



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
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PUBLIC HEARING: Town Council will hold at hearing at this meeting to hear comments from the public on Ordinance #13-741 to increase sanitation fees.

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

Special Meeting Day - Tuesday March 26 is Runoff Election Day

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Douglas F. Samples
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Pastor Steve Fairchild, LC3, Low Country Community Church
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**
4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**
 - A. Special Meeting March 5, 2013
 - B. Regular Meeting March 12, 2013
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – 3-minutes per speaker
6. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Pursuant to 6-1-330(A) of the South Carolina Code to hear comments from the public on Ordinance #13-0741 regarding proposed sanitation fee increases
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Employee Recognition – Debbie Ellis, Recreation, 15-Year Service Award
 - B. Department Reports
 - i. Finance
 - ii. Recreation
 - iii. Public Works
 - C. Administrator's Report - Update on Current Events
8. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0740 to Repeal Ordinance #12-0734 to amend Sections 7-12; ¶1-4 and Include §7-37, ¶G, Sanitation Fees and Special Disposal Problems (e-waste)
 - B. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0741 to amend §7-12 Sanitation Fees; ¶1-4, and to add §7-37, ¶G Special Disposal Problems (e-Waste)
 - C. First Reading of Ordinance #13-0739 to repeal the GTE Franchise, expired 10/2007.
8. **BUSINESS**, *continued*

D. Committee Vacancies – Resignations from Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful: Jim Toney; Shelby Smith; Jerry Strange, and Mary Ann Hunt

9. **DISCUSSION** – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.

A. Plantings in the rights-of-way, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry

B. Council Decorum; MASC Training, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry

C. Fishing Pier Rates - Seniors, Children, etc., Mayor Pro Tem Mabry and Councilmember Smith

D. Ordinance #12-0727, §9-16, ¶(b) Golf Cart Registration Required, ¶¶(i) Residents and Nonresident Residential Property Owners, Councilmember Kohlmann

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – 5-minutes per speaker

11. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

12. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person to a public body and Pursuant to Town Code of Ordinances §2-61(f) to consider vacancies on Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 5, 2013 ♦ 11:30 A.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Samples called the special meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Johnson, Smith and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS.** There were no public comments.

3. **BUSINESS. Direction to Town Administration regarding settlement of pending legal claim** (may be deferred until after executive session.) Mayor Samples said it was appropriate to discuss the settlement in executive session and called for motion to enter same.

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION.** Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss settlement of a pending legal claim. Mr. Smith moved to enter executive session at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session and called for motion to reconvene regular session.

Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session at 12:11 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn at 12:11 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully submitted,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: March ____, 2013

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary M. Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Clerk's Note: This document constitutes minutes of the meeting, which was audio taped. This meeting was transcribed by Town Clerk Herrmann. In accordance with FOIA, meeting notice and the agenda were distributed to local media and interested parties. The agenda was posted on bulletin boards outside Council Chambers and in the Town Hall reception area. Meeting notice was also posted on the Town marquee. When (**) is used, a section of the transcription is inaudible.



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 11, 2013 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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7 **1. CALL TO ORDER.**
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9 Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore
10 Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance. A
11 quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann; Police Captain
12 Miller; Acting Fire Chief Cimini; and Public Works Director Adair.
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14 Mayor Samples welcomed everyone to the first meeting. He explained for the record that the
15 meeting was being held on Monday, because of the Horry County Council Chairman Primary Election
16 Day was being held tomorrow. In accordance with Town Code §2-36(b) the town does not hold meetings
17 on election days. If a runoff election is necessary, the next regular meeting will be on Monday, March
18 25th.
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20 **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
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22 Pastor Allen Rogers, Journey Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Samples led the Pledge of
23 Allegiance.
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25 Mayor Samples: "Alright, Item Number 3 is agenda approval."
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27 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL.**
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29 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we approve the agenda."
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31 Mayor Samples: "Councilman Smith moves we approve. Is there a second?"
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33 Ms. Dodge: "Second."
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35 Mayor Samples: "There's a second; Mrs. Dodge. All in favor say aye."
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37 All Members: "Aye."
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39 Mayor Samples: "The agenda is approved. The next item of business is minutes approval.
40 There are two, a, different minutes. The first one being the workshop from February 19th."
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42 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL.**
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44 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."
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46 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."
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48 Ms. Dodge: "I move that we approve the minutes for the workshop of February 19th."
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50 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion."
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52 Mr. Smith: "Second."
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54 Mayor Samples: "There is a second. Any discussion? All in favor say aye."
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56 All Members: "Aye."
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58 Mayor Samples: "The minutes are adopted."
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60 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."
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62 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."
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64 Ms. Dodge: "I move that we accept the minutes of the regular meeting of February 26th."
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66 Mr. Smith: "Second."
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68 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion and a second. Any discussion?"
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70 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."
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72 Mayor Samples: "Councilman Stevens."
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74 Mr. Stevens: "I'd like to make a, a, amendments and corrections on page 34 of 53 after July 9th it
75 says, saying 2000, and I want that to read 2012, and on ...
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77 Ms. Herrmann: "Excuse me, Mr. Stevens, what page are you on?"
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79 Mr. Stevens: "34 of 53."
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81 Mayor Samples: "Hold on for a minute, Councilman, and let us get there. Let us get there."
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83 Mr. Stevens: "It's line 1875."
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85 Mayor Samples: "1875."
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87 Mr. Stevens: "2012."
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89 Ms. Herrmann: "You actually said 2000; that's what the [sic] indication means."
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91 Mr. Stevens: "2012."
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93 Ms. Herrmann: "Yes, we can correct it from 2000, but the minutes are verbatim, and the 2000 is
94 what was actually said, that's why I put that notation."
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96 Mr. Stevens: "I already said 2012, that's what I said."
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98 Mayor Samples: "Is there, is there any objection to, and I understand what the clerk is saying,
99 any objection to the correction to the misstatement to 2012?"
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101 Unknown Speaker: "No."
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103 Mayor Samples: "No, okay. Very good."
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105 Mr. Stevens: "And the second amendment, amendment that I want to change is would be on
106 page 40 of 53, line 2188, that should be \$1,750, not \$750."
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108 Mayor Samples: "That's, a, line again?"
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110 Mr. Stevens: "2188."
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112 Mayor Samples: "2188, and..."
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114 Mr. Stevens: "It should read seven, instead of 750, 1,750."
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116 Mayor Samples: "Alright, please note the correction. All in favor of the minutes as amended, say
117 aye."
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119 Unknown Speakers: "Aye."
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121 Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"
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123 Unknown Speaker: "No."
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125 Mayor Samples: "One no. The minutes are adopted."
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127 Ms. Herrmann: "Can I get who voted no?"
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129 Ms. Mabry: "Me."
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131 Mayor Samples: "Ms. Mabry. Alright, moving right along, so to speak, we're gonna enter our
132 public comments period on agenda items only. Anyone is welcome to come forward, state your name
133 and address and speak to an item on the agenda. Agenda items only."
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135 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS.**

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137 *Clerk's Note: There were no public comments on agenda items.*
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139 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. You're sure? Alright, we're gonna move to communications. A,
140 first item is a proclamation, Number 13-82 Rotary Roundup Weekend. Ms. Herrmann, would you read the
141 proclamation."
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143 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**

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145 **A. Proclamation #13-82 Rotary Roundup Weekend.**

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147 Ms. Herrmann: "Proclamation #13-82, Rotary Roundup Weekend
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149 Whereas, Rotary District 7770 representing Southeastern South Carolina
150 and over 80 communities is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by
151 voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share
152 its vision of a better world.

153 Whereas, Rotary District 7770 enables Rotarians to advance world
154 understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the
155 support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

156 Whereas, Rotary District 7770 is a group here in Surfside Beach and
157 throughout South Carolina, where members volunteer in the support of education
158 and job training, provide clean water, combat hunger, and improve health and
159 sanitation.

160 Whereas, Rotary District 7770's five thousand members believe it starts
161 with a commitment to "Service Above Self."

162 Whereas, Rotary District 7770's main objective is service in the
163 community, in the workplace, and around the globe. South Carolina's Rotarians
164 who make up more than 80 Rotary clubs in South Carolina share a dedication to
165 the ideal of Service Above Self.

Now, Therefore, I, Douglas F. Samples, Mayor of the Town of Surfside Beach, do hereby proclaim that the weekend of March 22 to March 24, 2013 is Rotary Roundup Weekend.

Be it so proclaimed this 26th day of February 2013.

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Moving along, next is one of the best parts, best parts of being mayor is you get to recognize the employees and the staff who work so hard for all of us in town and, and really do a terrific job. First, we're gonna recognize Valerie Riley. Valerie, come forward, please."

A. Employee Recognition.

i. Valerie Riley, Municipal Court, 5-year Award.

Mayor Samples (*speaking from floor*): "Valerie is clerk of the court, and also an associate, an assistant, what do you call it?"

Ms. Riley (*speaking from floor*): "Judge."

Mayor Samples (*speaking from floor*): "Judge. Okay, what (**). Thank you, Valerie. This she is gonna split with me, I know that (*laughter.*) (**). Thank you for five years of service, Valerie, and if you'll smile, and I'll frown, it'll be okay. (*Applause and standing ovation.*) (**). and we look forward to the next five years. Tonight we're also recognizing Captain Arron Miller. Captain, come on over here."

ii. Arron Miller, Police Department, 15-year Award.

Mayor Samples (*speaking from floor*): "Arron has served the town for 15 years, believe it or not! Thank you, sir. He was on a special program. They sent him over from a, a, Seaside, Seaside (*laughter.*) Thank you so much. He's worked his way up the ranks, and does a really good job for the town. (*Applause and standing ovation.*) (**). (*Speaking from dais.*) We will not move into the, a, department reports, and the first report is planning, building, and zoning, and I see Ms. Fellner is gonna help us through that."

B. Department Reports

i. Planning, Building, & Zoning.

Ms. Fellner: "Yes, sir. Good evening, Council, Mayor, and citizens. Our director of PB&Z is in training today, and consequently, I'm gonna give the report. There were 88 permits issued this month compared to 90 last year; 51 new business licenses, and staff performed 117 inspection. There were also in February 14 plans reviews. In addition to permits, staff removed several signs located within the right-of-way. Signs belonging to businesses were returned and staff explained the regulations regarding signage within the right-of-way. The next item is congratulations to Kevin Otte for passing his exam and receiving the title of Certified Building Official, and some of you may have noticed..."

Mayor Samples: "Excuse me, Micki, can you pull the, the, a, microphone a little closer? I see some people straining."

Ms. Fellner: "I'm sorry, I have a cold, and, a, it even makes my voice stranger (*laughter.*) Some of you may have noticed that Jack O'Quinn has been around. He has begun working with the department performing inspection when the building official is out of the office. This is to prevent any unnecessary delays in the review of plans. So, we are very delighted to have him back. Also the property owner at 335 and 339 15th Avenue South had notified us that demolition will begin on the two structures by the end of March or early April, and finally, staff received complaints regarding 633 Sparrow Drive once again. When we sent the building official out to inspect, the front door was open, standing open, and so the building official secured the entrance with a hasp and lock to insure that the abandoned property could not be entered, and there will be, there's gonna be further inspections of this property."

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Mayor Samples: "If I could stop you right there, just to clarify in my own mind. Is it known that this is an abandoned piece of property? Is that what's going on?"

Ms. Fellner: "It, it is believed, but there's a process involved, and the building..."

Mayor Samples: "I mean with respect to a, what else would you call it, hobos, or, or whatever?"

Ms. Fellner: "Yes, there have been, I mean it has been open on occasion and it has looked like upon inspection that people were going in there and, a, sleeping."

Mayor Samples: "Okay, I mean that's something that, a, you know, needs to be patrolled and an eye needs to be kept on it."

Ms. Fellner: "Um, huh. Yes, sir."

Mayor Samples: "Okay."

Ms. Fellner: "Um, huh. And, that's all I have for PB&Z."

Mayor Samples: "Any questions?"

Mr. Smith: "Ms. Fellner, a..."

Ms. Fellner: "Yes, sir."

Mr. Smith: "Did you find out anything about the sign at Tomlinson, talking about the zoning?"

Ms. Fellner: "Yes, sir, I did. Let me get to my notes here. Tomlinson's resurfaced their parking lot on the weekend and shortly after the staff met with them and let them know that they had to meet the landscape requirements that were in the overlay, and a, they, the director of PB&Z had gone over the criteria steps within the overlay landscaping part of the ordinance, and subsequently, they requested a 30-day extension to either meet the requirements or appeal the ordinance. We granted them an extension, and now they have decided to appeal the overlay. They are basically arguing the parking requirements will not be met, which is one space for each 200 square feet of floor area devoted to patron use. However, in the landscaping design standards that were passed, Section 17-911 clearly states landscape requirements shall supersede parking requirements for the commercial districts. The meeting for this issue will be held on the 28th at 6:30 p.m."

Ms. Mabry: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "(**) Let me; that's an election, possibly, isn't that? No, that's not."

Ms. Fellner: "No."

Mayor Samples: "No, thank you. Ms. Mabry."

Ms. Mabry: "I just want to caution everybody to be very careful. We're not supposed to have any influence over the board, so to be, to discuss it up here, it should not happen, because it's a non-political board and we don't ever hear those cases up here. So, we have to be very careful..."

Ms. Fellner: "That's correct."

Ms. Mabry: "...and not going any further than we have."

277 Mayor Samples: "Well, I, I would agree with that. I mean that's why we have an appeals
278 process."

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280 Ms. Fellner: "Yes, sir."

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282 Mayor Samples: "Okay. Any other questions?"

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284 Mr. Smith: "A, Mr. Mayor."

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286 Mayor Samples: "Mr. Smith."

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288 Mr. Smith: "Ms. Fellner, I'd like to thank you for hiring Jack O'Quinn as, a, part time to help out in
289 the building and zoning so that we don't delay inspections, and so forth. That was a good idea, so thank
290 you."

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292 Ms. Fellner: "You're welcome."

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294 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

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296 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."

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298 Ms. Dodge: "I, too, congratulate you on hiring Mr. O'Quinn back. He's very knowledgeable, and
299 has always been a valuable employee to this town."

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301 Ms. Fellner: "He has, yes, ma'am."

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303 Mayor Samples: "Just for clarification, he was hired back in a part time status?"

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305 Ms. Fellner: "Only on an as-needed basis, for example, there are times when Mr. Otte, our CBO,
306 has to be away at training. He has to have so many CEUs to maintain his certification, and those classes
307 are often times four days and then, you know, they have a test or it's a travel, it's a travel day, and that
308 holds up plans for an entire week."

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310 Mayor Samples: "And, and I understand the need to have somebody to come in and fill, fill in on
311 a part time basis, and, and, that's my question, I guess. Is, is ..."

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313 Ms. Fellner: "That is what it is, yes, sir."

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315 Mayor Samples: "Okay, I mean I just, you know. Full time employees get full time benefits, right,
316 and it's a cost to the town, and I, and you know, it's something that, again, I think, I think we need to be
317 cognizant of, because that is an additional, a, billet, if you will, for that department."

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319 Ms. Fellner: "Right, but he will not be receiving those, because he's only working as needed..."

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321 Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

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323 Ms. Fellner: "...only part time."

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325 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Any other questions on planning, building and zoning? Alright,
326 moving along, it's, a, police department. Captain Miller, how are you?"

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328 *Clerk's Note: The written report is on file.*

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330 **ii. Police.**

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332 Captain Miller: "Good evening, Mayor, Members of Council, we, a, you should have our February
333 report in your packets. To go over some details, we saw some decreases for once in calls for service for
334 the same period of February last year with about a 9.6-percent decrease. We saw an increase in arrests
335 and charge amounts, as well. Those numbers have been provided in detail review in the, a, you know,
336 matrixes in the council packet. We had, a, two reports with uses of force from the patrol division. There
337 was [sic] no injuries to officers. There was one minor injury to a, an arrestee in the jail. Rodney Keziah
338 continues his training at the FBI National Academy. He's nearing completion. He, a, graduates March
339 22nd, and we look forward to him being back the following Monday. Nicole Solorzano, she was our
340 communications officer that transferred over to, a, the patrol division. She is in, I believe, her fourth week
341 of training at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy. So far her scores have her at just about the
342 top of her class. So, she's doing very well. We're very proud of her. Sergeant Travis Bailey attended a
343 2-day armorer's workshop for Remington shotguns. Again, that's a, a, training that enables him to work
344 on our equipment and a, hopefully, get better service life out of it; not have to replace it. Officers Matt
345 Hoffer and Josh Knight completed a 2-day, 16-hour course of training and 16-hour NCIC operations. This
346 is required for officers to access CJIS and DMV files over their in-car computers. Our new
347 communications officer, Kristy Briggs, she's currently in her field training period, and we expect by the
348 time the next meeting comes up, she will be on her on, and a, working in communications. And, as
349 always, officers maintained their mandatory training and their Class 1 certifications as required by the
350 academy. A couple of notable events, the police department received a very kind letter and certificate
351 from the Special Kid Sponsor Program. As many of you might know, around the holidays they drop by
352 what we refer to as the Christmas tree. It has gifts on it for needy, at risk, abused kids on it, and we, a,
353 there in the police department, we all pretty much chip in and grab a tag off, and a, buy a gift for a child
354 who may need it, and deliver those to the organization. I'm very proud to report that we were able to
355 help, a, over 100 kids through the kindness and generosity of the police department staff. We completed
356 all but one of our annual audits, and we expect that to be completed by the next report; did not see any
357 issues that came up in our audit. We continue the task of redeploying the canine unit. We've had the
358 dog, Dolfy, evaluated with the assistance of the North Myrtle Beach Public Safety Department. Dolfy was
359 found to be in, a, in overall good health and condition to be working, and we're, a, making arrangements
360 to have the actual, a, training, training done. And a, the last, and probably most important part of the
361 report is, a, staff was recently asked to look into and develop a draft or proposed ordinance for the ban of
362 synthetic drugs, often referred to as synthetic marijuana or synthetic bath salts. It's actually a wide range
363 of different substances, and as, and as such it's a very wide and a, a, very varied ordinance that we have
364 presented. We believe that it has a, a very good starting point to addressing the problem, and it's a very
365 real problem, and we recommend that, a, that it move forward to be reviewed by the town's legal staff,
366 and I'm available for any questions that you have."

