tax rate is equivalent to \$126,285.

The Town Manager reviewed the summary and revenues as well as projected expenditures for each departmental budget, cemetery fund and the capital reserve fund. Accompanying him were each of the Town's Department Heads (Police Chief, Public Works Director, and Code Enforcement and Planning Director) who supported their Departmental budget requests with specific line-item explanations and answers to Council questions.

Following discussion on the budget draft, the Town Manager stated he plans to present the proposed FY 2014-2015 Budget and Budget Message at the Wednesday, May 7th, 5:30 pm Council meeting. Council would then consider setting a public hearing on the proposed budget at a later Council meeting.

OTHER ITEMS

Town Manager's report

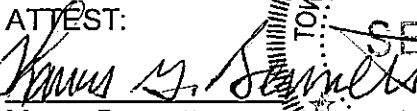
Mayor's comments:

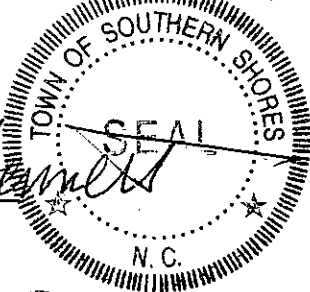
Council Members' comments:

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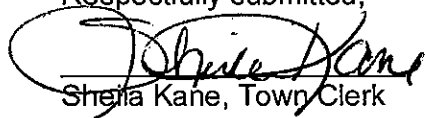
MOTION: Mayor Bennett moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Council Member Holland. The motion passed unanimously. The time was 12:20 p.m.

ATTEST:


Mayor Bennett



Respectfully submitted,


Sheila Kane, Town Clerk