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PUBLIC NOTICES

Parking Committee Meeting, Monday, September 10th, at 1:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Special Town Council Meeting, Wednesday, September 12th, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Special Town Council Meeting, Tuesday, September 18th, at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 ♦ 6:30 P.M. (Special Meeting Day)

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Douglas F. Samples
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Carmen Carella, Lay Minister, Garden City Baptist Church
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**
4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** - Regular Meeting August 28, 2012
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – 3-minutes per speaker
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Presentation, Horry County District 5 Councilmember Paul Price
 - B. GSWSA Advisory Board Report, Denise Brown-Richardson, Town Representative
 - C. Department Reports
 - i. Building & Zoning
 - ii. Police
 - iii. Fire
 - D. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events
7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. First Reading Ordinance No. 12-0726, Amend §4-20.2 Classification and Rates, One-Time Project by Out of Town Contractors, Administrator Fellner
 - B. First Reading Ordinance No. 12-0727. Amend §9-16 Decals & Exemptions, Golf Cart Placards, Chief Frederick
 - C. First Reading Ordinance No. 12-0728, Amend Chapter 3, §§302 & 302.4 International Property Maintenance Codes – Maximum Weed Heights, Director Morris

- D. Resolution #12-127 to establish Surfside Beach Hall of Fame, Golden Citizen/Business Award and Silver Citizen/Business, Councilmembers Dodge and Stevens
 - E. Church of the Resurrection Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt, Chairman Lyle Werner
 - F. Pier Presentation, Mr. Strickland
 - G. Committee Appointments (Deferred until after Executive Session)
 - i. Surfside Beach Business Committee
 - ii. Recreation/Special Events Committee
 - iii. Non-Voting Town Council Member to Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee
8. **DISCUSSION** –
- A. Sanitation Operations – Director Adair
 - B. Resolution #00-012 Supporting Greater Burgess Community Association
 - C. Resolution #12-112, Request Status of Southern Evacuation Lifeline, Councilmember Smith
 - D. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.
9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – 5-minutes per speaker
10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**
11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to consider appointments to (i) Surfside Beach Business Committee; (ii) Recreation/Special Events Committee, and (iii) Non-Voting Town Council Member to Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee
12. **ADJOURNMENT**



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, and Stevens were in attendance. Mr. Smith was absent. A quorum was present. Staff present: Interim Administrator Fellner; Police Chief Frederick; Public Works Director Adair; Treasurer Hursey, and Recreation Supervisor Ellis. Also present: Town Attorney Moss and Town Clerk Herrmann.

Mayor Samples announced that Mr. Smith was absent due to Mrs. Smith's mother's illness and asked everyone to be in prayer for her. The annual Beach Sweep is Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meet at the Surfside Beach Pier. Friday is the last day to contribute to the Town sponsored food drive to benefit South Strand Helping Hand. Collection bins are at town hall and the fire station.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mr. Carmen Carella, lay minister from Garden City Baptist Church gave the invocation. Mayor Samples led the pledge.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL.**

Ms. Kohlmann moved to a adopt the agenda with amendments to move Item 7.E. to the first business discussion, and to defer Items 8.B and 8.C. until Mr. Smith can attend. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL.**

Ms. Mabry moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of the August 28, 2012 regular meeting as presented. Ms. Kohlmann seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Samples deviated from the agenda and introduced "Communications A, Presentation, Horry County District Five Councilmember Paul Price," explaining that Mr. Price also serves on board of directors for the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments and has a meeting tonight. He asked Mr. Price to proceed so he could go to Georgetown.

Mr. Price said Surfside Beach is in within District 5, and he wanted to affirm the county's commitment to work "hand and glove" with the town. He assured council that any resources that the county could provide to enhance any part of the district would be done. Improvements have been done to four beach accesses from Garden City and southward. Showers were installed and repaving competed. Four other locations will be improved this coming year. Beautification has been on-going along Highway 17 Business and is almost completed, which he believes will enhance the entry ways into town as well as Garden City and the entire district. A public safety meeting is scheduled Thursday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m. to discuss the green laser issue. The county will try to develop an ordinance that would also be good for the cities. He asked council to consider the district as a whole with the town included and let him know of any specific priorities so he can present them to County Council. His main purpose in addressing council was to welcome the new councilmembers and to let Town Council know he was available to support them in any way possible. Ms. Dodge asked if the public safety meeting was in County Council Chambers. Mr. Price said it was. Dodge said she would attend. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Price to share his official email address where the public should send comments. Mr. Price said pricep@horrycounty.org and welcomed any suggestions or comments from the public. A town hall

56 meeting is scheduled October 1st at the new recreation center on Scipio Lane. He encouraged everyone
57 to attend. A survey will be passed out to submit written comments if you do not want to speak, but will be
58 a good time to relay information he needs to take to County Council.
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60 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS.**

