

BUDGET HEARING and SPECIAL BOARD MEETING of June 27, 2001, with Mayor Buck Trott and Commissioners Amy Patterson, Zeke Sossomon, H. N. James, Mike Cavender, and Ron Sanders present.

Also present was Richard Betz.

A. Budget Hearing.

The Mayor called the Budget Hearing to order at 8:00 a.m., and stated that this was the time and place to receive comments from the public on the FY 01-02 Budget, as presented on May 30, 2001; notice had appeared in The Highlander newspaper pursuant to law.

There were no members of the public present to comment on the proposed budget, and the Mayor declared the hearing closed at 8:05 a.m.

B. Special Board Meeting.

I. The Mayor called the Special Meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda.

Copies of the agenda were distributed at the meeting.

MOVED BY COMM. PATTERSON, SECONDED BY COMM. CAVENDER, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Comm. James requested that a personnel matter relating to Maureen Lackey be added to the agenda. Comm. Patterson agreed to withdraw her motion.

MOVED BY COMM. CAVENDER, SECONDED BY COMM. PATTERSON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF A PERSONNEL MATTER RELATING TO MAUREEN LACKEY.

III. Business.

1. Comm. James reported to the Board that Maureen Lackey had told him on the previous day that enforcing the Watershed and Soil Erosion regulations were not a part of her job description, and she felt that she was not being compensated for enforcing them. The Board discussed the matter.

2. The Board discussed both the Ordinance amending the FY 00-01 budget and the proposed FY 01-02 budget, copies of which were distributed at the meeting.

Comm. Patterson noted the recent electrical storms, and reported that she understood the new Performing Arts Center was not equipped with adequate surge protection to protect equipment which now belonged to the Town. She asked if the Town could look into the possibility of installing a surge protector for the entire building at the point of service; the Board agreed by consensus to ask the Town Engineer to determine if that was feasible and if so to obtain an estimate. The Town Administrator reported that there would be adequate funds in the Recreation Department for such an expenditure in the FY 01-02 budget.

The Board also discussed parking in the vicinity of the Performing Arts Center. Comm. James thought the Board should obtain an estimate from the Town Engineer on installing a sidewalk and diagonal parking along Chestnut Street, and the Board agreed by consensus.

MOVED BY COMM. CAVENDER, SECONDED BY COMM. JAMES, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2000 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2001. A copy is attached hereto and made a permanent part of this record.

3. MOVED BY COMM. JAMES, SECONDED BY COMM. SOSSOMON, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADOPT THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS BUDGET ORDINANCE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2001 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002, WITH AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE OF 0.18 PER \$100.00 VALUATION. A copy is attached hereto and made a permanent part of this record.

IV. MOVED BY COMM. CAVENDER, SECONDED BY COMM. SANDERS, AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED TO ADJOURN.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was declared adjourned by the Mayor at 8:45 a.m.

Richard Betz, Town Clerk