

# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013 • 6:30 P.M.

# AGENDA

- 1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> Mayor Douglas F. Samples
- 2. <u>INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> Pastor Allen Rogers, Journey Church
- 3. AGENDA APPROVAL
- 4. MINUTES APPROVAL
  - A. Budget Workshop May 14, 2013
  - B. Regular Meeting May 14, 2013
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS Agenda Items Only. (3-minutes per speaker)
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS
  - A. Employee Recognition, Joan Saleem 10-year Anniversary
  - B. Proclamation #13-85 Lupus Awareness Month May 2013
  - C. Department Reports
    - i. Finance
    - ii. Recreation
    - iii. Public Works
  - D. Administrator's Report
    - i. Update on Current Events
    - ii. Consensus Item Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Branding Recommendations

### 7. BUSINESS

- A. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0747, FY2012-2013 Budget Amendments, Director King
- B. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0748, Drug Paraphernalia, Administrator Fellner and Chief Keziah
- C. Resolution #13-134 Parking for Vendors, Service Providers and Renters, Administrator Fellner
- D. Horry County Solid Waste Authority, proposed contract (recycling incentives and disposal agreement), Administrator Fellner
- E. Pier Parking Lot Expansion Paving Contract (Boggs), Administrator Fellner

# 7. **BUSINESS**, continued

- F. Nathan Black Memorial 5K Run/Walk, Mrs. Diane Smith and Ms. Loriann Witzigman requesting permission to hold 5K race in October
- G. Speed Limit on Ocean Boulevard, Mayor Samples
- H. Ad Hoc Committee Recreation/Special Events recommendation to disband (may be deferred until after executive session)
- 8. <u>DISCUSSION</u> Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.

Process by which Town Council and all state mandated committee minutes are placed on the town web site. Councilmembers Smith, Stevens, and Dodge.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)

# 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

# 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person or persons to a public body and pursuant to Town Code of Ordinances §2-61(f) to consider vacancies declared by the recreation/special events committee and its recommendation to disband the committee.

# 12. ADJOURNMENT

# SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES MAY 28, 2013 • 6:30 P.M. TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance. Councilmember Johnson was out of town. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Fellner; Finance Director King; Police Chief Keziah; Public Works Director Adair; Recreation Supervisor Ellis, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

Mayor Samples announced that Mrs. Vera Howard, former Mayor Deaton's mother, passed on May 17<sup>th</sup>. A private ceremony was held. Mayor Samples said prayers and condolences go out to the family.

Mayor Samples announced that a special meeting would be held next Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the upcoming fiscal year municipal budget.

## 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pastor Allen Rogers from Journey Church gave the invocation. Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

#### 3. AGENDA APPROVAL.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** 

## 4. MINUTES APPROVAL.

- **A.** Budget Workshop May 14, 2013. Ms. Dodge moved to approve the budget workshop minutes of May 14, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- **B. Regular Meeting May 14, 2013.** Ms. Dodge moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 14, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

# 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Agenda Items (3 minutes.)

"Hi. My name is Anita Crone, 215 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. Residents, Mr. Mayor and Council, I noticed that there is a scheme afloat to eliminate the special events/recreation committee, and I realize that there's been some issues in that committee; however, I think there've been some benefits, as well. As a member of the committee, we have worked hard to bring some events to the town: the Famer's Market, for one; the luau; Movies in the Park, and those events are, have been successful. I certainly understand some concerns, mainly that we haven't really had a full committee since almost the first week. However, I think we could reconstitute the committee. I think we could reduce the membership of the committee. There's no reason to have seven people on it. You could reduce it to five; reduce it to four. I think that we can provide a service to the town; do some of the things that staff can't do. They've done wonderful work, the workers, but they don't have time for it, and maybe we need to take more command of the committee. I just hope that you would reconsider the move to disband this committee, and at least give it a shot. If you're gonna, you know, instead of if you feel the need to still reduce it, set a date certain for the goals. (\*\*) I think those of you who went to the Farmer's Market today saw something wonderful; something different. And those of you who went to the luau saw something different. Those of you who

come to Movies in the Park will see something different. It all enhances Surfside Beach. Thank you so much."

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"John Ard, 612 Cypress Drive, Surfside. Mayor and Council, citizens, got a couple of things I'd like to speak about tonight, and one is disbandment of this committee. I think this is the wrong thing to do right now at this time. Ah, this is a very valuable committee. It's been good for the town of Surfside and it's gonna get even better. I'd like to see this deferred and give them time to let's see if we can't get some more members on this committee. Mr. Maruca and them have taken this thing and done wonders for the town already with it, and I think that they should be given a chance, instead of being disbanded. Number two is this parking. Resolution Number 13-134, ah, I don't know where this come by, come about with it. I do know that no one on the parking committee is involved with this. Ah, I've got a couple of ideas of what I've been told and all, and who done [sic] this. But what I think this is, this should be deferred. Have a meeting with, ah, the town administrator, Lanier Parking, the police chief, the members of, ah, ah, the members of the parking committee to give them a chance to voice their opinion and everything, which they haven't been given a chance to. This thing has gone over their head, and which it shouldn't have been. They should've been involved in this from the very beginning. If you're gone [sic] conceive an idea like this, you ought to have the proper committee doing and the proper members there in order to do this. Let's y'all, I'd like to see this deferred. I'd like to see a meeting set up with who I just asked about a while ago and all, anybody on Town Council and all that would like to get an invite (\*\*) to voice their opinion and everything. I feel strongly it's the right thing to do for this town, and for the parking committee, because you have thoroughly stepped over their heads with this, and that is not good. Not good at all. The parking committee's done a lot for this town. We've came [sic] up with a lot of good ideas. We should be given a chance to have an opinion on this, because there's several (\*\*) people that this is gonna affect, and that's exactly what they want, and I'm talking about money people. So, I'm asking you tonight when you go to executive session to defer this, and let's have a meeting (time ended) with proper people and give everybody ample time to have what they've got to say about it and see what else they might want to come up here with."

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"I'd like to speak on Business Item G, Speed Limit on Ocean Boulevard. Mayor Samples is gonna address it. Ah, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 [sic] four people on the council voted to reduce the speed to 25 miles per hour. In fact, this was a concurrence and that's a vote, too, right? You're playing semantics." Ms. Herrmann reminded Mr. Kohlmann to state his name for the record. "Oh, Harry Kohlmann, 1610B South Ocean Boulevard. Now, we understand Robert's Rules for consensus, because the person who voted to approve it has to be the one who brings it up; someone who didn't want it can't." Ms. Herrmann said the prevailing side. Mr. Kohlmann: "Oh, alright. (\*\*) Well, whoever had the most, majority. So, I assume that's what Mr. Samples is doing. I just want to tell you why 25 miles per hour; safety. There's no other street in this community that has a mix of pedestrian, mopeds, motorcycles, joggers, runners, walkers, strollers, mopeds [sic,] motorcycles [sic,] golf carts. I must have missed about five or six of 'em. It's unique. Pedestrians, little children crossing the street to go to the beach. That's the reason. We tried crosswalks. Guess what, folks? It's not working. People do not stop. Second reason; safety. Golf carts. They travel about 20 miles per hour. Mine goes about 23, 24. The biggest complaint in this community and mostly the complain, complainers are the people that don't own golf carts, is golf carts. They're golf carts. They're in the way all the time. Get out of my way! I wanna go faster. Well, you know what. Slower town; nice little neighborhood, let's slow it down. I lived in New York City. I don't want it fast. I want it slow. That's why I came here. Slow it down. This way, if a car's going 25 miles per hour, and a golf cart's going 20 it evens the playing field. They're almost the same speed. You're not gonna; I know Ms. Mabry's lived here since 1964 and it's been 30 miles per hour since then. But, guess what? It's changed. This town has changed. We don't have dirt roads anymore. We have a lot more people here. We have a lot more walkers and such. A thoroughfare, this has turned into a thoroughfare. Cause Mr. Johnson said he travelling [sic] 30 miles per hour as he did this morning on Ocean Boulevard is not a problem. He went three or four blocks out of his way to go to work. (time ended) He went down Ocean Boulevard. Why? To avoid the traffic on 17. It's a faster way, even though it's a longer distance, it's faster, and in the summertime 17 Business is packed. And people use it, Atlantic Avenue, to go around. Let me just say one more thing." Mayor Samples said one last thing. Mr. Kohlmann, "This is a quote, line 392 by Mr. Samples, 'he accepted that you might not be able to tell much difference in the speeds while

driving, however, if you hit something, there is a definite difference between the two speeds.' Well, if it was good on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, it's good on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you."

"Gene Maruca, 116 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. South. At present, I'm the chairman of the recreation and special events committee. I wish we did everything right. But it doesn't always happen. We planned, ah, auto event, old cars. It didn't work out for us. We tried to change the Easter egg hunt at Martin Field. That didn't work out for us. But we are doing. We are trying and there is so, so much that that entire committee, as well as the people who attended those meetings, were involved in. Unless there's a specific reason that this council wants to do away with it, that's fine. But I can only see more good coming. We've got the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We've got Christmas. We have New Years. We have the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Those are all special events, and that committee could be an asset not only to the council, but to the entire town. Thank you."

"Glen Curtis, 257 Palladium Drive. Ah, with all the events that go on and the money raised in all the special events, I would like to thank Debbie Ellis and her crew. They put on shows that are unbelievable, and I think she deserves a lot of credit for everything that goes on with the special events stuff. Thank you."

### 6. COMMUNICATIONS.

## A. Employee Recognition, Joan Saleem, 10-year Anniversary.

Mayor Samples and Public Works Director Adair presented Ms. Saleem with a certificate, lapel pin, and award check. Mayor Samples said that Ms. Saleem "really runs public works!" She is the go-to person for questions about public works. Ms. Saleem acknowledged all of her coworkers at public works, saying she could not perform her job without all of them doing their jobs. She appreciated all of them and she also appreciated the town. (Standing ovation.)

### B. Proclamation #13-85 Lupus awareness Month-May 2013.

Mayor Samples presented Proclamation #13-85 declaring May 2013 as Lupus Awareness Month, a copy of which is on file, to Ms. Barbi Manchester who is a Certified Facilitator with the North Carolina Lupus Association. Mayor Samples said he became familiar with Lupus when a friend of his was diagnosed and passed. No new drugs were developed to treat Lupus until 2011, which was over 50 years since the last one was developed. Ms. Manchester said on behalf of the National Lupus Foundation of America genuine appreciation was extended to Mayor Samples and the Town Council for its supportive action. Information was provided for distribution to the audience. A petition was also distributed. She will be appearing before the House of Representatives in Washington, DC in June to request increased funding for the National Institute of Health for research not only for Lupus, but all autoimmune diseases. (Applause.)

## B. Department Reports.

#### i. Finance

Ms. King presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. There were 52 new business license accounts in April; 11 new in-town businesses; 17 out-of-town; 4 home-based; 3 restaurants; 2 real estate; 1 auto dealer; 1 foreign language instructor; 14 new rentals, and 10 contractors. Business license revenue is up about \$2,000 over last year. Renewals are due by Friday, and receipts are coming in rather well. Year-to-date business licenses and building permits are down from last year, because there is no more construction in the Harbor Lights development. During April, Horry County paid \$39,169 in taxes compared to \$37,690 last year. Year-to-date collections are up about \$14,000 over last year. Hospitality and local accommodations taxes for April were \$33,211 and \$4,693, respectively, and closely match last year's amounts. The sanitation fund collected \$88,847, up from \$80,547 last year. The pier fund collected \$11,428 compared to \$15,605 last year. April parking meter revenue was \$6,046 for the pier fund and \$7,000 in hospitality for a total of \$13,780. Fines were \$505 in the pier fund, and \$1,175 in

hospitality for a total of \$1,680. Total revenue is \$20,474 from Lanier; total expenses for Lanier year-to-date is \$29,961. The finance department has been working on the budget. She referred to page 3 of the written report and noted that the town has 34.1-percent of its revenue to collect for the year with only two months remaining. She explained that most income is received near or at the end of the fiscal year, and she anticipated receiving most of the outstanding revenue. All fund balances are as expected.

Mayor Samples asked if some of the revenue shortages were inter-fund transfers. Ms. King said yes; some franchise fees had not been received. Mayor Samples said funds are flat in hospitality. He observed in the accommodations fund there is a significant shortfall over last year. He asked if the town was owed accommodations tax money from the state. Ms. King said a check was received in May that was not reflected in the April receipts. The state holds money just as long as possible, and there is another check due. Mayor Samples said the accommodations tax revenue is a direct reflection on business being done in town; having late payments from the state is preferable to lower revenue receipts because business is not being done in town. Ms. King said that was correct. Local hospitality receipts indicate business is flat. Mayor Samples said the state is not the only agency considering delaying payments.

Ms. Kohlmann referred to page 5 of the report, the pier enterprise fund, and said that last year \$34,198 was received year-to-date, and asked if that only represented the \$1 fee to walk-on. Ms. King said yes. Ms. Kohlmann said under fishing \$76,199 was received last year and asked why \$100,000 was budgeted; did rates go up or was there an expectation of more fishermen. Ms. King believed that was the way the budget was prepared; she did not know why. Ms. Kohlmann asked why that amount was budgeted, if they know roughly \$76,000 was received. Ms. Fellner said that was the number selected by the former treasurer; she believed an average of receipts beginning in 2009 to the then current year were used to formulate the budget amount. The amount was realistic at the time. Ms. Kohlmann said if it was \$76,000 last year and the rate was not increased, and lower admissions receipts are reported. Ms. Fellner interrupted and said that amount was for the 2012-2013, it is not for the next fiscal year budget. Ms. Kohlmann said right, but she was only looking at what was being budgeted and was trying to clarify why it was done. She asked if an average could be used for a few years. Ms. Fellner reiterated she believed that is the way that amount was determined. She believed that the former administrator instructed the former treasurer to do an average. Ms. Kohlmann said personally, she would like to know.

Mayor Samples said there are still two months remaining during which revenue would be received; \$76,199 has been collected to date. For the entire fiscal year, including the two remaining months, \$100,000 was budgeted. He hoped a lot of fisherman went to the pier over the next two months. Otherwise, Ms. Kohlmann's point is on target in terms of revenue projection being over budgeted.

Mayor Samples said Town Council would meet Tuesday, and he hoped that the package would be delivered on Friday. Ms. Fellner said yes.

#### ii. Recreation

Ms. Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. The Beach Music Party was rescheduled to May 9<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather. Total gross income from concessions was \$383. Town merchandise sold with a total gross income of \$200. Approximately 200 people attended. On Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Saint James Middle School came for the annual 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. There were 46 students that toured the police and fire stations and the court. She thanked police, fire, and court staff for their time and cooperation in making the field trip a success. The Memorial Day cookout was held May 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Surfside Drive in front of Yaupon parking lot. Entertainment was provided by the Nacho Mamma Band. Over 450 people attended the event. Staff prepared hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, and sausage dogs and sold out at 6:30 p.m.; an additional 120 hot dogs were purchased from Piggly Wiggly and two-thirds of those were also sold. Expenses were \$736.16; revenue was \$1,402. She only received compliments about the event from those attending; there were no complaints. The Memorial Day service was held on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, at 2:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial. Participants in the service included the Myrtle Beach Fire Department Honor Guard; Chaplain Carmen Carella; Mayor Samples; Karen Donaldson who sang the National Anthem; Gordon Wildrick with

the American Legion was the bugler who performed Taps, and Lieutenant Col. (Ret.) and former Horry County Councilmember Howard Barnard was the featured speaker. Attendance was approximately 100, and it was, in her opinion, one of the best services the town has ever had. The Farmer's Market grand opening was today at 10 o'clock in the Poplar Drive parking lot. The market is operated by Waccamaw Farmer's Coop and Clemson University. There were 11 venders participating today with a large variety of fruits, vegetables, homemade honey, jams, jellies, boiled peanuts, handmade dog treats, cakes, pies, and even jewelry and handmade aprons. She spoke with most of the venders near closing time and they were happy with the turnout. They plan to continue coming on Tuesdays; one has already signed up for the entire season through October. The market will be every Tuesday through the end of October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is over with the Surfside Beach Youth Sports Association (Association) for t-ball, coach pitch and machine pitch, which include ages 4 through 8; 16 teams were created comprised of 4 teams in t-ball; 8 teams in coach pitch, and 4 teams in machine pitch. There were 24 children turned away. Practice for these leagues begins May 9<sup>th</sup> and regular season games begin June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Huckabee Complex. All Star teams for the previous leagues, ages 9 through 14, will conduct All Star practice at Martin Field on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and Fridays, which leaves the field open for Movies After Dark on Thursdays. The Association reported they are averaging a gross income of \$1,200 a week from the concession stand, but they are having a problem staffing it. The Association is also preparing its information for the town's upcoming audit. Upcoming events include Movies After Dark starting June 6<sup>th</sup> and then every Thursday at 9 p.m. at Martin Field through August 29<sup>th</sup>. A movie schedule is on the town website. Sunday Serenades began this past Sunday and will continue through September 1<sup>st</sup> from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the passive park. Ms. Ellis reiterated that the Farmer's Market would be every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mr. Smith thanked Ms. Ellis and her crew for the Memorial Day Cookout. He thought the band was real good and certainly enjoyed it. It was a beautiful day; beautiful weather.

Ms. Mabry said the Farmer's Market was wonderful today. She went and actually bought groceries for the week. If anyone did not get to attend the Veteran's Memorial Service, she encouraged them to plan to attend next year. It was extremely moving and was beneficial. She said thank you.

Mayor Samples asked why the youth were turned away by the Association. Ms. Ellis said there were no other teams or times available to play games. The town also had to turn children away in the past. Mayor Samples said he knew that, and that was one of the reasons that the partnership with the Association was done; to ensure that every child that wanted to play could play. If council agreed, he would like to get more information on exactly what the issue was to see if it can be resolved. There were no objections by councilmembers. Mayor Samples asked if Officer Black was taken in as a head coach. Ms. Ellis said yes. Mayor Samples said very good. Anything that can be done to help get the children picked up would be good. Mayor Samples said he also heard a lot of compliments about the band, Nacho Mamma Band. It is a group of in-town residents, and that made it even better. He was glad to hear the good comments and Councilmember Smith can really dance! He said everyone should come out and watch him enjoy himself. It was a good time for all. Food sold out at 6:30, but the town netted \$600, so that was good. It was a good time.

Ms. Ellis said Mr. Smith's picture was on Facebook. Mr. Smith said thank you. (Laughter.)

#### iii. Public Works.

Mr. Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. The sanitation residential supervisor responded to 13 calls regarding ordinance enforcement; 24 calls regarding late put outs and/or questions about bulk yard debris; 5 calls about building issues, and 12 miscellaneous complaints. Commercial service routes are updated almost daily based on business needs. Ten accounts increased service days, and seven accounts required extra pickup service during bike week. The supervisor explained commercial collection schedules to nine new businesses: Archon Bay Capital, LLC; Maintenance Plus, LLC; Southeast Dance Center; Wild West Store; Hoffman Realty Marketing, LLC; Island Surf & Paddle; Myrtle Beach Management, LLC; A2Z Cleaning & Linen Services, and Kobe Express. Surfside Bowling Alley was informed its dumpster needs to be replaced. To date there 487

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exemption requests have been received and verified in the summer sanitation rollout service. Three times a week rollout service began on May 12th with 546 customers participating. Summer service continues through Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Hazardous Household Waste/Unwanted Electronics events had 110 residents participate. The event was from Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. There were 2.6 tons of paint, and about .5 tons of other chemicals and hazardous materials that were disposed of. The Solid Waste Authority takes hazardous waste at no charge. About 2 tons of electronic waste was removed by Creative Recycling at a cost of about \$300 per pound. Crews are raking the beach and swash outlets are being dug out to ensure proper water flow. Weekend servicing of trash and recycle cans began on May 4<sup>th</sup>. On-going and special events include the Ocean Boulevard project between 3<sup>rd</sup> North and 3<sup>rd</sup> South. He will meet with the contractor tomorrow for the final striping meeting. New shower towers are being installed at 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues North and South beach accesses. Mosquito spraying is being done town-wide Tuesday and Friday mornings, weather permitting. Mowing and trash pick-up is being done on medians, town rights-of-way and parking lots. Crews continue to perform maintenance and clean-up of drainage ditches and catch basins. Street sweeping is being done on Mondays and Fridays, weather permitting. Five reports were sent to Santee Cooper identifying street lights that were not functioning properly. L&J Construction, LLC continues work on the construction of an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant restroom at Huckabee Complex. Planting, mulching, and maintenance have been completed at the Veterans Memorial Fountain on Surfside Drive in preparation for the Memorial Day service being held on Monday, May 27th. Crews installed a flower bed on Surfside Drive between the Kangaroo Station and Julie's Café. Repairs have been made to backstops and batting cages at Huckabee and Martin parks. Field maintenance continues throughout baseball season. Crews have resumed spraying of town lakes as weather permits. Fleet maintenance included 73 repairs on town vehicles and equipment; and preventive maintenance on 52 other pieces of equipment. The facilities crew completed renovations and installed power to the Gazebo at Fuller Park in preparation for the Sunday Serenades that began last weekend. The crew power washed the police station, completed repairs to several lights, and repainted the yellow safety lines in front of the fire station. He said congratulations again to Joan Saleem for serving with the department for 10 years. Jarvis Linen, the new sanitation laborer, was welcomed to the department. He reminded everyone that the summer hours are 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office closed for lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Ms. Kohlmann had noticed grass growing through the asphalt on Dogwood Drive where it was just paved and asked if that was a result of the asphalt not being thick enough, or was a step skipped in the process when it was paved. She asked how and who controlled those projects. Mr. Adair said he had not seen the areas, but he would inspect them. He does the quality control checks when contractors are doing jobs in town. Width and depth are verified; core samples are taken periodically that are sent to the lab for analysis to determine the asphalt structure. The town's land development regulations require at least 21-feet in width. Ms. Kohlmann asked about the final striping he mentioned. Mr. Adair said that Lee Electric was the subcontractor with Carolina Paving and Markings, the largest company in the area, to restripe Ocean Boulevard. Ms. Kohlmann asked if a completion time was known. Mr. Adair said he meets with the contractor in the morning, and a timeframe will be determined, which he believed would be within a week or so. Ms. Kohlmann said she noticed over Memorial Day weekend that it was tough for people on Surfside Drive. There was a large amount of people, which everybody saw, on Ocean Boulevard, which was a great thing. But no crosswalk was... Mr. Adair interrupted saying a temporary center line had to be done; the thermal plastic items have to be done. Ms. Kohlmann said if council did not mind, would he inform council of the date when it is determined. She said many inquires were made to her about it and she did not have an answer.

Mayor Samples asked Mr. Adair if he would send the date to everybody. Mr. Adair said sure. There were no objections from council.

Ms. Kohlmann said on the pier itself when you walk up the old ramp outside the restaurant there are big flower pots that are full of water and cigarette butts. She said it was really kind of disgusting. The pots should either be taken off the pier; plant something pretty in them, or send the matter to the beautification committee. She did not know who was responsible for that area. Mr. Adair said staff cleans it up; he will check. Ms. Kohlmann asked who policed the garbage on the pier. Mr. Adair said the town tends to the garbage cans. The decorative pots might belong to Pier Outfitters, but if they are an

eyesore, he will address it. Ms. Kohlmann said it was pretty nasty looking. She asked as far as his monthly report, and she knew that everybody was concerned about the amount of time it took to write the reports, she believed it was time consuming to put together the information like how many carts were being replaced and in her opinion, that was a part of the daily operation that she did believe was necessary to know. She preferred a report that included what kind of projects were being done, so that when someone asked a councilmember what the project was they would be informed. She wanted to know information about projects before they were done, and whether they were town funded or grant funded. Instead of knowing how many garbage cans there are, she suggested that he provide council with future projects plans, whether it was updating beach accesses, or removing flowers, or planting palm trees somewhere. She personally wanted to know, because she felt kind of foolish when someone asked her about projects and she had no clue what the answer was. Mr. Adair said he totally understood that. Many times, unless a project has gotten underway, he was hesitant to include it in his report, because projects are often delayed. If he says that a project will begin next week, and then there are delays beyond his control, there would be complaints, because the initial report was that it would be started at a certain time. Ms. Kohlmann said if there was a delay, there was a delay. She would rather deal with the facts.

Mayor Samples said he and Mr. Adair had talked about the report. Mayor Samples agreed 100-percent with Ms. Kohlmann that council should be informed. When a project is included in the report, presumably it would be multiple projects, because the report is done once a month. The councilmembers understood that some things would be delayed. He, too, would have liked to have known in advance about the trees that were removed from Surfside Drive where the palm trees are being planted, and he was sure the other members felt the same way. Town Council understands that the schedule for projects is a plan; councilmembers want to know what the plan is.

Mr. Smith preferred to receive a timely email message when projects are being started instead of a report once a month. The plan is informative, but he wanted to receive timely email messages that give information about projects. He said that would help Ms. Kohlmann have information from Mr. Adair to share with constituents.

Mayor Samples agreed with Mr. Smith and said they had discussed using email messaging. He wanted to make sure that because the job was being given attention and visibility at this meeting that the process would not just be used for a couple of weeks and then eventually stop. He remembered that council was supposed to receive weekly update reports from the past administrator. They were received for a few weeks and then they stopped. Town Council was not trying to impede staff's progress, but it was very important that they be informed about projects so responses can be made to constituents. That is an essential part of the job.

Ms. Kohlmann and Mr. Stevens agreed.

Mr. Smith did not want a "weekly" report; he wanted a message when the project was planned. He wanted timely information, so council would be informed when the project concept was developed and planned. If there is a one or two week delay, Mr. Adair could send another message informing them of the delay and the new start date.

Mayor Samples agreed. If the project is visible to the public, like the work on Surfside Drive, councilmembers should know about it. Town Council should know about everything, but Mr. Adair needed to use his judgment to make sure Town Council was informed timely.

Ms. Dodge said the little lake on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue was full of sludge and said she had heard talk that that lake was being filled in. She did not believe that could be done, first of all, because it is part of the stormwater project. She believed she was right. She did not want to see the lake filled in, but thought the sludge should be removed and the lake kept clean. She asked if that could be done. Mr. Adair said there is a plan underway to fill in that lake, in fact, at Town Council's direction. Ms. Dodge asked if council approved that.

Mayor Samples believed council did approve filling it in:

 Ms. Mabry said yes. Mr. Adair said it was currently under the DHEC (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) permitting process.

Ms. Dodge said she must have slept through that.

Mr. Smith said council did approve filling it in and he appreciated Mr. Adair's email message giving a status report.

Ms. Kohlmann said she just received an email about it, and she replied to the message to ask how much the cost was for Earthworks and also for the total project price. Mr. Adair said he responded between 4 and 5 o'clock that afternoon.

Mayor Samples said, by way of explanation, it was never a natural pond in the first place. It was dug by the town to create the pond. A gazebo used to be at the location. The pond is too small; too shallow. Mr. Adair said the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue pond is too shallow. It doesn't get deep enough to drain into Floral Lake at a rate that would keep it clean. Mayor Samples was certain the minutes could be researched to show that council voted or concurred to fill in the pond, which was one of the reasons the Corp of Engineers was contacted to insure that the pond was not under its jurisdictions, and the email messages were read today. Mr. Adair was asked to keep the pond clean until it was filled in. Mr. Adair said this week it would be sprayed for algae and aquatic weeds, and mosquito larvacide [sic] would be put into the pond to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Mayor Samples believed a sewer line ran under the pond, which was not good either. Mr. Adair said a high pressure sewer line does run underneath the pond.

Mr. Stevens said he had talked with Mr. Adair today, but was bringing it up in public, because he thought it should be discussed. As everybody knows the State of South Carolina passed a law allowing golf carts to drive up to four miles. [Council] also passed a parking ordinance to allow golf carts to park at beach accesses. Now the town is getting an influx of golf carts from everywhere, and some of the citizens are finding they have no place to park; people that actually live here and pay taxes. He thought it was time that all those beach accesses were expanded to make sure there is enough parking for everybody. He saw no problem with that, and citizens were already coming up to him and saying they don't have any parking there. You go down there and there's five or six golf carts from out of town, but no parking for [residents.] He asked how soon could be expect those beach accesses to be cleared out. He understood the beautification committee would have palm trees on the front of them, but to take some of the low shrubbery out and have ample parking for golf carts. Mr. Adair said he was directed to start that project by the administrator, and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North will be the first one to be cleared of low shrubbery. New wheel stops will be put in and the other accesses will be done one at a time, with the next one being 2<sup>nd</sup> South. He anticipated adding eight additional parking spaces at 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North. Mr. Stevens asked what kind of time frame is expected to complete them all. Mr. Adair said there are many changes that can be made, but certainly at least several per month could be done.

Ms. Kohlmann asked what was being done with the bushes being removed. Mr. Adair said most of them are low juniper bushes. There was no plan for replanting; some would not survive the move. Ms. Kohlmann asked if he was saying they would just be thrown away. She asked if the beautification committee could make recommendations for replanting; she hated to see waste. Mr. Adair said some landscaping is needed in other places, and he could try to replant the removed plants. Ms. Kohlmann said that was her question, if the plants could be relocated in town to carry their life through. Mr. Adair said he would like that. Ms. Kohlmann asked him to just think about it. Mr. Adair said sure.

Mayor Samples said good luck; it is hard to transplant some things.

Ms. Mabry asked if the low laying bushes helped to keep the sand back or did it make any difference when they are removed. Mr. Adair believed it would have minimal impact. Most of the accesses already have mulch in them, so there is not much sand blowing around right now. A lot of

mulch will be left in place; paving stones will be put down where there might be sinking issues, and wheel stops installed.

 Mayor Samples hoped that low maintenance was being considered in the plans, because all the nice things done by the town require upkeep. He suggested thinking green, low maintenance.

# C. <u>Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events.</u>

#### i. Update on Current Events.

Ms. Fellner reported that the Kiwi shades were installed at the pier, and the construction contractor has completed the punch list for the pier ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) expansion project. Staff is working on the budget in preparation for the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Council should receive the meeting packages on this Friday. It will, of course, be posted on the website as soon as possible. They are also working with the parking contractor to develop a parking brochure that explains all the rules and includes a map indicating where paid parking exists, and stating where free parking is available. She hoped something would be completed by next week. There are plans for distribution, especially to the realty companies, for their short term tenants. The information will be placed on the website for download. She took a minute to thank everyone individually and those serving on committees who worked on the Farmer's Market. She said 99-percent of the time she get calls because there is a problem. She received at least eight calls today from citizens saying thank you, thank you, thank you. They really like the Farmer's Market; it's a good thing. She thanked everyone again, and Town Council for blessing it, because she thought it was a really wonderful event.

## ii. Consensus Item.

The Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee wishes Town Council to authorize a workshop on the rebranding recommendations that came out of the Horry Georgetown Technical College student initiative. Basically, the committee would like to show a video of the presentations followed by a discussion about how to the rebranding effort should proceed. They would specifically like to have the following questions addressed at the meeting:

- 1. Is it the desire of Town Council to proceed with the rebranding effort?
- 2. If so, should the timing coincide with the town's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary?

3. Could they see plans developed by budget year to complete the rebranding, and any alternative funding sources, specifically for signage at the town limits, the pier, marquee at town hall, and directional signs, and changing the town logo on stationery, town merchandise, and every where it is used.

Ms. Fellner said the committee mentioned in its letter that they realize the budget process is underway, and it would be willing to wait until after the budget is adopted. But, the committee believed the question should be taken up rather quickly.

Mr. Stevens asked if administration had looked at the proposed cost yet. Ms. Fellner had not yet seen the program. She knew that the town hall marquee had already been removed from the budget. Mr. Stevens said the question was simple; had the administrator looked at the proposed cost that would be involved.

Mayor Samples said no. He personally did not like the phrase rebranding. He did not know how anyone else felt, but he believed it sounded like everything that had been done would be thrown out, and the new and improved Surfside Beach would show up. He and Ms. Kohlmann attended the student presentation at Horry Georgetown Tech. Copies on CDs were received from the college today, if anyone wanted a copy. Mayor Samples thanked Mr. Lauer for his efforts to make that happen. The presentations were very good, and he believed there were some recommendations with respect to signage that he believed were worthy of consideration. He said changing the signs might be rebranding. But updating the signs to make them more attractive, getting rid of lattice, and making them more useful

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so events could be added to the signs so the information was visible was important to get a buy-in on the part of council who has not yet seen the presentation. He believed the budget should be completed by the end of June pursuant to state law, and then revisit the recommendations in a thoughtful manner to consider the effort made by the students. There are some good ideas, and some that are not, in his opinion. He appreciated the letter from the committee, but he did not want to put council under the gun, when there were other priorities.

Mr. Stevens said the letter sent by the committee simply recommended a workshop after this year's budget is finalized. They've requested a workshop after council actually finalizes the budget.

Mayor Samples agreed with that; however, he did not like the term rebranding.

Mr. Stevens thought it would be worthwhile to hold the workshop to let the citizens see what has been brought before them and let them look at it.

Mayor Samples believed the information could be covered in about 20 minutes, but deferred to Ms. Kohlmann for an opinion.

Ms. Kohlmann asked how long the DVD was. Mayor Samples said it was the whole presentation.

Ms. Kohlmann was not trying to put anyone down, but it took a lot of time to go see the presentation. She wished that all of council had attended, but she understood that not every member could attend every event. It would be time consuming to sit through the three presentations. She said to be honest that there was only one that she really liked, and it wasn't the entirety of the one. There were a few items in each that she liked. She suggested that copies of the DVD be given to people to take home to watch, if they wanted to. She understood the request for a workshop, and asked if it was mandatory. She would like everyone to watch the DVD and then if council need to move forward on some of the issues it could do so at that time. She did not want to insult anybody, because the presentation was done very well. She really did get a lot of out of it. The students did a wonderful job, but she did not really want to sit through it again.

Mayor Samples said copies of the DVD would be made and distributed to members. Council could discuss it again at the second meeting in June to determine whether it is ready to convene a workshop. Ms. Fellner asked if she should make copies. Mayor Samples said yes, he would deliver the DVD tomorrow.

Ms. Kohlmann said she did not need a copy. The Guy Daniels Surf Off is August 17th and 18<sup>th</sup>; she asked if a certificate of insurance had been delivered, if not, how would the town proceed. Ms. Fellner said the insurance certificate had not been delivered; if it is not, the event will be cancelled. Ms. Kohlmann asked if she would stand by that. Ms. Fellner said yes. Ms. Kohlmann said in years past it was not delivered. Over the years the town has paid out close to \$15,000 or more for that event. Ms. Fellner said that was from accommodations tax, which the committee approved. Ms. Kohlmann said it was not a town event and all the other town events like the volleyball tournament, and the 5K race to be discussed tonight, were making donations to the town. She asked what the town got from the Guy Daniels event. Ms. Fellner said the organization performs various projects. They installed all the cigarette guns at the beach accesses; they are considering adding Kiwi shades to some accesses; they paint the beach access signs, and they have done a number of other projects. The organization tries to do a project every year. Ms. Kohlmann did not have a problem with donations for scholarship funds, but she noticed that the town paid for the port-a-potty last year. The town also pays for two police officers for the event at a cost of about \$500, and public works staff to set up and clean up, and recreation staff to assist. She wanted everyone to be aware. To her, a very big issue was the insurance. The organization needs to be completely aware of that. Ms. Fellner said the confusion came about because the first year insurance was brought up was when the event merged with the Ocean Expo. The town took out a special umbrella policy that covered the expo and the surf tournament. So, the foundation kept thinking that it was covered. No one ever checked before the event to make sure coverage was provided. The Guy Daniels representative is totally aware and has said he understands the requirement. Ms. Kohlmann said

she did not want the event to be upon us and then, God forbid, somebody gets hurt at the event and there is no policy.

Mayor Samples agreed and believed everybody agreed. He asked when Ms. Fellner expected to receive the insurance policy. Ms. Fellner said she could not make a different rule for them, but it could be produced as late as a week before the event. The organization knows that if the insurance is not produced, the event cannot be held. Mayor Samples said accommodations tax committee recommends approval, Town Council rules on either approval or denial of the recommendation. He asked when the funds were disbursed. Ms. Fellner believed the funds had already been disbursed. Mayor Samples said then there really was not any leverage, except to a... Ms. Fellner interrupted and said the town could cancel the event. Mayor Samples said they would like to see the certificate of insurance. Ms. Fellner said that was not a problem.

Mr. Smith was concerned about the new deck next to the pier restaurant not being utilized, and he wanted Ms. Fellner to negotiate an agreement with the restaurant and bring it to Town Council at the special meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Samples said there were other considerations Town Council should be aware of regarding the legal contract the town has with the tenant and asked that Mr. Smith defer the request until after executive session.

Mr. Smith said he was not asking the administrator to give him a contract. He was asking her to look into it to see if she could bring something back.

Mayor Samples agreed with him in general terms, but said council as a whole needed to be advised of certain other related matters, and then the majority can determine what it would like to do.

#### 7. BUSINESS.

# A. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0747, FY2012-2013 Budget Amendments, Director King.

Ms. Fellner said that second reading of this ordinance should be deferred until the meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> when Town Council will make some decisions on budget items, especially moving money between funds so that the budget amendment can be changed just one time.

Mayor Samples asked if that would be ready for the special meeting. Ms. Fellner said she believed it would be.

# Second Reading Ordinance #13-0748, Drug Paraphernalia, Administrator Fellner and Chief Keziah.

Ms. Kohlmann moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance Number 13-0748 Drug Paraphernalia. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** 

# C. Resolution #13-134 Parking for Vendors, Service Providers and Renters, Administrator Fellner.

Ms. Fellner presented the resolution explaining that since it was identified an onerous hardship was placed on the local accommodations industry by the strict enforcement of the parking rules with regard to their vendors, service providers and renters in the C-3 zone, a member of Town Council and she met with representatives of the accommodations industry to review the issues involved and it was determined that some special rules were needed to accommodate that specific industry, specifically they were when vendors and service providers meet the following circumstances; basically, if they have a town business license; the business name is on vehicle; the flashers are on; if there is a cone in rear and front

of vehicle; if they are not blocking the sidewalk, and if they are not standing for longer than 30 minutes, then they would be exempt from paying parking fees; they would be allowed to park on town rights-of-way; they will be allowed to park on the town rights-of-way and within ten feet of a driveway, and they would comply with any additional rules set forth by the police chief. The town would sell a weekly parking pass at \$40 per vehicle to renters staying in the corporate limits of the town, and they can be purchased through the contractor via hand tag or via merchant validation code at the pay station by the realty company. The theory is that people arrive at short term rental at all times of the day and night, and if the realty company needed to purchase it, they could put it in the lock box for the tenant to pick up. Daily passes would also be available for short term renters using the same process at a cost of \$8 per vehicle per day. The changes are presented to Town Council pursuant to Chapter 9, Section 9-16(a)(3) entitled limited issued special parking. The ordinance states that "... the approval of Town Council by resolution the town administrator may issue special parking decals and establish merchant validation parking programs."

Ms. Kohlmann asked if Lanier was aware of the resolution and had it been discussed with its staff; was the town within its contractual rights to establish the validation program. Ms. Fellner said yes. She and Mike Kish spoke with Carrie Loomis on a conference call, when he was in her office. Lanier appreciated that the town's needs are different than those of Myrtle Beach, because the town has rental houses instead of high rise buildings with parking garages where vendors could park. Ms. Kohlmann asked if Lanier received a different percentage for its part on the parking validation sales. Ms. Fellner said it was the same, 6.5-percent.

Mayor Samples said his question was the opposite side and asked if Lanier was going to have increased expenses, which is part of the contract as an exhibit and would Lanier ask for an increase in expenses. Ms. Fellner said she actually asked that specific question to Ms. Loomis and was told that answer is no, Lanier would not ask for any additional expenses. Mayor Samples asked Ms. Fellner to document the date she was told that for contract administration purposes. Ms. Fellner said she would.

Ms. Kohlmann agreed and said it was more work for Lanier to be doing the validation program. Like they said, they do not want to overburden staff.

Ms. Dodge asked if verification would be made to determine that those renters were actually staying in town who purchased weekly parking passes. Ms. Fellner said yes; they either have to purchase the pass from Lanier who would validate it by the rental agreement, or the realty company would purchase the pass ahead of time at a pay station, and leaving it for the tenant in the lock box. They would not allow someone that was not their tenant to purchase a pass. Ms. Dodge said she could see somebody trying to take advantage of the program.

Ms. Kohlmann asked what would be done about the VRBO (vacation rental by owner) properties that have business licenses and pay taxes, and accommodations taxes. How would Lanier verify that rental. Ms. Fellner said if no one contacted the town to get a merchant code there would be no way to do that. The onus is upon the realty company. There were two meetings with the realty companies; they seemed pleased with the plan and also knowing that they could come back if things did not work out and just discuss it if there were additional problems. Ms. Kohlmann asked if there were people in town that have the need for their VRBO tenants to purchase passes, if they could they approach Lanier in the same fashion. Ms. Fellner said yes. Ms. Kohlmann said she just wanted to make sure when the question was asked that she had the right answer.

Mr. Stevens said he had two questions. His first question was that the ordinance [sic] states \$40 per vehicle. A vehicle can also be a golf cart. Under this resolution, it says realty companies shall be entitled to purchase a weekly parking pass at a price of \$40 per vehicle for renters staying in the corporate limits of the town. He asked if that included golf carts and would it include golf carts rented by the realty companies. Ms. Fellner said it could, because the golf carts could be parked in paid parking. Mr. Stevens said his second question was about vendors that would be there for the whole day to do a job. Ms. Fellner said that was discussed and everyone agreed that 30 minutes was a reasonable time, and that the time would not be extended. She told those present at the meeting that there would always

be an exception to the rule, but rules are not made just for the exceptions. If there is an issue or a project going on at a house, they can call her to work out a solution. Mr. Stevens said he asked the question because he talked to Lanier in Myrtle Beach because he had to do some work there. Lanier told him he either had to buy a \$40 or \$60 weekly permit or as a business he could buy a daily permit. He wondered whether that would be addressed. Ms. Fellner had not planned on addressing it beyond the resolution, because the resolution terms would solve 95-percent of the problems. Mr. Stevens just did not want a vendor to think they could park all day long to work on a place. Ms. Fellner said that Lanier would be there at minute 31. Mr. Stevens said right.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #13-134. Mayor Samples interrupted and said the resolution needed to be read before a motion. Mr. Smith said we wanted to make some amendments and asked if the resolution could be read after the motion. Mayor Samples said the normal protocol is to read the resolution. Several members concurred. Mayor Samples asked the clerk to read the resolution.

Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #13-134 Parking for Vendors, Service Providers and Renters. Ms. Kohlmann seconded.

Ms. Kohlmann moved to amend Resolution #13-134 to add "except cars" after "cone in rear and front of vehicle," and that the last paragraph be changed to end after the word "meeting" on the third line, thereby deleting "upon recommendation of the town administrator and/or police chief should it be determined that said special parking regulations are found to create a safety issue or become a detriment to the town." Mr. Smith seconded the amendment. Ms. Kohlmann said she did not believe many people kept cones in their cars, and that she believed it should be up to Town Council to decide whether to repeal the special parking resolution.

Mr. Smith said there is a scrivener's error. The word "for" should be "forth" on the last bullet point where it states ..., rules set for by the police chief should state ..., rules set forth by the police chief. Mr. Smith commented that he was the councilmember who met with the administrator and the real estate and hospitality folks. He said if anyone had complaints about it, they could see him. He was the person who met with them. Ms. Fellner and he met with them twice, and this resolution was written. The first meeting was to gather information, then he and Ms. Fellner worked out the details and presented it to the hospitality industry and real estate agents. They agreed with the proposal. So, if anyone has a complaint, please see him, Rod Smith 238.0189.

Ms. Mabry said thank you and she thought the resolution was wonderful. She saw where it would be beneficial and a big help, especially on change-over days. She had an issue about the cones and the cars. If you are in business for yourself or with another company, you go and you buy those cones. You can purchase them and carry them in your trunk. She did not think there should be an exception for not putting cones out, because the vehicle is a car. The service providers can get them, and put them in the car. It is part of doing business, and it is a safety issue. So she felt very strongly that all vehicles should have cones.

All members voted in favor of the amendment. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.** All voted in favor of the primary motion as amended. **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.** 

D. Horry County Solid Waste Authority, proposed contract (recycling incentives and disposal agreement), Administrator Fellner.

Ms. Fellner said the Horry County Solid Waste Authority is instituting a recycling incentive program whereby eligible waste haulers who enter into a recycling incentive and disposal agreement and who achieve certain specified of recyclables materials are awarded a recycling incentive credit that would be applied against municipal solid waste tipping fees. For the Town of Surfside Beach it would be \$1.50 per ton. There was an error on the explanation sheet sent in the package. It indicated that the town's monthly tonnage was 525; it is actually 401 and that is why the estimate was between \$7 and \$8 thousand. Based on the tonnage for the last fiscal year, which was 4,814 tons, the savings would be

approximately \$7,221 per year. The incentive program is based on public policies and purposes including the following:

- 1. To encourage and achieve an increase in recycling in Horry County thereby preserving landfills by reducing solid waste disposal tonnages;
- 2. To enhance environmental responsible waste planning and management and predictability in waste disposal costs;
- 3. To provide a predictable stream of revenue to fund safe and efficient reuse and disposal operations programs and facilities; and
- 4. To protect the health, safety and general well being of the citizens of Horry County by enhancing and maintaining the quality of the environment and Horry County's natural resources.
- Ms. Fellner said the county is asking for a 5-year contract and the savings, as she said, will be approximately \$7,221 per year based on last tonnage totals for the last year.
- Mr. Smith moved to sign a contract with the Horry County Solid Waste Authority for the recycling incentive and disposal program. Mr. Stevens seconded.

Mayor Samples asked if other municipalities were being approached by the Solid Waste Authority with similar contracts. Ms. Fellner said they are. Horry County will vote on June 18<sup>th</sup>; City of Conway voting is on June 3<sup>rd</sup>; Myrtle Beach said it is not interested; North Myrtle Beach will address it at its next meeting which is not yet scheduled; Aynor and Loris have private handlers. Mayor Samples asked Mr. Adair if the town would be able to meet the required tonnage. Ms. Fellner said the Authority is not asking the town to commit to a tonnage amount. The contract says that the incentive offered to the town is based on a certain tonnage and it would be assessed quarterly. Mayor Samples asked if payment could be retroactive. Ms. Fellner said no. (Laughter.)

Ms. Kohlmann said once it is approved the contract would be executed and asked if the lawyers would review it and then it be presented to council again or how would that work. Ms. Fellner said that was what she emailed councilmembers before that way members could charge her with finalizing the contract, but with having it go through attorney review first, if council believed that was necessary, and if there were any substantive changes to bring them back to council before execution.

Mr. Smith said he had spent some time going over the contract and he did not see a need to spend the money for a lawyer. He thought it was fine just as it is, because all it says is that we will take our tonnage out there and based on how much we take they will give us a discount. Based on how much recycling we take, they will give us a discount on the municipal solid waste. So, he did not see any need to spend the money on a lawyer.

Mr. Stevens concurred saying we spend enough money on attorneys, and besides, this is a positive step to the town citizens who recycle. We get a discount for every citizen that recycles, and he said believe him, his wife pushes that blue cart out every week. He thought it was a good thing.

All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

## E. Pier Parking Lot Expansion Paving Contract (Boggs), Administrator Fellner.

Ms. Fellner said that Boggs had indicated that the paving required to finish the pier parking lot will take a minimum of four days to complete. She thought the town might be better served if this portion of the project was delayed until the fall after the summer season ends. In the meantime formal bids could be let to see if a better price could be obtained. Boggs' estimate was \$43,442.15; basically, that is to install 113 linear feet of silt fence, which is required under the town's ordinance; remove the existing asphalt base and dirt, which is approximately 256 square yards, and install 1,485 square feet of stone or pervious concrete. This is for the part of the parking lot that falls east of OCRM (DHEC: Office of Coastal and Resource Management) setback line, to install 1,485 square feet of 6-inch pervious concrete, to

install 92 linear feet of 18-inch concrete curb and gutter, and to place 403 square yards of base course and place 403 square yards of 2-inch asphalt surface course over it.

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Mayor Samples asked if she recommended the project be deferred. Ms. Fellner said yes. She thought it was very business in the area now, and it would really create an issue in the pier parking lot. Mayor Samples said it did not make any sense; it is too late. Ms. Fellner said we are, yes sir. Mayor Samples believed a number of councilmembers had already chatted along those lines. He asked Mr. Adair if there was any part of the work that could be planned and performed in-house, in terms of the excavation; the town still owns a dump truck. Mr. Adair said yes, it would require close coordination, but staff could perform the excavation and demolition work. It would eliminate some of the costs, but to mobilize the crews would require coordination, no matter who was hired to complete the job. Mayor Samples asked if the recommendation was to put together a solicitation for the work to be contracted out and bid it out. Ms. Fellner said yes. Mayor Samples asked when the bids might be done. Ms. Fellner said they could start working on it right away. Mayor Samples was interested in when it might be published to maximize the competition for the work. Ms. Fellner thought it could be published in July. She just wanted to get the budget passed. Mayor Samples did not believe anyone wanted to start the work; some of them had mentioned not before October. Unidentified members agreed with statements of yes, and um hum.

Mr. Stevens said it just did not make any sense to start going down there doing stuff right. We are already practically into June, and the season is here. He agreed with Ms. Fellner that it should be postponed and if something different can be done to meet the ADA requirements, possibly a wood ramp going across the sand to the pier ramp, and put this out to bid. As Mr. Adair said, he could do some demolition and save some money. That is what we are looking at. Times are tight. The budget is tight. We need to cut every dollar we can, and this is a good time to do this.

Mayor Samples agreed with what he said. He was asking from a time-frame and planning standpoint.

- Mr. Stevens said after October...
- Ms. Kohlmann said the beginning of October.
- Mayor Samples said the spec package would be out in July for maximum competition.
- Mr. Stevens asked if these were the same people that paved Ocean Boulevard.
- Mayor Samples believed they had been used all year long.
- Mr. Stevens said they had not finished that had they.
- Mayor Samples said no, but that was a different issue.

Ms. Kohlmann said in regards to the ADA ramp that right now if you were in a wheelchair, there is sand there. She thought it behooved them to go ahead and start and not put that off, make it so direction could be given tonight to do this in-house immediately.

Mayor Samples said perhaps. He did not disagree with Ms. Kohlmann, but believed Ms. Fellner needed to do some research. Ms. Fellner said that was right. She did not know what was going on at Keystone Mediators, but they had not returned her calls. Because the town has a permit that allows it to pave asphalt down there, there should be no problem putting a temporary ramp, probably wood would be the least costly material, to get through the summer to allow wheelchairs to access that pier ramp.

Ms. Kohlmann said that was her point. Could Town Council give direction that that is what council would like to do and she thought that is what people were talking about, or do they want to wait, because there are people who cannot get on the pier.

Mayor Samples said Ms. Kohlmann and Mr. Stevens raised a very important issue in order to provide temporary support. Ms. Fellner agreed. Mayor Samples asked if that could be designed inhouse. Mr. Adair said yes; today he instructed his staff to develop a materials list for the very same thing. Mayor Samples asked that Town Council be advised of the cost. If it is under \$5,000, the administrator has the authority to go forward. Several councilmembers concurred. If the amount is over \$5,000, bring a proposal back to council. Ms. Fellner said okay. Mr. Adair did not believe it would be over \$5,000.

Mr. Smith said currently when it rains a lot of water is collected at the pier. In the proposal it says pervious concrete will be used. He asked if that would come out to where the water is collecting so it would eliminate it. Mr. Adair said there are several plans drawn up from Earthworks for this job. This quote is based on and calls for a soft cut across the entire parking lot at an angle beginning approximately from the restrooms over to the second parking spot on the hotel side and a 4-foot wide strip of pervious concrete installed for drainage and then to continue regular asphalt to the setback line. Then beyond the setback line up to the ramp there would be more pervious concrete. You cannot put the blacktop passed the setback line. Where the water collects now would be a strip of pervious concrete, which would allow for drainage. Mr. Smith said basically there would be two strips of pervious and one strip of regular asphalt. Mr. Adair said correct. Mr. Smith said okay.

Mayor Samples asked who would maintain the pervious. Mr. Adair said hopefully the street sweeper would vacuum it up. Mayor Samples said very good; if pervious is not maintained it loses that quality. Mr. Adair said that was correct.

# F. Nathan Black Memorial 5K Run/Walk, Mrs. Diane Smith and Ms. Loriann Witzigman – requesting permission to hold 5K race in October.

Mrs. Smith requested that Town Council approve a 5K race/walk to be held on Saturday, October 26, which would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 5K, but the first race. The first race was cancelled at the last minute by Hurricane Sandy, so the race was not held. The event is in memory of her son, Nathan, who passed 28 months ago. He lived, breathed, loved and died in this area. He bought his first home in Surfside Beach, and it was his favorite beach. His brother, her other son, Lee Black, works for the town's police department. It only makes sense to hold the 5K here. Nathan was an occupational therapist and worked all around the Grand Strand. He loved people and strongly believed in paying it forward. Before he passed away, he founded the Freedom Scholarship in Occupational Therapy at East Carolina University to benefit veterans and their families who wanted to study occupational therapy, because he wanted to show his love of country and appreciation for the military service men and women. Most of the event proceeds will go to the scholarship, but a portion will be donated to the town's police department. She hoped that Town Council would consider this as an annual event for the town. She also presented a check to Mayor Samples from last year's race and thanked Town Council for its consideration.

## COUNCIL CONCURRED to approve the October 26, 2013 5K Run/Walk.

Mayor Samples said the town sincerely appreciates Ms. Smith's efforts and was very, very proud to have Lee working with the town. (Applause.)

#### G. Speed Limit on Ocean Boulevard, Mayor Samples.

Mayor Samples said he wanted to bring up speed limits again, because it was a consensus item. He said 25 miles an hour is the right speed in the season. It is just absolutely the wrong speed in the off season, in his opinion. He said it was hard to go 25 miles per hour in the off season for a lot of people when there is no traffic. If council would permit reconsidering the position, he did not support 25 miles per hour year round and he was one of the one who went along for consistency purposes. But he just thought it was the wrong thing to do. He said it would not be enforced, and said he would not ask for tickets to be written in the off season, but he could not support that.

his comments. She also supported the lower speed seasonally, and received a lot of backlash from that comment. She asked how difficult it would be to enforce and to educate the public, and if he thought it was the right thing to do. Chief Keziah agreed with 25 miles per hour in season and out of season. Officers will definitely educate rather than enforce to start with. He thought any time a speed limit is changed, education was needed. He hoped to identify grant funding to purchase an electronic sign that would help educate the public. Ms. Kohlmann liked the words "grant money." Chief Keziah definitely supported 25 miles per hour in season; education would be used out of season for a period of time, and the department would not set up a quasi-speed trap like some people have said. Ms. Kohlmann asked how many other beach or other towns had seasonal speed limits. She knew there had to be places that do it, and thought Ms. Fellner researched that, because she had concerns, and still had some reservation about it. Ms. Fellner said a good example is Long Beach Island, New Jersey, where they use flip signs with 35 miles per hour in season and 50 miles per hour in the off season. Chief Keziah said for the record, he is definitely against 50. (Laughter.)

Ms. Kohlmann wanted to ask Chief Keziah for his opinion, because she could not recall hearing

Ms. Dodge liked consistency and she remembered when they were talking she mentioned that she had a heavy foot on the accelerator. But she would strive, she would mightily strive, to go 25 miles an hour on Ocean Boulevard all year round. She thought consistency trains people to go 25 miles an hour on Ocean Boulevard. That is her thought and she would go along with the train.

Mr. Stevens said the recommendation came from a group of citizens that he thought really worked hard to make the town safer. He thought it was a great idea. Myrtle Beach does it and he rides through Myrtle Beach all the time. Coming home he would cruise down the boulevard, and do 25 and it did not bother him. He has a 5.4 liter motor that would probably go 70 or 80, but at 25 you save gas. It makes things safer, especially in the summer time, and in the winter time when you are riding around. and in the spring and fall, on your golf carts and especially with all the golf carts that are going to be coming through this town 4 miles from here, we are going to have golf carts, and they are going to be riding down Ocean Boulevard, and they cannot go 30 miles an hour. He was riding down the boulevard the other day 25 miles an hour and some guy was tailgating him. But he was doing it on purpose to see how it felt to drive 25 miles an hour. He did not see any problem with it at all. Consistency all year round makes sense. You do not change stuff half the year and then the other half the year you are going to get new tourists in here. They come in here in the summertime it is 25 and they come back and it is 30, and then they come in the fall of the year and the winter and you decide to come back in the summertime and we change it to 25 they get a ticket. And they go wait a minute, it was 30. Now it is 25, it does not make sense. Keep it consistent so everybody understands what is going on. Keep it simple. That is all you have to do. It makes sense.

Mayor Samples said anyway, he thought he would bring it back up.

Ms. Dodge asked if a motion was in order.

Ms. Dodge said it was a business item.

Mayor Samples said it was a discussion item.

Mayor Samples apologized; it is a business item. If a member wanted to make a motion, he would appreciate it.

Ms. Dodge moved to make the speed limit on Ocean Boulevard 25 miles per hour...

Mr. Stevens interrupted saying the council concurred to that on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor Samples asked if it was a consensus item; it was. The administrator brought parking committee recommendations as consensus items. It is a business item at this meeting, and he asked that the member be allowed to make her motion.

- Ms. Dodge moved to make the speed limit on Ocean Boulevard 25 miles per hour and that would be all year round. Mr. Stevens seconded.
  - Mr. Smith preferred 30 miles per hour year round.
  - Ms. Mabry agreed with Mr. Smith; 30 miles an hour all year round.
- Ms. Dodge was not sure that her golf cart would go 25 miles an hour, but golf carts use Ocean Boulevard a lot, and that was her purpose in making it 25 miles an hour all year round, to protect people driving golf carts.
  - Mayor Samples said there was a consensus on one thing; now there is a motion to make it 25.
- Ms. Kohlmann said it was the same thing as the consensus. Ms. Dodge's motion is the same as the consensus item.
  - Mayor Samples said his question was if the motion is not passed...
- Mr. Stevens interrupted saying he had a question. Council voted for over a million dollars in consensus items. He did not see any sense in bringing this back up. It is already the law.
- Mayor Samples said there is a motion on the floor. The fact of the matter is both the administrator and the clerk know that he meant to bring this up at the last meeting, but forgot.
- Ms. Dodge, Ms. Kohlmann and Mr. Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tem Mabry and Mr. Smith voted against. **MOTION FAILED.**
- Ms. Kohlmann commented that she did not like the way that just happened. She wanted to clarify for herself, and asked the audience to please stop talking so she could talk, she did not mean to be rude, but she could not hear. Council should not be doing consensus items then; motions should be made for that point of record, council votes on it and then it is voted on and then if you want to go back the prevailing side, she understood all of that. But she did not understand how this just happened. The council had a consensus; the majority agreed, so why was it being discussed again. Now the council is short one person, or he would have had the vote anyway, but she was just saying it did not make sense to her. If the council did something; she thought the council was here to do business, to vote on things, and to move forward to the next item. This was going backwards. She was very confused by it.
- Ms. Mabry said a councilmember can bring back an item with cause, and they can actually rescind their vote no matter how the motion is made at the next council meeting. So, that is allowable; that is *Robert's Rules*. So, if a councilmember has cause to bring back anything, they are allowed to as councilmembers, and Mayor Samples had every right to bring that up, if he chose to.
  - Mayor Samples said thank you.
- Mr. Stevens went back to the fact that council did a lot of things by consensus. They spent \$1.224 million on consensus. He thought if the council could spend that kind of money, then it could certainly pass a 25 mile an hour speed limit.
- Mayor Samples said council did, and he thought that was how he introduced it. There was a matter that council talked about and by way of recollection; he broke the matter into two pieces; speed limit on Ocean Boulevard and whether it was to be year round. The point being, consistency for good reason is more important. He thought 30 miles per hour in December on Ocean Boulevard is not necessarily a bad thing. That was what he wanted to say.
- Ms. Kohlmann agreed with Mayor Samples on the seasonal speed, but when the police chief said it was a safety issue, he agreed with 25 year round, the parking committee agreed with it, Mayor Samples

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even had some statements agreeing with it. It made no sense to her to change it. She believed he took something safety for the people and reversed it.

because there was no action taken. It was a 3:3 vote, so the motion failed. Ms. Kohlmann said it did not make sense to do it.

Mr. Smith thought that the 25 miles an hour consensus is still in effect. There is a no vote, because it tied.

Mayor Samples said that was what he was saying. He did not disagree with Mr. Smith.

Mayor Samples appreciated her comment, but said the council actually did not reverse it,

Mr. Smith believed that was the misunderstanding.

Ms. Kohlmann said she understood what he said. She just did not understand the concept of this. She asked if there is a time limit on brining something back.

Ms. Herrmann said Mayor Samples had intended to bring this back as a reconsideration item at the last council meeting. But the agenda was full and he forgot to do it. It was not on the agenda, because it was a reconsideration item. So, after the last meeting, he asked her to put it on the agenda as a business item so that he could bring his information before council. That process is perfectly legal. Any councilmember can bring back any item that has been voted upon. Tonight the motion was made to leave it at 25, which was already concurred to. There was a 3:3 vote. In order for a motion to pass, it must be a majority vote of the members present. Well, there was no majority vote, so the motion failed. However, the concurrence remains in effect. So in essence, nothing has changed.

Mayor Samples said well said, parliamentary procedure.

H. Ad Hoc Committee - Recreation/Special Events recommendation to disband (may be deferred until after executive session.)

Mayor Samples said this would be deferred until after executive session.

8. DISCUSSION - Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.

Process by which Town Council and all state mandated committee minutes are placed on the town web site. Councilmembers Smith, Stevens, and Dodge.

Mr. Smith asked the administrator and the clerk to explain the process by which the minutes are placed on the website. We know the clerk types them up, and minutes are presented to council and get approved, and after they get approved by the council, what were the next steps, and how long does it take. Ms. Fellner could not say exactly how long it takes as soon as they are typed up and they have been approved by council, generally the intern does 90-percent of the posting. She is training her assistant, Ms. Messall, right now, who will probably be ready by mid-July to start posting. Dreamweaver is a very complicated piece of software. Ms. Fellner said if it is something really important, for instance if an agenda had to be posted, or information had to be distributed, she would stay after hours to get it published. Mr. Smith said he was talking specifically about Town Council minutes and the other minutes; not the agenda items, but tonight they approved council minutes. That means they are already typed. Tomorrow morning, what is the next step? Ms. Fellner said here is what I am telling you. If I have time and the intern is not here, she would post them. The intern works eight to 10 hours a week. Mr. Smith asked if it was first priority when she comes in and works after a Tuesday council meeting. Ms. Fellner said it is one of her highest priority items. Mr. Smith said so, if she is working on Wednesday, then it would be approved, if she comes in on Thursday that is when she would do it. Ms. Fellner said right, but it happens that she is out all this week. Mr. Smith said okay, so this week it will not happen unless she,

Ms. Fellner, does it. Ms. Fellner said that is correct. Mr. Smith said okay. Ms. Fellner said having said that, if Town Council wants them posted right away; if council feels that that is what they want to happen, she would stay and do it. Mr. Smith thought what they wanted to do was understand how long it takes and she had indicated that the part time person does not work all the time and that she is the one that does it. And so now councilmembers understand the reason for the delay. It is not a matter of communication problem; it is a matter of when this person works. Is that correct? Ms. Fellner said it is, and that should get better once Ms. Messall is trained. The target date for her to be able to post items is towards the end of July. Mr. Smith said then towards the end of July it might happen faster than waiting for the intern to do it. Ms. Fellner said yes, sir, it should definitely happen faster, because the executive assistant is a full time employee. She does have a lot of things on her plate that she is tasked with, but she certainly knows that council minutes and agendas are very high priority. Mr. Smith asked if they could just set kind of a target that if minutes are approved on a Tuesday that by the end of the day on that following Friday they would be up on the website. Ms. Fellner said absolutely, that should be no problem at all. Mr. Smith said okay, that is what he would like.

Ms. Kohlmann wanted to say she was not against whatever council wanted to do with the minutes, but for benefit of the people sitting in the audience they should know that the minutes are there. They might say draft on them and she knew some people complained that the minutes are not up on the website, but they are on the website. If you click on the agenda and you click on the blue links, it will have whatever council passed there. She was not saying not to post the things. She was just letting them all know that the information is there, so if something happens where they do not have them, that is where you can find the information. So it is on the website. It is accessible to the public before it is actually approved.

Ms. Mabry said for the record: "Mr. Mayor, I also wanted to point out for the record that 570 plus get the council packets sent to them with the minutes in it. So that's 570 people and a lot of them are in town. Ah, if for some reason they don't have them or can't find them, I get mine sent PDF as all councilmembers do. I'm sure we'd be glad to shoot them right over. It takes a click of a button on our message to send it on. But, it's not the same as when you post 'em on the website. It's a very complicated system. I had asked about this a long time ago. So for me to say, Mary Beth, can I have a copy of the minutes, I can do it in two seconds. You can't post them in two seconds on our website. So, if anybody needs anything, I'm sure all of us, we get them PDF. We'll be glad to send them to you, if you don't get them... If you don't get the council packet, you can easily go on the town website and sign up for it, and you can get them just we, just like I get them and put them on my iPad; same thing."

Mr. Stevens understood what Ms. Mabry said, but he disagreed because there are people that don't know how to do anything on a computer except email and how to click on something. That is it. He is married to one. This is the thing that they need to keep in mind: the town website is a public site designed for and paid for by the taxpayers of Surfside Beach to go at their leisure to see what is happening with the Town Council; to see proposed laws; to see proposed changes to laws; to see proposed changes in the cost for town services, and to see any proposed issue that may come up for discussion. The fact that Town Council is elected by the taxpayers, anything said, discussed, proposed, or voted on by the Town Council that may affect the taxpavers should be the top priority, be published on the town's website without any unnecessary delays. Top priority should be placed on letting the people. the taxpayers who pay taxes and expect to be informed of all changes and proposed changes by Town Council. Government has an obligation to be totally transparent to the people and to the members of the press. Government has an obligation to the people to be a 100-percent accountable to the people which they serve. An email to one person from any person in government only serves that one person, while the town website serves the entire population of Surfside Beach, each and every taxpayer of this town. and what kind of website and information provided throughout, especially the actions of the elected officials, should be top priority to be disbursed for the information and edification of the general public of the Town of Surfside Beach.

Mayor Samples said he did not know how we got by before we had all this technology, but we have it, and now we have to use it. He appreciated the explanation given by the administrator and asked if there were any volunteers on council who wished to learn Dreamweaver and help spread the workload.

He had a lot of confidence in Ms. Messall, and that type function clearly needs to be done by a full time employee, and he believed that is what Ms. Fellner had taken steps to address: 1118

Ms. Dodge said the people she heard from in the community look forward, they do not necessarily get to the meetings for various reasons, but they do look forward to reading the minutes to know what happened and what council decided upon. So, the sooner the better getting them posted so that they are available to the public, and she thought they are trying. That is obvious.

Mr. Smith said he knew that Mayor Samples wanted to wait until executive session, but he wanted to express his opinion that he thought the administrator should try to see if she can work out some kind of agreement with the Surf Diner to make use of that deck down there. We are starting into the season and he thought it was really important that something be done, and he wanted that to be on the special meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Mayor Samples said to be honest, council should just have another special called meeting that is separate, because he believed the budget and the budget amendments were enough on the June 4 meeting agenda. He was quite prepared to meet this Friday, if council was ready to, but he wanted the town attorney to be present. Mayor Samples asked again for Mr. Smith to wait until after executive session, because there are some other issues that involve an existing contract that he wanted Town Councilmembers to be aware of.

Mr. Smith asked if Mayor Samples was suggesting that council hold a meeting on Friday.

Ms. Kohlmann said she did not believe everybody understood what he was trying to say. There is some information the councilmembers need to gather before a decision could be made.

Mayor Samples thanked Ms. Kohlmann for the clarification.

Ms. Kohlmann continued saying council needed to defer all of that until after executive session. She was not saying do not have it on the June 4<sup>th</sup> agenda, just wait and hear the information in executive session.

Mayor Samples said he did not want to be railroaded; neither did he want to railroad council.

Ms. Kohlmann did not have a problem with waiting until after executive session. She said they were not telling Mr. Smith he could not have it on the June 4<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Mayor Samples explained that he was saying let all the members get all the information so they will know what they are speaking about before they go off and give directions, please.

#### 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

"Tom Dodge, 1415 North Poplar Drive. I've been waiting for 79 years, sir. In the words of the mayor, I lost, so I'm gonna take my ball and go home. (\*\*) I've lived in Surfside Beach for over 21 years. I was on planning and zoning for eight years. One of the founders of the town's crime watch program, and was very active in it for all the years it was in operation. I am now on the parking committee. I pay Surfside Beach taxes on four houses, business licenses on three houses, and a tax on my electric bill for underground wiring. This is my town, and have loved living here. We do, however, have some problems. I would like to remind this administration that I have paid and continue to pay my fair share. The people in Caropines, Deerfield, Surfside Beach Club, Oceanside Village, et cetera, do not pay one dime to cover the great services this town has to offer. To quote a former councilman, they come here to the beach with their lunch and five dollars in their pocket. They leave their trash for us to pick up, and go home with their five dollars. I think most of us know who said that. They complain if the beach has not been raked. They complain if they have to pay to park. They complain about the free events we put on. They complain because there were no Easter eggs at Martin Park. They take up most of our beach access golf cart parking spaces. They come from Socastee to mess up our bocce court. They pay nothing, folks.

This administration cares more about the non-residents than they do the resident. We pay the bills for everything. Not them. They pay nothing. *Nothing!* (*Speaker's emphasis.*) These are not only my feelings, but the feelings of many people in town. Shame on whoever made the call to pave Ocean Boulevard while the Harley Bikers were here. The next worst time would have been July the 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Debbie and Marilyn and Lonnie for a great job Monday at the Memorial Day Service. The area was beautiful in appearance. A good job by all."

"Harry Kohlmann, 16B [sic] South Ocean Boulevard. Not to beat a dead horse, but when I came up earlier, it was back and forth, prevailing side go over. As the mayor stated, there was two different votes they had. One was about 25 miles per hour. He voted for that. One was for 25 miles per hour seasonal, or not seasonal, all year round. He didn't vote for that. He voted against it. Yet, today he brought that up. He wasn't on the prevailing side, so he couldn't bring that up. No? I'm asking somebody."

Mayor Samples: "Ms. Herrmann, would you like to answer that question." Ms. Herrmann: "Yes, sir." Mayor Samples: "Thank you."

Ms. Herrmann: "The item today was a new business item. It was not a reconsideration, because he could only reconsider at the next meeting or during the meeting during which the original vote was taken. So the night, tonight's discussion was a brand new discussion. It all started over."

Mr. Kohlmann: "Okay. So, if I...."

Mayor Samples: "If I could, and correct me if I'm wrong, correct me if I'm wrong. My recollection is it was not a vote. It was a consensus item."

Ms. Herrmann: "That's correct."

Mr. Kohlmann: "(\*\*) like to consensus, so you..." (Two speaking at once.)

Mayor Samples: "(\*\*) the truth of the matter, if I could, is, is I think it's quicker. There's less; it's quicker."

Mr. Kohlmann: "But in essence, it wasn't quicker."

Mayor Samples: "I mean in my opinion. In my opinion."

Mr. Kohlmann: "In essence it wasn't quicker, because you can, someone's gonna bring it up every meeting, well, I don't like that, let's discuss it again. So..."

Mayor Samples: "But as you know, that they normally don't, as was pointed out, the council authorized spending of over a million dollars this year through consensus items."

Mr. Kohlmann: "Okay, just want to mention one other thing. Tomorrow night, fire house, ah, they're gonna have the, ah, starter for the neighborhood crime watch. Please, anybody, if you're interested. It's at six o'clock. Lieutenant Hoffman is gonna be doing it, the presentation. I think it's good even if you don't want to get involved, just to find out about it. Great town, very safe, but we can use all the eyes and ears we can get out there. Thank you."

"Wanda Burgess, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, 311. Ah, two things. Public works needs to rethink what they call topsoil, okay, because the town will bring you out a yard of topsoil for forty bucks. I think it was two years ago I had it done. Had half of it put in the front yard; half of it put in the back yard. I don't know where that was dredged up from, but it's the pits of (expletive). I have fertile... I mean you're talking a 500 square foot area in the back yard and the front yard. I've probably put \$500 worth of fertilizer and seed and I can't get a thing to grow except weeds. Last year I gave up on the back yard. I mulched the back yard. Tomorrow morning I'm paying a man \$260 to come dig that [dirt] up out of my front yard and bring

me in some topsoil. It must have been dug up from a lake or something. But it was not topsoil, and it has cost me a fortune. So, please reconsider what you call topsoil. Second thing, two and a half, three weeks ago, something like that, I got my new parking sticker; fine and dandy. I like it. It fits right on the inside of your windshield on your golf cart, you know, facing outwards. That's good, if you have your windshield in all year. My windshield comes out the end of April and it doesn't go back in until November. So, if any officer or anybody wants to see my parking sticker, they're gonna have to follow me to the townhouse and look at the windshield sitting on my back porch. We need a sticker that goes on the front of like the golf cart and not on the back of your windshield, because not everybody uses a windshield, and sometimes, I don't like one. My dog don't like it. He likes the air. You know, I'm not saying it's not, you could have some, you know, give people a choice. I need one that sticks on the golf cart, because again, I do not use a windshield after April until like November. So, just think about that. That's it."

"Evelyn Cockey, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. About the Ocean Boulevard, I think it should be 25 miles all year long. It is our Ocean Boulevard, and people going down are looking for the ocean. They don't need to be going 30 miles. At 25 the residents or the company that comes in can look better at 25. Good luck."

Mayor Samples: "And by the way, we did keep it at 25, even though I tried to change it."

"Ron Ott, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. (\*\*) the real deal is here do we, would we ever enforce that, no. We wouldn't enforce it. First of all, you take a look at Ocean Boulevard it's an express way; there's no lights. That's why I use it. (Laughter) There's no lights on it. You can zoom up and down all you want. But now if you go 20 [sic,] if you put up a sign, even if you put a sleeve over it for, you know, a couple of months, nobody's gonna enforce that anyhow. Look at the things that we have; all these laws. Do we enforce any of 'em? Has anybody ever been given the big fine for fireworks? Has anybody been getting a fine for not picking up their dog poop off the beach? Nope. We can go on and on and on. How about smoking on the beach? Anybody ever been drug off the beach for smoking? We're not gonna enforce it, but if you look at the people that come here, I'm on my way out on a branch here, I'd say 75- to 80-percent of these people are just gonna do what they're told. So you don't have to enforce it. You put 25, put a sleeve over it, 25, they're gonna do it, because they see 25, that's all. But the rest of us that know it's really 35 [sic] under there, we're gonna do that 35 [sic.] Gotta go."

Mayor Samples: "That's why the crime watch is being set up; to follow you."

Mr. Ott: "I'm gonna be there tomorrow, and the crime watch people are gonna get special stickers that allow them to go 40 up and down Ocean Boulevard. (Laughter.) Can we run five miles an hour, I don't think so. The difference between 30 and 25, but we like to slow 'em up a little bit during the summer, and I wouldn't want to be the person that voted against that if somebody gets hurt down there. I wouldn't be, wanna be that mayor that said I don't want that. I just think that slow doesn't bother anybody. Thank you, and Mr. Smith, very good point, when you picked that out."

### 10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Ms. Kohlmann: "Well, I was remiss at the last meeting to do what I had promised a citizen I would do, so tonight I'm gonna finish my promise. I received an email from a resident, Tommy Tyler, ah, he has cameras at his house. I, I do believe you all go it, too. Oh, no, you didn't, so now you get to hear the email. It just says hi Beth, in my opinion, I do not understand your confusion, if you have experienced or can take photos of the same unsafe driving acts. I believe the pictures are worth a thousand words. The traffic flow may have been going on for years, but the element of creating a dangerous situation with parking meters is recent. I don't think anyone would be upset if the council reversed its vote to remove the parking meters. Most of us would think better of the council and applaud the council for getting rid of them. The boulevard is a major thoroughfare in Surfside Beach with heavy traffic to include extremely large vehicles using the highway as a main street to travel up, up and down through Surfside Beach, Garden City, and to Highway 17. They don't use the back streets because the stop signs won't slow, would slow them down. In an emergency stopping situation or having to slow down by these vehicles takes a lot of distance. Many of these vehicles appear to venture over the center line and may do not and

many do not stay on the road but run close to or over the white shoulder paint stripe onto the shoulder and onto the parking area. Some of the vehicles carry or transport hazardous materials or flammable materials such as propane gas. If someone parks at the meter, getting into or out of the car and crossing the street at the parking space will be very dangerous for families with kids and beach items such as chairs, tents, and floats. Just north of the parking meter about 100 feet or so is a pedestrian street crossing. How are the people getting into and out of the car in the parking space supposed to get to the pedestrian parking space safely? You all have taken up the shoulders of the road used for walking with parking meter spaces just north of the parking meter. The pub, wait a minute, the public should not be using our lawn or driveway as their public walkway. You can see in the pictures cars passing in the pedestrian crosswalk area just north of the meter. Can you image a small child running out around from the parked car and into the path of one these vehicles? There are many distractions for the drivers and for the pedestrians. In the peak season I am sure many of the drivers, while enjoying themselves on vacation, will have had one to many drinks and their driving may be impaired. The parking meters when parked at are going to create a very dangerous and hazardous situation for everyone. In addition, the parking spaces pose a problem for yard work and mowing. What happens when a mower throws debris into a parked car and dents or scratches it, or worse someone gets hit with flying mower debris either by the town's mower or our HOA's mower? I really do not understand your confusion about safety. As council person you should have safety for all of the citizens and the public at the top of your list. One accident is going to be one too many. I would like to ask you to read my email at the next council meeting during the public comment period. Can you represent me as a citizen in my absence? Your help and is greatly appreciated. So, I did tell him I would read it. I didn't read it during public comments. I read it during my council comments, because I believe that was the proper place for me to do so, and that was his opinion and I wanted to share that with all of you."

Mr. Stevens: "I want to thank everybody for coming out. Heard a lot of good public comment, and I agree with Mr. Dodge. People outside of this town don't pay our taxes. They don't pay for anything. I know when I first came here, and I got a golf cart, drove down to 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North, and ah, some people back then, they came here and they, I forget where they were from, but, Deerfield or somewhere, came here with their golf cart. They spent all their money and they did all this stuff and ah, had their cooler and everything, and they left. They left a mess on the beach, and I picked it up. Not every outsider is like that, but there are some that are like that. Twenty-five miles an hour; I agree with that, and the last thing, but not the least, is committees. I think every committee has a valid purpose in this town, and that being said, you know, if you spoke about a committee being abolished, you know what I'm doing. I'm supporting that committee. Thank you for coming out."

Ms. Mabry: "Ah, yes. I do agree that, that, ah, everyone should pay their fair share that comes and uses our beach. I don't, that's why I voted and I pleaded, when you take a golf cart from Caropines, from all around, they come in their golf carts, they park for free in golf cart parking areas. They're not made to pay. I begged, as loudly as I knew how, to please make them pay at a pay station, and no, now they get to park free, and they're taking up citizens' parking that are complaining about not having enough. They could be parking at our meters and putting in, and \$5 for 5 hours of the cleanest beaches, good life guards, never having an accident, police protection, fire protection, anything you want you can get here; bathrooms, showers. You can't get there anywhere else, and to ask somebody to pay a dollar an hour to use our facilities, I think is dirt cheap and I don't thinking asking them to pay that is unreasonable. I'm just saying that's what I voted for and that's how I feel."

Mr. Smith: "I enjoyed the, ah, the band on, ah, Sunday. The Mamma Nacho Band, and I like the way we currently have our parking regulations where we allow the commercial golf carts and our visitors to park free at the beach accesses. If they park in a meter, they need to pay, and I'm still concerned about the deck down on the pier."

Ms. Dodge: "I want to commend Debbie Ellis and her staff on the, this was an amazing Memorial Day celebration that we just had, and it was their hard work that brought it about. There were a lot of other town employees involved, and they don't get mentioned, but I'm mentioning them, as well. It was a really good thing for our town, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Also, I wanted to talk about Joan Saleem. She's been here for ten years. We have a lot of employees in this town that are very dedicated. Joan

Saleem is one of them. You can call her and hear that voice, public works, and you get action when you talk to that voice. That's a good thing in a small town, because people remember that. Also want to talk about yard of the month. I think it's a good thing to have. I think it's a good incentive. Most people in this town take care of their property. Some don't. A lot of 'em, I think maybe don't even live here. They just own houses here, and we need to do something about that. There are a lot of overgrown lots in town, but yard of the month is an encouraging thing and it's a positive thing. Also, crime watch; we had crime watch in Surfside Beach a number of years ago. Anybody remembers Councilman Tom Higgins he was very active in starting that, and citizen involvement, you can't put a price on citizen involvement. It's their town and they're going to make it the very best that it can be. I appreciate all of that, too, and Mr. Mayor, thank you for your patience in this meeting tonight. You did a good job."

Mayor Samples: "Well, thank you. I appreciate that. I appreciate that. I want to remind everyone that we are like a business. That is to say, you know, we gotta balance our revenues with our expenditures. Some of those people who, ah, come visit us, you know, they may only have \$5 in their front pocket. But, most of 'em got a little more than that, and the reality is, is those people who live across Highway 17, I still suggest, I think, I think we should be selling annual passes, that's the mayor thinks. I, I think that, ah, and I think we should cut out the middle man. I think the town, (\*\*citizen commenting from audience) if I could, if I could, Mr. Ott, please. Thank you. If I could, we could cut out the, the middlemen on it, but that's a different issue. I think we had a wonderful weekend. It was, it was very, very nice to finally have great weather, and to have events that coincided with the great weather. I know that there were a lot of people who came into town who, frankly, were probably be coming back, because they had such a good time, and you know, it is business that pays most of the bills in this town. The taxes in this town are pretty reasonable, pretty reasonable, and what I've heard from most people is, frankly, don't cut services. Don't cut services. You gotta, if, if you have to raise taxes, then do it. (\*\*citizen commenting from audience) Thank you, sir. But the reality is we live in a great place. We try to keep our streets clean. I think we, we're always asking more of our employees. I think if you talk to 'em they know that council is asking more of 'em. They know the mayor is. That's the darn truth, and I know that council's worked real hard, and we'll be back here, if not before next Tuesday, on next Tuesday to deal with the budget. So, having said that, pursuant to Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70. paragraph (a)(1) and (2) town council is going to retire to executive session to discuss vacancies that have been declared on a committee and to discuss a potential legal matter."

## 11. 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 vacancy declared by recreation/special events committee and pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements regarding the pier deck that was mentioned previously by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith moved to enter executive session at 9:18 p.m. Ms. Kohlmann seconded. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session at 10:19 p.m. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** 

Mayor Samples said for the record that no action was taken during executive session.

Ms. Kohlmann moved that recreation and special events committee be re-established with a clean slate and lower the amount of members to five, and have anybody interested reapply for positions, and post that accordingly. Ms. Dodge seconded.

Mayor Samples asked if he understood that existing members can reapply, and new members could also apply. Ms. Kohlmann said yes.

All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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1396 Mr. Smith moved to direct the town administrator to negotiate an encroachment permit with Surf 1397 Diner and bring it back to council at the earliest possible time. Mr. Stevens seconded. 1398 1399 Ms. Herrmann asked if the motion was in order, because the subject was not an advertised agenda item. Mayor Samples said the motion was in order. 1400 1401 1402 All members voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. 1403 1404 12. ADJOURNMENT. 1405 1406 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. 1407 MOTION CARRIED. 1408 1409 Prepared and submitted by, 1410 1411 1412 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk 1413 1414 Approved: June 11, 2013 1415 1416 1417 1418 Douglas F. Samples, Ma 1419 1420 1421 Tempore Ann Dodge, Town Counc 1422 1423 1424 Mark L. Jo hnson. OWN-GO Kohlmann Town Council 1425

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