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62 "Good evening. Harry Kohlmann, 1610 South Ocean Boulevard. I want to speak on the, a, the
63 police, specifically about trespassing. As some of you might know, we had a mini-crime wave in the south
64 end of Surfside Beach about three weeks ago. My home was struck three times in one weekend, and
65 numerous other neighbors were also victimized during that time. What some of you probably don't know
66 is that my home has had a crime committed there nine times in the last two years. Crimes ranging from
67 someone stealing bushes to stealing golf cart batteries at noontime while my wife was trimming the
68 bushes to slashing my wife's convertible top in the middle of the night. Another thing you might not know,
69 you also might not know, is that in South Carolina someone could go on your property or even under your
70 beach house, search through your belongings, try to get a bike unlocked, etc. and as long as they don't
71 steal something, they have not committed any crime. In February 2012, Chief Frederick stated in his
72 police report that, and I quote from the police report, "We are rolling out the final piece of our program this
73 month when we will begin coordinating a property management an agency program, which will allow both
74 commercial property managers and, and homeowners to enter into an agreement with Surfside Beach
75 Police Department to enforce property rules in common areas and more effectively enforce trespass
76 laws." Since that time of that police report, February 2012, which was nine months ago, my home has
77 had seven crimes committed there. All or some of which should have fallen under the chief's program.
78 To this date, the chief or anyone on the staff has not offered to enroll us into this program. Why? Has
79 anyone been enrolled in this program? If not, why not? If he does have one, can he get it started? If he
80 doesn't, I have a simple proposal for one. It can be fine-tuned. It's off the top of my head, half an hour
81 before I came here. Number one of the proposal be a inform residence property owners, property
82 managers and rental agents about the existing trespass laws and what criteria's needed to successfully
83 enforce them, for example signage and their proper placement. Create, number two, create and maintain
84 a property owner index file, which would include the names of the property owner residents' address and
85 phone numbers, the rental agent property managers contact number applicable, and also emergency
86 contact and their phone number in case of an incident at an unoccupied home." (time) Mayor Samples,
87 "Thank you, Mr. Kohlmann. Thank you. Appreciate it. You will have an opportunity to finish the thought
88 later in the program."
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90 "Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North. If I may, I would like to regurgitate some information regarding
91 the Scoff laws and our violating state mandated golf cart laws I the Town of Surfside Beach with no
92 apparent police intervention. I do know think all members of Town Council know the laws since they
93 either do not have a golf cart or spend little time riding one. The Town of Surfside Beach Police
94 Department now issues placards to town residents who pay a fee for two years. This placard states the
95 following, Section 56-3-115, a valid drivers license must be in the possession at all times while operating
96 this vehicle. Daylight operation only. Bold letters, underlined. Proof of insurance and financial
97 responsibility required at all times. It is also mandatory to have South Carolina golf cart permit issued by
98 the State of South Carolina on the vehicle. Residents of Caropines, Deerfield, Ocean Pines Village, et
99 cetera and soon to be all communities between Highway 17 and 17 Bypass are or will be all over this
100 town. They will be in the ocean access taking parking spaces from town resident. They do not have to
101 pay the fee responsible town residents pay. Why does our chief of police want a new placard? The one
102 we have reads just fine. You cannot legislate that people must read. We need a chief who will enforce all
103 various laws in our town. It seems that he picks and chooses which laws to be enforced. Residents
104 speak at council meetings and through phone calls asking for the police to enforce the laws, but get
105 nowhere. Our chief does not have to bring hookers into town and arrest them so that he looks good to
106 himself. In my opinion, all he really does (**) give the town a black eye. I think it's time council tells him
107 to do what he is hired to do. Why is it when some people run for Town Council or Mayor, they tell the
108 citizens they will do this and this, but when they get elected they do that and that. Totally ignoring what
109 they said they would do. This is tantamount to lying. There is a saying, power corrupts and absolute
110 power corrupts absolutely. Thank you."
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112 "Ron Gaskins, 315 13th Avenue North. First of all, did the hall of fame and awards get deferred?
113 Was that one of the items was that deferred?" Mayor Samples, "No that was not one of the items." Mr.
114 Gaskins, "Thank you. I'd like to say thank you for the opportunity to speak. My comments are in regards
115 to the hall of fame and the awards, but not the pros and cons of whether it's a good thing to do or not, but
116 instead it's, it's the collective committees, boards, and other types of things of a similar nature. To
117 simplify things, I just want to just use the word committees from this point. I, the only thing I would ask
118 that you do is please put aside your political and emotional feelings about committees and only listen to
119 this strictly from a business standpoint. To my knowledge, there never has been an analysis of the
120 indirect, indirect costs that is associated with carrying and feeding in the long term total ownership of
121 committees. It's my opinion that council should do such an analysis, and that be with the objective of
122 determining the number of committees notwithstanding the statutory, the mission-critical ones, that can
123 come up with a number of committees that can be managed and not negatively impact the resources of
124 the town. If, if this is not a viable business approach to committees, then I would respectfully suggest that
125 we put a time period in place, determined by the council that the committees that have already been
126 established can move forward and come to a point that they are self sustaining and not requiring as much
127 resources that they do currently in their infant stages. Since May, the town has been in a transitional
128 [sic] period and we all know how that affects day-to-day operations, and at the same time, we've asked
129 town council, or the town staff and town council to assume responsibility for the creation and maintenance
130 of these committees. My only reference, point of reference for this is serving on the beautification
131 committee, and I know from just that experience how much that staff has put into this committee, and if
132 you take that, in my mind, and multiply it by the number that are there, then it is, it's just pushing a point of
133 diminishing returns. Thank you."
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135 Mr. Stevens, "Thank you, Mayor. This is to the citizens of Surfside Beach and to the members of
136 Town Council and the Mayor. I want to take this opportunity today to express my sincere apology to all
137 the town citizens for my actions and poor judgment at a local business. I accept and take full
138 responsibility for my actions, and I'm truly sorry that my actions caused any embarrassment to the town
139 and with great humility; I ask the citizens and members of council for your forgiveness in this matter.
140 From this day forward, I shall act with greater restraint and a greater duty for fairness in my dealing with
141 the public. I am only human and know that we as humans have never been perfect and in everyone's life
142 we have said or done things we regretted doing. This is my time to address my actions and judgment,
143 which I admit were wrong and sincerely publicly apologize for my actions from the bottom of my heart and
144 I ask all of you for your forgiveness in this matter. To the two ladies at the local business, I would like to
145 sincerely apologize. These ladies were only doing their job and my actions and judgments were wrong. I
146 wish to extend my sincere apologies to the ladies and their families. To the members of the press, I firmly
147 support your rights guaranteed under the First Amendment of the United States Constitution that there
148 shall be no law infringing upon the freedom of the press and the right to the printing and distribution of
149 information or opinions on all matters. Once again, I sincerely apologize to all and ask for your
150 forgiveness. Thank you." (*applause*)
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152 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**

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154 A. Presentation, Horry County District 5 Councilmember Paul Price. (*See above.*)
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156 B. GSWSA Advisory Board Report, Denise Brown-Richardson, Town Representative. Ms.
157 Brown-Richardson thanked council and the citizens for allowing her to represent the town on the Grand
158 Strand Water and Sewer Authority advisory board. At the August 20th meeting new members were
159 indoctrinated about the authority's services, and their duties as members. She asked that council or any
160 citizens that had questions or concerns about water and sewage removal to contact her through the town
161 clerk, telephone 843.997.0750, or via email at bizservice3@hotmail.com.
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163 C. Department Reports

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165 i. Building, Planning & Zoning. Ms. Morris presented the report, a copy of which is on file. Mr.
166 Stevens asked if the open display report was current, because there are businesses with open displays
167 that have not appeared on the report. Ms. Morris said as of the date on the top; she has up-to-date

168 available. If businesses have not received a banner or tent permit, a letter or two has been sent, with
169 progressive warning that a permit is required. After a final notice is sent, the business is summoned to
170 court. There are a few businesses that are being investigated now. Ms. Kohlmann thanked Ms. Morris
171 saying that citizens in her neighborhood called the department and were very impressed with the almost
172 immediate response. Ms. Dodge said it appeared that lawn contractors were depositing lawn debris on
173 vacant lots and asked if there is way to control that. Ms. Morris said the property owner is written a letter
174 and informed they are responsible for cleaning the lot when the debris is dropped off on private property.
175 Unfortunately, there is no way to know who dumps the debris unless they are reported or staff sees it
176 happen. *Ms. Mabry was excused for personal privilege at 7:00 p.m. and returned at 7:01 p.m.*
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178 ii. Police. Chief Frederick presented the report, a copy of which is on file. Corporal King
179 received Traffic Safety Officer Certification, a very prestigious certification that required six weeks of
180 training that certifies him to investigate fatalities, and serious car crashes. He and Lieutenant Keziah are
181 the only two officers out of the 26 on staff that hold the certification. Lieutenant Keziah was accepted into
182 the FBI National Academy, which is very important to the department insofar as integrating into the law
183 enforcement world. Less than one-percent of law enforcement officers nationwide qualify for that
184 academy. This will enhance professional planning, staff development, and garner respect from other
185 outside agencies. A contractor was hired to abate the coyotes, who asked that citizens and staff allow
186 him to work without interference as it may take a while for the coyotes to acclimate to his presence so
187 they can be captured. Wildlife biologist said this is the most effective method. Notices were hand
188 delivered to area residents to properly inform them about the situation. The coyotes most likely came into
189 town from the Deerfield area where there is a large population of coyotes. When these animals are
190 abated, others may come into town, but at least a system will be in place to abate them. Ms. Dodge said
191 that she asked questions so the audience would benefit from the chief's answers. She also wanted the
192 public to know how proud she was of Corporal King and Lieutenant Keziah noting that getting into the
193 academy at Quantico was quite a feat. Ms. Kohlmann congratulated Lieutenant Keziah on acceptance
194 into the FBI Academy saying that was a distinguished opportunity. She asked if Lieutenant Keziah is the
195 training officer, and how that would impact training, especially with the two voluntary resignations. Traffic
196 slows down during the shoulder seasons, but burglaries increase. Chief Frederick said last year
197 burglaries were down significantly, so the vacancies were left open. He did not anticipate that happening
198 again. He will probably leave one position vacant through the shoulder seasons and winter, and fill one.
199 Lieutenant Keziah will be at the academy in January and February, which is a perfect time because those
200 are the lowest volume months. The training function has been built up, and there are several officers that
201 actually teach training. Lieutenant Keziah oversees the training program, but no longer teaches.
202 Sergeant Bailey will be designated training officer during his absence. There will not be any interruption
203 to the training program.
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205 iii. Fire. Chief Packard presented the report, a copy of which is on file. Ms. Mabry welcomed
206 Chief Packard back to work. Mayor Samples asked that future reports include personnel statistics similar
207 to the police report so that council will be better informed and understand full time, part time, and
208 volunteer staffing. Chief Packard would be glad to include the information.
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210 C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events. Ms. Fellner presented the report, which
211 is on file. Ms. Fellner explained the funding needs for the booster club start up costs. Mayor Samples
212 asked for council comments on providing start up funding. Mr. Seman informed him that he was waiting
213 to hear from the town attorney, because directions to him at the last meeting were to work out details on
214 the bylaws with the town attorney. Funds are needed to open a bank account, and the booster club
215 wants some reassurance that funds will be reimbursed or paid by the town as a nonprofit entity. Mayor
216 Samples believes that the town should provide funding for a venture that will ultimately accrue benefits to
217 the town. Mr. Stevens asked if the group would be an LLC (Limited Liability Company) or a nonprofit
218 entity. Mayor Samples said it would be a nonprofit 501(C)(3) corporation and have minimal set up costs.
219 Ms. Kohlmann did not believe \$1,000 would be sufficient. Ms. Fellner said the concessions cost would be
220 the largest expense, because of the upfront expenditure. Concessions were budgeted and for the first
221 few games it was unknown whether profits would be made. Ms. Ellis and she would like to have the
222 booster club actually run the concession stand. Staff would purchase the supplies through a local vendor
223 using pizza or sandwich shops like the local high schools do. If the town funds concessions, monies

224 received would belong to the town. Once the turnover is made to the booster club, then it would be
225 entirely responsible for concessions. Mr. Johnson said this was unknown territory. He believed \$1,000
226 was insufficient, because of attorney's fees, etc. and suggested \$2,500 limit with a detailed report
227 showing expenditures. He did not foresee that amount being exceeded prior to January 1st, the
228 anticipated take-over date. Ms. Fellner said it should not be exceeded. Mayor Samples believed Mr.
229 Johnson's suggestion was excellent. Ms. Mabry agreed. Ms. Kohlmann suggested "option c" that would
230 direct the administrator to assume on behalf of the town all startup costs until turnover to the group on
231 January 1st as long as expenditures were within the adopted budget. Mr. Johnson suggested doing so
232 with a maximum expenditure of \$2,500. Ms. Fellner said the uniforms would drive up the cost significantly.
233 Mayor Samples said registration fees need to be negotiated, which is part of the issue. The town does
234 not lose money. Ms. Fellner said that was correct. Mayor Samples believed "option c" was preferable.
235 Mr. Stevens suggested monthly expense reports be submitted if "option c" was approved. Ms. Fellner
236 said monthly reports will be provided and all financial transactions will be audited annually by the town
237 auditors. Ms. Herrmann asked for clarification if council was authorizing "option c" that would direct the
238 administrator to assume on behalf of the town all startup costs until turnover to the group on January 1st
239 as long as expenditures were within the adopted budget and did not have any spending limitation. Mayor
240 Samples said correct. Ms. Fellner said any unbudgeted expenditures like a checking account, liability
241 insurance, attorney fees to incorporate that exceed \$2,500 would be presented to Town Council for
242 consideration.
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244 **7. BUSINESS.**

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246 E. Church of the Resurrection Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt, Chairman Lyle Werner (*moved to first*
247 *business item by motion, see Item 3. Agenda Approval above.*) Ms. Werner explained that the scavenger
248 hunt would be held on September 22nd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. One hundred percent of the proceeds
249 fund the New Beginnings Feeding Ministry that has fed over 5,000 people during the past year. For every
250 dollar spent, they distribute \$11.50 worth of food. The ministry spends \$650 monthly to distribute about
251 \$7,500 worth of food sourced from the Charleston food bank. The ministry is also approved by Horry
252 County to make referrals to other social service programs. The scavenger hunt is a great way for
253 participants to learn more about the town and she was happy to report that Mayor Samples agreed to
254 present the awards.
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256 A. First Reading ordinance No. 12-0726, Amend §4-20.2 Classification and Rates, One-Time
257 Project by Out of Town Contractors, Administrator Fellner. Ms. Fellner presented the consideration
258 paper, a copy of which is on file. Ms. Mabry moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance Number 12-0726.
259 Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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261 B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 12-0727, Amend §9-16 Decals & Exemptions, Golf Cart
262 Placards, Chief Frederick. Chief Frederick presented the consideration paper, a copy of which is on file.
263 Mr. Stevens moved to refer the ordinance to the parking committee for a recommendation. Ms. Dodge
264 seconded, because she believed the committee could make some viable recommendations. Mr. Johnson
265 said he brought this issue up several years. The town has an obvious golf cart parking problem. He was
266 not sure whether council would agree with committee recommendations, but he supported the motion.
267 Ms. Mabry said her understanding was that this placard would fit on the steering wheel so that every
268 commercial golf cart would have the laws plainly posted. Complaints are received constantly about
269 under-aged drivers and golf carts driving at night. This is not a parking issue, *per se*, and she believed it
270 was more about education golf cart users about the law, and the first warning is the placard; if they are
271 stopped, the police should write a ticket. Whether golf cart parking is used could be a separate issue.
272 She reiterated that the placard recommendation was presented to educate the public and she did not
273 believe it should be postponed. Ms. Kohlmann was not comfortable voting at this time because she
274 believed there were other issues to consider, such as the upcoming change in golf cart laws that
275 becomes effective October 1st and different colored stickers for commercial and residential carts. She
276 suggested that residents receive the decal free, and commercial carts pay a \$5 fee. This issue will not go
277 away, but the town has a golf cart sticker that is placed on the windshield that says the same thing as the
278 new one, except for the police department phone number on the bottom. Mayor Samples asked how
279 rental companies in the county would receive a sticker. Chief Frederick said only in-town businesses and

280 residents can be required to register their carts. Most of the rental carts are rented by in-town
281 businesses, which might change when the law allows 4-miles travel. Mayor Samples asked whether the
282 recommendation would cause businesses to leave because of additional fees and noted that there might
283 be unintended consequences. He supported the motion. Mr. Johnson agreed with Ms. Mabry that this
284 was not just a parking issue, but he believed it would be a disservice to the town to act on such a complex
285 issue without more deliberation, especially since the documents were just received on Friday. Ms. Dodge
286 believes the commercially rented golf carts should have a different color placard, and suggested that
287 commercially rented golf carts must park in paid parking spaces only. Only residents that pay taxes to the
288 town should benefit from the free golf cart parking. Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Dodge,
289 Johnson, Kohlmann, and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against. **MOTION**
290 **CARRIED.**

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292 C. First Reading Ordinance No. 12-0728, Amend Chapter 3, §§302 & 302.4 International
293 Property Maintenance Codes – Maximum Weed Heights, Director Morris. Ms. Morris presented the
294 consideration paper, a copy of which is on file. Ms. Dodge moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance
295 Number 12-0728 as written with a 12-inch height. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mr. Stevens asked if this
296 applied only to lots that were cleared. Ms. Morris said the ordinance does not apply to undeveloped lots
297 that are in their natural state and it does apply to any lot that has been cleared. All voted in favor.
298 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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300 D. Resolution #12-127 to establish Surfside Beach Hall of Fame, Golden Citizen/Business Award
301 and Silver Citizen/Business, Councilmembers Dodge and Stevens. Mr. Stevens moved to defer this
302 resolution until a later date; there is other criteria he wished to investigate before presenting to Town
303 Council. Ms. Dodge seconded. Mayor Samples believed there were many other items council should
304 address and was happy to have it deferred. Ms. Kohlmann said the term "hall of fame," caused her
305 concern, because her understanding was that if she lived in town 25-years that she would receive an
306 award. She reiterated that "hall of fame," and "heroes" were difficult words to consider, and if this was in
307 reference to the town's 50th anniversary, it was premature. She believed that the town's long-standing
308 citizens would continue to be the good citizens they are without being recognized as a "hall of fame"
309 person. Ms. Mabry agreed with Ms. Kohlmann, and asked who would be chosen. So many residents
310 have made significant impacts to the town. Personally did not want responsibility of choosing those to be
311 recognized, because inevitably someone would be overlooked. The proposed historical committee will
312 work jointly with the recreation/special events committee on this historical event. Mr. Johnson agreed.
313 Mayor Samples said no one wanted to hurt feelings; someone was always overlooked, and it is
314 subjective. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, and
315 Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Kohlmann voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Kohlmann
316 said she wanted to vote on the resolution. Ms. Mabry moved to reconsider the question. Ms. Kohlmann
317 seconded. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, and Councilmember Johnson voted in favor.
318 Councilmembers Dodge and Stevens voted against. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER CARRIED.** Mr.
319 Stevens moved to table Resolution #12-127. Ms. Dodge seconded. Mr. Stevens restated his concern
320 that more consideration is necessary before acting on the resolution, and that the historical board might
321 have valuable recommendations. Ms. Dodge said single residents would not be singled out; any resident
322 that had lived in town for 50 or more years would be included in the celebration. Mayor Samples said the
323 motion is to table, not debate content. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tem Mabry, and Councilmembers
324 Dodge, Johnson, and ~~Smith~~ Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Kohlmann voted against. **MOTION**
325 **CARRIED.** Mayor Samples noted that a majority would be required to bring the matter forward, because
326 it was officially tabled. *Stevens, Scrivener's error.*
327 *Town Clerk. 1, CMC aff*

328 E. Church of the Resurrection Golf Cart Scavenger Hunt, Chairman Lyle Werner. (See above-
329 moved to first item under business, pursuant to motion in Item 3. Agenda Approval.)
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331 F. Pier Presentation, Mr. Strickland. In Mr. Strickland's absence, Mayor Samples asked to insure
332 there was common understanding of what was voted on during the special meeting on Friday, August 31st
333 and asked by a show of hands how many members believed a design was approved that included a
334 stairwell on the ocean side of the pier. He did not do so, but wanted to be very clear that even though the
335 town is in the permitting process with OCRM (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental

336 Control Ocean and Coastal Resource Management), he wanted no confusion later. Mr. Stevens said to
337 the best of his knowledge, and after reviewing the drawings and messages, and saw that council
338 approved an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramp that was reduced from 8-feet wide to 6-feet
339 wide, going up to Pier Outfitters and entering through a door to be constructed. Council voted to keep the
340 existing ramp, and the only other action was to instruct staff to obtain permits in the event the town chose
341 to build a deck in front of the Surf Diner. Mayor Samples reiterated that he wanted to know what the
342 members believed was voted on. Mr. Johnson said Mr. Stevens was correct insofar as his recollection.
343 Ms. Mabry believed there were stairs, but said she might have misunderstood the explanation about
344 Option 2. Mayor Samples said there was no reason to consider any other design or expend other effort
345 on the town's part than what was authorized by council. The direction is clear; five members understood
346 that there were no stairs on the back side. Ms. Fellner wanted to state very clearly that there was no
347 approval by council of the pier expansion on the east side, because that would all be dependent when Mr.
348 Strickland presented accurate figures. She agreed with the Mayor's comments, and said there has to be
349 a way to tie back into the deck, but did not want to speak for Mr. Strickland. Ms. Fellner reiterated that it
350 is very clear to her what council wants. Mr. Johnson said at this point the design is only for permitting
351 purposes, and asked if there was harm in asking for that to be included in the permit, even though council
352 may or may not want it. Mayor Samples said that was a valid, although different question and said he
353 wanted to insure that there was common understanding. Town Council has met quite a few times about
354 the pier and the issue is that his understanding was that council had voted on a particular approach. He
355 understood the approach as direction to the professional. He did not want any confusion, nor did he want
356 any members or himself as mayor, to direct any actions individually. The town has a council form of
357 government, which is why this conversation is being held again. Council had all the time it wanted at the
358 last special meeting to ask the engineer questions. A vote was taken, and there was never a discussion
359 of stairs on the back side. When viewing the drawing he specifically pointed out that there was a
360 possibility of expanding the fishing pier, and everyone agreed. There are non-engineering considerations
361 to be dealt with, and until the bid package is let, the final price is an unknown. He suggested using the
362 direction given, proceeding with the permitting, and getting construction completed by Easter. Ms. Mabry
363 said to be clear that although she thought the stairs were there for the OCRM permitting only, it would not
364 make any difference, Town Council would still have to decide what improvements would be made. She
365 was sorry for the misunderstanding, but until final cost is determined it will not make much difference. Mr.
366 Stevens read from the draft minutes, *Mr. Smith moved to direct the engineer to prepare proper permitting*
367 *documents using Option 2-Revised with a 6-foot ADA ramp, with a door into Pier Outfitters with an*
368 *awning, and no demolition of the existing ramp. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. Motion*
369 *Carried.* Mayor Samples appreciated the comment and said part of the confusion was a drawing
370 captioned "Option 2" was presented along with a matrix with very specific preliminary estimates which
371 could be argued either way. Staff was directed to proceed with the permitting application.
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373 G. Committee Appointments (Deferred until after Executive Session.) i. Surfside Beach
374 Business Committee; ii. Recreation/Special Events Committee, and iii. Non-Voting Town Councilmember
375 to Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee.
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377 **8. DISCUSSION.**
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379 A. Sanitation Operations, Director Adair. Mr. Adair said he was asked to analyze the sanitation
380 enterprise fund and offer recommendations for the future. The town has not had a rate increase since
381 [March 2006, Ordinance Number 06-0593.] Because of the price of equipment, manpower, and fuel he
382 believes Town Council should begin considering a rate increase. A comparative analysis was distributed
383 to council, a copy of which is on file. At the end of June 30, 2012, the net billing was about \$1.1 million.
384 Expenses, including operations, estimated depreciation, and salaries for that same time is estimated at
385 about \$900,000, depreciation at \$125,000, and a 5-percent transfer to the general fund, gaining a net of
386 approximately \$21,400. He anticipated a loss for the next fiscal year, particularly since Caropines service
387 was eliminated. Using an across the board increase of 10-percent for service in the three categories, i.e.
388 regular residential, summer/winter, and commercial, additional revenue created annually would equal
389 about \$110,000. A 15-percent increase would gain about \$166,000 per year. The department has a fleet
390 of five refuse trucks with approximate 10-year life spans that requires a truck replacement about every
391 two years. That cost and diesel fuel has increased dramatically, so budgeting should be done every other

392 year for a new truck to phase out a 10-year old truck. Based on the capital replacement plan a 10-
393 percent infusion of additional revenue would result in a negative at the end of five fiscal years. A 15-
394 percent increase would have a surplus of about \$150,000 after five years, which he believes should be
395 the goal. Both projections were based on across the board increases; however, council could choose
396 various options to increase the various account types. Mayor Samples asked for a description of the
397 trucks. Mr. Adair said there are two side-loading trucks that are single-man operations; two front-loading
398 trucks that service the dumpsters in the commercial areas, and a reserve rear-loading truck that is used if
399 there is a breakdown. Mayor Samples asked how much he expected tipping fees to increase, because
400 he heard in other meetings that the Solid Waste Authority intends to raise the fees. Mr. Adair said
401 electronics would not be too expensive, because collection events only result in one or two tons. A fee of
402 50-cents per pound will be implemented soon. He believes the highest impact would be if the Authority
403 begins charging the town for its recycle tipping that is currently free. Ms. Dodge remembered with the
404 trash was picked up with one truck that had a driver and a man on the back picking up the trash, and said
405 it was a lot cheaper then. Mayor Samples said sanitation is the best valued service that the town
406 provides. The reality is that the private sanitation companies charge rates much, much higher than the
407 town's. Mr. Adair said he would move forward as council desired. The City of Conway charges \$18 per
408 Moby versus the \$15 charged by the town. Mayor Samples asked if Conway uses the same type service
409 as the town. Mr. Adair said yes, "pretty much apples to apples." The scenarios presented kept expenses
410 flat without adjustments for increased tipping fees, salaries, etc. Projections could be made estimating
411 increased expenses. Mayor Samples believed council should be realistic about expenses to insure that
412 when an increase is made that it is enough to maintain the level of service without cyclical increases. He
413 also would like a comparison of rates for commercial services versus market commercial rates. Mr. Adair
414 was asked to attend the finance committee meeting for further discussion. Mr. Johnson said council has
415 monitored this for several years, and "it is what it is, and we're just going to have to bite the bullet it looks
416 like; it just depends on how big a bite we take, so to speak."