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368 Mayor Samples: "Thank you, sir. Any questions, comments?"

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370 Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

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372 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Kohlmann."

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374 Ms. Kohlmann: "Two, I have two different things. I, I was wondering with our, a, under your calls
375 for service, I see that we have alarm residences. They're usually very high. I was wondering, do you
376 have a program in place where, you must have a lot of accidental trips, and you know, the guys are
377 wasting their time going to these. Do you have a certain set amount and then you either fine the people
378 or not respond?"

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380 Captain Miller: "Yes, we'll always respond, but there is a process where the communications
381 supervisor pulls a report of the alarms. She gets those up to town hall. There is an ordinance that covers
382 false alarms. We try to take into account if an alarm is being worked on, or being tested, and most of the
383 times, people will let us know about that ahead of time. But if it's a case where we see a business or a
384 residence that just habitually has the alarm go, and it's usually with a, a business as opposed to a
385 residence, there is a process under ordinance that a, I believe, you know, town hall administration
386 handles getting those notices sent out for what we call, a, false alarm fees."

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388 Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay. And my other part was on the synthetic marijuana. I just wanted to thank
389 you very much, because I know you put in, I can't even say hours. I'll have to say weeks, because I know
390 how hard it was for you to, to gather all that information and all the meetings that we had to have. Today
391 before I came, there was a news release about eight students arrested at Socastee, and I noticed the
392 charges that were on there, and a, I think that's a really important thing that you have eight young adults
393 in this area, I think, that we all have to agree that we have to protect these children somehow, and this
394 ordinance is, is a step in the right direction, and I just want to say thank you very much for all your
395 assistance with it, and we support you on it."

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397 Captain Miller: "Well, thank you for the support."

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399 Mayor Samples: "Any other comments?"

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401 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

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403 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."

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405 Ms. Dodge: "I, I just have one housekeeping, under, seven pages in, on the right hand side,
406 Arron, number 3 down, these pages aren't numbered. That's unfortunate."

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408 Captain Miller: "The seventh page. I have it."

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410 Ms. Dodge: "Okay, number 3, substances described as herbal blends, botanical blends,
411 botanical sachet, herbal sachet, on and on to or co, combination of these, regardless of, instead of it, it
412 should if, regardless of if since it's an ordinance. You see what I mean?"

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414 Captain Miller: "That's under the synthetic blends?"

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416 Ms. Dodge: "Yes, sir."

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418 *(Multiple speaking at once **)*

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420 Mayor Samples: "(**) Ms. Dodge, yes, yes."

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422 Ms. Dodge: "Go over seven pages and it'll be the eighth page up at the top..."

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424 Mayor Samples: "Of the or, of the, of the ordinance, the ordinance?"

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426 Ms. Dodge: "The ordinance."

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428 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Okay, one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight."

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430 Ms. Dodge: "And it will say synlet, synthetic drugs alternative means. Go down to number three,
431 under A, and they're talking about the various herbal incense and all that."

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433 Mayor Samples: "Right."

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435 Ms. Dodge: "The combination of these regardless of, it says it, and it should be if. If the
436 substance is marketed as not for..."

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438 Mayor Samples: "You are absolutely right."

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440 Captain Miller: "I agree that's correct. Thank you."

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442 Ms. Dodge: "You're welcome. A, I think this is well done."

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444 Captain Miller: "Thank you."

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446 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Ms. Mabry."

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448 Ms. Mabry: "I just wanted to say that I hope, a, we can proceed as time allows. We, things that
449 we don't, there are things that we don't need to move rapidly on, but this, this is not one of 'em. So I'm
450 looking forward to, a, seeing this progress and I know this is not gonna be the end of it. This is just the
451 beginning. This is gonna be ongoing, so, I thank you for everything that you've done; for your tireless
452 meetings with us, and putting everything together, and like Ms. Kohlmann said it's, it's gonna happen so, I
453 thank you very much."

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455 Captain Miller: "You're welcome. I agree."

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457 Mayor Samples: "Thank you, and we'll come back to this subject later in the meeting. Fire
458 department. Chief."

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460 *Clerk's Note: The written report is on file.*

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462 **iii. Fire.**

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464 Chief Cimini: "Good evening, Mayor and Council, residents. The fire department responded to
465 40 alarms in the month of February. To note our volunteers contributed 244 hours total training and the
466 volunteers gave us 190 hours total in activities, fighting fires. Fire prevention activities were 57, which
467 included 19 inspection, 17 re-inspections, and 20 pre-fire plans and updates. Res, we have re, actually
468 increased our ranks of our volunteers by three members this past month, and we've had two new
469 applicants that are in the process with the review committee. We hired Lieutenant Prentice Williams as a
470 new shift commander, replacing Greg Faulkenberry. He'll assume the duties of the training officer with, a,
471 Mike Hans moving over to our fire marshal position. We're really pleased to have him. He has 23 years
472 in the fire service, both in the volunteer and career ranks. He's a certified South Carolina Fire Academy
473 Instructor, a South Carolina Fire Marshal, and he is a certified CPR instructor. We just set up the first
474 round of CPR training for our police officers at the end of this month. Our career engineer, Tom
475 Zimpleman, completed his State Fire Marshal certification class and passed, and he also attended the
476 South Carolina Fire Academy for Fire Officer I, and passed that, as well. Two of our volunteers, James
477 Burns, and a, Richard Losko, attended the South Carolina Fire Academy for the fire inspector program.
478 This is a principles type program, the first step in going towards their fire marshal certification. This is
479 kind of a, a, really a, a good program, and it really shows the dedication that our volunteers have, cause
480 this is a weekend away from their families. It's a very extensive course. It's a 16-hour course, and it's, it's
481 followed by a pretty long test. So I was really proud of 'em that they both passed. The vacant engineer's
482 position, we received 19 applicants. We're in the process of reviewing the qualifications. We will have a
483 test, assessment test on the 17th and 18th. It'll include pump operations and aerial operations at the
484 Myrtle Beach fire training center. Myrtle Beach training division will be conducting that test. We'll have a
485 [sic] interview process with five area fire chiefs, followed by a written test and what they call a JRAT,
486 which is a physical agility test. The top three applicants will be presented to a, the town manager [sic] for
487 a follow-up interview and a selection process. One note that I'd like to make is that we have been
488 working on the last two months building a library and a study in the fire station for the firefighters, both
489 career and volunteer. All the, a, furniture, the training manuals, all the books have been gathered through
490 the 1-percent fund, so no taxpayers' money was involved in this one, and that was everybody's effort
491 putting it together to have this facility for our firefighters, and the last thing is, hopefully, all of council
492 changed the batteries on your smoke detectors this past weekend, and we want you to know that our fire
493 department do [sic] have fire, a, smoke detectors that we are willing to give to any resident, including
494 council and mayor. If you don't have one, we'll be happy to come out and install 'em for you. I'll take any
495 questions?"

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497 Mayor Samples: "Any questions?"

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499 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

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Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."

Ms. Dodge: "I don't have questions, but I do have a comment. I want to thank Dan Cimini for standing in so ably for Butch. Thank you so much."

Chief Cimini: "It's been a pleasure, Mrs. Dodge. Thank you."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. I think that goes for all of us. Moving to the administrator's report; first will be an update on current events."

Clerk's Note: The written report is on file.

C. Administrator's Report

i. Update on Current Events.

Ms. Fellner: "I wanted to inform the public that there will be a special meeting scheduled for March 26th at five p.m. before the regular scheduled meeting. This meeting will have only one agenda item, which will be an executive session to meet with the town attorney regarding two legal matters. If there is a runoff for the County Council Chair seat, however, the meeting will need to be scheduled for Monday, March 25th. So I just wanted to let everybody know that that had been arranged. I also wanted to let council know that I would be bringing back at the next meeting first reading of Ordinance Number 13-0739 to repeal the GTE Franchise, which expired in 2007. I did not include it in tonight's agenda as it was unclear if the research would be completed in time, but the research has been completed, so it will be coming to you at the next meeting. I also wanted to inform council that after review of the town merchandise bid, I plan to award the bid for town merchandise to the low bidder, Sayre Enterprises."

Mayor Samples: "Any comment? Very good."

Ms. Fellner: "The spring newsletter, also I wanted to let everyone know, was just printed and was delivered today, and it's being labeled. It looks really nice. It's been a long time since the town has done one in color and it's, it really, looks really special. And that's all for updates."

ii. Consensus Item – To delay parking enforcement on March 31st until 10 a.m. in consideration of Easter Sunrise Services.

Ms. Fellner: "But I have one consensus item, and that was because of the Easter sunrise service that takes place on March 31st. Councilman Smith had requested that parking enforcement be delayed until 10 a.m., and the parking committee has unanimously recommended this, as well."

Mayor Samples: "How 'bout we go to 12? Is there any objection to going to 12 noon?"

Mr. Johnson: "No."

Ms. Mabry: "No, that's fine with me."

Mayor Samples: "Micki."

Mr. Smith: "I'd like to make one comment."

Mayor Samples: "Sure."

Mr. Smith: "I'd like to ask Ms. Fellner if she would notify the churches that the parking is, a, has been delayed enforcement. It seems like there's a lot of questions each year. Will I or won't I have to

555 pay those, put money in the meter, so if you would notify the churches, especially the ones that are in
556 town and the ones whose pastors have come here, and a, led the prayer.”

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558 Ms. Fellner: "I will, and I'll let Lanier know also.”

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560 Mr. Smith: "Thank you.”

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562 Mayor Samples: "Any questions or comments for the administrator? A, Ms. Kohlmann.”

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564 Ms. Kohlmann: "I'm not sure it's the appropriate time, but I know months ago it's been, we'd
565 asked if we could gather some information for the Guy Daniels Surf Off as far as the insurance, who's
566 paying it, to make sure that we're not up against it when it comes, and, and also the staff, you were
567 supposed to get a staff break down of what actually the town does for that event.”

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569 Ms. Fellner: "I have that information.”

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571 Ms. Kohlmann: "You have it?”

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573 Ms. Fellner: "I have gathered it, yes, ma'am.”

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575 Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay.”

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577 Mayor Samples: "Would you distribute that to all members in an email.”

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579 Ms. Fellner: "I will.”

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581 Ms. Kohlmann: "Thank you.”

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583 Mayor Samples: "Along those same lines, the fishing rates off the pier, I've gotten a couple of
584 questions very recently. I, I was under the impression that we had a senior citizen discount rate.”

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586 Ms. Fellner: "No, sir, we don't, and the other piers in the area do not either.”

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588 Mayor Samples: "They don't?”

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590 Ms. Fellner: "No, sir.”

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592 Mayor Samples: "Do they have a discount rate for young, younger people, and so, and if so,
593 what's the age break?”

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595 Ms. Fellner: "I don't know.”

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597 Mayor Samples: "I'm thinking of children, you know.”

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599 Ms. Fellner: "Yeah, I don't the answer for that. I think that; I don't know the answer for that.”

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601 Mayor Samples: "Can you, can you get the answer and let us all know?”

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603 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, why don't we put it as a discussion item for next meeting?”

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605 Mayor Samples: "For the next meeting, bring back the facts. I like that, that's a good idea. Is
606 there anything else anybody wants to discuss next meeting? Alright, thank you. Alright, a, first item of
607 business, under business is second reading of Ordinance #13-0738 to codify the franchise agreement
608 between Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority, dated March 1, 1994. You may remember this just
609 never got done, and so we are complying with state law and a, a, codifying it.”

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7. BUSINESS.

A. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0738, to codify Franchise Agreement between Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority, dated March 1, 1994.

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens, a, Mr. Smith."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we approve second reading of Ordinance 13-0738."

Ms. Mabry: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "There is a second by Ms. Mayberry, Mabry. Any discussion? All in favor say aye."

All Members: "Aye."

Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Hearing none, the ordinance is adopted. The next item is the first reading of Ordinance Number 12-0740 to repeal the Ordinance Number 12-0734 to Amend Section 7-12, Paragraphs 1 through 4, and include, and also include Section 7-37, Paragraph G, Sanitation Fees and Special Disposal Problems, e-wastes."

~~B. First Reading Ordinance #13-0739, to repeal GTE Franchise, expired 10/2007.~~

Clerk's Note: This item was deleted from the agenda.

C. First Reading Ordinance #13-0740 to repeal Ordinance #12-0734 to amend Section 7-12, Paragraphs 1 through 4, and Include Section 7-37, Paragraph G, Sanitation Fees and Special Disposal Problems (e-waste.)

Ms. Fellner: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Fellner."

Ms. Fellner: "This is a housekeeping item as a formal public hearing was not held in accordance with our ordinance, so the ordinance that was just passed needs to be repealed, and then a first reading in Item D here just afterwards, can, can take place. The clerk has already advertised the public hearing and it will take place at, I believe, the next, prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting or during the next regularly scheduled meeting..."

Mayor Samples: "During."

Ms. Fellner: "...on the 26th or the 25th, depending on the election. After which second reading can be passed. So, this is really a housekeeping item to make sure that we're in compliance with our own ordinance."

Mayor Samples: "Is there a motion?"

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we adopt first reading of Ordinance #12-0740 [sic] to repeal Ordinance 12-0734."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. There's a motion."

Mr. Johnson: "Second."

667 Mayor Samples: "There's a second. A, any discussion? All in favor say aye."
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669 All Members: "Aye."
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671 Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Hearing none, first reading is adopted. A, the next item is first
672 reading Ordinance #12...
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674 Ms. Fellner: "You just said first reading is adopted. It's first reading is repealed. The, the
675 ordinance was repealed."
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677 Mayor Samples: "Is it, do we need a second reading to repeal it?"
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679 Unknown Speaker: "No."
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681 Mayor Samples: "Yes, no? Huh?"
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683 Ms. Herrmann: "Excuse me, Mr. Mayor. Even though it's a repeal ordinance, you still are
684 required to by state law to have two readings on all ordinances. So the repeal is effective immediately,
685 but we still have to confirm it with a second reading."
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687 Ms. Fellner: "Okay, so that will occur the 26th, as well, or the 25th."
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689 Mayor Samples: "There we go. Okay, so we are having first reading of reinstatement of the
690 ordinance in effect, but it's under a different section number, which is number 12-0741 to amend Section
691 7-12 Sanitation Fees; Paragraph 1-4, and to add Section 7-37, Paragraph G, Special Disposal Problems
692 (e-Waste)."
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694 Ms. Herrmann: "Mr. Mayor, excuse me, the correct ordinance number is 13-0741."
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696 Mayor Samples: "Thank you."
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698 Ms. Herrmann: "You're welcome."
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700 Mayor Samples: "Please correct the scrivener's error. Okay? 13-0741."
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702 Mr. Smith: "As a comment, too, now the, a, the one where we did the repealing, that would also
703 be 13-0740. That's correct?"
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705 Mayor Samples: "No, that would be to repeal."
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707 Ms. Herrmann: "The repeal ordinance is 13-0740, and that repeals 12-0734."
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709 Mayor Samples: "Alright, can you make those corrections."
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711 Ms. Herrmann: "Yes, sir."
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713 Mayor Samples: "Okay."
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715 Ms. Herrmann: "I apologize for the error."
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717 **D. First Reading Ordinance #12-0741 to amend §7-12 Sanitation Fees; ¶1-4, and to add §7-**
718 **37, ¶G, Special Disposal Problems (e-Waste)."**
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720 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor."
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722 Mayor Samples: "Councilman Smith."

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724 Mr. Smith: "I move that we adopt first reading of Ordinance 13-0741."
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726 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion."
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728 Ms. Dodge: "Second."
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730 Mayor Samples: "There's a second. Any discussion?"
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732 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."
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734 Mayor Samples: "Councilman Stevens."
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736 Mr. Stevens: "I see that, a, on the agenda that we're gonna have a public hearing on March 26th,
737 2013, or March 25th depending on the election, a, to hear comments about the increase on the, a, a,
738 Ordinance 13-071 [sic] increase to sanitation fees. Isn't it correct that we should, a, wait until the hearing
739 before we actually pass the first reading on this, because since it's gonna be a public hearing?"
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741 Mayor Samples: "Ms. Fellner, will you answer that question."
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743 Ms. Fellner: "We do not have to wait."
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745 Mr. Stevens: "We do not have to wait, okay. Just checking."
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747 Mayor Samples: "Sure."
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749 Unknown Speaker: "Sure."
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751 Mayor Samples: "We, we researched it pretty thoroughly, I believe, didn't we? Okay. Thank
752 you. Any other comments? All in favor say aye."
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754 All Members: "Aye."
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756 Mayor Samples: "Opposed? Hearing, hearing none, first reading is adopted. Alright, now we
757 are entering at record speed into our discussion portion of the, a, agenda. Any matters of concern or
758 information to be discussed by Town Council. Councilman Stevens, why don't you take the lead on this
759 Item A. You want me to read Item A?"
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761 Mr. Stevens: "If you want to."
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763 Mayor Samples: "It's your call."
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765 **8. DISCUSSION - Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.**
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767 *Clerk's note: Items A, B, and C as submitted by Councilmember Stevens.)*
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769 **A. All items requested by the administrator that have anything to do with spending the**
770 **town's money for projects, materials, bids, etc, etc: (1) all be placed on the business section of the**
771 **agenda, with a more detailed description of the expenditure of the town money being requested.**
772 **(2) this applies to expenditures be voted on, or asked for consensus to given by council.**
773 **Councilmembers Stevens, Smith, and Dodge.**
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775 Mr. Stevens: "Well, basically, what it says is, a, A, all items requested by the administrator that
776 have anything to do with the spending of the town's money for projects, materials, bids, et cetera, a, one,
777 be placed on business section of the agenda with a more detailed description of the expenditure of the
778 town's money being requested, and two, this applies to expenditures to be voted on or be asked for

779 consensus by council. If we go a little further in this, in light of the *Lambries* decision that we discussed in
780 the last council meeting, a, I felt it was in the best interest of the people and the press for transparency
781 (**) that the town council adopt a policy that any of the items that, that a [sic] expenditure of tax payers'
782 dollars was, would be noted on that. Number one, any ex, expense, expenditure be placed on the
783 agenda in detail with exactly what money is being spent for by the town council, and the actual amount of
784 expenditure. Number two, if the item is something that was voted on in the budget, I believe that could go
785 under the administrator's report under a consensus item when she asks for that money to be spent. And,
786 number three, any item not placed on the budget [sic] and is a new expenditure that was anticipated by
787 council that that item and actual amount of money be placed under the business section of the agenda.
788 Main purpose of what, a, the reason I brought this up is to give us total transparency. I know that's one of
789 your goals has been to do that, so we want to just follow those guidelines and rules and a go from there,
790 and I think Mr. Smith probably has some (**) as well."

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792 Mayor Samples: "Let me just seek some clarification. Any problem with that, Micki? You know,
793 let me get some administrative input here."

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795 Ms. Fellner: "For budgeted items, you just said those could appear under consensus items, and
796 they shouldn't, they should just be in the update, because technically they're budgeted items. Council
797 has already approved them."

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799 Mr. Stevens: "I, I understand what you're saying, Ms. Fellner, a, but, but the reason I'm saying
800 this is, is basically..."

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802 Ms. Fellner: "I'm quoting ordinance, Mr. Stevens."

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804 Mr. Stevens: "Right."

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806 Ms. Fellner: "Just so you know."

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808 Mr. Stevens: "The reason I'm saying this is because we have a lot of citizens out there, and they,
809 they like to know what we're spending money on, and I think it's advantageous for them to know
810 everything we do, so it's total transparency, just the detailed information."

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812 Ms. Fellner: "Well, if it's in the budget, I mean it's public knowledge. The budget is on the
813 website for everybody to see."

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815 Mr. Stevens: "Well, that may be true, but there's a lot of people that walk in and the only time
816 they know what's going on in this town council [sic] is when they walk in those back doors. I like the, I like
817 the idea of being totally transparent to, to the citizens."

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819 Ms. Fellner: "Well, that's for council to decide. If they want to change the ordinance, they could
820 change the ordinance. That's not something I can, I can't make a decision upon that. That's not my
821 place."

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823 Mayor Samples: "Alright, I, I think Mr. Stevens is, is, is suggesting that we move to a, a,
824 Councilman Smith for additional input on this is useful."

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826 Mr. Smith: "A, things that are in the budget, if the administrator feels that a she would like to just
827 inform the council, they could be in the report. But, if she's asking us to give a consensus on that item,
828 even though it is a budgeted item, then we would like it identified in the agenda with the dollar amount. If
829 she's not asking for a consensus, then it could just be in the report, if it's just information."

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831 Ms. Fellner: "And that's fine."

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833 Mr. Smith: "Okay. And then, any new expenditure, a, even if there's money in the budget, but it's
834 not identified for that, you would have it added under the business item."

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Ms. Fellner: "And, that's fine."

Mr. Smith: "Okay."

Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."

Ms. Dodge: "You knew I was gonna say something. You said that people could go on the, on computer, go on line and find information. There are some people, maybe not as many as you would think, but there are some people that don't go on line and look things up. I'm terrible with the computer. My computer hates me. So for that reason that's why we would ask that you be clear about expenditures like that and appreciate your willingness to do that."

Mayor Samples: "Any other comments?"

Ms. Mabry: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Mabry."

Ms. Mabry: "I also want to remind everybody that we do have a, a [sic] open checkbook that is on the web. Go onto our webpage, and you can see all the checks that are being written, and that really gives you a great idea of how we're spending the money. I understand a lot of people, or some people, don't use their computers, but there's also a detailed report when the finance committee comes up here, so we are being very transparent. I don't know anybody that's been any more transparent than the Town of Surfside Beach is, and of course, Ms. Fellner is very good to, a, always give us information about where the dollars go, if it is not a budgeted expense. Hopefully, next year we won't have too many of those, so it won't be an issue. But a, in the meantime, we want to make sure that you do know, but go onto the website, learn to use it. Play with it. You'll get every informa; you'll get all the information we get, so there you go."

Mayor Samples: "You know, I fully support transparency. No question about it. But, I also will say, you know, I heard the discussion. I heard the comments. I listened very carefully to what was said, and I'm gonna tell you something, I still want to know, for instance, we budgeted a trash truck, purchase of a trash truck. I want to know what the bids are; who has bid on it. I want council to be aware of those decisions, and so, all I would suggest to all members is it is important to learn to, a, discriminate between all spending, because we're not interested in all spending, quite frankly. What were interested in, I believe we're elected to do, is to insure that we used our judgment and our intelligence to insure that the taxpayers are getting the best bang for their buck, and I for one, don't want to waste, just me, I don't want to be wasting my time chasing pencils. You know, routine expenditures. We have a budget process. It is our obligation to go through and understand what is in that budget. Y'all vote for it. We approve it, and if you don't understand what is in that budget, then I suggest you spend more time working to understand what is in that budget and you ask questions, and we will take as long as it takes for you to know, and in fact, I'm gonna suggest that we start having a, an additional, another special meeting, okay, where we're gonna go, and we're gonna take these priorities that we came up with, these items that we all visioned [sic,] and now we have the job to determine is there, are there costs associated with those items, and if so, how is this council's plan to pay for those items, or is it merely lip service. But, I'm for transparency, and that's why I wanted to hear from the administrator, because she's not gonna have any problem detailing what, what it is that I think we need, but when you say all items, come on. You're kidding me."

Mr. Stevens: "Mr., Mr. Mayor. Let me, let me be a little bit more clear for you, so maybe you'll understand what I'm saying. I'm not asking for nickel and diming. I'm (**) asking for large expenditures. When we have something on the budget and let's say that we vote to a put on the budget say \$75,345, not everybody in this audience and not everybody in town is gonna sit down and read the budget. Some of 'em don't have time. Some of 'em work 40-, 50-, 60-hours a week. So when they come in here, I don't see any problem with being totally transparent and say, hey, we're gonna spend \$75,4(**) [sic] on a, on a

890 new, a, road scraper or whatever it might be. That's what I'm talking about. I'm not talking about nickel
891 and diming."

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893 Mayor Samples: "Okay, I, I merely, and I apologize. I merely read what you wrote."
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895 Mr. Stevens: "And, and I'm sur, I'm (**), I apologize that it was completely clear, but that's what
896 I'm headed towards."

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898 Mayor Samples: "Okay, so there's general agreement, can we move on to the next item? Okay."
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900 Unknown Speaker: "Yes."
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902 Mayor Samples: "You wanna, want to introduce that."
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904 **B. All parking spaces that are now or have been added on Ocean Boulevard and any other**
905 **added area need proper definition as to the actual spaces and should be laid out exactly to show**
906 **the general public where the spaces end and begin. As of now there is some real concern by**
907 **citizens and the parking committee where these Ocean Boulevard spaces actually are located.**
908 **Councilmembers Stevens, and Dodge.**
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910 Mr. Stevens: "Alright, this has come up to me by several citizens. As you drive down Ocean
911 Boulevard and you've got these parking spaces, a, and you look for 'em there's, there's no proper
912 definition of where you're actually gonna park. Where the parking spaces stop or end. A, this is a
913 concern of the parking committee. A, they thought that, a, very, very bad to have parking spaces, but no
914 definition of parking spaces. So I would like to have the town do something that lays out where these
915 parking spaces are. If we're gonna put parking on Ocean Boulevard, it should be organized, clearly
916 defined so we don't have any problems with whether you're parking here or you're parking there. The
917 only thing that I've seen that any clarity to me [sic] was there was a yellow fence in front of a ditch on
918 Ocean Boulevard on both sides and I knew you couldn't go any further than that yellow fence, so it, it a,
919 think it would be for the best interest of the town and the citizens and also our visitors to have some type
920 of clearly defined parking space if we're gonna have parking on Ocean Boulevard. As it is now, we don't
921 have anything. If we can put wood down, if we can put something that shows where it starts, where it
922 ends, if we can put some type of paint down, or something, if we're gonna have parking spaces on Ocean
923 Boulevard, which a lot of people don't want, even the parking committee didn't want 'em, but I think they
924 need to be clearly and defined, and clearly laid out."
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926 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor."
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928 Mayor Samples: "Any other comments? Councilman Smith."
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930 Mr. Smith: "Can we call Mr. Adair to come up and talk to this issue?"
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932 Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."
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934 Mayor Samples: "Let Mr. Adair read the a, read what it is he's gonna be talking to, and then I'm
935 sure he's, he's considering the comments that he just heard. Mrs. Kohlmann."
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937 Ms. Kohlmann: "A, I'm sure that John has a lot of answers for those questions that were brought
938 up already, and as we've all discussed many times, none of us here can direct individually, but since
939 we're here together as a whole, I think it's our job together as a whole, to direct staff sometimes, and in
940 this situation with the parking, a, I would just like to ask if it's not impossible that some kind of, not, not big
941 spectacular drawings, or anything, but some kind of plan in place that we can look at so when we're
942 placing the signs and, and placing the meters, and all, we don't have to go back and redo things that
943 might not necessarily have been done right the first time, and I'm not trying to judge anything or anything,
944 but instead of putting it in and then moving it in two weeks, we're using double manpower, so I know that

945 staff is, is overwhelmed with everything happening in town. So, I think it would behoove us all to just kind
946 a say let's have some kind of system or some kind of plan, and I know, I think you have one, right?"

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948 Mr. Adair: "Well, I appreciate you saying that, because your, your comment really speaks to the
949 first comment, because this is being laid out in layers over a very short period of time. We had to have a
950 private company create the spots to be made into parking spots. We had to do some delineation. We
951 had to put some signage up, and I say some. We had to put some landscaping in, and again, I say some,
952 and speaking to your point, you don't want to do too much in one area. You want to sort of layer it in to
953 place. When you have a short period of time without a master plan, a, the, the goal is to have clearly
954 delineated spots. The next layer or phase to get done will be delineations, so we don't encroach on the
955 10-foot rule for driveways. We don't encroach on intersection lines, and things like that where it's not
956 clear where the spot begins and ends, we're gonna be putting more, a, materials down on the ground.
957 We, a, everything we put in the right-of-way that wasn't there before was a potential hazard and liability.
958 Everybody needs to, you know, embrace that. Every piece of wood we put down, every sign pole we put
959 up, someone can walk into it, bicycle into it, jog into it, trip over it, it can fall on somebody, so we're trying
960 to approach this in a very methodical way with minimal signage to start with. Will more signs be added in
961 the future? Absolutely. Will more delineation go down? Absolutely. Will more landscaping? Absolutely.
962 But, a, that, that's the whole point is, you know, doing haphazardly and without great thought and logic is
963 a bad idea, I think, and that's why the way we're doing it is the way we're doing it."

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965 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Any other questions or comments for Mr. Adair?"

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967 Mr. Smith: "I'd like Mr. Adair to stay there as we go into Item C."

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969 Mayor Samples: "Alright, good. So we can move right along."

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971 Mr. Johnson: "Yes."

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973 Mayor Samples: "Very good."

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975 Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

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977 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Kohlmann."

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979 Ms. Kohlmann: "Does anybody agree that we need some kind of, I know you're saying layering."

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981 Mayor Samples: "He's got a plan, is what he just said."

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983 Ms. Kohlmann: "But, I'd like you to share it with us. I'm, I'm not trying to be pushy, or anything,
984 but I'd like to see it myself, so we can kind of have a vision of what's gonna be going on (**)."

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986 Mayor Samples: "Can you provide greater detail or is it...is it something that maybe Beth can sit
987 down with you."

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989 Mr. Adair: "It's maybe something we could sit down; I don't have anything on paper, it's sort of
990 what makes sense as one phase gets done, what seems to be the next logical thing to do, seeing what's
991 missing."

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993 Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay."

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995 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."

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997 Mayor Samples: "A, Mr. Stevens."

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999 Mr. Stevens: "I reckon the question I have, a, here, is how long will it be, what is your, a,
1000 estimate of how long it'll be before we actually know where each and every parking space is?"

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1002 Mr. Adair: "The very next phase, which will start this week, will be laying some more delineating
1003 timbers down to the forward and backward limits of the parking blocks. Not every single parking space
1004 will have forward and rear lines; but where it's going to, where, where it's not clear to the driver of the
1005 vehicle that he's gonna be in violation of the law if he doesn't pull up to that meter, if he hangs back five
1006 feet, he's going to be within 10-feet of a driveway, that's the sort of situation that we wanna make it really
1007 clear. When you have very clear four spots in a row and there's, there's no driveways involved, I'm not in
1008 favor of putting five timbers down just to have five rectangles. I think that's hazardous and it'll impede us
1009 from doing our job cutting the grass and things like that."

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1011 Mr. Stevens: "Do you have a time date, as the season is coming up on us, do you have a time
1012 date when this will actually be done?"

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1014 Mr. Adair: "Certainly within the next week or two."

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1016 Mr. Stevens: "Next week or two. Now, these spaces, they will be 22-feet long by what?"

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1018 Mr. Adair: "We have strived for a 24-foot space with the exception of maybe three or four spaces
1019 that are all 24-feet."

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1021 Mr. Stevens: "24-feet by what?"

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1023 Mr. Adair: "By 9."

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1025 Mr. Stevens: "By 9-feet."

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1027 Mr. Adair: "You know, where we've had extra room on the right-of-way we've gone 10 in the 75-
1028 foot section, just so car doors wouldn't be a problem. But, from 3rd to 3rd we only have 40-feet of right-of-
1029 way, so 9 is all we're gonna get."

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1031 Mr. Stevens: "How about, I, I know there's been a lot of talk about, a, ordinance that was passed
1032 December 10th where we designated that, I think, that we changed line four where it was 10-feet from
1033 beach accesses and 10-feet from driveways..."

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1035 Mayor Samples: "Which ordinance are you referring to?"

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1037 Mr. Stevens: "The parking ordinance."

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1039 Mayor Samples: "Oh, okay."

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1041 Mr. Stevens: "10-feet from, a, beach accesses, and 10-feet from the driveways, and 10-feet from
1042 the entrance to a parking or exit from a parking [sic.] Would that be laid out as well?"

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1044 Mr. Adair: "Yeah, it's essentially driveways. (**)"

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1046 Mr. Stevens: "I think there was some erroneous information also that was put out to the press
1047 and other people that we changed more than that parking ordinance and I been back and looked it over
1048 and over and over and I went back to the January, a, December 10th meeting, and I, I found that the 30-
1049 feet from a, a, intersection was already on the law, and that's been on the law since, my understanding,
1050 since two thou, 1996 up to 2009 and that was put out to the press and put out to the media that that was
1051 that was a new law we passed, but that is in effect was not a new law we passed. That was already on
1052 the books. If that law was not on the books then I want a refund of my traf, parking ticket I got for parking
1053 within 30-feet of 5th Avenue North and Hollywood Drive. Thank you."

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1055 Mayor Samples: "Any other comments for Mr. Adair as it relates to the parking issue?"
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1057 Ms. Kohlmann: "We didn't do C."

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1059 Mayor Samples: "Mr. Johnson."

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1061 Mr. Johnson: "I would just like to say that six members of this council voted to approve this
1062 parking plan, and it came out of nowhere, pretty much, and I think it's asking our public works
1063 department, a, to go above and beyond their duty to try to implement everything at the same time and
1064 keep up all the other projects that they have going on. This man stood up here and told us that prior to,
1065 prior to this that they were up to their ears in work, and so I think it's being a little unrealistic to ask our
1066 public works department to implement everything at one time trying to get it done before the season
1067 starts. That's all I have to say."

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1069 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. I, I tend to agree with that line of thinking. Now, just for
1070 clarification purposes, and I don't know who, a, was being referred to about who put what out to the
1071 press, what I do know is that in the fall, Mr. Adair, we tasked Mr. Adair to go down to Ocean Boulevard
1072 and to paint lines at the corners which clearly delineated the, the, the law at that time, which I agree was
1073 30-feet from an intersection, and, and at that time I thought we were making great progress. But, but, I
1074 think as everybody knows that progress that we made last fall, a, we didn't quite cut it, and now we're
1075 making a light year progress. We're zooming ahead, and, and I, and I, a, want to thank public works for
1076 taking a, a, what I'll call it, what I think is a bad situation, making the best out of it. Again, I want to remind
1077 everybody, a, Councilman Johnson is exactly right. Six of us did vote in favor of that, that a, parking
1078 meters and that sort of thing. One of our great fears was, I know at least on my part, and I'm sure it was
1079 shared by others, was that we're gonna wind up ticketing a lot of people who come to town, who visit who
1080 really don't know what the rules are, and so, and I'll say it again, I think this was a, this is an acceptable
1081 action that we have taken to insure that we are not unfairly ticketing people who do park on Ocean
1082 Boulevard, and I, I can remember when we were even discussing the parking ordinance at the outset, I
1083 was assured by members who, by people who spoke at the podium that there was no intent to eliminate
1084 parking on Ocean Boulevard. No intent. Okay, in fact I called it a, an untoward, I made an untoward
1085 comment, a, about what I perceived, and we haven't. We have not eliminated parking on Ocean
1086 Boulevard. We have clearly identified where it is legal to park now, and I'm sure it'll get better as time
1087 goes by. I, for one, think that landscaping's [sic] the best solution down there. But, we'll just have to wait
1088 and see. Now we'll move to the, a, any other comments on Item B before we move on? That's the third
1089 time I've asked this, so I thought I'd take 10 minutes and lay it out for you. Item number C, this is
1090 Councilman, members Stevens and Kohlmann."

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1092 **C. Better placement and readability of signs on Ocean Boulevard (a) signs directing the**
1093 **general public to designated paid parking meter spaces; (b) signs that clearly shown "no parking"**
1094 **in certain areas along Ocean Boulevard, or (c) the immediate placement of plants, bushes and**
1095 **trees recommended by the beautification committee to eliminate haphazard and dangerous**
1096 **parking by the general public along Ocean Boulevard. Councilmembers Stevens and Kohlmann.**

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1098 Mr. Stevens: "Why don't you take the lead?"

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1100 Ms. Kohlmann: "(** This is about the better placement and readability of the signs on Ocean
1101 Boulevard. I'm not gonna read your whole paragraph, Randle. I think I can explain it, (**), but I've
1102 already spoken to you about it. The way that that signs that are now there, I'm a little bit confused myself.
1103 They say parking in metered spaces only, but there are stretches that go blocks and blocks that there are
1104 no parking spaces there. So why aren't we just putting no parking sign there so that there is definitely no
1105 confusion whatsoever. People don't look around going where are the meters or if there's no meter there,
1106 then why can't it just say no parking any time? That's my first question. And my second one is I still
1107 believe, and I know there're people in the community that believe, that those signs are too close to the
1108 road. Two feet, I know the laws about the height and, and all that kind of stuff, and, and you had sent an
1109 email out about [sic] a picture about the height, but that's not, for a parking lot height, so that's not for the
1110 road that's travelled by the cars."

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1112 Mr. Stevens: "Travelling on the road, (**) for those on the road."

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Ms. Kohlmann: "If you do it, it's different..."

Ms. Mabry: "Point of order."

Ms. Kohlmann: "There's a whole bunch of laws."

Mayor Samples: "Point of order."

Ms. Mabry: "No cross talking (**)."

Mr. Stevens: "Not a problem."

Mayor Samples: "Go ahead, Ms. Kohlmann."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Anyway, I was trying to just clarify that for him. A, but now they're two feet from the road, and without a curb, I, I think common sense should play more into, into this, and that was my, my reasoning behind saying let's get an idea, because not that it's a horrible thing, but if we're gonna spend time moving them all, then it just makes sense that we have some kind of plan. I'm not saying, again, I'm not saying I want him to come up with something elaborate to give everybody, but say, we're gonna place these signs on Ocean Boulevard. They're gonna be 2-feet off the road, and then somebody'll [sic] say well, why don't you put 'em 5-feet off the road, because 2-feet's too close. We're, we're actually looking for an accident to happen. A, but I think that's a, a big issue and just to, you have to actually get out of your car now and walk into the middle of the street to see the sign, cause you ca, as you can't really see it. You have to get out of the car to go look into traffic to see those signs, so I would like to see us just put them up the right way the first time so it saves you guys a lot of time, and I really think that no parking signs, I know people don't like it to hear the word no, but if you're gonna be issuing summonses to people, there's no better way to collect your money than to make it very concise, and I, the reason laws are strict is because there should not be any kind of in between. That's why laws are the way they are. If it says no parking, it's no parking. You get a ticket, you're not gonna fight that. But, you can fight the other one."

Mayor Samples: "Any other comments?"

Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens."

Mr. Stevens: "Let me continue on in what Ms. a, Kohlmann was talking about. I also rode down the road and I've looked at these signs, and they're, they [sic] next to the road. If I swerved over a little bit, I'd bump it with my truck. A, you cannot read the signs until you get actually upon on 'em, and then you have to look directly to your right to see 'em. You actually have to stop to see, to see 'em if you want to read 'em. That's the biggest problem I saw, and a, I was at the, a, BBQ Festival with Councilman Smith the other day, and a, we were riding by the Yaupon lot and I noticed all the signs, there's about four of 'em in the Yaupon lot that are all double faced. If, if you're sitting in a normal car like a Honda Accord, or a Camry, or a little sma, or a truck they're about eye level and you can read 'em from both directions. The signs we have now, you can't read 'em at all, and in the areas that we didn't, where there's no parking allowed, there should be something there that, a, when the person is riding down the road, it says no parking, and you can see that easily. In lieu of the, a, of the no parking signs, then I would suggest that we take the advice of the beautification committee, and we start putting out shrubbery, trees, and whatever to keep people from parking in those areas, and a, this, right now it's kind of haphazard, and a, it doesn't make much sense, because like I said, Ms. Kohlmann's son ran into a sign it was so close to the road. Those signs are just too close. We need a better placement of signs and better readability."

Mayor Samples: "Okay. Any other comments?"

1169 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

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1171 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."

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1173 Ms. Dodge: "A, I agree about the signs, John. Going on Ocean Boulevard, they were facing
1174 Ocean Boulevard and you had to be right beside them to see the signs, instead of there being turned this
1175 way that as you're driving toward the sign, you couldn't see it till you got there. It should be this way, not
1176 this way. (*Hand motions*) Does that make sense?"

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1178 Mr. Adair: "Absolutely, that's why changes are gonna be made. Is everybody done? Comments?
1179 I can clarify some of this."

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1181 Mayor Samples: "Pardon me."

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1183 Mr. Adair: I can clarify some of this with responses, if everybody's..."

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1185 Mayor Samples: "Please, do."

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1187 Mr. Adair: "Well, the placement of signs on the travel way, as it's known, is regulated by the
1188 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and there's [sic] parameters that you have to follow. In the
1189 case of the distance from the road, on a street such as Ocean Boulevard, they should be 2- to 5-feet off
1190 of the pavement. We opted for 2.5. Micki and I have rode [sic] the area and we agreed that 4-feet would
1191 probably would be more, more appropriate in the absence of a curb. A, again, you know, putting them up
1192 the right way sometimes, something you, you see after it's done that wasn't the right way. The angle of
1193 the signs, when you're using a double arrow to delineate a parking zone or any sort of regulation, a,
1194 which we have decided to do, the, the angle of the (**) of the sign is 30- to 45-degrees not parallel to the
1195 road and not perpendicular to the road either. We opted for more of a 30-degree stance; 45 clearly would
1196 be more appropriate, so it's more visible to oncoming traffic. So those two issues will be changed. The
1197 height, really shou, should stay where it is. It's right not the bottom of the sign's about 6-feet off the
1198 ground, and in this sort of urban setting where pedestrians or vehicles are likely to be present, they really
1199 like 'em 7-feet off the ground, a, regulatory signs. So the height really is not something that we want to
1200 change. The difference between the road and the angle is something that we're gonna change."

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1202 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Any other questions, comments?"

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1204 Mr. Adair: "And again, if I could, just interject, this is one of the reasons why we only put out 27
1205 signs to start with rather than the 75 or 65 that I bought originally, because I wanted to do this in a
1206 measured kind of way to evaluate what make sense."

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1208 Mayor Samples: "Very good."

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1210 Unknown Speakers: "Mr. Mayor."

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1212 Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens."

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1214 Mr. Stevens: "Alright, Mr. Adair, just, just to a, kind of clarify everything so I'm totally up to date
1215 on everything, and understand this is discussion item, all we're really doing is discussing and getting it out
1216 in the open so we can, you know, these are concerns that have been given to us by citizens, and a, other
1217 people. So we're not trying to, we're not criticizing you, but we're, if you want to say constructive criticism,
1218 okay, we, we just want it to be right and a we hate to see, like Ms. Kohlmann said, you guys come out
1219 here and do the work, and then have to come back and do it again. I think Ross Perot said it best, cut
1220 twice, measure twice, cut once, and a, that's what we're really trying to do, and we just, we know that
1221 you're working hard to do that, and a, a question, has the beautification committee contacted you as far
1222 as where, about putting out bushes, trees, shrubbery along, a, Ocean Boulevard in the areas where
1223 clearly nobody could park, cause they'd be parking on a sidewalk or whatever."

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1225 Mr. Adair: "Well, yes, a, in fact the plants that we've installed so far to date, of the total plants that
1226 will be installed, are plants recommended by the beautification committee from the, a, the pink Muhly
1227 grass to the Sago palm to the pink Indian Hawthorne bushes that are in there and when they bloom, I'm
1228 sure they'll look nice. But all three plants were recommended by the beautification committee. We put
1229 them initially, and again, in a, in a measured kind of way in places where the area was large enough
1230 where somebody might think it was a parking spot, so it would take the place of a sign being there, no
1231 parking, and as time goes on, we will fill in with more landscaping beds."

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1233 Ms. Herrmann: "Mr. Mayor, could we pause, please, while I change the tape."

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1235 Mayor Samples: "Please."

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1237 Ms. Herrmann: "Thank you."

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1239 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Carry on, John."

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1241 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

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1243 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."

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1245 Ms. Dodge: "I just wanted to say we're hitting you with a lot to do in a very short time to get ready
1246 for the summer visitors, and I for one appreciate your efforts. You've obviously given, given some
1247 thought to how you're going to handle this. Thank you very much."

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1249 Mr. Adair: "Yeah, we're really concerned about doing it the right way."

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1251 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."

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1253 Mayor Samples: "Mr. Stevens."

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1255 Mr. Stevens: "A, just, just again, I, I believe that you are doing a fantastic job for the town, and I,
1256 all we want to do is get updated and let us keep, keep us up to date on the parking, the spaces, if you
1257 would, and give us a, at every council meeting, I would appreciate an update, if you would."

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1259 Mr. Adair: "Absolutely."

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1261 Mr. Stevens: "Thank you."

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1263 Ms. Mabry: "Mr. Mayor."

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1265 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Mabry."

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1267 Ms. Mabry: "I do have a, some things I want to say about this. We a, adopted a parking
1268 ordinance and we turned around and adopted the meters, and, and I'm not criticizing anybody. That's the
1269 way it is. It's what it's gonna be. But, we did it all without a comprehensive plan. Now, we're coming
1270 here and we're saying, okay, we want these signs, we want this landscaping, we don't, it's not too late to
1271 get a comprehensive plan. We have a planner that works for the Town of Surfside Beach. She would be
1272 more than happy I'm sure to work with the beautification committee, to work with public works. We don't
1273 have to do everything this year. It might take three or four years to get the whole project implemented,
1274 and we can afford to take that time. So, my recommendation and my hope is that all, that the public
1275 works, that Ms. Morris, that beautification, sit down, develop a comprehensive plan, bring it to council,
1276 and over the years, because we're, that's a living beach; that's a living boulevard; it changes all the time,
1277 that we have the opportunity to see something really wonderful go in. I know that they're doing the best
1278 they can with the short time they've got, but eventually, I would like to see it come with a budget, with a,
1279 the slide show, the whole nine, so, we can have a beautiful boulevard, but we have to do it the right way.
1280 I thank Mr. Adair for making it happen as fast and it's, he's done as much as he could to, a, I'm amazed

1281 that he's done all he can or has done, but a, this is not the way that you run a town. You do things by
1282 planning, and there was not a whole lot of planning on this. We just kind of gave it to him and said get it
1283 done, season's here. A, that's not fair to him. That's not fair to you. So, I'm hoping that we will sit down
1284 and get a great comprehensive plan. That he never feels rushed, that he'll have those projects in the fall,
1285 and a, we can get it finished and really make it look beautiful, and thank you for all you do."

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1287 Mr. Adair: "Thank you."

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1289 Mayor Samples: "Alright. Any other comments on, a, Ocean Boulevard signs? Thank you,
1290 John."

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1292 Mr. Adair: "Thank you."

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1294 **D. Proposed Synthetic Drug Ordinance.**

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1296 Mayor Samples: "I see that we have Item D, who's speaking to that? Proposed synthetic drug
1297 ordinance. Who asked, out of curiosity, (***two speaking at once*) who asked that that be put on?"

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1299 Ms. Kohlmann: "I believe that it was put on the agenda, because now we actually have the
1300 ordinance, and we're looking to, a, Captain Miller is now suggesting that we bring it to our legal, the
1301 lawyers for the town to see if we can move forward with this."

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1303 Mayor Samples: "Alright."

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1305 Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor"

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1307 Mr. Johnson: "Town clerk is trying to get your attention."

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1309 Mayor Samples: "Yes."

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1311 Ms. Herrmann: "Excuse me, I believe at a previous meeting Mr. Smith asked for the ordinance to
1312 be brought for discussion before it was sent to legal counsel or brought in ordinance format, but I may be
1313 mistaken."

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1315 Mr. Smith: "I think you're correct."

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1317 Unknown Speaker: "Yes."

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1319 Mayor Samples: "Very good. Did everybody get a chance to read it?"

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1321 Mr. Johnson: "Not in its entirety."

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1323 Mayor Samples: "Okay, it is attached to the, a, the a, police department report."

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1325 Mr. Smith: "Well, Mr. Mayor, I'll, I'll make a couple of comments since I, I'm the one that, a, said I
1326 wanted to see the ordinance, and a, I'd like to say that the, a, captain did a nice job of putting this
1327 ordinance together with the help of council ladies, Ms. Mayberry [sic] and Ms. Kohlmann, and I was
1328 pleased at the way it was written. It includes a lot of specific type drugs, synthetic drugs, but it also uses
1329 words that say, a, if you, it's also not specific in the sense that it says if these things are similar, and so I
1330 was real pleased with the way the ordinance was written, because it, it gives us a lot of latitude, in a
1331 controlling in these things, and hopefully, a, after we get our legal, a, person review it, that we can move
1332 forward with getting this thing passed."

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1334 Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

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1336 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor."

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Mayor Samples: "Councilman Stevens."

Mr. Stevens: "A, this is one time that I have to say, have to, I have to commend two women that sit on this council that care about children, and Captain Miller for really going to the hundred, a 150-percent to find something decent so we can stop a, the sale of this synthet, synthetic drugs. This is to be commended. They are to be applauded. I think everybody in this town should thank them for taking the steps they have, and a, I think every person on council should be glad that these ladies, two ladies, and, (**) both mom's, too, by the way, and Captain Miller have worked hard on this. I applaud them for it."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor"

Mayor Samples: "Councilman Johnson."

Mr. Johnson: "I did actually read the ordinance. A, it made my head hurt when I was trying to look at some of these words, and, and some of these, these a, a, substances, and it is like, okay, I have no idea what this stuff is, you know, and, and that makes me wonder, you know, we spoke earlier about all you have to do is change one molecule, and it, it's, you know, they have a way around it. It might need, you know, I applaud everyone. My concern is whether it could be a fluid ordinance or whatever, you know, I, this is gonna be something that is gonna be very unusual, to say the least."

Mayor Samples: "True enough."

Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Councilman Smith."

Mr. Smith: "I'd like to comment, a, in, a, prohibitions in paragraph one, it says synthetic or alternate drugs, and then in the definition section it says synthetic and alternate drugs and it says any substance containing synthetic cannabinoids, stimulants, psychedelic, depressants or hallucinogenic, or so forth and so forth, and I think those kind of words there include a lot of stuff without being very specific. It's the effect that's being prohibited. If you're selling something that causes these effects, then that's what's prohib, prohibited, and not necessarily just because we can spell the name down in Section 5."

Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor, (**) that is my hope, but we'll have to see what the, the attorneys say."

Ms. Mabry: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Mabry."

Ms. Mabry: "I don't think you're gonna see the end of this. I think this is the, we're starting. We have to have a start point, and I don't think this is gonna be the end of it. I really, really want us to go over it. I hope we can go after, not only, not only what's in the package, but the package itself; the way that the chemicals are distributed. There are other states that are addressing that as well. Synthetic marijuana cannot be distributed in a powder form, a leaf form, a cube form, a, we, we're not finished. This is a start, but I promise you that, a, I know Ms. Kohlmann is not gonna give up, and neither is, a, Captain Miller. They're, they're gonna stay on it as well as, we're looking for new ways. We're looking for legal ways, but unfortunately these substances are legal substance, so we trying to make a legal substance illegal, and there's a little more to it than, than I dreamed it would be. So, we're gonna do it. We're gonna continue to work at it, and hopefully, we'll see a good success."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Kohlmann."

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Ms. Kohlmann: "I agree with what you're saying wholeheartedly, and a, having conversations with other law enforcement agencies across the United States, it's not gonna be easy for our police department; it's not gonna be easy as a town. A, but when you speak to parents of children that are no longer here, there are law enforcement officers that have been fighting this battle, and you know, with law enforcement when you have any kind of new thing, it's, it's test case, and we're gonna be a test case. So, we're gonna have to struggle through that process, so it's a long process, too. It really is, but the, the thing is you just don't give up. You can't give up. Cause there's a town in New York, in Oswego, New York, where kids were dying, because of this drug. They were just dying. And they had to keep going back to this ordinance and they had to keep fighting to go back to the ordinance, and when I spoke to the sheriff in Oswego, they don't have the problem anymore. So, it can be done, and I'm a firm believer. You can do anything in this world, if you put your mind to it, and you work really hard, you really can do anything. So this council collectively can do a lot, and we're gonna show you that we're, we're behind this to, to help these children, because the children are the future of this town."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. You know, getting the word out, a, in the community is critical to addressing the issue. I don't think, I know I didn't realize how, how, the level of business was being done. But, it's pretty significant, and it's done, it's done every day. It's probably being done right now. It is legal. There are big time issues involved, but if the people and this council commit to chasing it up the ladder, which is what's gonna have to happen, a, why not do it here. Why not start here, and the General Assembly has dealt with a, the bath salt issues; 29 other states have outlawed this whatever it is, Salvia divinordium..."

Unknown Speaker: "Divinorum."

Mayor Samples: "...what, whatever, yeah. South Carolina has not. It is our town, and I think that's all we're really responsible for is to try to make our town better. So, I, I applaud everybody for all the efforts, and I wanted to ask, is there any other comments on..."

Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."

Mayor Samples: "Mrs. Dodge."

Ms. Dodge: "I didn't know very much about these types of drugs, but what I read made my hair turn white, well, whiter. It's like a hydra. You cut off one head, and another one appears, and you cut that off and another appears, and you've got two determined women up here on this council that are working on this, and I, I give them a lot of credit. They're not gonna let go, and hopefully, this town will one that stops it. It'll be a big job."

Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

Ms. Dodge: "Thank you, sir."

Mayor Samples: "Um, huh. I, I spoke with Councilman Smith before the meeting, and we had an infrastructure committee meeting, a, last week, and, and a, he wanted to talk about all the, all the things we were, I actually asked him if he wouldn't mind briefing everybody, in particular councilmembers, also, on, on a, just a quick summer of the infrastructure committee meeting."

Mr. Smith: "Okay, this is for the councilmen and also for the community, this is a [sic] update on the infrastructure committee meeting. One of the things that we did was ask public works to have a written plan for the stormwater that will be done on the north end next year, and a, notice we said written plan, and a, a just for your information, the pier ramp and a deck should be completed April the 12th. It's always good to have a date so as you go down there and watch 'em building that ramp and deck you know exactly when it's gotta be completed. The telephone poles, electrical poles, on Ocean Boulevard from 3rd North to 3rd South should be removed before the end of March. We always ask when are those things gonna actually come down, since we paid a lot of money. Well, by the end of March they'll be

1449 down. Another key thing that was discussed was a the roads that will be a paved this year. The affected
1450 roads should've been already, the neighbors should've been already notified, but I'm gonna mention them
1451 slowly, if I go too fast, you'll have to ask John Adair after the meeting: Dogwood South from 8th South to
1452 Melody Lane will be paved; 6th North, Ocean Boulevard to Myrtle will be paved; 8th North, Ocean
1453 Boulevard to Dogwood; 9th North, Ocean Boulevard to Dogwood; 3rd North, Ocean Boulevard to Oak; 4th
1454 North, Ocean Boulevard to Dogwood; 7th South, Ocean Boulevard to Dogwood, and according to public
1455 works' calculation, 44-percent of the paving was on the north side, and 56-percent of the paving is on the
1456 south side. So it's pretty evenly distributed. The other thing that was a big discussion item is where
1457 should the next underground wiring project be; should it be continued on Ocean Boulevard, or should we
1458 go down Surfside Drive. Even though we had a little a vote on it, there's still some flux in that and a, so it
1459 will be presented to council sometime in the future. A, but it's something for folks to start thinking about, if
1460 they want to make comments to council about it, whether it should be on Surfside Drive, the next
1461 underground wiring project, or continue on Ocean Boulevard. And a, to help you understand the, where
1462 the money comes from, the franchise fee is collected on your electric bill. The town gets about \$325,000
1463 per year. This last project, I think, was like \$1.2 million, so it takes \$1.4 million, so it takes three or four
1464 years to get enough money, but Santee Cooper is generous. Once you get a little pile of it, you a, borrow
1465 some from 'em, and a, so that's what we're looking at, and thank you very much."

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1467 Mayor Samples: "Thank you, Councilman Smith. Any questions, or comments? Alright, we are
1468 ready then for our five minute public comments, five minutes per speaker on any item related to the Town
1469 of Surfside Beach. Yes, sir."

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1471 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

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1473 "Tom Dodge, 1415 Poplar Drive North. In meter city. In the 2/15 town council meeting, Ms.
1474 Fellner presented recommendations from the parking committee. The traffic flow on Seaside Drive South
1475 from 1st Avenue to 3rd Avenue, 4th to 6th, were to become one-way streets. Also, 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th
1476 Avenues South were to be one-way from Ocean Boulevard to Seaside Drive. Both the police and fire
1477 departments said this change would be good for maximizing safety. Council voted by a 4:3 margin in
1478 favor of doing this. Let me be totally honest, it is now March 11, 2013 and nothing has been done.
1479 There's no signage and no arrows painted on the roadways. The season is here, folks. Either someone
1480 has failed to do their job or they were directed by someone on this panel not to do it. It's gotta be one or
1481 the other. I came across a, a, an email that, that our mayor sent to a person, and, he says to this person
1482 the adoption of a very stringent parking ordinance. That's not so. It's a safety issue."

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1484 Mayor Samples: "It's a matter of interpretation."

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1486 Mr. Dodge: "I'm speaking right now, sir."

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1488 Mayor Samples: "Go ahead."

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1490 Mr. Dodge: "Then now, be quiet. Signage required to alert visitors as well as the residents of the
1491 legal versus illegal parking areas. A, that signage had already put [sic], put in by Mr. Adair before this
1492 memo was written. While I have my doubts about the wisdom of adopting a stringent ordinance on
1493 parking, it is now a town ordinance. Without clear indicators such as meters as to what is legal or not, the
1494 meters were already up, it is very likely that safety of our visitors may result. Our police department and
1495 our fire department said this would be a [sic] maximizing safety. I do not think it is the duty of the mayor
1496 to subvert the wishes of the majority of council. All changes made this spring will maximize safety. Mr.
1497 Mayor, you have not stated the safety of no parking 30-feet from intersections or 10-feet from driveways.
1498 You only say the sky is falling. You are Henny Penny. Be honest and state all the facts. There were
1499 over 40 emails sent to councilmembers. Almost all of them from Surfside Realty properties. Seems like
1500 someone stirred them up. They all were mostly from non-residents. I would like to thank council for the
1501 good work they have done with the metering of Ocean Boulevard and Seaside Drive, and the passing of
1502 the ordinance no parking 10-feet from driveways and beach crossovers. The 30-feet from intersection
1503 has been the law for several years. That is nothing new. It was just never enforced. Thank you, the
1504 boulevard will be much safer now."

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“Glen Curtis, 257 Palladium, just west of three feet from 8th Avenue there. A, talk about drugs, and in the middle 60s when I grew up and I went in service I came home from Nam, I was in a discharge barracks over in Treasurer Island. I watched an adult that got so hooked on drugs he took red pepper and wine put it in his arm just to have something there. I, Carol and I, kissed my cousin good bye in a hospital to go down the parking lot [sic] we were called, he was dead by that short walk down the stairs. She’s an adult, but she got hooked bad. There’s adults as well as children in the town that need just as much help. There’s all types of people and there’s all types of trunks being opened in different places, a, along the streets that you can buy tools. You can buy guns. You can buy drugs right out of trunks of cars. We have to watch out for everything, and I wanted to thank you for what you’re doing.”

“Good evening. Ralph Magliette, 104 Harbor Lights. First, I just want to say, to change topics completely, my wife and I, we really love this town, and we think that everyone does the best that they can and I think that it’s a good place to live, and so, what I wanted to come of talk about is something which I think is a wonderful opportunity and an opportunity would be the potential to build a new senior center in Surfside Beach. We’ve had discussions with Mr. Fontaine, who runs the Horry County Council on the Aging, the non-profit who came to our meeting for the senior citizens, and a, at the time he said that Surfside Beach was either number one or two on the list for a new senior center, and a, it would be a wonderful addition to our town to have a senior center. Our senior center is very small. It’s one of the oldest senior centers, and they cannot provide the level of services that one would hope that they could provide, cause it is the former library and it basically is just one room with a, with movable benches and there is no dedicated facility for, for weights or to do exercises. It doesn’t have a kitchen. It does not have counseling rooms where seniors can get counseling. It does not have any of the new things that the newer senior centers have. (**) go to the Grand Strand Senior Center on 21st Avenue or the new one in Carolina Forest, you could see the wonderful facilities that are available to seniors, and so, what I’m asking is, I know it’s a long process, is that perhaps as a vision statement or maybe there’re some wonderful people in town, I know that the thing that is needed is to have land to build, to basically build the senior center in town, and I come from New Jersey where our senior centers were, because of maybe our area or whatever that we had people who were philanthropic, who either donated money or donated property, and I was wondering if perhaps to move this project forward maybe a committee could be formed or maybe we could ask people to maybe potentially donate the property. I know the, a, the current senior center, which is the library that property was donated by the Calhoun family, and there has a history of people donating property and money for service, civic pro, projects, and I can’t imagine anything more wonderful to have than to have people donate and we provide a quality of life for our seniors that live in town, so if there’s anything that we could do, as an individual or some type of committee could be formed, maybe just to maybe move the process forward, I would certainly appreciate it. A, and a, Mr. Fontaine said since I was gonna come up here and talk that I would be nice enough if I could just give some senior information out to the councilmembers talking about the senior centers and all the services that are offered through Horry County Council on the Aging. Thank you very much.”

Mayor Samples: "Thank you, Ralph, very much. Do you know how much land you’re talking about?"

Mr. Magliette (*speaking from floor*: "(**) acres stage of the game for us to move on you basically have to have that piece of property (**) but that something that the council would need to negotiate. Talk to Mr. Fontaine. Initially I was told that they were talking about 10,000 square feet structure (**) because there really isn’t a good structure in southern strand to take care of a large senior population. (**) of the land (**) the only cost would be that the town would provide the land. The construction, the facility, the equipment and the staffing would all be taken care of by the Horry County Council on the Aging (**) provide the land (**).”

Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Thank you very much.”

“Patti Magliette at 104 Harbor Lights Drive, Surfside, and I just wanted to say a real brief, real concise stat, I’ve gone to the Bi-Lo where you buy one and get one free, okay. This is a great town to live in, but from what I’ve just heard, if we somehow get the land, we’ll get one free. That one free would be

1561 an entire building built for us, because we're all gonna be old enough to use it someday. All the
1562 furnishings and the people to work in it paid for by the county. That's probably one of the best buy one
1563 get ones free I've ever heard, so I'm gonna put it in clear. I don't what everyone else thinks. I don't know
1564 how y'all feel about this, but it's worth thinking about. Thank you, and God bless."

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1566 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Yes, sir."

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1568 "Ron Ott. 7th Avenue North. First I'd like to say how blessed we are to have Ralph and his wife
1569 here. They just came here and they, a, championed this cause all by themselves and, and it's really
1570 terrific, and they're, he's unstoppable, which I like. That's really good. A, we, the parking, I've been
1571 sitting back there for two meetings and I think we've put together probably a, a, close to an hour in
1572 discussion and everybody, not meaning everybody, the people sit, sit, sitting in front of me have asked a
1573 couple of times for more clarity. More clarity, more clarity, yet we don't see any plots, diagrams, or
1574 pictures or anything on this screen up here, because I'm getting afraid to go down to the beach. I don't
1575 know what that parking's gonna be. It's, from me just sitting back there listening, it sounds like, wow,
1576 what's gonna go on down here? There's gonna be a lot of tickets, you know. I know, I'm, I'm
1577 exaggerating a little bit, but it's still, we don't have any clarity. What's the problem? Some people like it.
1578 Some people don't. I don't understand it. I, I, I don't, maybe we should have something there to, a, you
1579 know, clarify it for people that are sitting back here. These people back here, the tax payers, residents,
1580 so we can understand what the problem is. Why we've been talking about it in the last two meetings for
1581 almost an hour. The other thing is I hope that on, on the 26th we're gonna have a, we're gonna have a tax
1582 increase. Oh, that's the first one I've seen here."

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1584 Mayor Samples: "Tax increase?"

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1586 Mr. Ott: "Well, it's gonna cost more money for a, for trash, okay, and what I'd like to see is some
1587 kind of breakdown on what has changed in the last few years. Where has this cost be driven, okay, and
1588 I'm gonna ask you for clarification again. That, that's it. The other thing is this synthetic drug, and I have
1589 no idea how it got there, and in the 21st Century where people are afraid they make this, bottled water,
1590 because they might get sued. Why is nobody suing this [sic] people, the people that are selling it? I
1591 mean, we have something that is impairing people, intoxicating people, and it's being sold to do that.
1592 How can they do that? How can they actually be free to sell it under a business license that's issued in
1593 the, in the State of South Carolina, sell something that at its, it's intoxicating, yet we have liquor laws and
1594 everything. We're allowed to do this, and I don't care what molecules are in it, it's impairing people. (**)
1595 that has to be looked at and all these lawyers that we have, and they're, in fact I just seen [sic] the other
1596 night on TV they, the company that makes the red gas cans is out of business, because people sued
1597 them out of business because they were pouring gas on top of fires and it blew up. If you can sue these
1598 people, why can't we sue the guy that sells it? Have the people afraid to sell it, that's where you want to
1599 go, and then it drives it underground. You ain't gonna, you're not gonna stop it, just drive it underground.
1600 Don't make it free and easy to people to look at. You can just walk into a store here in Surfside Beach
1601 and buy something that can be an impaired, you know, can impair your, you know impair everything you,
1602 and then your drive and it's legal. Can't believe that this actually happened. Thank you."

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1604 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Thank you. Any other comments? Ms. Kohlmann."

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1606 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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1608 Ms. Kohlmann: "Yes."

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1610 Mayor Samples: "We're, we have now reached the point of council comments."

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1612 Ms. Kohlmann: "Thank you. I'll make it brief, but I do want a make a comment about the, a, or
1613 it's been coming up every meeting. It comes up in all my emails, and I, I just think I need to address it.
1614 The ordinance of no parking 10-feet from driveways and 10-feet from crosswalks was, I initiated the
1615 ordinance. I still firmly believe in the ordinance. As a matter of fact, when I first did the ordinance and
1616 mailed it out to everybody, one of my responses from somebody on council was okay by me. Simple and

1617 clear change to our ordinance. But now, now, that the parking meters are in place, somehow they're
1618 connected, and they shouldn't be connected. They're two completely different issues. One's an
1619 ordinance and one is parking meters. So, I just think for clarification purposes, and all the emails I'm
1620 getting, nobody wants anyone parked up against their driveway. I haven't met one person that tells me
1621 they want a car parked up against their driveway or up against the, the beach walk. So until people come
1622 and tell me that, this ordinance was too stringent, I still stand behind the ordinance for safety reasons,
1623 and I don't believe that it had anything to do with meters. We didn't have to put meters on Ocean
1624 Boulevard, because we passed an ordinance for safety reasons. We didn't have to do that, and think that
1625 it's not right to give that appearance to the public. That's my opinion. We're all entitled to our own
1626 opinions; however, we're not entitled to our own facts. So I think we need to keep our facts, facts, and
1627 our opinions, our opinions, but when you're giving your opinion as an individual council person to
1628 members of this town, I think you should tread lightly, because it will come back to bite you."

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1630 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Mr. Stevens."

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1632 Mr. Stevens: "Ms. Kohlmann, I'm gonna agree 100-percent with you, because the ordinance
1633 never said anything about 30-feet from an intersection. It only said 10-feet from a driveway, 10-feet from
1634 a beach access, and 10-feet from a [sic] entrance to a parking lot or exit from a parking lot. I don't know
1635 how 30-feet got in there, but the 30-feet has been law for years and years and years. I'm living proof of it,
1636 cause I got a ticket last April. The law is not there [sic,] I want a refund!"

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1638 Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

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1640 Mr. Stevens: "I'm not finished."

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1642 Mayor Samples: "Oh, okay. Very good."

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1644 Mr. Stevens: "A, beginning back, let's talk about letters, and let's talk about emails. We've had a
1645 lot of discussion and people sending emails out on these meters, and I think, well, good God, it must be
1646 really bad, and I'm thinking who are these people sending out emails and who are they from? Well, I
1647 went down and I found out there was Beach Realty, Dunes Realty, Garden City Realty, Harrison Realty,
1648 Old Colony Realty, Philips Realty, Scalise Realty, Seaside Realty and Surfside Realty. Out of 46 emails
1649 and two letters, every complaint came from one realty company, Surfside Realty. I won't say anymore on
1650 that. Speaking of other letters, I got a letter with good news to me. I'm gonna go back in history. On
1651 January 16th, 2013 the South Carolina Ethics Commission met to consider an ethics com, complaint that
1652 was filed against myself by former town administrator, Ed Booth. This complaint alleged that under
1653 Section 8-13-700(a) no public official, public member, (**) et cetera, et cetera, shall attain an economic
1654 interest for himself. The complaint alleged that I, Randle Stevens, used my position as a town
1655 councilman to gain, gain a financial advantage to cash a check that was not otherwise been cashed by
1656 any other citizen. Well, I'm happy to tell you the South Carolina Ethics decision, decision, Ethics
1657 Commission decision after hearing all the facts and complaints on the evidence presented determined
1658 there was not probably cause to indicate that I, Randle Stevens, violated that section, 8-13-700, as I did
1659 not use my position as a Surfside Beach Town Council [sic] to cash a check. Therefore, the South
1660 Carolina Ethics Commission has dismissed all charges in accordance with the laws and as written and I
1661 have been found innocent and have been exonerated by [sic] all the charges in the complaint by, by
1662 former town administrator, Ed Booth. This matter is now a part of public record and a copy of this
1663 decision may be obtained from the South Carolina Ethics Commission or you may request it directly from
1664 myself. I humbly thank all those who supported me in the matter. Also still stand on my written state [sic]
1665 that I read to the citizens of Surfside Beach September 10th, 2012 town council meeting, and it's recorded
1666 minutes if you want to go back and read 'em. To all those people who viciously attacked me on
1667 September 12th in *The Sun News* article comment sections who said I was crazy, abused my position as
1668 a town council [sic] to be rewarded finan, financials, all of you were wrong. Dead wrong. I know stand
1669 innocent, vindicated, and exonerated of your false and slanderous accusations. A citizen said to me on
1670 this matter, I can move on with my life and say to those false and slanderous people, get behind me
1671 Satan. I, however, choose judge not and you will not be judged. Condemn not and you'll not be
1672 condemned. Forgive and you are forgiven, be forgiven. Luke 6:37, and in Proverbs it says it states if you

1673 listen to constructive criticism you'll be at home among the wise. If you reject discipline you will only harm
1674 yourself. But if you listen to correction, you'll grow in understanding. I thank you all for attending town
1675 council meeting tonight, and hope and pray that you'll have a prosperous tomorrow. Thank you."

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1677 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Mr. Johnson."

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1679 Mr. Johnson: "I have no comment. Thank you for coming out, ladies and gentlemen."

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1681 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Mrs. Dodge."

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1683 Ms. Dodge: "A, I only have six pages, y'all. (*Laughter*) I have to write it out so I don't forget
1684 anything. A, I want to thank the parking committee for their efforts on Ocean Boulevard. I know most of
1685 us would have preferred not to have any parking on Ocean Boulevard, but it's almost as if we were forced
1686 into allowing parking on Ocean Boulevard, and then making sure that we made it safer for our visitors and
1687 our citizens. If you remember in the past, people would hang their cars from a skyhook down on Ocean
1688 Boulevard, practically. It was really a mess, and it wasn't safe to drive up and down the boulevard.
1689 Hopefully, now we're addressing that with the meters. I really was not in favor of meters at the outset, but
1690 at this point, I think maybe that's the way to go and I'm glad to support it. I think that's my six pages.
1691 Thank you."

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1693 Mayor Samples: "Councilman Smith."

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1695 Mr. Smith: "I'd like everybody to understand that I fully support the parking meters. I've had one
1696 person that lives on Ocean Boulevard thank me for the ordinance that, a, Beth, Beth Kohlmann came up
1697 with about a no parking within 10-feet and the parking meters so that, a, people won't park near his
1698 driveway, cause he lives on Ocean Boulevard, and I'd like to thank public works for the clarification about
1699 the signage and parking delineation on Ocean Boulevard, and I know that John Adair will do a good job in
1700 getting that done in a timely manner, and a, if we have a questions [sic] we should maybe correspond
1701 directly with John, because I, I'm sure that he, a, has a good plan in his mind. Thank you very much."

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1703 Mayor Samples: "Thank you, sir. A, Councilwoman Mabry."

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1705 Ms. Mabry: "Thank you everybody for coming out. It's been a great; spring is almost here, so
1706 we're gonna, after the pollen goes, we're all gonna feel great. I'm not gonna talk about the Ocean
1707 Boulevard or the code; it's already, it's a done deal. It's already over with. We've got it. I am gonna
1708 speak about this, those letters that rece, that we received and those emails that we do are important and I
1709 don't care what realty company they come out of. They pay our taxes. They pay hospitality. They keep
1710 us afloat. Those business people at least deserve an explanation and they shouldn't be sloughed off as
1711 somebody just because they don't vote in the election. They're important to this town, and hopefully, that
1712 in years that go by with the beautiful landscaping and other things that we might can do, that this
1713 becomes something that we barely remember happening, and that it works out very well. But, I don't care
1714 if comes from whatever realty, and I do get separate calls from realtors, because I happen to be one. A,
1715 they are very concerned, but when you give 'em an explanation a lot of times they're willing to accept it
1716 and to move on, and I hope that we can do that up here. But, don't ever think that I'm gonna dismiss the
1717 people that help pay our bills, because I am not."

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1719 Mayor Samples: "Thank you. Mr. Dodge, I would ask next time you read a, an email that I have
1720 written, that you read it in its entirety. I, I think that you'll at least owe the public who you're trying to
1721 inform..."

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1723 Mr. Dodge (*speaking from floor*): (** public.)

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1725 Mayor Samples: "This is my comments...when, when you read an email that I have written that
1726 somebody's provided you, and frankly, I shared that same email, I think, with probably over 50 different
1727 parties, who, who emailed me, who called me, and I would like to set the record straight as far the way I
1728 voted; nobody else; can't speak for anyone else. I can't speak for anyone else for the reason, the way

1729 they voted. What I can assure you is my position has not changed. This is a beach town and for as long
1730 as I have lived here in the summertime people have parked on Ocean Boulevard pretty much wherever
1731 they wanted to. That's a fact. We know; we live in a beach town. As Ms. Mabry said, the taxes that we
1732 all pay are a function [sic] of the revenues that we receive from those that come who come into town and
1733 visit us. We all know that. We know that we couldn't afford the service level that we provide in this town
1734 based upon the property taxes that the residents pay, so let's not kid ourselves. In the parking, in my
1735 mind, maybe no one else's mind, but in my mind, the parking meters are a direct result of the adoption of
1736 a stringent, and I use that word, parking ordinance. That's my interpretation. The fact of the matter is
1737 that for years, for years, people have parked next to driveways. We know that, those of us that have lived
1738 here. When we rent the condominiums, we want as many people coming in, we want to fill 'em up. We
1739 want to see Ocean Boulevard full. We want to see people having a good time. Okay, that's a fact. And
1740 in my opinion, and I said it then, and I don't mind repeating it, it was a back door attempt to eliminate..."

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1742 Ms. Kohlmann: "Point of order, Mr. Mayor. You're doing a personal attack again and it's about
1743 time you stop doing it."

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1745 Mayor Samples: "I'm not doing a personal attack."

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1747 Ms. Kohlmann: "You have to stop, and act like the mayor, and not (**)"

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1749 Ms. Mabry: "Point of order; point of order."

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1751 Ms. Kohlmann: "Enough is enough!"

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1753 Ms. Mabry: "Point of order; this is not the time."

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1755 Ms. Kohlmann: "No, you do this all the time."

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1757 Mayor Samples: "No, no, no. Ms. Kohlmann."

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1759 Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor, this is a business meeting. You should not have to go back, back
1760 door, back door. Can we conduct our business like adults?"

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1762 Mayor Samples: "Let, let, let, yes, we can. Yes, we can. My vote on the meters and the allowing
1763 of the meters, which Councilman Johnson points out accurately, was six to nothing. Six to nothing, we all
1764 voted with the exception of Councilman Johnson for the meters. We all voted for the extra 100 plus
1765 meters going on to the boulevard. There was no one in that meeting who didn't understand, and if they
1766 didn't, that raises other questions. It was stated clearly. Councilman Smith made the motion to put the
1767 money in for those meters. Rather than eliminate parking, and that was my view of what was being done,
1768 whether you agree or not, we metered it. We're a beach town. We need people coming into town. Last
1769 thing we need to do is to have people coming into town and then ticketing them because they don't know
1770 where to park. But, that's my view. And rest assured, y'all will have an opportunity to consider all the
1771 positions that are being made at a later date, and I'm not running for my position. My position was..."

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1773 Mr. Stevens: "Point of order, are you, you're calling out certain people, and this."

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1775 Mayor Samples: "I haven't called anybody out."

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1777 Unknown Speakers: "(**)"

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1779 Mr. Dodge (*speaking from floor*): "You called me out."

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1781 Ms. Mabry: "Point of order. This is getting out of hand."

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1783 Mr. Dodge (*speaking from floor*): "Yes, it is. He shouldn't've [sic] called me out."
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1785 Mayor Samples: "Mr. Dodge."
1786
1787 Mr. Dodge (*speaking from floor*): "Yes, sir."
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1789 Mayor Samples: "Mr. Dodge, I'll be honest with you, and don't take this the wrong way."
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1791 Mr. Dodge (*speaking from floor*): "I won't."
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1793 Mayor Samples: "But I don't think that you have made a constructive comment in these
1794 chambers since I have been seated. Now, that's just a personal opinion."
1795
1796 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor."
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1798 Mayor Samples: "I apologize."
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1800 Ms. Dodge: "I would certainly hope so."
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1802 Mayor Samples: "But, I mean it."
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1804 (*Several speaking at once.*)
1805
1806 Mr. Stevens: "Point of order, Mr. Mayor."
1807
1808 Ms. Herrmann: "Mr. Mayor, Mr. Mayor, this is council comments. Please address your
1809 comments and let's move on."
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1811 Mayor Samples: "Thank you, very much."
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1813 Ms. Herrmann: "You're welcome."
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1815 Mayor Samples: "A, and I hope I see you next time, also. Having said that, let's move on to
1816 executive session."
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1818 **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
1819
1820 **Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss employment, appointment, compensation,**
1821 **promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee.**
1822
1823 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we go into executive session."
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1825 Mr. Johnson: "I will second."
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1827 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion. There's a second."
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1829 Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor?"
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1831 Unknown Speaker: "Yes?"
1832
1833 Mayor Samples: "All in favor. A, Mr. Johnson?"
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1835 Mr. Johnson: "Would you a, would you state the ..."
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1837 Mayor Samples: "I shall, pursuant to Freedom of Information Act 30-4-70(a), paragraph (1) to
1838 discuss employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline..."
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1840 (*Audience out of order, talking, leaving.*)

1841
1842 Ms. Herrmann: "Order in the audience, please."
1843
1844 Mayor Samples: "(gavel)...to discuss employment, appointment, compensation, promotion,
1845 demotion, discipline or release of an employee. All in favor say aye."
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1847 All Members: "Aye."
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1849 Mayor Samples: "Opposed? We are going into executive session."
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1851 *Clerk's Note: The motion to enter executive session was made at 8:36 p.m. The motion to*
1852 *reconvene regular session was made at 9:13 p.m.*
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1854 Mayor Samples: "We'll come back into session. Alright, alright; I need a motion to come back
1855 into regular session."
1856
1857 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move to that we come back into regular session."
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1859 Mr. Stevens: "Second."
1860
1861 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion. There's a second. All in favor say aye."
1862
1863 All Members: "Aye."
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1865 Mayor Samples: "Opposed? We're back in regular session. No action was taken in executive
1866 session."
1867
1868 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I have a motion."
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1870 Mayor Samples: "Councilman Smith."
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1872 Mr. Smith: "I move that we authorize the town administrator to proceed with the fire department
1873 position modifications."
1874
1875 Mr. Stevens: "Second."
1876
1877 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion. There's a second. Any discussion? All in favor say aye."
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1879 All Members: "Aye."
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1881 Mayor Samples: "Opposed?"
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1883 **12. ADJOURNMENT.**
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1885 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we adjourn."
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1887 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion."
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1889 Ms. Mabry: "Second."
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1891 Mayor Samples: "There's a second. All in favor say aye."
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1893 All Members: "Aye."
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1895 Mayor Samples: "Opposed? The meeting is adjourned."
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Clerk's Note: The motion to adjourn was made at 9:14 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: March 25, 2013

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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Town of Surfside Beach

In recognition of

DEBBIE ELLIS

April 1, 1998 – April 1, 2013

*Today we celebrate your dedication and
commitment during your 15 years of service. Thank
you for all of your efforts on behalf of the Town of
Surfside Beach and its citizens.*

The Hon. Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Micki Fellner, Town Administrator

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk



Finance Department Report: February 2013

Business License:

- February 2013 Activity **(34) New Accounts**: New business In-Town (6); New business Out-of-Town (5); New Rentals (16); New Contractors (7); Additional business inquiries (10)
- Business License revenue for February 2013 was \$5,062 which is down from prior year's \$7,812.
- YTD business license revenues are \$45,725 compared to prior year \$72,605 and building permit revenues are \$83,340 down compared to prior year \$119,636, this is mainly attributable to prior year new home construction in Harbor Lights.

Taxes:

Current real estate, personal property and vehicle tax payments received from Horry County for February 2013 were \$33,053, for comparison last year we received \$15,970. YTD collections are \$2,037,393 up from last year's \$2,018,881.

Hospitality & Local Accommodations Taxes:

Hospitality and Local Accommodations taxes received in the month of February were \$16,566 and \$1,878 respectively, which were up slightly from prior year. YTD collections are \$409,622 and \$97,788 compared to last year's \$402,892 and \$99,569.

Enterprise Funds:

In February, the Sanitation Fund collected approximately \$76,479 in service charges, which is down from last year's \$77,976. YTD collections are \$743,702 compared to last year's \$713,378.

Finance Department:

The Finance Department has been busy preparing for the upcoming budget season.

Transparency:

The Town's accounts payable check register has been posted online and a link has been added to the State Comptroller General's office website. Visit the following websites for information:

Town of Surfside Beach <http://surfsidebeach.org/>
SC Comptroller General <http://www.cg.state.sc.us/transparency/>

Please contact the Finance department if you have any questions concerning this report, (843) 913-6336, or email finance@surfsidebeach.org

**Town of Surfside Beach
Finance Department Report
February 28, 2013**

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

General Fund	February 2013	YTD FY 12-13	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	February 2012	YTD FY 11-12
Property Taxes						
Current Property Taxes	\$ 33,053	\$ 1,989,815	\$ 2,150,000	\$ (160,185)	\$ 15,970	\$ 1,927,288
Motor Carrier Taxes	546	3,102	4,000	(898)	281	2,599
Penalties & Prior Year Taxes	823	44,476	30,000	14,476	21,009	88,994
	\$ 34,422	\$ 2,037,393	\$ 2,184,000	\$ (146,607)	\$ 37,260	\$ 2,018,881
Licenses and Permits						
Business Licenses - Local	\$ 5,062	\$ 45,725	\$ 675,000	\$ (629,275)	\$ 7,812	\$ 72,605
Business Licenses - MASC	-	119,795	715,000	(595,205)	-	27,591
Animal Licenses	70	1,170	3,000	(1,830)	240	1,530
Building Permits	11,121	83,340	100,000	(16,660)	18,534	119,636
	\$ 16,253	\$ 250,030	\$ 1,493,000	\$ (1,242,970)	\$ 26,586	\$ 221,362
Franchise Fees						
Santee Cooper (Bi-Annual)	\$ 138,241	\$ 138,241	\$ 265,000	\$ (126,759)	\$ 138,405	\$ 138,405
GSW&SA (Monthly Installments)	16,620	132,961	195,000	(62,039)	16,620	132,961
TimeWarner (Quarterly)	-	63,760	115,000	(51,240)	-	61,395
HTC	-	189	-	189	-	162
SCANA (Annual)	-	-	9,600	(9,600)	-	-
	\$ 154,861	\$ 335,151	\$ 584,600	\$ (249,449)	\$ 155,025	\$ 332,923
Fines and Forfeits						
Police Fines	\$ 28,996	\$ 96,258	\$ 130,000	\$ (33,742)	\$ 13,149	\$ 89,911
Victims Assistance	2,162	16,056	20,000	(3,944)	2,695	17,538
Parking Fines-Current	-	12,191	45,000	(32,809)	187	31,683
Parking Fines-Prior	215	766	-	766	950	950
	\$ 31,373	\$ 125,271	\$ 195,000	\$ (69,729)	\$ 16,981	\$ 140,082

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

General Fund	February 2013	YTD FY 12-13	FY12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	February 2012	YTD FY 11-12
Interest	\$ 156	\$ 2,227	\$ 10,000	\$ (7,773)	\$ 429	\$ 3,881
Intergovernmental Revenues						
Aid - Local Government Fund	\$ -	\$ 47,236	\$ 65,000	\$ (17,764)	\$ -	\$ 34,838
Alcohol Permits	-	6,051	41,500	(35,449)	-	8,899
Homestead Exemption	-	-	40,000	(40,000)	-	-
Merchants Inventory	-	5,560	11,120	(5,560)	-	5,560
Government Grants	-	75,625	7,500	68,125	-	3,082
H.C. Recreation Dept.	-	-	16,600	(16,600)	-	-
H.C. Road Maintenance	-	57,197	100,000	(42,803)	-	61,600
	\$ -	\$ 191,669	\$ 281,720	\$ (90,051)	\$ -	\$ 113,979

**Town of Surfside Beach
Finance Department Report
February 28, 2013**

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>February 2013</u>	<u>YTD FY 12-13</u>	<u>FY 12-13 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>	<u>February 2012</u>	<u>YTD FY 11-12</u>
Recreation Revenue						
Recreation Registration Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,540	\$ 22,300	\$ (20,760)	\$ 8,920	\$ 12,420
Recreation Sponsorships	-	-	4,000	(4,000)	2,600	4,900
Other Recreation Revenues	553	16,130	25,200	(9,070)	511	20,592
	\$ 553	\$ 17,670	\$ 51,500	\$ (33,830)	\$ 12,031	\$ 37,912
Other Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenues	4,977	15,748	25,000	(9,252)	540	16,474
	\$ 4,977	\$ 15,748	\$ 25,000	\$ (9,252)	\$ 540	\$ 16,474
Other Financing Sources						
Sanitation Fund	\$ -	\$ 17,511	\$ 54,625	\$ (37,114)	\$ -	\$ 27,805
Accommodations Tax Fund	3,706	40,243	46,250	(6,007)	-	41,183
Interest Revenue Pier Enterprise	-	18,335	18,335	-	-	22,037
Pier Enterprise	-	14,055	30,477	(16,422)	-	7,855
Trans from Hospitality	-	110,470	441,880	(331,410)	-	50,000
Local Accommodations Tax Fund	-	68,501	140,000	(71,499)	-	97,045
Sale of Fixed Assets/Insurance Proceeds	-	4,500	-	-	-	26,440
Franchisee Reimbursement	-	8,112	266,000	(257,888)	-	-
	\$ 3,706	\$ 281,727	\$ 997,567	\$ (720,340)	\$ -	\$ 272,365
Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources	\$ 246,301	\$ 3,256,886	\$ 5,822,387	\$ (2,570,001)	\$ 248,852	\$ 3,157,859

YTD Remaining %: **44.1%**

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>February 2013</u>	<u>YTD FY 12-13</u>	<u>FY12-13 Budget</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>	<u>February 2012</u>	<u>YTD FY 11-12</u>
Revenue						
Property Taxes	\$ 4,607	\$ 287,696	\$ 268,750	\$ 18,946	\$ 4,942	\$ 281,831
Interest	66	621	-	621	47	604
Misc/Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	\$ 4,673	\$ 288,317	\$ 268,750	\$ 19,567	\$ 4,989	\$ 282,435
<i>* Revised for Property Taxes</i>						
YTD Remaining %: -7.3%						
Expenditures						
Lakes - Maint. & Enhancements	-	8,926	20,500	(11,574)	269	130,315
Water Quality/NPDES	7,510	34,570	32,875	1,695	134	53,764
Storm water Improvements	-	-	-	-	4,206	135,332
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,510	\$ 43,496	\$ 53,375	\$ (9,879)	\$ 4,609	\$ 319,411
YTD Remaining %: 18.5%						
Net Revenue over/(under)	\$ (2,837)	\$ 244,821	\$ 215,375		\$ 380	\$ (36,976)

**Town of Surfside Beach
February 28, 2013
Special Revenue Funds**

Accommodations Taxes

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

	February 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	February 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenues:						
Accommodations Tax	\$ -	\$ 329,861	\$ 450,000	\$ (120,139)	\$ -	\$ 348,666
Special Events/Donations	650	650	-	650	28,753	33,538
Interest Income	63	280	-	280	43	315
Total Revenues	\$ 713	\$ 330,791	\$ 450,000	\$ (119,209)	\$ 28,796	\$ 382,519

YTD Remaining %: **26.5%**

Expenses:						
Police	\$ 226	\$ 43,893	\$ 90,730	\$ (46,837)	\$ -	\$ 28,755
Grounds	-	5,930	12,413	(6,483)	435	6,143
Public Works/Sanitation	1,260	35,116	75,125	(40,009)	3,134	86,445
Special Events	3,497	27,587	72,871	(45,284)	2,690	28,334
Grants & Materials & Supplies	-	5,000	10,500	(5,500)	-	5,000
Fireworks Display	-	25,000	25,000	-	-	25,000
Advertising & Promotton	-	2,800	12,020	(9,220)	-	1,675
Advertising - MB Chamber (30%)	22,235	69,223	127,500	(58,277)	-	75,827
Transfer to Gen Fund (5%)	3,706	40,243	46,250	(6,007)	-	41,183
Total Expenses	\$ 30,924	\$ 254,792	\$ 472,409	\$ (217,617)	\$ 6,259	\$ 298,362

YTD Remaining %: **46.1%**

Net Revenue(Expense)	\$ (30,211)	\$ 75,999	\$ (22,409)		\$ 22,537	\$ 84,157
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Local Accommodations Taxes

	February 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	February 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenues:						
Local Accommodations Tax	\$ 1,878	\$ 97,788	\$ 140,000	\$ (42,212)	\$ 1,429	\$ 99,569
Interest Income	26	178	-	178	6	230
Total Revenues	\$ 1,904	\$ 97,966	\$ 140,000	\$ (42,034)	\$ 1,435	\$ 99,799

Expenses:						
Transfer to General Fund	\$ -	\$ 68,501	\$ 140,000	(71,499)	\$ -	\$ 97,045
Net Revenue(Expense)	\$ 1,904	\$ 29,465	\$ -		\$ 1,435	\$ 2,754

Hospitality Taxes

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

	February 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	February 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenues:						
Hospitality Fees	\$ 16,566	\$ 409,622	\$ 625,000	\$ (215,378)	\$ 15,441	\$ 402,892
Meter Revenue & Parking decals	-	67,922	125,000	(57,078)	-	64,059
Logo/Promotion Sales/Misc	2	2,309	-	2,309	104	2,191
Other Revenue (Grants/Donations)	4,000	4,300	-	4,300	-	-
Interest Income	248	1,978	-	1,978	205	2,081
Transfer from G.F. Parking fines	215	15,695	45,000	(29,305)	187	31,736
Total Revenues	\$ 21,031	\$ 501,826	\$ 795,000	\$ (293,174)	\$ 15,937	\$ 502,959

YTD Remaining %: **36.9%**

Expenses:						
Admin - Parking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,684
Police - Community Services	-	55,364	119,555	(64,191)	-	46,816
Police - Meters	535	33,167	99,159	(65,992)	3,143	31,986
Fire	-	16,219	16,380	(161)	-	27,235
Grounds	1,623	14,634	22,500	(7,866)	22,616	75,415
Recreation	669	8,144	28,600	(20,456)	4,246	120,957
Huckabee Building Improvements	-	-	75,000	(75,000)	-	9,836
Land Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	97,045
Transfer to General Fund	-	110,470	441,880	(331,410)	-	50,000
Total Expenses	\$ 2,827	\$ 237,998	\$ 803,074	(565,076)	\$ 30,005	\$ 462,974

YTD Remaining %: **70.4%**

Net Revenue(Expense)	\$ 18,204	\$ 263,828	\$ (8,074)		\$ (14,068)	\$ 39,985
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**Town of Surfside Beach
February 28, 2013
Enterprise Funds**

Sanitation Fund

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

	February 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	February 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenue:						
Sanitation Fees	\$ 76,479	\$ 743,702	\$ 1,064,135	\$ (320,433)	\$ 77,976	\$ 713,378
Grants, Gain/(Loss) on sale of F/A	304	2,659	-	2,659	-	5,275
Interest Income	214	1,558	1,500	58	246	2,115
Total Revenues	\$ 76,997	\$ 747,919	\$ 1,065,635	\$ (317,716)	\$ 78,222	\$ 720,768
			YTD Remaining %:	29.8%		
Expenses:						
Salaries & Operating Expenses	\$ 65,814	\$ 602,908	\$ 944,812	\$ (341,904)	\$ 71,964	\$ 585,031
Depreciation Expense	-	-	125,000	(125,000)	-	-
Transfer General Fund (5%)	-	17,511	54,625	(37,114)	-	27,805
Total Expenses	\$ 65,814	\$ 620,419	\$ 1,124,437	\$ (504,018)	\$ 71,964	\$ 612,836
			YTD Remaining %:	44.8%		
Net Operating	\$ 11,183	\$ 127,500	\$ (58,802)		\$ 6,258	\$ 107,932

Pier Enterprise Fund

Ideal Remaining %: 33%

	February 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	February 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenue:						
Income Rents/Leases	\$ -	\$ 42,268	\$ 74,773	\$ (32,505)	\$ -	\$ 30,000
Other Income-Admissions	198	29,096	50,000	(20,904)	266	28,244
Other Income-Fishing	1,007	65,254	100,000	(34,746)	2,133	62,430
Meter Income	-	25,074	80,000	(54,926)	-	38,242
Interest Income	76	643	-	643	80	696
Total Revenues	\$ 1,281	\$ 162,335	\$ 304,773	\$ (142,438)	\$ 2,479	\$ 159,612
			YTD Remaining %:	46.7%		
Expenses:						
Salaries & Operating Expenses	\$ 867	\$ 10,737	\$ 20,256	\$ (9,519)	\$ 390	\$ 11,215
Depreciation Expense	-	-	66,125	(66,125)	-	-
Interest Expense (Loan)	-	18,335	18,335	-	-	22,037
Transfer General Fund (10%)	-	14,055	30,477	(16,422)	-	7,855
Total Expenses	\$ 867	\$ 43,127	\$ 135,193	\$ (92,066)	\$ 390	\$ 41,107
			YTD Remaining %:	68.1%		
Advance due G F - Principal	-	-	163,000		-	-
* Re-Payment was deferred for 2 years, FY12-13 will have a payment, FY11-12 does not have a payment.						
Net Operating	\$ 414	\$ 119,208	\$ 6,580		\$ 2,089	\$ 118,505

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT
MARCH 2013
MONTHLY REPORT**

SPECIAL EVENTS

The BBQ Festival was held on March 9th on Surfside Drive. Entertainment was provided by Sawgrass and the Josh Brannon Band. There were 30 vendors in attendance this year compared to 15 last year. Attendance for this event was estimated at approximately 3,500. Conversations with most of the vendors resulted in a positive comments. Postcards have been mailed to all vendors for feedback. The "Smoke Free" shirts were distributed at no charge at the event. All but a few sizes small and medium are left. Thank you to Anita Crone and Harry Kohlmann for manning the tent. Surveys were completed by 153 people and resulted in the following numbers:

- 84 locals – 69 visitors
- 56 male – 92 female
- 55 – age 64 & up and 37 – age 56 to 63 were the largest age groups
- 75 – yes and 74 – no – "Did you come to Surfside Beach specifically to attend this event
- 95 – yes and 54 – no – "Is this your first time attending this event

Also attached is a list of the suggestions for other events and activities people would like to see in Surfside Beach. SAFER (Surfside Area Firefighters and Emergency Responders) prepared and sold the BBQ which resulted in approximately \$3,400.00 profit for this organization.

The St. Patrick's Day Dance was held on Friday, March 15th at the Civic Center. Entertainment was provided by DJs Ed and Irene Brown. Food and beverages were purchased at Sams and provided for the 80 attendees, the largest attendance to date.

Each year during the Christmas holidays the Town receives a "tree" with children's names and a specific gift they are wishing for from The Special Kid Sponsor Program. Employees take a name from the tree and make sure these children have a Christmas. Attached is a letter of thanks and a certificate to the Town from this organization.

Registration for baseball and softball has been completed by the Surfside Beach Youth Sports Association and has resulted in the following teams in each league:

- Softball (age 9 & 10) – two teams
- Softball (age 11 & 12) – two teams
- Baseball (ages 9 & 10) – five teams
- Baseball (ages 11 & 12) – five teams
- Baseball (ages 13 & 14) – four teams

The softball teams will play a total of 18 games and will travel to play as well as at Huckabee. The baseball teams will play a total of 12 games at Huckabee. All teams consist of 13 players on each team. Regular season begins April 8th. There will be no opening day ceremony but each team will have an "opening" first game. All sponsor signs from last year have renewed and the association has secured 16 new sponsor signs. Plans are in the works for two fundraisers, a community yard sale at a storage facility and a "Ruby Tuesday" night. Registration for T-ball, Coach Pitch and Kid Pitch (ages 4 to 8) begins April 1st at www.surfsidesports.org. The Knights of Columbus will operate the concession stand this year on a 70/30 basis with the Association receiving 70% of the net profits and the Knights of Columbus receiving 30% of the net profits.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **EASTER "EGG" STRAVAGANZA** – Saturday, March 30th – 2 pm to 4 pm – Martin Field
2. **PET FAIR** – Saturday, April 13th – 9 am to 12 noon – Surfside Beach Barc Park – rabies clinic
3. **SURFSIDE ROTARY ROAD RACE** – Saturday, April 20th – 8 am – Pier parking lot

1. More events like this but longer hours
2. Rescue Animals
3. Anything weekly, crafts, concerts
4. Latin food, music, international block party
5. As many as possible. Bring back the sandcastle contest
6. Beach music, rockin roll, country music
7. Street fairs, beach activities
8. Music
9. Farmer's Market, Seafood fest
10. Skateboarding event, music concerts, outdoor plays, outdoor movies
11. Smoke free events
12. Beer fest, Oktoberfest, more local art work vendors
13. More children activities, arts and crafts, chicken bog festival
14. More kid stuff
15. Any music festivals, family festivals, food festivals
16. Bluegrass music, shrimp festival, crabcake
17. Any fairs along the beach, on the pier, food fairs, craft fairs, music fair, water events
18. More concerts
19. Any outside events, music and food
20. Fourth of July, Labor Day
21. St. Pat's Parade
22. Similar street fairs
23. Sand sculpting
24. Sand Castle contest
25. Juried craft show
26. All kinds of festivals, dances
27. Fishing contests
28. Monthly street fairs, variety of food, similar to fall festival, farmers market
29. Surf contests
30. Family events
31. Music and dancing, local entertainers, etc.
32. BBQ cook off, battle of bands
33. More is better, music
34. More bands
35. More kid events, homemade ice cream festival
36. Anything good, more beach activity
37. Evening music on the street
38. More festivals
39. More beach activities
40. Band jam, street dance, St. Pat's Day, Oyster Roast
41. Animal events, beach music
42. Animal event, beach music
43. Any family activities, St. Patrick's Day parade. Arts on the street
44. Would like to see some more with children's activities
45. More music festivals
46. Any outdoor activities, festivals, bazaars
47. Music, craft
48. Kids entertainment
49. More restaurants and not so many parking meters
50. Craft fair
51. Christmas Parade
52. Movies in parks, free tree trimming

Special Kid Sponsor Program

Dear Surfside Town Hall/Civic Center,

Please accept this certificate of appreciation for your generous support of the Special Kid Christmas Tree Program. Your gifts touched more than a hundred children who have suffered abuse or neglect, or have disabling conditions that require special care.

Special Kid is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to make children's lives brighter through community involvement, support and care. The goal at *Special Kid* is to mitigate the abuse, neglect, or trauma endured, and to give children reason to hope for the future and regain trust for the adults in their lives. The *Special Kid* Sponsor program centers upon children receiving care in Horry, Georgetown and surrounding counties to improve quality of life and enhance the care they receive. These children typically suffer from emotional and/or developmental disabilities. The *Special Kid* sponsorship program is committed to providing children with nurturing and caring role models. In addition to assisting children, *Special Kid* strives to educate the community about children with disabilities, and teaches others about how they can profoundly impact the lives of these very special children. *Special Kid* is operated entirely by volunteers—every dime of every contribution goes straight to benefitting the children.

Ann Landers once said, "The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good." The children you helped by your participation in the program will probably forever remain anonymous to you, though You-Know-Who is smiling very approvingly from up above for your benevolence.

Again, we at "Special Kid" would like to thank you for your generous contributions throughout the Christmas Season.

Special Kid is a private, not-for-profit organization under 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions made to the organization are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law at the time the contribution was made.

Special Kid  **Sponsor Program**

Please accept this certificate of appreciation for your generous support of the Special Kid Christmas Tree Program. Your gifts touched more than a hundred children who have suffered abuse or neglect, or have disabling conditions that require special care.

This certificate is awarded to
Surfside Town Hall/Civic Center

In recognition of your gracious time and donations to increase the welfare of abused and neglected children in Horry and Georgetown Counties.


Deesa Vassar

Signature

2-11-13

Date

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

February 21st – March 20, 2013

SANITATION DIVISION (FTEs – 8)

Residential Service – Eight carts were delivered to accounts; three once the certificates of occupancy had been issued and five due to owners' requests. One cart was repaired and four carts were replaced. Sanitation supervisor responded to six calls regarding ordinance enforcement; eleven calls regarding late put outs and/or questions about bulk/yard debris pick up, fourteen calls involving billing issues, three miscellaneous calls and/or questions and two complaints.

Commercial Service – Service routes continue to be updated based on business needs. Three accounts required extra pick-up services due to overflow. Four businesses were informed that dumpsters needed to be replaced; to date, two have replaced dumpsters. Supervisor explained commercial collection schedules to two new businesses (Grand Strand Credit Corp., Surfside Golf Cart Rentals) and two other new business tenants. Crew responded to three calls regarding ordinance enforcement.

Recycling News – Six carts have been delivered to town residents and businesses upon request. One cart was removed per request. Supervisor responded to four miscellaneous calls with questions about recycling.

Summer Sanitation – Information letters/exemption forms will be mailed out to all sanitation customers within the C-3 and R-3 zoning districts within the next week. Three times a week rollout service is scheduled to begin on May 12th and continue through September 8th.

Scrap Metal – We received a payment of three hundred and four dollars and twenty cents (\$304.20) from Allen's Scrap Metal for metals collected in January/February.

E-Waste – Our next Hazardous Household Waste/Unwanted Electronic Waste drop off event is scheduled for Friday, April 26th through Sunday, April 28th at Public Works.

In February we collected 244.85 tons of solid waste, 31.59 tons of mixed debris, 156.31 tons of yard debris, and 31.97 tons of recyclables.

Crew assisted with the BBQ Festival held on March 9th on Surfside Drive.

STREETS & DRAINAGE DIVISION (FTEs –8)

The Beach – Swash outlets being dug out to ensure proper water flow as needed. Beach trash and recycle cans are being checked and serviced as needed.

On-going/Special Projects:

- Boggs Paving is currently resurfacing several town streets.
- 50/50 Ditch Piping program – to date, four projects have been completed and the remaining project will be completed within the next few weeks.
- Repairs/renovations have been completed at the 6th Avenue North Beach Walkover Access.
- Two new Shower Towers are on order and will be installed at 6th Avenue North and 6th Avenue South Beach Accesses before the summer season.
- Street sweeping is being done on Mondays and Fridays, weather and time permitting.
- Crews continue to perform maintenance and clean-up of drainage ditches and catch basins throughout town.

- Dirt – is still available free of charge to town residents who come to Scipio Lane and load up the dirt themselves between the hours of 8:00am until 3:00pm on the third Saturday of each month. Those requesting delivery must have the Public Works Director or Street Supervisor inspect the delivery site and issue an inspection ticket confirming proper usage of the dirt prior to placing an order at Town Hall. This inspection will insure that the dirt is not being used to fill in ditches and/or swales that would interfere with our storm water drainage. An appointment can be made to pick up dirt other days by calling Public Works at (843) 913-6360.
- Eight reports were sent to Santee Cooper identifying street lights that were not functioning properly.
- Crew assisted with the BBQ Festival held on March 9th on Surfside Drive.
- From February 21st through March 20th Public Works assistant answered 246 incoming calls. 85 of those calls dealt with sanitation questions/concerns/complaints; 2 calls were from vendors providing product information and/or quotes; 38 calls dealt with street/drainage issues, streetlights, and questions about driveway inspections and dirt delivery; 43 calls dealt with parking meter questions/concerns; 7 calls dealt with parks/grounds issues; 21 were internal calls dealing with department and/or personnel issues and/or questions; 23 calls were received for the Public Works Director; 27 calls dealt with miscellaneous questions, wrong departments and/or telemarketers.

