

**WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE MEETING
KIAWAH ISLAND MUNICIPAL CENTER
1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
May 5, 2008, 8:00 AM**

Minutes

I. Call to Order: Mr. McIver called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

II. FOIA: Notice of this meeting has been published, and posted in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the requirements of the Town of Kiawah Island.

III. Roll Call:

Present: Don McIver, Chair
Steven Orban, Councilman
William G. Wert, Mayor

Also Present: Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator
Kenneth Gunnells, Town Treasurer
Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk

IV. Minutes

A. Ways & Means Committee Meeting – March 31, 2008

Mr. Orban moved to approve the minutes; Motion seconded by Mayor Wert. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Old Business

A. None

VI. New Business

A. Community Outreach Policy

Mayor Wert discussed the need for a Community Outreach Policy and stated that this item will be voted on during the May 6, 2008 Town Council meeting. Mayor Wert stated that he feels the Ways and Means Committee should be charged with reviewing the funding requests and that reviews should be done on a bi-annual basis.

Mr. McIver motioned to approve the concept of a Community Outreach Policy. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Debt Policy (Information Only)

Mr. Gunnells discussed the Town's draft debt policy and stated that he would like the committee to review the document before the Town submits the final version for certification through APT.

C. SATAX Recommendation

Mr. David Elliott presented a letter requesting the reallocation of \$15,000 to *The Curious Mr. Catesby* item. During the Town Council Budget Workshop, members did not feel *The Curious Mr. Catesby* item met the State's qualifications for funding and therefore the \$15,000 was allocated to the Town's Parkway project. Mr. McIver instructed Mrs. Rucker to contact the SC Tourism Expenditure Review Committee in an attempt to receive an advance ruling on *The Curious Mr. Catesby* item's qualification for SATAX funds.

Mayor Wert motioned to approve the SATAX budget as presented, with changes, if any deemed necessary. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Budget Ordinance Approving the Fiscal Year 08/09 Budget-First Reading

Mr. McIver presented the proposed budget and asked for comment. Mr. Orban stated that he is uncomfortable with the amount of funding that has been allocated for technology maintenance and acquisition.

Mayor Wert explained that the \$300,000 Roadway and Development Line Item includes \$250,000 "good-faith" money for the establishment of a toll-way.

Mayor Wert stated that Town Council would hear more on this item during the May 6, 2008 Town Council citizen presentation from Mr. Al Burnaford and Mr. Paul Roberts.

Mayor Wert expressed his disagreement with the expenditure of \$100,000 for additional garage space. Mayor Wert stated that he will vote affirmative on the first reading of the budget ordinance, but will vote nay on the second reading of the budget ordinance unless he is given a more detailed and convincing proposal explaining the necessity to build onto the existing garage.

Mayor Wert motioned to recommend the budget as presented to Town Council. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Fuel Subsidy Adjustment

Mayor Wert introduced the fuel subsidy adjustment and stated that it will give each Town employee a \$20 per week fuel subsidy payment and will be reviewed every three months. This item is a temporary subsidy payment. Mayor Wert and Mr. McIver agreed that they did not want to lose employees due to the high cost of travel to and from work. Mr. Orban stated that he felt that the yearly cost of living adjustment should be enough to cover the increases in energy and he did not feel the fuel subsidy adjustment was necessary.

Mr. McIver motioned to recommend the concept of a fuel subsidy adjustment to Town Council. Mayor Wert seconded the motion. Mr. Orban voted nay. The item passed 2-1.

F. Solid Waste Contract Amendment

Mrs. Rucker stated that the current contract with Fennell Container Co./Suburban Disposal Services is set to expire on June 30, 2008 and that the Town wishes to extend the contract for a term that will expire on June 30, 2011.

Mr. McIver motioned to recommend the Fennell Container Co./Suburban contract amendment to Town Council. Mayor Wert seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Chairman's Report

Mr. McIver stated that Mr. Gunnells had met with the new Town auditor and everything is in order for the next audit.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Gunnells stated that the Town's financial affairs are in good shape and everything is up-to-date.

IX. Committee Member Comments

Mr. Orban stated that the LPA Contract needs to be updated to include field surveys, wetland mitigation design and permitting, wetland mitigation bidding assistance, wetland mitigation construction observation services, and post mitigation services. These services will have a total cost of \$24,550.

Mayor Wert instructed the Town Clerk to amend the Town Council agenda to include Design Services.

X. Public Comment:

Mr. David Elliott offered his assistance to the proposed Toll-Road project if needed. He commented at length on his recollections of the similar project was presented years ago.

XI. Adjournment

Mayor Wert motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 AM. Mr. Orban seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by,

Catherine Wilson, Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Donald H. McIver, Jr., Chairman

Date:_____

CC: Ways and Means Committee
Town Council
Tumiko Rucker, Town Administrator