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418 B. Resolution #00-012 Supporting Greater Burgess Community Association.

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420 C. Resolution #12-112 Request status of Southern Evacuation Lifeline, Councilmember Smith.

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422 *(Items 8.B. and 8.C. deferred by motion, see Item 3. Agenda Approval above.)*

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424 D. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.

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426 Ms. Dodge said there are usually at least two and sometimes three police officers at our meeting.
427 Tonight there is only one. She did not think there was anyone in the audience that council had to be
428 afraid of, so in her opinion it is a waste of manpower and boring for the officers that are required to stand
429 guard for councilmembers that don't need it. Ms. Dodge asked if other member felt the same way. Mayor
430 Samples agreed saying he would really like to have the police officers on their off time, when they are not
431 being paid, come in and sit down to listen so they know what is going on in town. *(laughter)* He believed
432 time could be better served elsewhere, and believed the practice began with the last administration,
433 although he did not recall having a discussion or taking any action to require officers' presence.
434 Occasionally, an officer's presence is required for crowd control. Mayor Samples agreed with Ms. Dodge,
435 and asked for other comments. Mr. Stevens agreed with Ms. Dodge and Mayor Samples, saying the
436 police chief attended the meetings and was well capable of taking care of the council. He believed it
437 would be better for officers to be out in the field patrolling. Ms. Kohlmann said there is a need at time for
438 police officers. She personally did not believe the officers were needed, because the chief is present she
439 felt perfectly safe in the meetings. Mr. Johnson disagreed saying that he was probably one of the "most
440 laid back people" in town, and hopefully he did not have any enemies, but you never know who might
441 come through the doors. If an officer is in the front of the room, and someone comes in the back that
442 wants to do harm to anyone, the chief will not be able to get there in time. He reminded council that not
443 too long ago a person stood at the podium that made comments about an issue and several days later
444 went into town hall and made comments about brains on the wall, and brains on the desks tops. Mr.
445 Johnson said we are living in that type world and he felt comfortable having one officer at the door. The
446 police chief attends as a department director. Ms. Mabry agreed with Mr. Johnson, but for a different
447 reason. As a councilmember she was not comfortable directing staff from the dais. Ms. Mabry told the

448 chief she did not like officers at the door, and Chief Frederick explained that he believes this a best police
449 practice. He was doing his job keeping the council and residents safe. Ms. Mabry said if Chief Frederick
450 changes his mind, she would be happy with that decision, too. Ms. Mabry reiterated that she was not
451 comfortable directing the chief on where to station his officers. Mayor Samples asked if council could
452 agree that unless there are special circumstances or unless an individual makes a specific request that
453 no more than one officer be on duty at the back door. Mayor Samples said when new officers join the
454 police department, they are welcomed to attend meetings to learn more about government. **COUNCIL**
455 **CONCURRED.**

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457 Mayor Samples said that green lasers will be discussed at some point in time. Mr. Price said that
458 the county is working an ordinance. Ms. Fellner and Chief Frederick have been working with the City of
459 Myrtle Beach on its ordinance. The town prefers to work together with the county and city to adopt an
460 ordinance that is more easily enforced.

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462 Mayor Samples reminded members and the public that a special meeting is scheduled on
463 Wednesday, September 12th at 6:00 p.m.

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465 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

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467 "Glenn Curtis, 257 Palladium, just south west of Sand Lane. Having the extra police officer, you
468 know, it's a couple of extra bucks. I'm looking up here at you guys, well the mayor, you're dead center.
469 Anybody that comes through, why don't you nail them? Solve the problem. You got a clear shot."
470 *(laughter)*

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472 "Mayor, council persons, my name is Sara Saunders, 313 6th Avenue South. I've never spoken at
473 a council meeting before, so be patient with me. But I think it's time for me to speak about a concern that
474 I have. We have listened to information tonight about everything from coyotes to scavenger hunts and all
475 of it's valid. It's important and needs to be discussed. We spent about 15-minutes, 20-minutes or so on
476 each thing, and that's the way it should be. But we have had a citizen that's told us he has been
477 vandalized, burglarized and had other attempts nine times at his home in the last two years. This is just
478 not acceptable for a sweet little family beach like Surfside. No one has said a word about trying to help
479 him, anything to happen with him, or to do any assistance for him. I would like for you to look into this
480 situation, because it could happen to me, and if I see that you've helped him, I know that you'll be there
481 for me. Thank you for your time." *(applause)*

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483 "Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North. I would like to defer the deferral of the defer deferral. That's a
484 joke! Okay. We're still spraying for mosquitoes, let's use something that kills them, not makes them
485 bigger and more plentiful. It was embarrassing to me, a 20-year plus town resident, taxpayer to have
486 seen the conditions of our town on Labor Day. If it hadn't been for the Surfside Steppers, there would
487 have only been about a hundred people at the end of summer music on Surfside Drive. I did not see it
488 advertised anywhere. I did not. I was there for over two and a half hours and only saw three council
489 people. Where were the rest of you? The grass had not been cut in that area of the celebration for some
490 time. It was embarrassing. The infield at Martin Park looked like the surface of the moon, and the grass
491 was not cut. The grass was not mowed on Lakeside Drive at Floral Park near the bocce courts. The
492 garbage can at the bocce court had not been emptied for a long time and it smelled terrible. These are
493 areas our visitors come to and they should have looked and smelled better. Shame on the public works
494 department."

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496 "Harry Kohlmann, 1610 South Ocean Boulevard. I first would like to thank Ms. Sara Saunders,
497 because I thought I was in a time warp. I talked about all the crime that happened to me and not one
498 person on council asked the chief, 'do you have a program?' I was in shock. I just want to make it
499 perfectly clear that I wasn't, nor am I am, bashing the police department or its officers. They do great
500 work. On some of the incidents at my home, the offenders were caught. But due to trespass laws that
501 are in place now, there wasn't much the officers could do. If the residents of this town were further
502 educated on what is needed to prosecute trespassers, it would be a great tool for both the residents and
503 the police. That's why we need a program. Now if the chief has a program, I'm sure it's a great program.

504 But why not get it out there?" Mayor Samples, "Excuse me, if you don't mind me interrupting." Mr.
505 Kohlmann, "Yes." Mayor Samples, "I would make a suggestion that, you know, that might be something
506 that you could help him write up for the newsletter that we plan on distributing to everybody in town, and,
507 and take it as what I'm suggesting, a constructive way to address the issue." Mr. Kohlmann, "I
508 understand that, but I first would like to know if he even has a program. He said he had one." Mayor
509 Samples, "Chief, you got a program?" Chief Frederick, (speaking from audience) "It is held up by the
510 accreditation process. It is a program I've used with other agencies (**.)" Mr. Kohlmann, "If it doesn't..."
511 Chief Frederick, "I don't want to get into a back and forth with Mr. Kohlmann here, but it's a little complex
512 (**) lot of issues (**) here, but I'd be glad to meet with him. It's the first I've heard of it tonight, be glad to
513 meet with him. There are (**.)" Mayor Samples, "Let me, let me, let me make a suggestion. Let me
514 make a suggestion. I think it's something that should be shared, and I'm not putting you on the spot. But
515 as I understood, it was something that was quoted from a report back under the previous administration,
516 and, and you know, I think it'd be something to bring forward and make us all aware of, okay? So, it's a
517 good thing summer has ended, but bring, bring it forward and since it was reported to council as part of a
518 written report, and bring us up to speed, okay." Mr. Kohlmann, "Thank you. I just also would like to
519 possibly start a neighborhood crime watch program." Mayor Samples, "Just one of the reasons, and I
520 shouldn't be talking, but, but I, I, that's okay. Tom Higgins, who many of you may remember, when Tom
521 Higgins got old, crime watch went away." Mr. Kohlmann, "I also heard it was because another chief came
522 in and didn't want it. No, not this chief. It was chiefs ago, and he didn't want, want them, so that's why
523 they also disappeared." Mayor Samples, "Well, and I can tell you more about it, because Tom and I were
524 very close, and a, yep." Mr. Kohlmann, "I don't think it's a bad thing. You know, it could be different parts
525 of the program. Can dos and can't dos, but I think it's a good thing for education, for people to know
526 what's happening in their community (*two speaking at once*)..." Mayor Samples, "Agree a 100-percent."
527 Mr. Kohlmann, "Thank you." Mayor Samples, "And I apologize for interrupting, but I felt that, and I'll
528 speak plainly during, during council comments, but I will take a moment to say where we have issues we
529 need to work together to constructively resolve those issues. There, and this is what's this council wants
530 to do, and rest assured, that's what the staff wants to do, and everybody's gone a have to pull the weight
531 including the people that we're trying to serve, cause we can't please everybody. We'll never please
532 everybody. There are some people that it wouldn't matter what you did, you just cannot please them.
533 This town is in very good shape, rest assured. Do we have our issues and problems? Certainly,
534 certainly. We're gone a make every attempt to improve what we do. Having said that, we'll go back to
535 the agenda, and I apologize to my members for taking a moment."

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537 "My name is Mariann Croll. I live at 723 2nd Avenue North. I just want to make one comment on
538 behalf of our public works system in this town. We hear a lot of things that are detrimental and negative
539 about our people that work in this town. I've lived here 34 years, and I've seen a lot of changes in this
540 place, but they've been good changes, and I'm sure there's been some that weren't so good, but I have
541 seen the street workers working daily and the police past by my house at least twice a day. They're
542 patrolling around the town to protect our town. They're doing what they're supposed to do, and the, and
543 the town workers are so friendly. If I'm sitting on the porch, they'll wave to me. They don't ignore me, you
544 know that, and I think we as a town need to let them know we appreciate what they do do. They can't do
545 everything right, but they don't do everything wrong, and I just think we need to give them the credit that
546 is due our public works system, and our police chief here, I couldn't ask for a better person. I went to him
547 with two different problems on a friendly basis, and they got done, and I think if we do that in the right
548 manner, then I think we'll get a lot more done in this town that we do need to do, and I appreciate our
549 public works system." (*applause*)

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551 "Denise Brown-Richardson, 1022 Bay Drive, Surfside Beach, South Carolina. I just have a
552 question that I've been wondering about, and I, I apologize for being totally uninformed, but in the
553 recycling department, I visited, you know, our local establishments and things, and I see the businesses
554 throwing away glass in with their mixed trash and things and aluminum cans and this type of thing. Do
555 we have anything in place that, how can I say this, encourages them to recycle those items instead of
556 putting them in the bulk trash and that type of thing?" Mayor Samples, "I saw you shake your head no."
557 Mr. Adair, (from audience floor) "There's nothing mandatory about recycling in South Carolina. We
558 provide (**) cans to everybody (**) maybe some (**) mandatory coming down the pipe (**.)" Mayor
559 Samples, "We do make a, do we make it available in terms of ... so if a business wishes to recycle..." Mr.

560 Adair (from podium) "Every new business that's opened in the town gets a visit from our sanitation people
561 with a blue can with instructions on what goes in it." Mayor Samples, "So I think that's the answer, is, it's
562 available, but it's not mandatory." Ms. Brown-Richardson, "Well, in trying to maintain Mother Earth and a
563 healthy environment, I would encourage us to do a little bit more; cooperation from the, getting a little bit
564 more cooperation from the businesses and letting them know that we want to be responsible with our
565 land, our (**) our businesses and such. Also I too want to commend the police department. There was a
566 situation near where I live that was just abhorrent. A sexual predator, and different pedophile information
567 and pictures and pornography going on, and I appreciate the officers for taking care of that and I
568 encourage them to keep an eye out for our children, for our residents and everything. I also want to say
569 that in my neighborhood, I live in a good neighborhood, y'all, but in my neighborhood every time we've
570 ever had to call the police to an issue, they have been very responsive, very respectful, and were there
571 very quickly, and I appreciate that. We have a wonderful community and it just takes everybody working
572 together for the betterment. I agree with the lady here that we are very quick to say that something is
573 wrong. I think we should be more appreciative of what is right and the efforts that people put in of you
574 council people because we realize that you take up a lot of time and energy, and a, I thank you for that,
575 but we each as individuals need to do our part also, and put your per; your place, yourself in the place of
576 that person trying to do their job and try to do everything that you should and you can to help your
577 neighbor and be a good citizen. Thank you."

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579 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**
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581 Mr. Johnson, "I really don't have a lot to add to tonight's comments. Thanks everyone for coming
582 out. We live in a great town and thank you for doing everything that you all do to make it that way."
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584 Ms. Dodge, "I appreciate the comments from everybody. Everything is not all right in our town,
585 and some people bring that out. But we do work hard to try to make it better, and that, that's what towns
586 do. I'm very proud of Surfside Beach all, also. I'm proud of the residents of Surfside Beach, because
587 they turn out and they talk about what their concerns are for their town. That's very important, because it
588 lets everybody know what you think, and sometimes what you think is what somebody else is thinking as
589 well. Thank you all. I really appreciate you."
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591 Ms. Kohlmann, "Well, now everybody knows that I'm a victim of all those crimes, so I might as
592 well speak about it. The police officers here do respond very quickly. They're very professional, but I
593 heard you just say put yourself in somebody else's shoes and I've said it before, I'm due for new shoes. I
594 don't think there's a person in this room, not one of you, that would be able to withstand what it feels like.
595 Not one of you. I mean you spend your money on cameras and motion sensors and you have children
596 that are petrified, petrified, and they're not little babies, but they're scared. So I'm not bashing the police,
597 and I don't think anybody in here will when they get up and say they're frustrated that that's bashing the
598 police. It isn't. It's being frustrated, and, and I do believe that if we can open up the communication and
599 there is communication, I can email the chief and the chief emails me back, and, but there are things that
600 we need to just all just kind of be more approachable on. And I'm not bashing the police. I'm frustrated
601 and I'm afraid sometimes. You wake up at three o'clock in the morning with some man under your house
602 with a knife, you'd be frustrated too. So, before you start saying that everybody's always bashing them,
603 just, just kind a take the whole thing totally together and I don't think it's bashing, because I think
604 everybody has a great respect for law enforcement in this town. So, please remember that."
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606 Mr. Stevens, "I just want to say one thing about police and the fire department. I would like
607 everybody for just a moment to bow their heads and remember tomorrow is the anniversary of 9-11 and
608 let's have a moment of silence for the police and firemen who are the fallen heroes from 9-11. (*moment*
609 *of silence*) Thank you. That's all I have to say."
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611 Ms. Mabry, yes, I do have something to say tonight. We've been a new council for about four
612 months. In that time we've had 21 council meetings, counting today; four P&Z meetings; one stormwater
613 meeting; two stormwater education meetings; three Keep Surfside Beautiful meetings; two parking
614 committee meetings; three recreational meetings; two finance committee meetings; one A-tax committee
615 meeting; one full day of hurricane preparedness where all council had to go to class over at the fire

616 station; two full days of budget retreat, and one hurricane preparedness meeting that was the other night.
617 We've had over 40 meetings in four months. That's over ten a month. So we are busy. We have
618 balanced the budget for the first time in four years. The finance committee has been meeting one time a
619 month to continue to look for ways to better serve the citizens while keeping the financial health of this
620 town secure. This council has been more open and willing to share all information with the citizens than
621 ever before. You know it pretty much when we know it. We discuss everything in the open right here in
622 council. There are hours and hours worth of preparation that our staff has to get ready for all these
623 meetings. They, we don't just go in a room and they just happen. They have spent, department heads
624 spend hours; they go to the *ad hoc* committee meetings as well, so and along with doing their other job.
625 So all the work that we have given them, all the committees, and these all these extra things, they've had
626 to be a very, very big part of, they give us the information so that we can better do our jobs, so that we
627 can better serve you. So it is a big task and they have really stepped on the plate. I want to talk about
628 our first responders. They go far beyond what we imagine that they do on a day-to-day basis. They're
629 always prepared to jump in to extremely difficult situations from wrapping a young woman in their arms
630 providing safety from the most inhumane circumstances to giving comfort to someone who's just lost a life
631 partner of over 50-years, standing in temperatures over 100 degrees to help with fatal car accidents, to
632 removing rapists from our community. This does not include the community service, speaking
633 engagements, youth groups touring the fire and police departments several times a month, and many
634 other projects, and many times they provide public speakers for community groups. So if they're not
635 writing as many tickets as you feel they should be, maybe we should reflect on some of the real work that
636 is being done in this town, and I want you to look at the leadership that we have. I have never, ever, I
637 don't think you can go anywhere and you can find any better leaders than we have in our town, any better
638 employees that are willing to serve. I am so proud of the progress that our staff makes on a daily basis.
639 They make us look good. We could not do our job without them. When you'll enjoy your beaches, when
640 you enjoy your parks, when you enjoy all the things that we have, our staff takes care of that. So when
641 you, and one of the things that I want to say, when I heard about what some of the police department
642 does, I was amazed. When I hear that I know of a four-year old little boy that every time he goes by that
643 fire department he declares that's where his friends work. So you don't get that everywhere, you get that
644 here. So I'm gone a be the biggest advocate for our police department, for our fire department, and for
645 our staff that you can find." (*applause*)
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647 Mayor Samples, "Well, I want to wish happy birthday to our town clerk, Ms. Debra Herrmann, who
648 celebrates the big '3-0,' the big '3-0' this week! (*laughter and applause*) We wish you a safe trip."
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650 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

651 Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to consider appointments to (i) Surfside Beach Business
652 Committee; (ii) Recreation/Special Events Committee, and (iii) Non-voting Town Councilmember to Keep
653 Surfside beach Beautiful Committee.
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655 Mr. Johnson moved to enter executive session at 9:07 p.m. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in
656 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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658 Mr. Johnson moved to reconvene regular session at 9:30 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in
659 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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661 Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session.
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663 Ms. Kohlmann moved to appoint Donna Nathlar, Amelia Toney, Lee Zulanch, Joe Cotter, Bert
664 Krassin, Chance Hall, and Sammy Truett to the Surfside Beach business committee, and to appoint
665 Councilmember Stevens as the non-voting councilmember. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.
666 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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668 Ms. Kohlmann moved to appoint Ron Saunders and Glen Curtis to the recreation/special events
669 committee. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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672 Ms. Kohlmann moved to appoint Ms. Dodge as the non-voting councilmember to serve on the
673 Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful committee. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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675 11. ADJOURNMENT.
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677 Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor.
678 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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680 Respectfully submitted,
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683 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
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685 Approved: September 25, 2012
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689 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor
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692 Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore
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692 Ann Dodge, Town Council
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695 Mark L. Johnson, Town Council
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698 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council
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698 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council
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