GROUNDS DIVISION (FTEs-4)

- Bids for construction of an ADA compliant restroom at Huckabee were opened on March 18th. Public Works Director Adair is currently reviewing the six bids received for adherence to specifications. Recommendations will be made to Council and the bid awarded upon Council approval.
- Athletic fields at Huckabee and Martin parks are being prepared for the upcoming baseball season set to begin on April 8th.
- Crew assisted with the BBQ Festival held on March 9th on Surfside Drive.
- Crews continue to spruce up Town properties and parks, as well as weeding and trimming.

FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION (FTE-2)

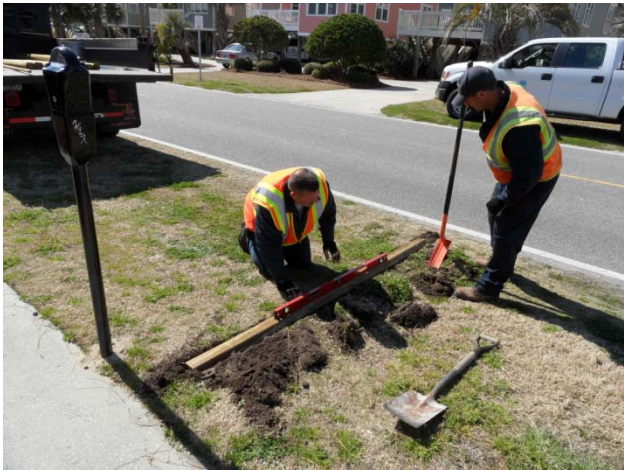
From February 21st through March 20th our mechanics completed forty-one (41) repairs on Town vehicles and equipment. Two (2) vehicles had flats repaired, three (3) vehicles had tires replaced, and two (2) vehicles required alignments. Bi-weekly fleet tires checks and fire extinguisher inspections were completed on all Public Works vehicles and/or equipment. “Preventive” and “Scheduled” maintenance (consisting of lube, oil & filter changes, brake inspections, tire rotations and fluid checks) were performed on thirty-one (31) Town vehicles and/or equipment.

FACILITIES (FTE-2)

- Crew repaired/replaced broken or non-functioning lights at the Pier.
- Crew assisted with the BBQ Festival held on March 9th on Surfside Drive.

PIER – F.E. Baiden & Associates, LLC. continues work on the installation of an ADA ramp and deck expansion at the Pier. Project is expected to be completed by mid-April.

PUBLIC WORKS-CURRENT EVENTS – MARCH 2013



Our aim is to make Surfside Beach the perfect place for residents and visitors!

As the off-season winds down, preparations are many...

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF HORRY)
)
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH) **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH**
 TO REPEAL ORDINANCE #12-0734 TO AMEND SECTION
 7-12, SANITATION FEES, PARAGRAPHS 1-4, AND TO ADD
 SECTION 7-37, PARAGRAPH G, SPECIAL DISPOSAL PRO-
 BLEMS (E-WASTE)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled on January 22, 2013 adopted Ordinance #12-0734 to amend Section 7-1, Sanitation Fees, Paragraphs 1 through and including 4, and to add Section 7-37, Paragraph G, Special Disposal Problems (e-Waste); and

WHEREAS, South Carolina Code of Laws Section 6-1-330, Local Fee Imposition Limitations, Paragraph (A) states:

A local governing body, by ordinance approved by a positive majority, is authorized to charge and collect a service or user fee. A local governing body must provide public notice of any new service or user fee being considered and the governing body is required to hold a public hearing on any proposed new service or user fee prior to final adoption of any new service or user fee. Public comment must be received by the governing body prior to the final reading of the ordinance to adopt a new service or user fee. A fee adopted or imposed by a local governing body prior to December 31, 1996, remains in force and effect until repealed by the enacting local governing body, notwithstanding the provisions of this section; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina State Code Section 6-35-130, Notice of Public Hearing; Publication states:

(A) Notice of a public hearing must be published:

- (1) once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the relevant incorporated municipality; or
- (2) once a week for two successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation within the relevant county.

(B) The notice of public hearing must describe in general terms the location of the proposed district, contain a general description of the proposed improvements, identify each owner of twenty-five percent or more by acreage of the real property situated in the area of the proposed district, and state the date, time, and place of the public hearing.

(C) The final publication must be at least ten days before the date of the scheduled public hearing. At the public hearing and at any adjournment of the meeting, all interested persons may be heard either in person or by attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to comply with the cited South Carolina State Code, the Mayor and Town Council hereby repeal Ordinance #12-0734 to amend Section 7-1, Sanitation Fees, Paragraphs 1 through and including 4, and to add Section 7-37, Paragraph G, Special Disposal Problems (e-Waste) and said Ordinance #12-0734; and

FURTHER, that pursuant to South Carolina Code Sections 6-1-300 and 6-35-130, et seq, a public hearing shall be advertised and held prior to second reading of Ordinance #13-0741 to amend Section 7-1, Sanitation Fees, Paragraphs 1 through and including 4, and to add Section 7-37, Paragraph G, Special Disposal Problems (e-Waste).

SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS. The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this 25th day of March 2013.

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
)
COUNTY OF HORRY) TO AMEND CHAPTER 7 OF THE TOWN'S CODE OF
) ORDINANCES TO REVISE DIVISION 2, §7-12, ¶1-4,
) AND INCLUDE IN DIVISION 3, §7-37, ¶G, SPECIAL
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH) DISPOSAL PROBLEMS (E-WASTE)

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled adopted The Town's Code of Ordinances, to include Section 1-12 which allows for the amendment of the code when the public necessity, convenience or general welfare justify such action; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council has determined that the facts and findings provided to them support the recommendations to have the above sections amended,

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that Chapter 7 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, Division 2 Section 7-12 Paragraphs 1-4 and Division 3 Section 7-37 be amended to add Paragraph (g) to read:

DIVISION 2 SECTION 7-12 ¶1-4

Sec. 7-12. - Service charges.

(1) *Mobile container service.* Mobile refuse container service shall be charged at the rate of eighteen dollars and 75 cents (\$18.75) per month per cart for all customers serviced by the town.

(2) *Roll-out curb service.*

(a) *Summer roll-out curb service.* Mandatory rollout curb service shall be in effect for transient rental properties, i.e., rentals less than thirty (30) days, which are deemed commercial operations, located within the R-3 and C-3 zoning districts, from the second Sunday in May through the first Sunday following Labor Day at the rate of seventy-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$76.25) per month per cart. This charge is broken down as follows: \$18.75 x 3 time per week service= \$56.25; plus \$20 summer service charge.

(b) Winter Roll Out Curb Service of \$12.00 dollars per month shall be optional for the total R-3 district and shall be mandatory for the total C-3 district.

Persons or properties who want to opt out of the Winter Roll Out Curb Service in the R-3 district shall notify the Town of Surfside Beach Public Works Department. This notification shall be made each and every year that a person or property want to opt out of the Winter Roll Out Curb Service to the Surfside Beach Public Works Department.

Failure to notify the Surfside Beach Public Works Department shall result in that person or property in the R-3 district being charged a Winter Roll Out Service of \$12.00 dollars per month.

If a cart for a person or property that has opted out of the Winter Roll Out Services is rolled out to the street and the person or property fails to remove the cart from the street, or if waste or garbage becomes a health or safety hazard, the Surfside Beach Public Works Department can reinstate the Winter Roll Out Service fee of \$12.00 dollars without notifying the person or property who chose to opt out, this action shall be at the discretion of the public works director or his designee.

Winter Rates shall be a price of \$30.75, broken down at \$18.75 per month plus a \$12.00 dollar Winter Roll Out Curb Service fee from the second Wednesday after Labor Day until the second

Wednesday in May at the rate of \$12.00 per Month per Cart for the Roll Out Curb Service for transient rental properties, i.e., rentals less than thirty (30) days, for properties in the C-3 and R-3 districts."

Exception: Year-round resident owners of multi unit homes are exempt from summer roll-out curb service for rental units that are attached to their primary residence, provided that Moby carts for the rental units located on the property are curbside at the appointed times. Should said resident owner fail to place Moby carts curbside at the appointed time, the town reserves the right to require the owner to participate in summer roll-out service as set forth herein.

(3) *Exemption from rollout curb service.* Owners of noncommercial properties in the R-3 and C-3 zoning districts must provide written notification to the Town of Surfside Beach of either permanent residency or non-rental status. This notification must be made each year to the town. Acceptable forms of notification shall include a valid South Carolina driver's license with address of property within town limits to establish residency, a copy of a current lease for a rental property within town limits, or a signed notification of noncommercial use.

(4) *Bulk containers service.* Bulk container service shall be charged at the rate of twenty-six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$26.25) per container per pickup for 6-yard containers and thirty-one dollars and seventy-five cents (\$31.75) per container per pickup for 8-yard containers.

DIVISION 3 SECTION 7-37 ¶(g)

Sec. 7-37. - Special disposal problems

(g) *Electronic Waste (E-scrap).* Effective July 1, 2011 – residents may not knowingly place or discard a computer, computer monitor, printer or television, or component of same, in any waste stream that is to be disposed of in a solid waste landfill. The Town will not collect these items with regular refuse after this date.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof this 25th day of March 2013.

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
)
COUNTY OF Horry) TO REPEAL APPENDIX ARTICLE IV, GENERAL TELEPHONE
)
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH) COMPANY OF THE SOUTHEAST, §§1-15

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled on February 26, 2013 desire to repeal the franchise agreement stipulated Article IV, General Telephone Company of the Southeast Sections 1 through 15; and

WHEREAS, said franchise agreement expired on October 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the said General Telephone Company of the Southeast was purchased by Verizon Telephone in 2001 and is no longer a legal entity.

NOW, THEREFORE, Appendix Article IV, General Telephone Company of the Southeast, Sections 1 thorough and including 15 are hereby repealed; and

BE IT FURTHER KNOWN, that Article IV shall be reserved for future use.

SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS. The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this ___ day of _____ 2013.

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Debra Herrmann

From: mary ellen abrams [mailto:maryellenabrams@ksbb.com]
Sent: Friday, March 22, 2013 9:35 AM
To: Micki Fellner
Cc: Debra Herrmann; Al Lauer; Al Stein; Julie Samples; Lynda Peckham; Nancyjo weber; Peggy Sattelmeyer; Ralph Magliette; Ron Gaskins; Sarah Saunders; Terri Lauer
Subject: Request from KSBB Committee
Attachments: Final KSBB Minutes 3-20-2013.docx

Micki –

Per the attached 3/20/13 Minutes, KSBB requests that you obtain town council's approval to limit the size of KSBB to the current 11 members. As background, we feel that the original open-end size membership size proved to be unwieldy and we are better able to conduct business with the smaller size group.

Once council has approved the size limit, would you please update the town website to reflect the resignations and the the new officers? Also, KSBB meets at 1:00 p.m. and not 10:30 as posted.

Thank you,
Mary Ellen Abrams (secretary for

the 3/20/13 meeting)

Committee Minutes

Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful

Date: March 20, 2013

Time Started: 1:00 p.m.

Members Present or Absent:

P Mary Ellen Abrams

A Dora Eaddy

P Ron Gaskins

P Al Lauer

P Terri Lauer

P Ralph Magliette

P Lynda Peckham

P Peggy Sattelmeyer

P Sara Saunders

P Al Stein

A Nancy Jo Weber

Was a quorum present? YES

Minutes of Meeting held 2/20/2013 - see item 4 below.

Also present were Mary Beth Mabry, Julie Samples and Harry Kohlmann. Mayor Samples, Sabrina Morris (PB&Z) and John Adair (PW) departed after speaking.

Motion to No formal motions were made at this meeting.

Vice Chair Peggy Sattelmeyer chaired the meeting. The group acknowledged the resignations of Jim Toney, Shelby Smith, Jerry Strange and Mary Ann Hunt from the KSBB Committee. Ms. Sattelmeyer stated that in order to have a fresh start, she would resign as Vice Chairperson and the group would elect all new officers during this meeting. Mary Ellen Abrams filled in as secretary. There was a brief discussion to the effect that remaining members feel the current size of the group is sufficient and that new members need not be recruited.

1. Sabrina Morris, Director of Planning, Building and Zoning, passed out a draft ordinance on Nuisance. She gave a brief explanation and asked for KSBB members' individual comments within a week.
2. Election of Officers: Members were asked to volunteer for Chair, Vice Chair or Secretary. (The committee had been advised previously that Nancy Jo Weber would accept a position and that Dora Eaddy would not be interested in a position). Nancy Jo Weber was selected as Chairperson, Ronald Gaskins was selected as Vice Chairperson and Peggy Sattelmeyer was selected to be Secretary – all by unanimous acclamation.
3. John Adair, Director of Public Works, gave a brief update on beautification projects.
4. Future Plans/Projects for KSBB.

-The Directors of Public Works and of Planning, Building and Zoning were asked to think about ways in which KSBB could assist them in their responsibilities.

-Peggy Sattelmeyer displayed a self-watering hanging flower basket for possible use on light poles throughout the town. She is going to test the amount of maintenance required before KSBB recommends that the town purchase them in quantity.

- Mayor Samples spoke briefly about the need for cleanup efforts in areas other than the beach. The committee agreed that this suggestion ties in with the requirement by Palmetto Pride that the town hold a Great American Cleanup event between March 1 and May 31 of this year. Ron Gaskins will represent KSBB in working with the Director of Public Works to plan such an event, perhaps on a small scale since time is short.

5. Discussion of draft minutes from February 20, 2013. There was no quorum on that date; therefore there will be no minutes. Several items discussed at that meeting were reviewed and determined to be resolved (i.e., retain existing palm trees at beach accesses; 16th N at Magnolia Lake is a budget item; Cedar Drive N between the 2 lakes is a budget item; "Adopt-A-Palm"/bulk purchase – sporadic approach not feasible.)

6. March 31, 2013 KSBB Quarterly Report to Town Council. Peggy Sattelmeyer will disseminate a final draft by email and if there are no comments it will be submitted to the Town Administrator.

7. Each subcommittee gave a brief update.

8. New Business: Ralph Magliette proposed a town event involving children searching the town for the largest Live Oak tree. KSBB suggested that he make that proposal to the Special Events Committee.

9. It was decided that a mid-month meeting will not be necessary. The next meeting of KSSB will take place on April 17, 2013.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Submitted By _____/s/ Mary Ellen Abrams_____
Secretary

Received by Town Clerk _____

Information:

PUBLIC NOTICES. Meeting agendas are NOT being prepared for this committee. PUBLIC NOTICES of meetings advising the public of the date and time of the meeting will be published pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The chairman or secretary should advise the clerk (843.913.6333 or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org) at least three days in advance of your next meeting date.

Minutes. The committee secretary should complete the meeting minutes and deliver them to the town clerk within a reasonable time after the meeting. The town clerk will scan the minutes and publish them at www.surfsidebeach.org.

Recommendations. When the committee approves a recommendation, the chairman and/or secretary shall communicate the recommendation to the appropriate authority. REMEMBER, the committee may not implement any program or spend money without **PRIOR** approval of Town Council.



Memorandum

To: Town Council
From: Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
Date: March 18, 2013
Re: 03/25/2013 Town Council Meeting Agenda
9. Discussion, B. Council Decorum; MASC Training
Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry

At the request of Ms. Mabry, MASC Field Representative Bill Taylor was contacted about the possibility of holding a council workshop. He is available either of the following dates at any time that council wishes to meet:

Thursday, April 4th

Monday, April 8th

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
 COUNTY OF HORRY)
)
 TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH) **AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
 TO AMEND SECTION 9-16 DECALS AND EXEMPTIONS
 FOR PARKING DECALS RELATING TO NONRESIDENT
 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, AND COMMERCIAL
 BUSINESSES GOLF CART OPERATION**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled desire to establish a policy relating to the issuance of parking decals allowing **resident and*** nonresident residential property owners to park their vehicles and golf carts in metered spaces when available without charge; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council desire to establish that commercially owned golf carts rented for profit shall be identified as such by decals and operators there of shall be required to park in metered spaces and make appropriate payment

NOW, THEREFORE, Section 9-16, Decals and Exemptions of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 9-16. – Decals and exemptions

(a) **Resident and Nonresident Residential Property Owner Parking Decals** Decals issued for full time resident and non-resident residential property owner vehicles including golf carts. All persons residing or owning residential property within the corporate limits of the town shall be entitled to one (1) free decal per vehicle, to be issued by the town, upon verification of current vehicle registration or verification of proof of residential property ownership. Such decal will be placed on the vehicle pursuant to instructions given by town hall staff when obtaining the decal. The decal shall be valid for the calendar year in which issued. Said decal will show: (1) decal number issued, and (2) year for which decal is valid. Such decal shall allow a resident and residential property owner to park free of charge in metered or pay station areas when space is available.

(b) **Golf Cart Registration Required.** Registration Decals shall be issued for golf carts. All persons and businesses owning golf carts within the corporate limits of town, including those entities which may lease, lend, borrow, or purchase golf carts for the purpose of renting to the public, shall register golf carts with the town police department. Proof of ownership and liability insurance is required.

(i) **Residents and nonresident residential property owners** shall pay a fee of two dollars (\$2.00) per golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by blue lettering on white background. Decals shall allow residents and nonresident property owners to park in golf cart parking, and "permit only" parking areas and in metered spaces, and without charge when space is available.

(ii) **Commercially owned** golf carts shall be charged a fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each golf cart. Decals shall be distinguished by white lettering on a red background. The registration decal shall state "Pay Parking Only," meaning that operators of commercial golf carts must park in metered spaces and pay applicable fees for parking.

Decals shall be placed by police staff in such a manner that will enable the registration decal to be clearly visible to the operator of the golf cart while being operated. The issued decal will show: (1) registration number; (2) years for which decal is valid, and (3) all applicable golf cart rules.

SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS. The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this 10th day of December 2012.

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved