

RECREATION COMMITTEE

4:00 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2010

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the Recreation Center, 24 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Bergwerf and Duffy, Chair Buckhannon, City Administrator Tucker, Director Page and City Clerk Copeland.

1. Chair Buckhannon called the meeting to order and acknowledged that the press and public had been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

2. **Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes**

MOTION: Councilmember Duffy moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 9, 2010 as submitted; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

4. **Department Report for March 2010 – Director Page**

Director Page was pleased to report that nineteen (19) young people who participated in the Red Cross babysitting course. Auditions for "Charlotte's Web" drew sixty-five (65) persons; from that number, forty (40) persons were selected as cast members. The production will take place Wednesday, May 26 through Saturday, May 29; tickets will go on sale Monday, April 12 and are five dollars (\$5) for viewers over six (6) years of age. Keenagers will hold their last meeting in May before the summer break, but the Lunch Bunch will continue through the summer. The Spring Break activities consisted of two (2) hours of organized play; although the groups were to be limited to twenty (20), three of the five (3 of 5) days, over thirty (30) young people attended. The next Middle School dance will be Friday, April 30 and have "Woodstock at the Rec" as its theme. Four (4) participants were needed to hold the Spring Break Tennis Clinic, and five (5) persons attended despite the fact that no one had enrolled as of March 30. Regularly, fifteen (15) people have been participating in the Total Body Challenge, and the Zumba dance class has been drawing thirty-eight (38) participants. The next event for the Employee Wellness Program will be a lunch-and-learn on Thursday, April 14; Geri D'Italia will be challenging employees to a twelve (12) week program to make better choices in nutrition, fitness and health. Co-ed volleyball ended last week, and preparations are already underway for the annual Half-Rubber Tournament in August. Baseball is in full swing; a homerun derby was held on March 8 with twenty-two (22) players participating. In March, Coach Michael Hay held two (2) opportunities for young people to learn about lacrosse; twelve (12) youths participated on March 13 and fifteen (15) on March 27. Sponsors are being finalized for the Isle of Palms Beach Run that will take place on Saturday, July 17. Registration for the following camps began on April 12: AJ Basketball, Girls' Volleyball Clinic, Lacrosse, Rising Stars Basketball and Soccer. Talk on the island (800) children taking part. The annual Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 17, and fifty-four (54) booths will be set up. Camp Summershine is weeks away from starting, but nearly all weeks are full. Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting will not be held on Memorial Day weekend this year due to the tides; it is scheduled for Saturday, June 5.

5. Old Business

Status of Policy for Sponsorships

Director Page reported that she has developed a written policy and presented it to the City Administrator for review; Administrator Tucker noted that she had read the document, wanted to make some revisions and get legal counsel on it before putting it before the Committee.

6. New Business

Review of Operating and Capital Budgets for FY 2010-2011

Administrator Tucker reported that, since the first review of the budget to now, changes have been made in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000), and the changes will be reviewed globally at the budget workshop on April 20.

Operating Budget

Salaries – Supervisors & employees	\$286,687
Estimated pool for performance-based adjustments reduced from 4% to 3.5%.	
Group health insurance	48,170
Provider has confirmed increase of 5%; City has been moved into modified pool where it will be partially experience rated in the future.	
Insurance	31,306
Includes property, liability and flood w/ 5% estimated increase from SMIRF.	
Workers' Compensation	7,068
Based on 3 years' good experience and excellent safety audits.	

Responding to inquiries from Councilmembers, additional detailed information will be provided at the workshop related to fuel cost estimates.

The Recreation operating budget shows a two percent (2%) increase over the present year's budget.

The Recreation Capital Budget schedule on page 41 displays the capital expenditures along with the fund from which they will be paid.

Capital Budget

Additional/Replacement playground or scoreboard equipment	8,000
These items were combined at the request of the Committee at a previous meeting.	
Replace Admin vehicle (scheduled for replacement FY10, deferred by Director)	25,000
Director Page stated that she has contacted vendor, and price can be reduced to \$22,000.	
Replace Toro groomer	13,000
The vendor has indicated that there could be a \$1,000 trade-in for the old groomer.	

Responding to Chair Buckhannon's question, Director Page stated that the mileage on the administrative truck is sixty-five thousand (65,000) miles.

Administrator Tucker informed the Committee that this version of the budget was the budget that would be under review at the workshop, but she noted that she would add to her comments any input that Committee members thought was pertinent.

When asked about changes, Chair Buckhannon stated that any changes to these budgets would hinge on revenues. Administrator Tucker commented that the "pink" budget is a balanced budget, and she directed the Committee members to page 1. The Administrator reported that the only way that she and the Treasurer were able to balance the budget, expecting that most revenue items in the General Fund would remain level, was to pull some personnel expenses out of the tourism-related funds. This action has been taken in the past for personnel who were hired specifically for the summer; the FY 2010-2011 budget proposes the following:

1 patrol officer and 2 firefighters, salaries & benefits from Municipal Accommodations Fees	\$152,411
1 patrol officer and 1 firefighter, salaries & benefits from Hospitality Taxes	102,473
Summer weekend part-time fire personnel, salaries from State ATAX, approx 30 hrs/weekend for 26 weekends April through September	9,326
½ of Victims Advocate/detective position, salary & benefits from Victims Fund	30,023
½ of Public Works' temporary labor Offsets 50% of temp labor expense in Public Works Department	81,307

Administrator Tucker noted that, when the economy rebounds, she and the Treasurer will recommend that these expenditures be moved back to the General Fund, because these are permanent positions and the tourism-related revenues are all a function of whether tourism is up or down.

According to the Administrator, another important issue is that the current budget presented a fifteen percent (15%) decline in the accommodations tax revenue line, but the City's experience year-to-date has been more favorable than that – projections now indicate a five percent (5%) decline. Administrator Tucker indicated that a number of funds must use fund balances in order to support the expenditures accounted for in the FY 11 budget. The Administrator added that the Isle of Palms is very fortunate to have had the funds balances to sustain the City through this tough economic period.

Chair Buckhannon voiced his concern with using fund balance to pay for deficit as opposed to paying for new services. Administrator Tucker informed the Committee that approximately four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) has been trimmed from the budget since the first time the Committee saw it.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 4 p.m., Monday, May 3, 2010

8. Adjourn

**MOTION: Councilmember Duffy moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.;
Chair Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk