

RECREATION COMMITTEE
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 1, 2011

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in Council Chambers of City Hall, 1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, South Carolina. Attending the meeting were Councilmembers Buckhannon and Duffy, Chair Bergwerf, City Administrator Tucker, Recreation Director Page, Assistant to the Administrator Dziuban and City Clerk Copeland. A quorum was present to conduct business.

1. Chair Bergwerf 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 February 1, 2011 as submitted; Councilmember Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Citizens' Comments

Joanna Harper, 3612 Waterway Boulevard, spoke to the Committee as President of the IOP Neighborhood Association (IOPNA). She stated that the Recreation Department had sent of requests to island business to sponsor teams and that she was disappointed that the IOPNA had not received a request. Ms. Harper asked that the Committee reconsider and invite IOPNA to sponsor a team. Ms. Harper commented that the IOPNA does many good things for the island, and sponsoring a team is one more thing they would like to do.

Jim Owens, 2805 Palm Boulevard, stated that he and his wife had taken their granddaughter to "Doggie Day at the Rec" the previous Saturday and had a wonderful time; he complimented the Recreation Department for the excellent job they did on the event. He added that he would not like to be a judge for the event. He suggested that a net be erected along the left field line; he indicated that he picks up fifteen to thirty homerun balls every evening in his walks.

4. Department Report for February 2011

Director Page reported that the acting classes were going very well, and the class would hold a performance at 6:30 p.m., Friday, March 4. Auditions for *Peter Pan* will be held on Tuesday, March 22 with the performance planned for the summer. Hip Hop Fitness draws thirty-two (32) to classes on Thursday evenings. The etiquette class that was postponed from the first of the year has been re-scheduled to begin tomorrow. Two hundred forty (240) young people attended the middle school dance of February 18. The senior aerobics and exercise classes continue to draw large numbers, as do the Zumba classes. The "Lunch and Learn" session have been renamed "The Wellness Connection" and have been opened up to all island residents; the next Wellness Connection will be at 12:15 p.m. on March 23 at the Recreation Center when Dr. Harper will discuss seasonal allergies. Youth basketball is wrapping up as baseball is beginning. On Friday nights when Friday Night Hoops does not take place, Laura Togami will be conducting a volleyball clinic called "Friday Night Spikes." The Lowcountry Blues Bash drew five hundred (500) people over the weekend of February 5th and 6th, and twenty-one (21) children participated in Cupid's Card Shop.

As always, "Doggie Day at the Rec" was a tremendous success; pictures from the event have been posted on the City's website. Future events on the calendar for the Recreation Department include the following:

- the annual Yard Sale on Saturday, April 16th,
- First Pitch Half Rubber Tournament on Saturday, March 26th,
- the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 23rd,
- Piccolo Spoleto Sand Sculpting Contest on Saturday, May 28th, and
- 13th Annual Half Rubber Tournament on Saturday, August 20th.

Baseball registration has been completed, and the mandatory player/parent meetings are taking place this evening. Registration for Camp Summershine will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 28th.

Christina Willson, the new Community Specialist, has done an excellent job at marketing the Rec Departments events on visitor and tourism websites as well as local television stations.

Chair Bergwerf questioned that the Animal Control Officers at "Doggie Day" stopped selling City dog tags and left the event about 10:30 a.m. when the City website said they would be available until 11 a.m. and people were still in line. Director Page noted that someone had brought that to her attention and she had contacted Chief Buckhannon. The Director and City Administrator assured the Chair that the problem would be corrected for next year.

Administrator Tucker asked that emphasis be placed on early registration for Camp Summershine; she indicated that she gets calls every year from island parents who has missed the deadline for registration.

5. Old Business – None

6. New Business

A. Review of Operating Budget for FY 2011-2012

Assistant Dziuban stated that the Committee has both the first edition of the operating budget for FY12 and an updated version of the Capital Budget reflecting the changes made in February. Increases to the operating budgets are indicated by bolded figures.

Assistant Dziuban indicated that she will review the expenditures with changes in FY12.

Recreation Department

Wages and salaries	279,114
Wages and salaries are noted with a 3% merit pool for employees.	
Overtime Wages	10,814
Same 3% applied.	
FICA expense	33,154
Workers Compensation	7,122
Increases are the results of the increased wages.	

Vehicle fuel and oil	6,320
Based on 12 months usage at \$4.00/gallon combined for unleaded and diesel.	
Electricity and gas	38,467
Based on most recent 12 mo. Actual (SCE&G and propane) plus 5%.	
LTD insurance	0
The cost for his insurance is included in the health insurance premium with the State Health Plan.	

As presented, the Recreation Department's operating budget for FY12 was two tenths of a percent (0.2%) lower than in FY11.

Administrator Tucker stated that staff had discussed the possibility of removing the IOP Beach Run from the State Accommodations Tax budget and paying for it from the Building Fund because it is an event that typically generates revenue. By doing this, the revenues generated would go back to the Building Fund rather than to State Accommodations Taxes, allowing that fund to grow at a faster rate. The Committee agreed with the recommendation.

B. Consideration of Award of Contracts in Excess of \$10,000

1. Award of a contract in the amount of \$11,270.32 to Smith Turf and Irrigation for 1 Workman MDX Ball Field Groomer

Administrator Tucker stated that this was a budgeted item coming before the Committee for an award to the vendor; the price is state contract pricing. Director Page stated that the budgeted amount was thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000).

MOTION: Chair Bergwerf moved to approve awarding a contract to Smith Turf and Irrigation in the amount of \$11,270.32 for 1 Workman Ball Field Groomer; Councilmember Duffy seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Award of a contract to Carolina Sport Surfaces, Inc. for \$16,000 to re-surface the tennis courts.

Councilmember Buckhannon asked whether the re-surfacing was for both the tennis and basketball courts; Director Page confirmed that the project was for both.

Director Page reported that she had gotten two (2) other quotes – one at sixteen thousand dollars (\$16,000) and one at seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500); the budgeted amount for the re-surfacing was twenty-four thousand two hundred dollars (\$24,200).

Chair Bergwerf reported that she had inspected the courts and seen that they were badly cracked; the Director indicated that the cracks will be filled, but, over time, they will re-appear. Director Page responded to Chair Bergwerf that the courts are normally re-surfaced every five to six (5-6) years.

MOTION: Chair Bergwerf moved to award a contract to Carolina Sport Surfaces, Inc. in the amount of \$16,000 to resurface the tennis and basketball courts; Councilmember Buckhannon seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 5, 2011.

Administrator Tucker reminded Committee members that the MS Walk would be happening over the coming weekend.

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Buckhannon moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.; Councilmember Duffy seconded and the motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk