

CITY OF BOILING SPRING LAKES
MINUTES
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MAY 16, 2012
CITY HALL – 12:00 p.m.

Purpose: The purpose of this workshop was for the Board of Commissioners to discuss the 2012-2013 Budget.

Attendance: In attendance were Mayor White, Commissioners Carroll, Commissioner Caster, Commissioner Forte and Commissioner Glidden. Also in attendance were City Manager Jeff Repp, City Clerk Susan Hartman, and Finance Director Karen Thompson.

Mayor White called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Mayor White asked City Manager Jeff Repp to explain the Planning Officer Certification \$2070.00. Jeff Repp commented that it is a Certified Zoning Official class and that it has been removed from the budget. Commissioner Glidden wanted to know if this was a required class to maintain certification. Becky Cummings commented that it was a 2 week class in Chapel Hill to acquire certification. Commissioner Caster commented that he is trying to figure out who does what as far as the UDO. It's a mystery.

Jeff Repp commented that he hasn't gotten into the UDO, and that he would look into this and get back to the Board.

Jeff Repp gave a brief summary of the projected Fee Schedule changes and/or increases, stating that proposed Yard Sale permit would be \$10.00. Tree Removal Permits would be \$25.00, Fire Inspection fees would vary based on the commercial businesses being inspected. Commissioner Carroll commented that he has been kicking around a small property tax decrease that he will bring before the Board which is the opposite of what the yard sale sign permit does, so he could not support increasing fees or adding any additional fees at this time. If I bring it before the Board, I'll bring a way to do it.

Commissioner Forte commented that there are people out there that have yard sales constantly. I think \$10.00 is very reasonable, and it's a few dollars for the City. Mayor White commented that enforcement would be the biggest problem. Commissioner Glidden wanted to know if the tree cutting permit was for all areas or just for the trees in the Red-cockaded Woodpecker zones. Jim Nicholas commented that it would be for all trees that require a permit. Commissioner Glidden commented that she has a problem charging a fee for a dead or diseased tree. Jim Nicholas stated that you don't have to get a permit for a dead or diseased tree. Fire Inspection fee for commercial businesses: Commissioner Forte commented that a \$35.00 annual fee for fire inspections is not too much. Mayor White commented that every business has to get a privilege license, what do they get for that? Why can't this be included in that fee? Commissioner Forte commented that we are the 3rd largest city in this county and he doesn't think \$35.00 is unreasonable. We have to function as a business. Commissioner Carroll commented that government should provide for the people what they can't provide for themselves and I don't see government as a business.

Animal Control position- Mayor White asked Jim Nicholas if animal control goes to the police department don't you think you can take on the UDO Administrative position. If we take 1 responsibility away, why couldn't you take this on? Aren't you already doing a lot of this now anyway? Commissioner Caster commented that he has a problem asking Jim Nicholas if he can do the UDO work and his own work. I think that question should be asked of the City Manager not Jim Nicholas. Commissioner Carroll commented that if we move animal control over to the police department it will give your department a

break. We should be able to back-up the front desk with your administrative assistant. I don't want to see a full-time person gone and still have part-time people here. She could assist in other areas. Jim Nicholas commented that they are starting to do some cross-training. Commissioner Carroll commented that we are not talking about dissolving a position; we are talking about moving duties.

Buildings and Grounds- Jeff Repp reported to the Board that a part-time person had been added to the Buildings and Grounds budget. Ernie Siriani reported that his budget is basically the same as last year except for the part-time summer help and the chemical shed.

Adjourn-

A motion was made by Commissioner Glidden and seconded by Commissioner Carroll to reconvene this meet on May 23, 2012 at 3:00.

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Susan Hartman City Clerk

Richard White, Mayor