

RECREATION COMMITTEE
4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010

The regular meeting of the Recreation Committee was held at 4 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010 in the Magnolia Room 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 February 2, 2010 as submitted; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **Citizens' Comments - None**

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

Director Page reported that there was not a great deal of change from January as far as the routine programs are concerned. She stated that the Acting Classes and Ballet had been very successful, and that Evening Yoga and Gymnastics/Tumbling continue to be well attended. Sixty-one (61) Keenagers attended the most recent lunch/meeting. One hundred forty (140) young people enjoyed the February 19 Middle School Dance; the next dance scheduled for April 30, 2010 will have the theme of "Woodstock at the Rec," and everyone will be expected to wear their hippie attire. Spring break activities are planned for the week of April 5–9, including a tennis clinic and dance camp. Strong participation in the Senior Aerobics and Exercise classes continues. The Tae Kwon Do tournament will take place on Saturday, March 13; Director Page stated that the tournament is very interesting and usually draws a large crowd. The Director stated that tennis classes are continuing, but participation is less than was anticipated. Attendance was less than expected for the Lowcountry Blues Bash, but members of the Committee attributed that to bad weather that weekend. As always, "Doggie Day at the Rec" was a huge success, and a large number of dog licenses were sold to avoid the increase in fees effective March 1, 2010. "Baskets and Bunnies" is a new program where children will make and decorate Easter baskets and marshmallow bunnies. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, April 3 beginning at 10 a.m.; the Recreation Department estimates that six to seven hundred (600-700) children will participate in the festivities. With seventeen (17) spaces already reserved, the annual Yard Sale looks to be successful another year. Director Page reported that performances of "Charlotte's Web" will be given May 27th-29th, but will not carry the name of Piccolo Spoleto at the Beach because the entertainment has not been obtained through Piccolo Spoleto. On the Wellness front, City employees have been invited to attend a seminar at the IOP United Methodist Church featuring Dr. Ann on Saturday, March 13. Basketball season has ended and baseball season and softball have gotten underway. In addition, the Director reported that Carol Keller, Community Specialist, has been out for three (3) weeks with mononucleosis. She reported that she has hired Will McElheny as Recreation Supervisor replacing Trish Perrine; he started his duties Monday, March 8, 2010.

5. Old Business

Status of Policy for Sponsorships

Director Page reported that she had not had an opportunity to put a policy into writing, but that she has continued to solicit sponsorships as in the past. She assured the Chair that she would work with the Administrator to get a written policy for the Department.

6. New Business

Review of Operating Budget for FY 2010-2011

Administrator Tucker advised the Committee that they would have additional opportunities to review this budget before it would be finalized and she would be discussing the bolded items which reflect changes from the prior fiscal year.

Salaries	287,397
Based on current rates plus an estimated 4% pool available for performance-based adjustments effective 1/1/11.	
FICA expense	32,961
Retirement expense	29,487
These 2 line items are functions of salaries and adjusted upward accordingly.	
Group health insurance	50,464
The City's provider has foreshadowed an increase, and the City has estimated 10%.	
Workers' Compensation	10,270
Estimated with budgeted salaries and a 5% increase for the provider	
Vehicle fuel and oil	4,938
A cushion of 25% has been added to the vendor's best estimates.	
Electricity and gas	37,640
Increase Based on past 12 months' actual plus 5% SEC&G announced increase.	
Telephone and cable	11,100
Increased based on actual and includes internet access via Nuvox.	
Water and sewer	4,800
Increase based on past 12 months' actual.	
Maintenance and service contracts	30,000
Increase based on actual, plus expenses related to aging cardio equip, HVAC, ballfield lights.	
Cleaning and sanitary supplies	4,500
Increase based on actual, plus facility hours and usage continue to increase.	
LTD insurance	1,293
Based on fulltime salaries.	

Overall, the Recreation budget, as proposed, has a three percent (3%) increase over FY10.

MOTION: Councilmember Duffy moved to approve the FY 11 operating budget as presented and to recommend it to the Ways and Means Committee; Councilmember Bergwerf seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Miscellaneous Business

Next Meeting Date: 4 p.m., Monday, April 12, 2010

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Councilmember Duffy moved to adjourn at 4:34 p.m.; Chair Buckhannon seconded and the motion PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted:

Marie Copeland
City Clerk