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**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2013 ♦ 6:30 P.M.**

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Douglas F. Samples
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**
3. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Resolution #13-135 to Transfer Funds
 - B. Resolution #13-136 to Repeal Resolution #11-108 Defer Principal Repayment from Pier Enterprise Fund and To Direct Payments be made
 - C. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0747 FY2012-13 Mid-Year Budget Amendments
 - D. FY2013-2014 Municipal Budget
 - E. Encroachment Permit Stipulations & Fee Authorization, Administrator Fellner (May be deferred until after Executive Session.)
4. **EXECUTIVE SESION**

Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements (Item 3.E.)
5. **ADJOURNMENT**



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2013 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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7 **1. CALL TO ORDER.**
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9 Mayor Samples called the special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro
10 Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Johnson, Smith and Stevens were in
11 attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner, Finance Director King, Fire
12 Chief Cimini, Police Chief Keziah, Public Works Director Adair, Recreation Supervisor Ellis, and Town
13 Clerk Herrmann.
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15 **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**
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17 "Tom Dodge, 1415 North Poplar Drive. Ah, about the budget, if, if I recall correctly, the last
18 December when the audit was presented to us, the man giving the audit said the town was in good
19 shape. One year later, the town is in bad shape. Ah, must be the mayor. I think as far as the budget
20 goes, we should have a hiring freeze. I think there should be a 5-percent across the board cut from the
21 2012-2013 budget, and anybody that thinks about raising taxes should have their head examined. We
22 need to stop spending. So, there's my two cents tonight. Thank you."
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24 "Sandra Elliott, 5th Avenue North. Good evening everybody. I guess I need my head examined,
25 because we're in a financial mess, and we're not gonna get out of it by nickeling and dimeing our budget.
26 You look at it; take the \$30 away so they can buy a turkey. What's that, \$2,100? And, you keep picking
27 and picking at the bones. We are in it together. If we go under, our bond rating goes down. Our home
28 values go down and I don't want to lose value on my house, because of the financial mess that was
29 created by a former employee. We now have a financial director who's trying to help us, and we don't
30 want to listen. Thank you."
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32 "Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North. Not use to seeing the parenthesis up there on the top. It's gonna be
33 a million dollars in the hole. You know, most of the people, (**) I'm gonna say most of the people that
34 vote in this are on locked in pensions. A lot of 'em. They're not gonna like it, you know, to have to take
35 any other money out of their pocket that comes away from other things. We have the electric bills that's
36 gonna go up higher; everything's going up higher. We don't need taxes going up higher, too. I don't, you
37 know, I just seen [sic] on television we're gonna spend \$20,000 for some cameras. Do we really need
38 'em? When we're looking like this, maybe we should be astute here in this what [sic] we're spending our
39 money on. Thank you."
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41 "Good evening. My name is Ray Kawa. I live on 3rd Avenue North. I got two things I want to talk
42 to you about. Ah, the first one, [Item 3] A, I'm not sure if it's in this transfer of funds, but I was recovering
43 from surgery and I read in the paper where a town administrator had suggested taking the stormwater
44 funds and transferring them to the, the general funds to help the town. That's all real fine and dandy, but I
45 want to remind you that I live in an area that floods bad when it's high tide and it rains hard. We had an
46 engineering study done, was it last year or the year before that? Last year, this council promised me that
47 this would be delayed to this year and do the 16th Avenue, I guess, and 3rd Avenue. I didn't see this in the
48 budget plan at all for this year, and now you're talking about taking that money, and ah, putting it in
49 general funds. I have a real problem with that. My house right now is settling real bad, because the
50 ground is too moist and it's cracking on the back side of my house. The insurance company won't fix
51 that, because it's a town problem. It's a drainage problem, and I've asked you people before, and I really
52 want you to consider hard before you transfer that money until you fix the problems in the town. I can't
53 afford to keep watching my house, you know, wash away and crack up. Thank you."
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55 Mayor Samples told Mr. Kawa thank you and that he believed the plan would become clear as
56 the meeting progresses. The money that was set aside was not being transferred.
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58 Mr. Kawa: "Thank you."
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60 Mayor Samples asked the administrator for clarification, if the capital projects money was still in
61 the budget for stormwater work on 3rd Avenue and 16th.
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63 Ms. Fellner said yes, sir.
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65 Mayor Samples said first and foremost, what he wanted to say is he knew that everyone sitting on
66 the dais and that staff had worked diligently, seriously, deliberately in prioritizing the spending in this
67 town. It was mentioned that even electricity goes up. The town pays electric bills, also. So the reality is
68 that costs that increase across the board also affect your town government. Anyway, having said that, if
69 there are no other public comments, we will move forward.
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71 **3. BUSINESS.**

72 **A. Resolution #13-135 to Transfer Funds.**

73 Ms. King presented the resolution explaining that it was prepared pursuant to Town Council's
74 direction at previous meetings. Under the Town Code of Ordinances, hospitality funds are allowed to pay
75 for beach accesses. The work being done on the pier, which will now allow access to the beach, qualifies
76 as a hospitality expenditure; hospitality funds will pay for the work at the pier. The pier enterprise fund
77 needs to pay general fund for the last two annual deferred loan payments. Sanitation has a rent increase
78 for the building it rents from the town in the amount of \$45,375 more than was budgeted for the 2012-
79 2013 fiscal year.
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82 Mr. Smith asked if all the transfers were for the current fiscal year's budget. Ms. King said yes,
83 they were.
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85 Mayor Samples said this was discussed in great detail in the finance committee meeting. To
86 refresh everybody's memory, the finance committee members are Councilman Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem
87 Mabry, and him. He explained for those who may be recent residents of the town, when the town
88 purchased the pier there was a loan made by the general fund to the pier enterprise fund. During the first
89 couple of years the pier abided by the resolution, which would be discussed during the meeting. But
90 there were hard times and the pier was not generating sufficient funds to pay its payments to the general
91 fund. Now, it is in a position to do so with the legal transfer of hospitality monies to the pier enterprise
92 funds, since the pier was the benefitting object.
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95 Mr. Smith asked with the transfer from pier fund to general fund if that brought the loan up to
96 where it should be in payments. Ms. King said that would just be for the two deferred years payments.
97 Another payment is already in this year's budget. Mr. Smith said this was just the two deferred payments.
98 Ms. King said correct. Mr. Smith asked if the payment due this year was made. Ms. King said not yet.
99 Mr. Smith said it was still behind one payment. Ms. King said that payment should be made by the end of
100 the month. Mr. Smith said end of the month, okay, and then we'll be current. Ms. King said that was the
101 plan. Mr. Smith okay.
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103 Mr. Stevens (**) the way I understood this, and when we talked about it at finance committee,
104 was the hospitality and the pier are both tourist related. That is the reason we can transfer from
105 hospitality to the pier. The pier owes the general funds two payments. So the pier, now that it has that
106 money transferred, is paying to the general fund and then as Ms. King just stated, it will be paying another
107 payment this month, right. Ms. King said correct. Mr. Stevens said so, these two payments that will pay
108 the past payments and that the payments will be current as of the end of this month. Ms. King said
109 correct. Mr. Stevens said okay.
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111 Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #13-135 to Transfer Funds. Ms. Mabry seconded. All
112 voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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114 **B. Resolution #13-136 to Repeal Resolution #11-108 Defer Principal Repayment from Pier**
115 **Enterprise Fund and to Direct Payments be made.**
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117 Mayor Samples introduced the resolution explaining that it was to repeal Resolution Number 11-
118 108 which was the resolution to allow deferral of the pier enterprise fund repayments to the general fund.
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120 Ms. King presented the resolution.

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122 Mr. Johnson moved to approve Resolution Number 13-136. Ms. Mabry seconded.
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124 Mr. Smith said page 68 is a payment summary; once the resolution is passed, he asked that the
125 chart get updated showing interest and principal payments. Ms. King said certainly.
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127 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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129 **C. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0747 FY2012-2013 Mid-Year Budget Amendments.**
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131 Mayor Samples said some time ago Town Council adopted first reading of the mid-year budget
132 amendments. It was presented tonight for further discussion.
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134 Ms. King presented the ordinance saying that there have been multiple changes since first
135 reading based on Town Council's direction at various meetings. There is no changed to general fund
136 since first reading. She itemized the differences in the hospitality fund, accommodations fund, pier fund,
137 and sanitation fund that were set out on "Proposed Budget Amendments," a copy of which is in file.
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139 Mr. Smith said the pier fund as amended would be \$166,000, but a transfer was just made
140 \$375,000 into the pier and then it would be transferred \$326,000 out of the pier. Ms. King said it was a
141 loan, which is an expense; it is a pay down of a loan. Mr. Smith asked if it was because it was a loan.
142 Ms. King said yes. Mr. Smith said okay, thank you. Ms. King said it affected cash, but it does not affect
143 the fund revenue and expenses.
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145 Ms. Dodge said asked if the \$780,000 payment had already been made to South Carolina
146 Department of Transportation. Ms. King said yes. Ms. Dodge said that was too bad, because she was
147 thinking that would really be good; thank you.
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149 Mr. Smith asked if the \$18,875 cameras allocated under accommodations was a gift to the town.
150 Ms. King said no and asked if Town Council wanted to hear explanations for all of accommodations. Mr.
151 Smith said he only wanted an explanation on the cameras. Ms. King said an accommodations tax
152 committee meeting is scheduled tomorrow for the committee to consider funding the cameras out of
153 money just received from the state. Ms. Fellner explained that the donation offered was camera
154 equipment that is not compatible with the system, because it has proprietary software designed to work
155 with specific cameras, so the donation could not be worked out. Mr. Smith asked if the town's
156 accommodations tax money would be used. Ms. Fellner said yes, because it was an allowed
157 expenditure. The accommodations tax committee was prepared to fund the cameras at its last meeting,
158 but there were no available funds. Since that meeting, a check was received. Mr. Smith asked if the
159 check would cover the cost. Ms. Fellner said yes, sir. Mr. Smith said thank you.
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161 Ms. King explained that the pier fund operates like a normal business. A loan is not an expense
162 when principal payments are made; only interest payments are expenses. So the loan principal
163 payments are not shown on the report.
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165 Mr. Smith asked where that payment would be shown. Ms. King said only as a reduction of the
166 loan balance and cash would be paid out. Mr. Smith asked which chart showed cash being paid out. Ms.
167 King said the balance sheet; the sheet distributed is the income statement. Mr. Smith said okay.
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169 Mayor Samples said to close the loop and the way the loan value is shown in the general fund is
170 as an asset. Ms. King said yes and a reduction in fund balance, right. On the pier information, it only
171 shows that the loan balance and the cash would go down. Mayor Samples said right.
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173 Ms. King explained that is why there is an adjustment to depreciation, because an enterprise fund
174 assets have to be depreciated over their useful life. When the asset value increases, the depreciation
175 also has to increase. Any improvements made to the pier increases the asset value on the books, but
176 that is only shown by the amount of depreciation, which is an expense.
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178 Mr. Smith asked how many years the pier is depreciated; 20 years? Ms. King believed it was 30
179 years.
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181 Ms. King said the sanitation fund was added, because the rent rate was increased by \$45,375.
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183 Mayor Samples said one shortcoming of the manner in which the presentation was made, in his
184 opinion, was the increases were shown on the spending side, but similar information was not shown for
185 the revenue side. He wanted to make everyone knew that the information was only expenses. There is
186 no requirement under state law to show revenue. Ms. King said the statute only requires expenditures to
187 be identified; not revenue receipts.
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189 Mr. Smith asked the administrator if these were all the changes that were discussed previously.
190 Ms. Fellner believed they were all included. Mr. Smith asked if the administrator anticipated any other
191 changes. Ms. Fellner said no; she seriously hoped there would not be any additional changes. Mr. Smith
192 said thank you. (*Laughter.*)
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194 Mayor Samples said everyone was laughing, because staff has been burning the midnight oil.
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196 Mr. Smith moved to approve second reading of Ordinance Number 13-0747 Fiscal Year 2012-13
197 Mid-Year Budget Amendments. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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199 **D. FY2013-2014 Municipal Budget.** 200

201 Mayor Samples said this is the budget that takes effect July 1st of this year, which was presented
202 to the councilmembers in the packets, and asked for questions and comments. He asked the
203 parliamentarian if it was appropriate to have a first reading at this meeting.
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205 Mr. Smith said he did not think so. He believed the council should wait until next meeting.
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207 Mayor Samples asked when the public hearing would be held. Ms. Fellner said at the second
208 meeting in June. Mayor Samples asked if that was the 25th, and if there was any reason public comments
209 could not be heard in advance. An unknown speaker said the hearing has to be 15 days after the first
210 reading. Mayor Samples reiterated the statement. Ms. Herrmann said the advertisement has to be
211 advertised 15 days prior to the public hearing. The first reading can be held at the June 11th meeting.
212 The advertisement is going in the newspaper for the public hearing to be held at the June 25th meeting
213 prior to second reading. Mayor Samples asked if there was any reason the advertisement could not go
214 out now; numbers were presented. Ms. Herrmann said public comments could be heard at this meeting,
215 but the hearing would still be required.
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217 Mr. Smith agreed that the public announcement for the public hearing in the newspaper quickly.
218 Ms. King said it would be published Friday.
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220 Ms. Kohlmann believed the mayor was asking if council would agree or not agree tonight to allow
221 people that are at the meeting to speak on different items that they had any concerns about. She had no
222 problem at all with the public speaking tonight. She encouraged it.
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224 Ms. Mabry asked if they could go ahead and put the ad in the newspaper without adopting first
225 reading.
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227 Mayor Samples said the budget could be advertised as it was developed. Ms. King said correct.
228 Mayor Samples said making known the public hearing date and time, but he understood there is a 15 day
229 requirement. Ms. King said right, the public hearing can be held 15 days after publication. It will be
230 published Friday; two weeks would be the Friday before the June 25th meeting. The public hearing would
231 be held before second reading. Mayor Samples said maybe next year public comments could be heard
232 all along the way. The earlier comments were made, the better. Once it is time for second reading, it is
233 difficult to get a council to seriously consider a lot of public comments, because it is late and they are
234 under statutory requirement to adopt the budget. Maybe next year it can be scheduled a little differently,
235 but he understood how things were now.
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237 Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner if the budget as it was presented included the 5-percent reduction in
238 gasoline. Ms. Fellner said it does not. Mr. Smith moved to direct the administrator to reduce the gasoline
239 across the board by 5-percent. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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241 Mr. Smith asked if the budget included any millage allocated for stormwater. Ms. Fellner said no.
242 Mr. Smith moved to include 1 mil allocated to stormwater in budget year 2013-2014. Mr. Stevens
243 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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245 Mayor Samples asked if other councilmembers had comments, as he believed Mr. Smith had
246 demonstrated the appropriate way to raise budgetary issues.
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248 Ms. Kohlmann asked if a date should be placed on the 1-percent [sic] stormwater.
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250 Mr. Smith said it was 1 mil.
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252 Ms. Kohlmann said she meant 1 mil; does it have date sensitive time, because it was being done.
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254 Mr. Smith said it was for next year's budget.
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256 Ms. Kohlmann asked if that was it; one year, and that was to insure that the council does not lose
257 stormwater.
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259 Mr. Smith said the next council can decide when it goes into the budget process. For this budget
260 1 mil is dedicated to stormwater.
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262 Ms. Kohlmann said okay.
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264 Mr. Stevens asked if individual items could be addressed on the budget.
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266 Mayor Samples said please; that was Councilman Smith had done.
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268 Mr. Stevens moved to amend the \$2,500 for the annual budget retreat in town to \$1,000. He
269 believed if the budget retreat was held in town there is no reason or no way that \$2,500 would be spent.
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271 Ms. Kohlmann asked for the page number.
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273 Mr. Stevens said page 69.
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275 Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

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Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Kohlmann and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmembers Dodge and Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Johnson asked for clarification, the budget as presented states "if in town," so he asked if the amount was just if the budget retreat was in town.

Mr. Smith said yes.

Mr. Johnson said if it is in town they would only budget \$1,000.

Mayor Samples recommended if it was in town that it could be reduced to about \$200.

Mr. Johnson did not know what the proper procedure was, but he definitely agreed with that amount that Councilmember Stevens requested.

Mayor Samples said a motion could be offered by a member on the prevailing side.

Ms. Kohlmann moved to reconsider the vote. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER CARRIED.**

Mr. Johnson moved to amend the annual budget retreat if in town from \$2,500 to \$500. Mr. Stevens seconded.

Ms. Kohlmann said she appreciated that this council collectively had decided to hold the budget retreat in town. She thought that was really important thing for the people of town, because when she was not on council, she drove to Pinopolis with Ms. Mabry to attend the budget retreat. It is a long drive, and she did not think it was fair to the citizens to take their budget retreat out of town. So this is another good showing for everybody.

Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Dodge voted against, saying she thought it should be less. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Stevens moved to...

Mrs. Kohlmann asked Mayor Samples if members could refer to the page numbers when motions are offered.

Mr. Stevens said page 70, and moved to amend the newsletter to be published every 4 months, which would be published three times a year. That would save \$900 on postage for the newsletter and also \$1,456 for postage [sic] for a total of about \$2,300. Ms. Dodge seconded. Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Stevens referred to page 71 and said there are two items that he wanted to move on. One is *The Sun News* subscription, \$225. He moved to delete that, because *The Sun News* is on line and any person can go on line and read it at any time, so there is no use for the town to subscribe to *The Sun News*.

Ms. Kohlmann thought the town had to subscribe and that could not be removed from the budget. Ms. Fellner said that was correct.

Mr. Stevens withdrew his motion.

331 Mr. Stevens referred to page 71 and moved to reduce payment to the Myrtle Beach Regional
332 Economic Development Board from \$2,120 to \$1,000. He said the Horry County Council just reduced its
333 allocation to the board. He is the town representative to the board. There have only been a couple of
334 meetings and the town basically gets nothing out of it. He thought Horry County Council felt the same
335 way. Mr. Smith seconded.
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337 Ms. Kohlmann asked since Mr. Stevens attends those meetings, if he would he explain for the
338 public and council what the \$1,000 represents.
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340 Mr. Stevens said it represents the town's membership on the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic
341 Development Board, which basically works to bring new companies to the area. He moved to cut the
342 amount, because Horry County Council recommended cutting it. He thought they cut its contribution
343 amount either \$400 or \$500 hundred thousand.
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345 Mr. Johnson asked the town administrator for a comment on the motion. Ms. Fellner said Mr.
346 Stevens was correct in that so far the town has not seen anything come out of its membership. She
347 knows the town likes to engage in strategic alliances with its neighbors. There is nothing that says at a
348 different time when the budget is flush and there are benefits coming from the board that they could
349 change its allocation. She concurred with Councilmember Stevens.
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351 Ms. Mabry said she was not too sure she wanted to cut it completely, but she preferred to use
352 that money for development of the town. The planning and zoning department has become very
353 aggressive as far as getting businesses into town. She was not sure that she wanted to see funding
354 stopped, but she certainly would like to see it diverted to the town's department where they can develop
355 printed materials they need to promote economic development. Quite frankly, she thought staff was
356 doing a job better than anyone else around. New businesses are brought in every month, and that comes
357 from a lot of hard work from our own staff. So if there's money spent right now, she would rather see it
358 being spent by the town's staff.
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360 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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362 Mr. Stevens referred to page 72 and said there is a listing for Coastal Alliance and for Marlowe
363 and Company. Since last May, the town has spent well over \$13 - \$14 thousand with Marlowe and
364 Company, which is a lobbying company out of Washington, DC. He receives email messages from them,
365 but he did not see where the town was getting any benefit. He knew that was part of the Coastal Alliance
366 that is budgeted at \$12,000. Mr. Stevens moved to defer payment for one year. Ms. Dodge seconded.
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368 Mr. Smith asked the administrator to comment.
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370 Ms. Fellner asked if Mr. Stevens was looking at the bottom of the page where it states \$12,000,
371 which is for codification of town ordinances.
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373 Mr. Stevens said Marlowe and Company was the very first line. (**)
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375 Ms. Fellner said the town pays \$374 a month that goes towards the contract that the Coastal
376 Alliance has with Marlowe and Associates. But that is the only part of that amount that goes to them.
377 The remainder is all for codification.
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379 Mr. Stevens said that whatever part is sent to Marlowe he wanted to defer for one year.
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381 Mayor Samples believed there was an existing agreement.
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383 Mr. Stevens said it was \$4,488.
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385 Mayor Samples believed the number was right. Ms. Fellner said there is an existing agreement.
386 Mayor Samples reiterated there is an existing agreement and the only reason that he happened to know

387 was that this was discussed extensively at the last Coastal Alliance meeting in January. The minutes
388 from that meeting show all the towns in the county and their respective contribution amounts. At this
389 point, he believed the agreement had to be honored until the end of the year.

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391 Mr. Stevens said he would like to revisit the agreement at that time.

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393 Ms. Kohlmann said she personally wanted more information before voting on the motion.

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395 Mr. Stevens asked if the administrator could be directed to give the entire council additional
396 information on this.

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398 Mayor Samples asked what Ms. Fellner would be doing tomorrow at eleven. Ms. Fellner said
399 going to the Coastal Alliance meeting. She had plenty of information and would be happy to share it.

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401 Mr. Stevens withdrew his motion. Ms. Dodge withdrew the second.

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403 Mr. Stevens referred to page 73, and said there is an item chairs for council chambers to
404 accommodate all guests. He looked in the audience and saw plenty of empty seats. He moved to delete
405 the \$1,000 for new chairs. Mr. Smith seconded.

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407 Ms. Herrmann said the item was presented because she had at least three citizens tell her they
408 did not attend meetings, because they cannot fit in the chairs in chambers.

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410 Mr. Stevens said there are 100 chairs now, and another 100 chairs would be purchased. He
411 asked what was wrong with the existing chairs other than the few people that cannot fit in them.

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413 Ms. Herrmann said that was the point, they are not accessible for some of the town's citizens.

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415 Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor.
416 Mayor Pro Tem Mabry and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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418 Mr. Stevens referred to page 73 and said it may have already been addressed, but video
419 recording was shown at a price of \$14,500. If it was not already deleted he wanted to move to delete it.

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421 Ms. Kohlmann said that had already been deleted.

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423 Ms. Fellner said Ms. Kohlmann was correct; it had been deleted, but a new detail sheet was not
424 provided.

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426 Mr. Stevens referred to page 74, and moved to delete the Dell personal computers for the mayor
427 and the reception use. He said 32 computers are available at the library and are easily accessible by
428 anybody in town at no cost. You only need a library card to use them. He did not see any sense in
429 buying a computer for the mayor, no disrespect to Mayor Samples.

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431 Ms. Kohlmann asked if the administrator could inform council of the costs, because there are
432 several other items in the description. She asked if there was a computer provided for the mayor in the
433 past.

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435 Ms. Fellner said when Mayor Deaton went into office the town bought a new laptop with a docking
436 station and printer for him to use.

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438 Mr. Stevens asked where that laptop is now.

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440 Mayor Samples said sitting on the mayor's desk. Ms. Fellner said exactly. Mayor Samples said it
441 is about the slowest piece of equipment he had ever seen. Ms. Fellner said it truly is. The RAM has
442 been updated and there is not much else that can be done to improve its performance. Mayor Samples

443 said he brings his own tools in, including his computer. One of the reasons that he does that is because
444 he is not going to sit for four minutes waiting for a webpage to open. He did not have a problem
445 eliminating the purchase.
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447 Mr. Stevens asked what the amount was for the two items. Ms. Fellner said she would send
448 someone to her office to get the details, and asked if council would allow her to come back to this item
449 once the information is available.
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451 Mr. Stevens said okay.
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453 Mayor Samples said it was possible that the next mayor, whoever he or she may be, will not be
454 as technologically competent.
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456 Ms. Mabry asked if it would be appropriate for her to make a statement.
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458 Mayor Samples said no, it is unnecessary. For the amount of money, it is not worth stirring the
459 pot. It's not a big deal. One of these days somebody will get a better computer than he could, instead of
460 a hand-me-down. He said to be honest; the personal computer is probably what would be more
461 appropriate in that office as opposed to a laptop now that he considered what the requirements were.
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463 Ms. Kohlmann said in order to move it along, this isn't the end of it, allow the administrator to get
464 the information and research it more. She can bring that information up at a future date, right. She asked
465 if everybody agreed to move it along.
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467 Mayor Samples asked if she wanted to hold that point.
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469 Ms. Kohlmann said Mr. Stevens did make a motion, and she would just like to move the meeting
470 along. (**)
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472 Mayor Samples said to move along while Ms. Fellner got the information.
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474 Mr. Stevens had questions and maybe somebody could address them. He thought the
475 administrator might be able to answer them. For example on page 75 the finance department has an
476 HTC long distance allocation. When he averaged the monthly cost it was \$141.67. Page 80 under the
477 police department, long distance HTC secure access lines, which may cost a little bit more, he saw a cost
478 of \$541.67 a month. The fire department has HTC and long distance is \$333.33 a month. Court has
479 HTC at a cost of \$108.33 a month. He was seeing a big variance in HTC phone services in different
480 places. It basically baffled him how one place could cost \$100 and another place cost \$500. The two
481 highest places, he believed, were the fire department and the police department. He did not understand
482 that and asked for an explanation. Ms. Fellner said the police department is much bigger; it is the biggest
483 department and that is why. Mr. Stevens asked how many lines the police department had. Ms. Fellner
484 said the cost was not just for phones.
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486 Mr. Smith asked whether the town received a lump sum bill and then the amounts were allocated
487 to the departments or were individual bills received. Ms. Fellner said for long distance everything was
488 broken out. The cost also includes Internet. In finance there are three personal computers. The police
489 department has four times that number. She said she would not pick apart that particular line item; those
490 are related both to Internet usage, which tie in with the personal computers, and also to telephones.
491 There are a lot more users in the police department. When the new firehouse was built, there were a lot
492 of phones added. The old firehouse had three extensions upstairs and one in the bay. Now, she
493 believed there were ten, and there are two bay phones, and a phone for the elevator, which is required,
494 and two dedicated lines were required. She believed there were very good reasons for the differences by
495 department in those lines and she reiterated that was one item which she would not be comfortable with
496 picking apart.
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498 Ms. Kohlmann said with the police department she believed the chief would agree that there are
499 all kinds of other systems running on that. Chief Keziah said 9-1-1 lines (**). Ms. Kohlmann said the
500 police department is hooked up with a lot of places that they have to have. Maybe the fire department
501 needs that many also. But she was just wondering, where she worked in New York they did not all have
502 long distance capability. There were dedicated phones for long distance. Usually it was in the
503 supervisor's office and if a staff member needed to make a long distance call, it had to be logged in and it
504 had to be for a reason. So you couldn't call Aunt Bessie in Mexico for three hours. She just wanted to
505 know whether the town had a system in place, and if not, perhaps that should be considered. Ms. Fellner
506 said that control is already in place. Each employee has a code, and the calls are reviewed periodically,
507 at least three or four times a year. She calls it "the big 5," the calls that appear to be anomalies are
508 reviewed; sometimes she even calls a number to see who answers. There has been discipline and even
509 a termination as a result of reviewing phone records. Ms. Kohlmann believed that was worth looking at
510 instead of taking away phones. She thought that said a lot when we have to watch; that is part of
511 management's job to think outside the box and maybe the town needs to be a little bit different on self-
512 inspection and instead of leaving it up to Ms. Fellner to do. Maybe department directors could do self-
513 inspections every month, so that abuse could be identified right away, which could save the town a lot of
514 money. Where she worked before when they even made a phone call to let family members they had to
515 stay at work they had to write a check at the end of the month to pay for the call. Mr. Adair understood
516 what Ms. Kohlmann was saying and agreed with her as he had also worked New York. He was familiar
517 with the repayment process. He said the big difference he found in town is that a lot of the phone calls he
518 and his staff made were out of state phone numbers, because there are so many people that own houses
519 in town that do not have a local area code. Probably the majority of phone calls he makes are to town
520 residents or owners that do not have local numbers.
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522 Mr. Stevens liked Ms. Kohlmann's comments saying they are the stewards of the taxpayers'
523 dollars and they needed to make sure that each department was spending the taxpayers' dollars wisely.
524 That was why he brought that up.
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526 Ms. Fellner said she received the information on the personal computers for the mayor and
527 reception area. The personal computer for the mayor's office is a business grade desk top computer,
528 which would include configuration, is \$1,200. It generally takes three hours to reconfigure the computer.
529 The reception computer was also \$1,200, and would require extra configuration time to lock it down so
530 the users could only use it for town business. There are two hard drives budgeted at \$500 each.
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532 Mr. Stevens asked how much the reception personal computer cost. Ms. Fellner said \$1,200.
533 Mr. Stevens said so it was \$1,200 and \$1,200, okay.
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535 Mr. Smith said that was what they were concerned about; just those two numbers.
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537 Mr. Stevens asked if the hard drive was for the computer, as well. Ms. Fellner said she always
538 tried to budget within the department a couple of hard drives, because one or two is always lost during
539 the year; also the \$35 switches, because they occasionally has to be replaced. Mr. Stevens said that was
540 a \$2,900 amount. Ms. Fellner said no, \$2,400 for the computers. The hard drives were not for the two
541 computers. There were replacements for hard drives that went bad during the year instead of buying new
542 computers. Mr. Stevens said alright.
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544 Ms. Kohlmann asked if a computer had ever been in the reception area for public use. Ms.
545 Fellner said yes. Ms. Kohlmann said okay.
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547 Mr. Stevens moved to delete the Dell personal computers for a total of \$2,400. Mr. Smith
548 seconded. Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Smith and Stevens voted in favor,
549 Mayor Pro Tem Mabry and Councilmember Kohlmann voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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551 Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner to explain the Projected Fund Balances after Changes chart that was
552 distributed. Ms. Fellner explained that the chart showed fund balances after changes were made; a copy
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Mayor Samples reiterated that the green column is the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2013. The blue column is the projection based on the proposed budget. Ms. Fellner said that was correct; that is what is depicted by the chart and includes all the changes directed by Town Council to date. She pointed out that the sanitation and pier funds look very large at times, but those balances include assets. For the current year and next year, the sanitation fund has assets equaling \$508,211 leaving unrestricted funds at \$649,504. The pier fund has land assets estimated at \$1.508 million and structure asset estimated at \$1.406 million for this year. General fund payments from the pier fund for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$815,000, which nets cash of (\$45,000). Next year, the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the pier fund the assets values remain the same, but the general fund payment would be \$652,000, which results in projected cash of (\$34,000).

Mr. Stevens asked if Ms. Fellner was saying there would be a general fund payment to the pier fund of \$652,000. He asked what those payments encompassed. Ms. Fellner said that was how much would be owed. Mr. Stevens said it would owe \$652,000, and asked how much the payment amount was. Ms. Fellner said \$163,000. (**) Mr. Stevens asked per year. Mayor Samples said per year.

Mayor Samples said the certified public accountants audited the town. The first five funds include the general fund, capital projects, hospitality, accommodations tax, and local accommodations tax, which are categorized as governmental funds that fall under particular accounting practices and procedures. The other two funds, the sanitation and pier, are designed to operate as free standing, self-supporting businesses. The reason the assets are so high is sanitation, obviously, has very expensive equipment. Its trucks cost \$250 thousand each. There are statutory controls that must be followed in those first five funds. He believed that Town Council took a great step tonight, saying in fact, they had been border line perhaps in recent years in certain practices, and he thought steps had been taken to clean house for the future and set it up in order to achieve council's goals. It was important that Town Council had a clear understanding the town's actual financial status, and now it does.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner if the general fund balance for fiscal year 2013-2014 was shown before all the transfers were made would that have been less than this year's total. Ms. Fellner said yes. Mr. Smith said then they had actually made some positive moves tonight and increased the general fund balance for next year by the moves that were made. Ms. Fellner said that was correct. Mr. Smith said okay and thank you.

Mayor Samples said thank you for clarifying that.

Mr. Smith moved to suspend rules to allow the public to make comments. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Samples asked Town Council if speakers could limit their comments to three minutes. Several Councilmembers voiced agreement.

"Once again, I'm Ray Kawa on 3rd Avenue North. I got a question for Mr. Smith there; that one millage that you proposed for the stormwater. What exactly does that mean?"

Mr. Smith said that means the town will set aside a small amount of money for next year for stormwater, but there is money in next year's budget...(**Several speaking at once.)

Mayor Samples said (**) 500 to 600 thousand right now available.

Mr. Smith said there's 400 and something thousand dollars already allocated in next year's budget to do 3rd Avenue North and 16th Avenue North, and he had gone over the plan with Mr. Adair and it includes Mr. Kawa's street. So, Mr. Kawa didn't have to worry.

608 Mr. Kawa: "Well, I've been fighting that thing since; I guess your husband was on Town Council.
609 (*Laughter.*) And, I, I, just want you to know I appreciate that, and ah, one thing for clarification for myself,
610 can you tell me what these cameras on the beach are gonna be for?"
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612 Mayor Samples said he believed Ms. Fellner would explain.
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614 Mr. Kawa: "Thank you."
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616 Ms. Fellner asked if she should explain now.
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618 Mayor Samples said in 25 words or less.
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620 Ms. Fellner said they are cameras to go on the beach accesses. They're a law enforcement tool,
621 and she had a lot of details that she would be glad to share, and she asked the police chief to come
622 tonight to answer questions.
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624 Mayor Samples asked Chief Keziah to explain and if the press had called him this morning.
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626 Chief Keziah said all of them did. If there were no specific questions to start with, he offered to
627 give a brief overview and then answer questions. (***Tape ended.*) He said it would be a public/private
628 partnership to start with. The town as a government agency would install five cameras to partner with the
629 company that will provide the service. The company will provide all of the NVR (network video recorder)
630 equipment, which includes the storage and the recording devices and all the relay points for the town.
631 The town would purchase the cameras and be responsible for monitoring them. The original plan is to
632 place cameras in the business district on Surfside Drive, one in the pier lot, one mounted on the pier, and
633 at beach accesses at 4th Avenue South and 3rd Avenue North. This is the initial cost to set up. Once the
634 equipment is in place, additional cameras can be easily added by just purchasing the camera. If there
635 comes a point in time when there isn't enough storage space for all the cameras, then the company will
636 provide a bigger NVR to the town that provides more storage space. He met today with Horry County
637 leaders, public safety director Whitten, and with the camera company. The County is also dedicated to
638 this program. Conway Police is dedicated to it for their river front and downtown districts. He felt that if all
639 goes well, that the town would be the first to implement the program. The other agencies that implement
640 the cameras can tie into the town's system. The town would only be responsible for its own cameras,
641 which feed to the NVR that will be located in the town's dispatch center. The dispatcher will monitor the
642 cameras. It will be a PTZ camera, which is pan, tilt, zoom. The cameras have the ability to zoom in on a
643 tag number or an individual if there is a call of suspicious person. It's a really good tool for the
644 department and provides video records from which still shots can be made. The company will offset its
645 expenses in setting up the town by selling cameras to private businesses. The private business will have
646 the opportunity to allow the police department access to their camera, but are not required to do so. He
647 was not saying that the town would monitor privately owned cameras, but the department could have
648 access to the data, if something happened and the owner gave permission. He found out at the meeting
649 today that there is a lot of growth with this program, for instance license plate readers can be added to the
650 cameras to check every tag that comes in and out, if there is a problem and you're looking for a specific
651 vehicle. That's a different expense on down the road, but that's just what the potential is. Horry County
652 representatives have said that they are definitely committed to this program; its high priority areas are
653 boat landings, beach accesses, and one-way in and one-way out residential neighborhoods. Mr. Whitten
654 said today that he is pushing forward with it because when Horry County partners it will also bring in the
655 City of Conway, which is interested in videoing its river front and downtown areas. Once the town gets
656 the relay point, which will be on the water tower, the data will come from the cameras to the relay point
657 and then be transmitted to the police department. That is the same process for the private partnerships.
658 That's how they make their money that allows them to give the town the free equipment and all the relay
659 points. There's no reoccurring cost other than one dedicated internet line that can't have anything else on
660 it but that feed. The long term goal for this is if Horry County and Conway partner with this, Horry County
661 would form what they call a power center. It would have somebody monitoring all of their cameras 24
662 hours a day. For no fee, they would also monitor the town's cameras 24 hours a day in return for the use
663 of the equipment that we were given for free, so that's a benefit to the town. He gave an example of

664 someone stealing a golf cart in town; the golf cart was videotaped going down Surfside Drive through the
665 business district, and then past the cameras at the entrance into the Deerfield residential area. That
666 would be a pretty good indication of where to search for the stolen golf cart. The cameras give the
667 department another investigative tool. The county also has offered for the town to use their fiber optic
668 cable to transmit data to the viewing center in Conway if it implements the program and if the town
669 decided, it could do so; but, it is not required. The town has an option to keep its camera functions
670 completely separate. Basically, the purchase will give the department five cameras that can be monitored
671 in real time from the dispatch center.
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673 Mr. Smith asked what the name of the company is that is providing this. Chief Keziah said the
674 company is called Wildfire. Wildfire just partnered with Kingston Plantation, which is 165 acres. Mr.
675 Smith asked if the cameras were wireless. Chief Keziah said yes, they are pan-tilt-zoom, and operate in
676 low light, but they are not infrared. Mr. Smith asked if they used batteries. Chief Keziah said they would
677 be hooked up to electricity, and have an initial one-year warranty. After the warranty, a service plan could
678 be considered or depending on the number of repairs, the town could simply just replace and repair parts,
679 because of the lower cost. During the meeting today, he asked how the cameras would hold up in the
680 beach environment. The answer was that the cameras would have a one-year warranty. They are so
681 inexpensive they may only last two years, and replacing parts would be much less expensive than the
682 service contract for a year.
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684 Ms. Kohlmann said she believed everybody knew that she thought videotaping was great.
685 Everybody just has to be aware that big brother is watching everywhere. She said they are highly
686 successful as crime fighting tools and she believed with the department's ability to see things live it is a
687 huge safety benefit for responding police officers. She knew people said they do not want big brother
688 watching, but the cameras solve crimes. Chief Keziah said that Kingston Plantation had the same
689 problem with their governing board about the privacy issues. They contracted with a law firm that did a lot
690 of research and vetted this process before the cameras are set permanently, the town could work with the
691 installers to insure there are no privacy issues. Basically, anything that you can see with your eyes out
692 there is public and that is what the cameras would be doing. If you cannot see through the blinds on a
693 window, then the camera would not see through. Ms. Kohlmann said if people do not want to behave
694 properly in public, then that is their problem. But, she said as far as the weather, her personal cameras
695 do not wear out and capture people and assist the police department all the time. It's a wonderful,
696 wonderful thing. Chief Keziah said these cameras are the highest quality available for the amount of
697 money and are low-light, high resolution digital real-time cameras.
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699 Mr. Stevens asked what the cost for a business to join the police department's network. Chief
700 Keziah said after they contract with the provider, there is no charge to them from the department to be
701 able to store their data on the town's equipment that is provided free of charge by the company. Their
702 storage on the department equipment it gives the department the opportunity to review the business's
703 tape if something happens. Mr. Stevens posed a hypothetical situation: he lives on the corner of
704 Hollywood and 5th Avenue, someone comes by and steals his golf cart; he rides by Conway National
705 Bank, and Conway National Bank is in the loop, then that would allow that bank camera to film that
706 person, and if that person goes across the street and passes by Dagwood's Deli and it has a camera, he
707 would be filmed again. And if there is a camera at Deerfield, he would be filmed again and there would
708 be a good idea where he was going. Chief Keziah did not think that would be hypothetical; it could likely
709 happen and would be pretty much fact. Mr. Stevens said in essence this is basically for public safety, and
710 it benefits every citizen in town.
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712 Mr. Kawa asked a question from the floor (**).

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714 Chief Keziah said that question came up and he would have to get Mr. Adair to assist in removing
715 them.
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717 Ms. Mabry asked if signage would be posted to advise the public that there are video cameras.
718 Chief Keziah said there are no statutory requirements for notice. If council wanted signage, it could be
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Mr. Stevens personally did not think any criminal needed a sign telling him he was being filmed.

Mr. Smith said since this is in this year's budget and as soon as the accommodations tax committee agreed to it, how long would it take for the cameras to be installed. Chief Keziah said it would have to be let for bids, so at least 30 days.

Mayor Samples said the county is being pitched. Chief Keziah said yes, and his understanding was that the county was ready to move forward. Mayor Samples asked if the county was considering using an alternative source. Chief Keziah said no, but the county will also have to let bids. He did not anticipate another company meeting the package for the price offered by Wildfire, but statutorily the bids must be let. Mayor Samples said okay. Chief Keziah said once the bids were in, it would have a turnaround time within 30 days.

Mr. Smith said within 60 days or so. Chief Keziah said that was correct.

"Good evening. Ralph Magliette, 104 Harbor Lights. Ah, I have a real quick question as far the budget goes and it's on page 51, and since I'm new in town, and I'm new to the beach town, if someone could explain it to me, it says there's an item in here reserve for beach renourishment, and ah, I see that there was no funding in 2011-2012, but there is funding for 2013-2014, and the reason I bring up this question is because, ah, I walk the beach every day. I see there's some spot erosion on the south side of the beach. I know the department of public works is doing some work trying to, ah, increase and stabilize the sand dunes in that area, and so my question is, ah, is that money kept in a fund, because I know every ten years you have to replenish the, the sand. I know it was done in 2008, and 2009. So when it's reserved money, are you supposed to put like 10-percent away every year into a fund? I just want to understand the process. And my second question to John is if you see the pocket erosion, is there anything that one can do to like patch it, or is just that sand ebbs and flows and you just let it do what it wants, and then after then 10-year period comes back, then you just do the renourishment on the entire beach. Those are my questions. Thank you."

Mr. Adair said the answer is yes to both questions. The town does perform small scale restoration work. Recently there was a washout between 13th and 16th South, which created a little bit of a ledge. Staff has been working to build that back up, and digging out areas where house walk paths were buried. On a larger scale, he met with the US Army Corp of Engineers and Horry County Engineering on May 1st to do an annual inspection of the beach. The town's beach is part of the area that runs from just at the Georgetown County line up to Myrtle Beach State Park campground. The beach was found to be in very good condition, but the estimate is beach renourishment every 10 years with sand out of the ocean, which is basically funded 65-percent federal funds and 35-percent local funds, local meaning all entities in Horry County.

(**Several speaking at once)

Mayor Samples said historically the town regularly set aside funds for renourishment. The last time that renourishment occurred, there was a windfall that came forward and it did not require that the town contribute as much as it had in the past. So at the time, the past administrations stopped setting money aside, which is why there are zeros in the columns. He asked if money was budgeted this year.

Mr. Magliette: "I saw it in 2013-2014, there was money, but there wasn't in previous, and I was just curious."

Mayor Samples said 45 this year and 45 additional.

Mr. Magliette: "Yes, and the total would be, I think, if I'm reading this right, would be \$118,000."

774 Mayor Samples said that was good, because we need to build up cash, because we don't control
775 the process, obviously. When the Corp comes forward and they're going to be contracting it out,
776 everybody is notified to participate, and it will cost whatever the town's portion of the bid is.
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778 Mr. Magliette: "So the answer is then that this money is reserved and it'll; each calendar year
779 more money will go into it reserved for that purpose whenever the decision is made to renourish it."
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781 Mayor Samples said correct, with the exception, and the detailed records would have to be
782 reviewed; the last time when the windfall was received, it only cost the town \$220,000. The previous time
783 renourishment was done, he believed the town paid close to \$750,000, because it is very expensive.
784 There are not that many contractors that do that type work; the equipment is very expensive.
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786 Mr. Magliette: "Thank you very much."
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788 Ms. Kohlmann asked for her own clarification, once the money was put into the beach
789 renourishment account, say two years from now when there is a new council seated, whether they can
790 transfer the beach renourishment money into something else; could it or not.
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792 Mayor Samples was sure they could. Several other members said they could.
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794 Ms. Kohlmann said that was very bad. Remember that everybody in two years.
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796 Ms. Mabry said this was done by resolution, but of course, you know, Town Council can always
797 repeal a resolution. That is just a fact, and she hoped it never was repealed. The funds were included in
798 the budget and the reason the amount was a little off was because Ms. King received a check for \$28,000
799 that was supposed to be placed in beach renourishment, which pumped up the amount over the \$90,000
800 that it would have been next year. That explains why it is \$118,000.
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802 Ms. Kohlmann said she worries about the "beachy stuff."
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804 Ms. Mabry said she did, too.
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806 Ms. Kohlmann said we need to remember where we live.
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808 *(**Comments from unknown speaker on the floor)*
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810 Mayor Samples responded that it was all budget. Council suspended the rules and council is still
811 hearing public comments and questions.
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813 "Ms. Magliette, 104 Harbor Lights Drive. Somebody asked me when I was 27 where I want to live
814 and I said a beach town, never thinking it would happen. I just want to remind you all that there's not too
815 many beach towns around, and this town is taking really good care of its beach, its natural asset, and
816 also taking really good care of its people making sure we're safe, and I just want to thank you and tell you
817 that every month I live here it just gets better and better, and I don't know of any other place that I can say
818 that about, folks. Thank you, and God bless."
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820 "Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North. I want to thank the staff for shuffling all the money around and
821 making it look half decent, cause we did have some big numbers up there with two commas in the
822 negative, and it's pretty hard. That's why, I guess, we're looking at phone bills, you know, and coats, and
823 shoes, and we don't want to send the staff and the administrator down to the library to work next year.
824 We want to keep 'em and the mayor down there, keep everybody in house, and ah, as for the, ah, the ah,
825 cameras, that's the law enforcement of the 21st Century. If we didn't have those in Boston, they'd still be
826 making bombs up there, and I always think about that young lady that got taken out of Myrtle Beach.
827 We're not worried about golf carts getting stolen, that's what I worry about, so that we should have these
828 cameras and not, note say hey, here's the camera, but they should be all over, because they're there for
829 major crime. We wanna stop that major crime. People get taken, people get hurt, and that's what those

830 cameras are for. You can look back and you can find 'em. Those two boys would be still up there
831 making bombs for the next run, and I want to thank staff for everything they've done, and you guys, too.
832 Shuffling the bucks; it ain't easy. Thank you."

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834 "Tom Dodge, North Poplar Drive. Ah, we're talking about costs here, but rumor has it around
835 town that there may be a tax increase, and I'm asking if that is going to happen on this budget."
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837 Mr. Smith responded emphatically, "No."

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839 Mr. Dodge: "Thank you."

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841 Mr. Stevens said no from him, also.
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843 Mr. Dodge: "Because in my world, when the five mil stormwater tax expires at the end of June
844 and we do not put that five mils back into stormwater, and we put that five mils in the general fund, in my
845 world that is a five mil tax increase. I know that you have checked with your lawyer, and they said that I
846 am wrong, but there's 60 pages of lawyers in the Myrtle Beach phone book, and I'll bet I could find
847 lawyers that say I'm right. So, in my world we're already being hit with a five mil tax increase, which I
848 don't mind, but I think it should continue to go to stormwater, because we're at the bottom of the hill, and
849 all that water comes to us, and we have to pay to take care of it, and if we're not gonna budget but 1 mil, I
850 don't think that's enough. We already got one tax increase when the garbage rates went up in February.
851 That was a tax increase by another name, and I'm very glad to hear that we are not having a second five
852 mil tax increase. Thank you."

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854 "Martha Bullard, 112-A North Myrtle Drive, and I just want to say that I, I want to thank the council
855 for giving us permission again to do the sunburn trailer, you know, down at the beach at the pier. The last
856 time I was here, and we do have so many comments, wonderful comments about our community that I
857 have had some questions lately. People have wondered; you built that really nice ramp around there, but
858 they can't, they still can't their wheel chairs through that sand, and I understand we're going to pave that.
859 Is that going to be paved any time soon, do you think?"

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861 Mr. Adair explained that a temporary wooden walkway will be completed by the end of the day on
862 Thursday from the asphalt surface across the sand to the bottom of the new ramp, and paving will be
863 done next fall when the summer season is over.

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865 Ms. Bullard: "Good, that's good. I'm thankful for that. Thank you."

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867 Mayor Samples said he did not believe anyone was more disappointed that the entire project was
868 not completed than the councilmembers.

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870 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor.

871 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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873 **E. Encroachment Permit Stipulations & Fee Authorization, Administrator Fellner (May be**
874 **deferred until after Executive Session.)**

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876 Mayor Samples said Town Council needed to discuss this item during executive session.

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878 **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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880 Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements (Item 3.E.)

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882 Mr. Smith moved to enter executive session at 8:19 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in

883 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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885 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in
886 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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888 Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session.
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890 Mr. Smith moved to direct the town administrator to proceed with the encroachment permit and
891 present it to Town Council at the next meeting. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION**
892 **CARRIED.**

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894 **5. ADJOURNMENT**

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896 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.
897 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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