



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
SANITATION R3 & C3 DISTRICTS WORKSHOP MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2016 AT 10:00 A.M.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Samples called the workshop to order at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Childs, Johnson, Mabry, and Stevens were in attendance. One seat is vacant. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann, and Public Works Director Adair.

Mayor Samples explained that the workshop was scheduled to discuss proposed Ordinance #16-0818 that would amend Sections 7-12 and 7-25 dealing with summer sanitation service in the R3 and C3 Districts. Ms. Fellner gave a presentation on the summer service, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. The proposed ordinance, decision paper, and applicable previous minutes are on file. She noted that the Roll-Out Options listed were simply options; no recommendation was made.

Mr. Childs referred to the slide that stated the dump closed at two o'clock and said he believed it closed at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Adair said the trucks had to be at the landfill by 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Pellegrino asked how early pickup had to begin to be finished by 12:30 p.m. Mr. Adair said the pickup takes 4 to 5 hours. The rollout service begins a couple of hours before the pickup begins. Mr. Pellegrino asked if it actually took 4 to 5 hours to pick up the trash. Mr. Adair said yes. Rollout usually begins around 2:00 a.m.; the truck begins picking up about 6:00 a.m. and is usually finished about 11:00 a.m., depending on the trash load. There are two trucks that work the R3 district.

Mayor Samples asked what the cost was for the extra service last year. Ms. Fellner said the projection is \$18,270. It is hard to pick every single costs apart, because overtime and benefits have to be calculated. Staff believes this is a good estimate.

Mr. Pellegrino asked why there would be an \$18,000 cost to the town, if the customer is being charged for the extra carts. Ms. Fellner reiterated that these were options that council could consider.

Mr. Stevens said during the July 31, 2015 meeting council discussed talking to the League of Cities and getting the dump to stay open later in the afternoon. He asked what happened with that. Ms. Fellner said the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) has not been cooperative in moving that forward. Mr. Stevens thought some elected officials should be contacted.

Mayor Samples understood Mr. Stevens's comment, but both Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach have transfer stations. The hope was that the town, as one of eight municipalities in the county, could influence the SWA.

Mr. Stevens asked for an explanation of "transfer station." Mr. Adair said a transfer station is a temporary location, usually a large lot, where material can be scaled and dumped either on the ground or into a larger container for subsequent transfer to the landfill. Those cities may dump up to ten trucks and load them into compactor containers or tractor-trailers for delivery to SWA landfill. The town takes each truck to the landfill to dump.

Mayor Samples said that both of those cities also have better traveling routes for delivery to SWA site than the town. Mr. Stevens said if you travel on Highway 31, you can get to the landfill "before you know it." He could drive there in 30 minutes, depending on which way you go. Mr. Adair said they had asked about using the transfer stations, but they are not open on Saturday. Mr. Stevens asked if the containers at the transfer stations were closed-up. Mr. Adair had not been to the facility, but he believed

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57 they were. He could not give a definitive answer. Mr. Stevens said then the containers were basically just  
58 like a garbage truck, which is in essence an enclosed container.  
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60 Mr. Childs thought the pickup could be finished in four hours on Saturday. He thought if  
61 collection started at 9:00 a.m. in the R3 and C3 districts that would give four hours to finish by one  
62 o'clock and that would allow an hour and a half to travel to the landfill. With that schedule, it would  
63 eliminate a Sunday pickup. Cans could be added where necessary, which is already in the ordinance. Mr.  
64 Childs asked if that schedule was tried, and didn't work then the schedule could be adjusted.  
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66 Mr. Adair said there were many conceptual plans that sounded good, but if the trucks did not get  
67 to the dump, [then what?] His perception of the goal during the nine busiest weeks of summer is to  
68 reduce the instances of overflow in the R3 district, because of the way it looks, and the possible health  
69 ramifications. In his opinion, you cannot take half-measures and hope they will work. There has to be an  
70 across the board approach with a policy in place.  
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72 Mayor Samples said Mr. Childs made the point that the ordinance currently provides authority  
73 for staff to add more carts where necessary that are paid for by the customer.  
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75 Mr. Childs thought starting with a simple step like beginning pickup no earlier than nine o'clock,  
76 and being finished by one o'clock, would allow an hour and a half to get to the dump. That process along  
77 with authority to add cans should eliminate the need for a Sunday pickup. Everyone would have trash out  
78 by nine o'clock, if checkout is at ten o'clock.  
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80 Mr. Adair said staff learned last year during the three weeks of overtime pickups that less than  
81 half of the material was on the street by nine, ten, or eleven o'clock in the morning when the visitors leave.  
82 That means that more than half of the materials are put out after ten or eleven o'clock. You can use the  
83 process described, but you might miss a quarter of the garbage, which would sit until possibly Tuesday.  
84 He did not think that helped with the overflow situation.  
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86 Mayor Samples said the issue is a two-step process. Rollout is done by staff independent of the  
87 truck. Rollout begins several hours before collection starts. He was concerned about whether the tourists  
88 would place materials roadside. Mr. Adair said the later in the day service begins, the longer collection  
89 would take, because people would be checking in and out. Mayor Samples said garbage is being picked up  
90 before check out time. Mr. Adair said currently, yes.  
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92 Mr. Pellegrino said the majority of the trash was being picked up after ten. He agreed with Mr.  
93 Childs. If the process started at nine and finished at one, the bulk would be collected. The objective  
94 cannot be to give extra cans to every house in the district. He recommended a Saturday pickup from nine  
95 to one, and then have Monday and Thursday pickups, which would allow pickup of materials put out on  
96 Sunday. This schedule would eliminate a fourth pickup.  
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98 Ms. Mabry asked Mr. Adair how much trash was picked up during the summer season. Mr. Adair  
99 said the actual breakdown for the three day rollout was about 13 tons on Sunday; about 12 tons on  
100 Wednesday, and about 6 tons on Friday. Ms. Mabry asked what the totals were for the Saturday and  
101 Sunday collections done last year. Mr. Adair said about the days were just about half of the total. The  
102 weekend garbage was out by ten o'clock in the morning on Saturday. Ms. Mabry said there is only about  
103 eight weeks when the town is "really busting." That is from the second week in June until the second  
104 week in August when about every house is full and people are checking in and out. She did not like to see  
105 a lot of extra cans put out, because it was expensive. You just don't know how many tenants will be in a  
106 rental house from week to week; there may be four this week and 12 the next week. Why can't the town be  
107 on standby if a problem arises, like 10, 12, 20 cans overflowing and then automatically start picking up on  
108 Sunday. It won't be written in stone, but staff would automatically start the extra pickup if it is necessary.  
109 You would have the documentation to prove the need.  
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111 Mr. Adair did not have an issue with Saturday pickup. The issue was completing the pickup in time  
112 to get to the SWA dump. He cannot leave garbage on the truck for two nights. That was irresponsible, and  
113 nobody in this industry would do that. The garbage can "go up in flames just like that." He had seen many

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114 trucks go up in flames. Since he worked for the town, two trucks caught fire, but staff was able to put them  
115 out. If you Google garbage truck fires, you will find [over 620,000] articles. If the town can get the garbage  
116 picked up on Saturday with enough time to get to the dump that is great. He did not think it would be late  
117 enough in the day to stem the overflow.  
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119 Mr. Stevens concurred with Mr. Pellegrino. He thought it could be done. There are three county  
120 councilmembers with businesses in town. He think they all should be approached, because the town  
121 contributes a lot of money to the county. The problem would be solved if the dump was opened until five  
122 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Adair said correct. Mr. Stevens said this was the simple solution. The town  
123 should lobby hard to get the dump open later on Saturday.  
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125 Mayor Samples suggested that a small group of councilmembers that would not violate the  
126 Freedom of Information Act, like Mr. Stevens, and Mr. Childs meet with SWA to arrange this. Mayor  
127 Samples was prepared to call for consensus for this action. Mr. Stevens said the town should move  
128 forward with "what we've got now." Mayor Samples said the SWA has an independent board of directors  
129 that are appointed by Horry County Council. He believes there are 12 members of county council; seven  
130 votes would be necessary to give some advice to SWA, because the SWA is an independent authority.  
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132 Mr. Childs said a half hour added to his proposed schedule would allow an hour to drive to the  
133 dump. He certainly would like to try that. It would be simplest solution. Mr. Adair said the route takes 4  
134 to 5 hours when it starts at 6:00 a.m. If it starts at 9:00 a.m., he thought it would take at least as long, if  
135 not longer, because of the extra traffic on the road. Mr. Childs asked what harm would be done by at least  
136 trying the schedule. If it did not work, the schedule could be changed.  
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138 Mayor Samples supported trying reasonable alternatives to solve the problem. That was why  
139 council met during the middle of the season last year and approved overtime and an additional pickup to  
140 manage the overflow. He said, however, the director understands the staffing limitations and operations.  
141 It was not long ago that councilmembers told him [the mayor] whatever the director suggests is what we  
142 ought to do, because he knows his job. If that has changed, that is fine. But, Town Council needs to own  
143 its decision.  
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145 Mr. Childs said that was a true statement, but sometimes facts change. He referred to the second  
146 page of the ordinance, Section 7-25 Rollout Curb Service. He said to delete everything after the word  
147 "during," and insert "before nine o'clock on Saturday." Mr. Childs reiterated that he would not offer the  
148 amendment, but still believed this would improve conditions and allow the schedule to be completed  
149 timely.  
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151 Mr. Johnson was willing to try anything, but he did not believe changing the hours on Saturday  
152 would eliminate the overflow problem on Sunday afternoons caused by incoming tenants emptying trash  
153 from grocery shopping and unloading.  
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155 Ms. Mabry commented that not one single councilmember was an expert in sanitation. Council  
156 could come up with all kinds of ideas, and God bless us for trying. Mr. Adair had over 250 accounts and  
157 was one of the top managers in New York. She really believes that he knows what he is doing. It is good  
158 that we look at all options. She thought it was important, but also, she thought it was important to listen  
159 to the staff that we have that has expertise gained since he graduated from college. She did not think  
160 people were giving him as much credit as they can or the Town of Surfside Beach. "We are way in the  
161 weeds." There is one thing that somebody in the audience brought up; these green trash cans look pretty  
162 ugly four times a week. They truly do. That is a concern. But then last year, somebody was saying we had  
163 rats on the beach. Now, we did everything we could to accommodate, and then when we did it, it was  
164 wrong. There is nothing this council is going to do that is going to be right. She wanted to make sure that  
165 everybody understands that next year somebody will come up to the podium and say, "There is overflow.  
166 It looks nasty. Town Council did not do its job, and it should have been done this way." I want to just lay  
167 it out there. Ms. Mabry said that is what is going to happen. Whatever council decides to do will be fine  
168 with her. Personally, she thought it looked clean and neat. There was no problem after the second  
169 pickup. She knows for a fact that maids come in after nine or ten o'clock. Every refrigerator is not

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170 emptied. It is their job to empty those refrigerators. That is a fact. You need to look at the experts in the  
171 field as well as the non-experts up here.

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173 Mr. Pellegrino asked what process was followed to determine the SWA landfill would not stay  
174 open after 2:30 p.m. and the reasoning behind the decision. Mr. Adair said that Mr. Bessant from the  
175 SWA told him the board was approached by one or more councilmembers. The board of directors  
176 consulted with its staff. On Saturdays, SWA is required by law to put a layer of top soil over the entire  
177 active face of the landfill before closing for the day. There is no other city or private hauler in Horry  
178 County that has any need for extended hours on Saturday. SWA would have to delay the covering process  
179 by the extra hours the town needs for the sake of dumping two trucks. The SWA board's recommendation  
180 was that additional carts be distributed.

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182 Mayor Samples said conversations were held between himself, Mr. Knight, the SWA director, and  
183 Mr. Gray, the town's SWA board representative. They followed up with the administrator. Ms. Fellner  
184 said there were two phone conversations with Mr. Knight and Mr. Bessant. Mayor Samples asked if  
185 council was ready to send Mr. Stevens and Mr. Childs to speak with the SWA, which is a huge operation.

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187 Mr. Adair referred to the proposed ordinance and explained that the reason it was being amended  
188 was to identify charges paid by the customer, "should a fourth pickup be needed." Summer service letters  
189 will be sent to the R3 customers next month to allow time for those that want to opt out.

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191 Mr. Pellegrino said the fourth pickup could still be done, if the ordinance was not adopted, but the  
192 town would have to pay for the service. Mr. Pellegrino believed a Saturday, Monday, Thursday schedule  
193 would eliminate the problem. Mr. Childs and Mr. Stevens concurred.

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195 Mayor Samples asked how that would impact Monday pickup in the R1 district. Mr. Adair said  
196 the Monday pickup in R1 from 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North would have to be moved from  
197 Monday to Wednesday. The entire town's recycling pickup would be on Friday instead of Thursday.  
198 Mayor Samples said to avoid confusion at this time councilmembers were discussing a recommendation  
199 to have pickup in R3 and C3 on Saturday, Monday and Thursday, with no fourth pickup. Distributing  
200 extra carts would continue. Based on last summer's experience about 55 extra carts would be put out.  
201 Mr. Pellegrino's recommendation would require pickup day changes to C3, R3, R1, and town wide  
202 recycling.

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204 Mr. Childs said his recommendation was to eliminate the Sunday pickup. Mayor Samples asked  
205 Mr. Childs if he supported Mr. Pellegrino's recommendation. Mr. Childs wanted to try his  
206 recommendation first. He thought adding extra cans where necessary would go a long way.

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208 Mr. Pellegrino believed a Monday pickup was necessary, if a Saturday collection was done. Mr.  
209 Adair already discussed the extra tonnage collected last year. From Saturday afternoon until Sunday, the  
210 trash cans would be full.

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212 Mr. Stevens agreed with Mr. Pellegrino. He lives in the north end, but he could not care less what  
213 day the trash is collected. He agrees the trash from Sunday should be picked up on Monday, which should  
214 probably eliminate the problem.

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216 Mr. Pellegrino said residents in the non-rental districts have one pickup a week. He reiterated  
217 that Monday was critical for the R3, because that would prevent adding trash cans to prevent overflow.

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219 Ms. Mabry asked so she would understand the proposal that it was to pick up trash in the R3  
220 district on Saturday; change the trash days for three different districts; come back on Monday to pick up  
221 the R3 district again, and this would be done for eight weeks. Or, would this be done from now on?

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223 Mr. Pellegrino believed the change would have to be permanent. Ms. Mabry said there would be a  
224 lot of letters to mail, because just about everybody in town had to be notified. What if this doesn't work?  
225 We know that it works with four pickups a week. She wanted to make sure if this did not work, that the

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226 town would have a Plan B. If residents started reporting that they saw overflow, what would be done?  
227 Ms. Mabry wanted to know if a fourth pickup was needed, did it have to be in the ordinance.  
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229 Speaker from the audience said it was not fair to charge everyone who lived in the R3 section for a  
230 fourth pickup, because they might not need the service. Mayor Samples said it was never his under-  
231 standing that everyone in the R3 district would be charged for an additional pickup, if they did not use it.  
232 Mr. Pellegrino said that was one of the administrator's possible recommendations in the presentation.  
233 Mayor Samples asked if according to the ordinance that 500 customers would be charge whether the used  
234 the fourth pick up or not. Mr. Adair said that was true; it was one of the options. Mayor Samples said  
235 that would not be going anywhere.  
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237 Mr. Pellegrino agreed and said Ms. Mabry brought up a good point. If this plan fails, the town has  
238 the same option used last summer. Provide a fourth pick up, and the town should fund the cost. Mr.  
239 Adair was able to implement that plan very quickly last year once it was approved. Liability for the town  
240 is about \$18,000.  
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242 Mr. Stevens concurred with Mr. Pellegrino. The town has people out there producing income.  
243 The beach area produces the most income of any place in town. For the sake of clarity and in the spirit of  
244 transparency, he wanted to hear from the rental companies and people that live in the R3 area that were  
245 in the audience.  
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247 Mayor Samples asked if other members wished to hear from the public before the discussion  
248 continued. Several members responded yes. Mayor Samples asked those who spoke to first define the  
249 problem and then to offer solutions. Town Council met several times last year [to address overflow  
250 problems in R3.]  
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252 Mr. Childs reiterated that the point of his proposal was that the trash was being collected too early  
253 on Saturday. If collection began at nine o'clock, it would allow more time for the trash to be placed  
254 curbside. He did not intend to change the whole town. Mayor Samples thought Mr. Childs's proposal  
255 made more sense for the entire town. Having said that, the public was invited to speak.  
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257 Mr. Harry Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard. As being the person who screams the loudest  
258 about the overflow garbage cans, and I've been screaming about 'em for four years, we have to have a  
259 consensus here. This is the problem, I think we all can agree, is Saturday. It is the problem where people  
260 are checking out and checking in. That's the largest amount of garbage. Now having said that though, in  
261 our ordinance, the sanitation foreman is the one who can get more carts placed there. I don't believe, I'm  
262 not sure though, but I don't believe anyone in public works works on Saturday. Bingo! (*Speaker's*  
263 *emphasis.*) I just, I just figured it out. The sanitation supervisor's not working on Saturday, so how would  
264 he know that there's a garbage can overflowing?  
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266 Mayor Samples asked if Mr. Kohlmann minded if he stopped him. Mr. Kohlmann said sure, go  
267 ahead. Mayor Samples looked at Mr. Adair and said let's have a dialog here.  
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269 Mr. Adair said the sanitation foreman's schedule was to come in on Sundays with the crew doing  
270 the rollout. If the rollout is switched to Saturday, then he will work on Saturday with his crew.  
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272 Mr. Kohlmann: Then I don't understand what's going on, because I went through all the monthly  
273 public works reports. April till May 20<sup>th</sup>, zero overflow carts were delivered. May 21<sup>st</sup> till June 17<sup>th</sup>, zero  
274 overflow carts were delivered. June 18<sup>th</sup> to July 22<sup>nd</sup>, ten overflow carts were delivered. Fifty-three total.  
275 Now, I don't know where the 53 came from. Could it be, now, I know what happened this season. They  
276 had all of the overflow carts out at the houses for the summer. For the winter, they took all those carts  
277 and they put them away. Now, do we start from scratch, you know...  
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279 Mayor Samples said staff uses history as a starting place for this year.  
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281 Mr. Kohlmann: I hope so, because I don't want to go back to like the guy had four carts; now he  
282 has two carts and now we have an overflow problem again. But, then on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup>, three

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283 carts are put out. But, I've documented it to the administrator in pictures in a four-block area 20-some  
284 odd carts overflowing. I don't get it then. If the guy is working, why are there overflowing carts? This is  
285 the problem. I don't think I have ever had an overflow cart. I have a rental house. Why do I have to pay  
286 extra when somebody's not doing their job? Can you understand me? I mean really, I don't think we  
287 should...the person who has 14 bedrooms and has two carts and he's overflowing every week, and I  
288 thought the guy wasn't working. But, he's working and he's not doing what he's supposed to do. Why  
289 should I get punished? And also with the new thing, you're gonna start at the beginning of the season. If  
290 it doesn't, you're talking about there's a main season, nine weeks, well, start at the beginning of the season  
291 and see how that works. Because, I'll tell you what. You know, I'm crazy. I went and followed the garbage  
292 truck. Now, I agree ...

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294 Mayor Samples said he did those things. Mr. Kohlmann was okay.

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296 Mr. Kohlmann: ...but, I'm just saying. I get up early in the morning, I went through the yard and  
297 I followed 'em. I understand it's slow; it's not as high capacity. There's not a lot of things here. It never  
298 took him more; one truck, three hours to do the whole route. Okay. Now, you got that. Say, you double  
299 capacity. It's gonna take twice as much. You've got two trucks, and if that's not enough, I still believe, I  
300 went by the yard, I believe we still have that rear loader. So if this is what we really need to do, let's do it.  
301 Alright? You put two other guys on and you don't pay 'em overtime. You switch their days off to Saturday  
302 [sic] and they come in on Saturday. I mean this is what we have to do. We gotta be proactive. You have  
303 to do the job. I honestly think you can solve this by being, you know, the guy has to charge the people who  
304 are overflowing the cans. That was the problem. Now the better day is Saturday, yes. But, you can leave  
305 it on Sunday, if it weren't overflowing. You know what I mean? I don't understand why; you don't even  
306 understand it Mr. Mayor that the whole zone is going to get charged.

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308 Mayor Samples said now I get it.

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310 Mr. Kohlmann: Say 450 people don't overflow their cans, and you're gonna get charged even  
311 though you don't overflow it. That's insanity, and I know it's only \$18 a month, but I tell you what, if any  
312 of you want to pay the \$18 for me, I will submit my bill to you, and you'll say to me 'I don't use it.' That's  
313 our point. Thank you.

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315 Ms. Mabry wanted to make one point and said I do appreciate Mr. Kohlmann. He has really  
316 looked into it and I know I pick at him, but I do appreciate it and he already knows that. The problem is  
317 we wait till there's a problem. We wait till there's an overflow one week for one house that may have had a  
318 small family that weekend coming in. Then the next week they have 12 come in and, of course, we all know  
319 that one trash can's enough [sic.] Then the next week they have a small family come in and now they've  
320 got, now they're paying \$79 a month. And this is what bothers me, I'd rather see everybody pay \$18,  
321 because they live in one district than to charge somebody \$79 for a cart that might have overflowed one  
322 time. Now, that's the only two choices, it seems like we have. And, it seems like everybody's saying they'd  
323 rather add that additional cart. Well, if you're gonna do that do you want to go ahead and do that if it's  
324 four or five bedrooms or more? Or, do you just want to wait until there's a time that it's overflowing, and  
325 they may never, ever have it again, but they've got that cart all summer. So, either way, it's gonna cost  
326 that district some money. That's just the way it is. So you're either gonna charge them the \$79 or you're  
327 gonna charge them the \$18. But, she said, Mr. Kohlmann has a point. He didn't have an overflow. He  
328 doesn't want to pay the \$18, so then we're gonna be charging the people \$79. So I don't want everybody to  
329 think that because somebody didn't pay the \$18, they weren't gonna get charged. That's not fair. We need  
330 to be fully transparent that those extra carts do cost. I know it's the cost of doing business on that, in that  
331 area. But don't think that it's free, just because you don't use it. It doesn't mean that 400 other people  
332 might not be. Let's say 55 last year. They're gonna go back out there. Let's say we put another 60 out  
333 there. You can't do it for free, so it's going to be \$79 or it's gonna be \$18. If you want it to be \$79, that's  
334 fine with me. It's what everybody wants, but please don't think this is just gonna be a freebie across the  
335 board that these extra cans don't cost money when the do. Ms. Mabry said I want to be really out there  
336 and be in the open about this.

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338 Mr. Pellegrino said we have a responsibility is to manage our resources the best we can. That is  
339 one of the reasons I really think Saturday, Monday, Thursday are necessary, because you are absolutely

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340 right. The trash cans are going to fill up on Sunday. If we don't do a Monday pickup to empty them, then  
341 there will be a bunch of people with an extra can after two reviews paying \$76 a month, which isn't fair.  
342 But, if we pick up on Saturday and then pick up again on Monday, I honestly think it would prevent that  
343 overflowing problem. That's why the Monday pickup is critical. I know it changes R1 and a bunch of  
344 other stuff, but that's something for the weekly pickup it will be a hassle for one week. But, then it's every  
345 week just like it is now.

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347 Mr. Gene Maruca, Old Colony Realty: Can I ask Mr. Adair some questions? Everyone okay with  
348 that? What specifically were your reservations to Mr. Childs's proposal trying that for a season, because  
349 we're only talking nine, twelve weeks, right?  
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351 Mr. Adair said the proposal as I understand it is to do Saturday and leave the other days by itself.  
352 I don't think is feasible, because we've already established that about 40-percent of the trash for the week  
353 is picked up on the Saturday-Sunday combination. About 40-percent on the Wednesday, and about 20-  
354 percent on the Friday. If you're gonna pick it up Saturday instead of Sunday, you're adding an extra day  
355 to that Wednesday buildup. So you're gonna have a lot of overflow leading up to the Wednesday buildup.  
356 That will become the heaviest day of the week at that point. If you're gonna do Saturday as your day,  
357 that's great, but I don't think you can leave Wednesday and Friday the way they are then. I don't think it's  
358 feasible. I think you'll just move the overflow problem to Tuesday instead of Saturday.  
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360 Mr. Maruca: Okay, that makes sense. Now, if you did do it Monday would that quell your  
361 reservations about having an overflow for the Wednesday pick up? Mr. Adair said yes. Mr. Maruca:  
362 Okay. That's it. Thank you guys.  
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364 Mr. Travis Worthy, Surfside Realty Company: I think our concern is that we don't want our  
365 owners to be charged more money. Our guests are sort of kind of [sic] paying enough as is. A lot of the  
366 folks that come down to stay with us, they spend all year [sic] to save to come here. So I think what we  
367 should do is go back and let's re-evaluate from a rental standpoint. If a property sleeps 18 people, they're  
368 gonna have a trash issue. We know that. But, we do know that that trash issue is only gonna last for  
369 about 13, 12 to 13 weeks. So let's find a way where we can within that summertime plan; you've gotta have  
370 a Saturday trash pickup. You've gotta have a Monday trash pickup. You've gotta have a Thursday trash  
371 pickup. It just makes sense, and at the end of the day it's all about these properties where there's 18  
372 people in the house. They're gonna have trash. Then [Ms. Mabry] hit it right on the head. Then the  
373 cleaner's gotta go clean out the trash cans, clean the refrigerators, put trash in the trash cans. The issue  
374 with the guest is they don't even realize there's a trash issue until they see the overflow. Then it gets to be  
375 nasty to them. So if we could just figure out, and my man [Mr. Kohlmann] said let's be proactive, let's  
376 start; I start anything that we want to be successful in our company for summer, we've already started the  
377 process. Because that's the only way I can gage it, because in the middle of summer it's gonna be hard for  
378 us to just flip the script and do something else. Not only that it affects everybody; all the residents when  
379 you change it. So now, recycle now goes, could very well not be on Thursday anymore, and it's been on  
380 Thursday forever. I just think that we should wrap our hands around this thing and say listen, it's  
381 summertime. People are coming down here. We know they're coming. Okay, real estate companies,  
382 which houses do you think are gonna have the overflow? Then we can say to them, okay, I need to go to  
383 those property owners and say, listen, you're gonna have overflow and there could possibly be a charge.  
384 Then we can start; I just think that maybe we should talk about this a little bit more. I just think we  
385 should talk about it a little bit more [sic], because we're at a great place. I think everybody has great ideas  
386 up here. I think [Mr. Adair] has the expertise. I think we should just talk about this a little bit more. I do  
387 think that [Mr. Stevens] can go and talk to Solid Waste, and they may move back the time for us. This is  
388 Surfside; we can make that happen. I believe. We've got great people that support us in every way. We  
389 can go to Solid Waste and say listen, Surfside needs you to stay open for a couple of more hours. And  
390 that's all (\*\*\*) I think that, we should just see how much power we have, Mayor. Thank you.  
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392 Ms. Mabry asked Mr. Worthy what he would consider the cutoff for maybe two or three cans. Do  
393 you think a four bedroom house or a house that sleeps "x" number of people? Do you have in your mind a  
394 number that you would think would be two trash cans or three trash cans or one trash can? Maybe a three  
395 bedroom would only need one trash can. They're not going to have 12 or 13 people in that house.  
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397 Mr. Worthy said for us three bedrooms tend to be more condos; for us it's four bedrooms up. So,  
398 a house that has five up, they all need three cans out there. Let's just be honest. Put three cans out there  
399 and because we don't know if there's going to be two people in that party of if it's gonna be full capacity.  
400 It's a gamble.

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402 Ms. Mary Maruca, Old Colony Realty said I have five bedroom houses on my whole street that I  
403 live on. I have maybe seen an overflow on our street a couple of times. It's not always the five bedrooms;  
404 it's not always the three bedrooms. (\*\*) It's like [Mr. Worthy] is saying, you know what, on Saturdays the  
405 place is a trash heap starting at nine o'clock. Get the trash out of there on Saturdays. I'm sorry if we have  
406 to change; heaven forbid that I'm gonna have to start rolling out my cart myself on a different day. But  
407 you know what, I can handle it. If I can get up on a Saturday and at noontime not see the overflow waiting  
408 for Sunday; those things are out there. They roll them out themselves. They sit there (\*\*), and then the  
409 new people are coming in and we're letting them see us. Look how much trash we have up and down the  
410 boulevard.

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412 Mr. Worthy said that was how they see us.

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414 Ms. Maruca said let's get rid of that trash on Saturday and then if we have another issue at some  
415 point, then we have another issue. Do the second carts. If my house is overflowing, give me another cart.  
416 I need one. If it's not overflowing, you know, I think that they've done a pretty good job. I've called for  
417 some places to have extra pickups, in defense of [Mr. Adair,] and whoever the supervisor is. They usually  
418 put the extra carts out there and sometimes we have to call to get 'em out there. But we need that  
419 Saturday pickup. We've said that for years now. We need to get it out of there on Saturday; not have it  
420 overnight on Sunday.

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422 Mr. Worthy said there is so much going on on Saturdays with people leaving; checking in. It's so  
423 much going on. I think nine is honestly a bad time to be picking trash up. It's just so, it's, it's; I don't  
424 know if we need to start earlier. I don't know. Thanks.

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426 Mr. Childs said the whole problem as he understood it was that trucks got there too early. The  
427 point is to get the trucks there later. If the truck comes at seven-thirty or eight o'clock, and the people  
428 don't get up and check till, you know, they move the trash out at say eight-thirty, quarter-to-nine, the  
429 truck's already been by. The point is to get the truck there later. Try the extra can. This is the simplest  
430 way to do it. If that doesn't work, then we can rearrange all the days. But, I don't think it's necessary.

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432 Mr. Worth said the only way that would work is if the trash was in the cans on Friday. They are  
433 ready to leave at ten o'clock. So, then after that it's the cleaner that creates the next round of trash. So,  
434 it's kind of like if we wait till; (\*\*). We need to talk about this more.

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436 Ms. Mabry said she had a brilliant idea. Mayor Samples said good, because I don't have a brilliant  
437 idea. *(Laughter.)* Ms. Mabry said clearly it seems to me that Mr. Adair and the people that have rental  
438 companies obviously know much more than we do, and that's a good thing. That is a good thing [sic.]  
439 Why don't we set up a, if they're willing, why don't they get together and bring recommendations? I mean  
440 they've already said we need Saturday, and I agree with that 100-percent. So that's already established.  
441 But it seems to me now it's about the overflow and about the time and about other incidents that would  
442 happen on there. I am no expert. But, I have enough sense to listen to the experts and somebody that  
443 does this all the time, and that would be our director and the people that actually have houses that they  
444 have to deal with. They see it every day. I don't see it. I don't go down there every Saturday. I don't go  
445 down there every Sunday, and anybody that knows me knows you don't see me down there much in the  
446 summertime. Ms. Mabry said I would like to see people that really do this for a living get behind it and  
447 kind of bring those recommendations to [Mr. Adair] and to us. That's the best way to do it. For us to sit  
448 up here and make decisions is, when we're not experts, is hard. I do think the Saturday is a must. I don't  
449 think there's any problem with that at all. I think it has been needed. But, what about the rest of the  
450 time? What about the overflow? The carts are the things that seem to be in my mind the most. Who  
451 needs them and who doesn't?

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453 Mr. Adair said I think a large part of the problem over the last couple of years has been waiting for  
454 that second instance of overflow to give a second cart. You don't always have it at the same place. You  
455 might have one address have an overflow now, and it might not have another one for a month and a half.  
456 Then they'll have another one. Meanwhile, the following pickup his neighbor two doors down has an  
457 overflow. So, it's moving around while people are reporting the addresses and if it has a second one, we  
458 give them the extra cart. That's the way we've been doing it. But, I think by doing it that way, the visual  
459 impact is much worse than it needs to be. I think part of this solution has to be at least historically finding  
460 out who had the extra carts consistently over the last couple of summers and giving them what they need  
461 right up front rather than waiting for two overflows, because that's gonna take a lot of this off the table. I  
462 believe like the gentleman said from Surfside Realty, people with the larger homes have to have the extra  
463 carts. I went to a house last summer and they were picked up on Wednesday, I believe, for the rollout,  
464 and then I went by Thursday morning and the things were overflowing. I walked up to the driveway and  
465 they were standing in the driveway, and I said did you not get picked up yesterday? They said yeah, we  
466 just didn't have it out. We didn't have it out of the house into the cans, so it was rolled out, but there  
467 wasn't much in it. Then they had a huge bar-b-que that night and in that one day, they filled up that cart.  
468 There is no way to predict that, which is why one of the options was to have the fourth pick up across the  
469 board. If that's not favorable to the council, you don't have to do that. But, this is the reason that you  
470 cannot predict where the overflow is gonna be. Sometimes you can, sometimes you can't. (\*\*)  
471 Sometimes the second instance doesn't happen for a month and a half.

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473 Mayor Samples asked Town Council if there was consensus to have a Saturday pickup. **Town**  
474 **Council CONCURRED.**

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476 Mayor Samples asked if council understood the implications for a Saturday pickup; no Sunday  
477 pickup. Mr. Adair said the pickup would have to be early so the trucks could get to the dump before 2:30  
478 p.m. Mr. Childs said that would defeat the whole purpose. Mr. Adair said garbage cannot sit on the truck  
479 for two nights. That would be irresponsible in his opinion. The other two days would probably have to be  
480 changed as Mr. Pellegrino said, Monday and Thursday, and then changing the recycling day town-wide  
481 from Thursday to Friday, and the north side pickup would have to be changed from Monday to  
482 Wednesday. This was his view of what had to be changed to effect a Saturday rollout, all of which was  
483 doable.

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485 Mr. Childs asked if it was possible to avoid getting into something too deep to have [Mr. Adair]  
486 and the realtors to meet about this to propose a solution to council. I'd go away from here thinking my  
487 way is good to start with, but I don't have a majority of council. The early pickup seems to be our problem,  
488 as I see it. I don't know. If you had an hour to get to the dump, I think you can do it. But I would like to  
489 do what Ms. Mabry recommended; let Mr. Adair and the realtors work it out. A couple more days is not  
490 going to make any difference.

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492 Mayor Samples said Mr. Childs was right about a few more days would not make much difference.  
493 That was why council was meeting now.

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495 Mr. Stevens reminded council that much of this was discussed at the November 12 vision workshop.  
496 Two of the topics were to assign sufficient carts to R3 district based on historical usage, and assign sufficient  
497 carts to R3 districts based on house size. Mr. Worthy and other speakers just spoke about house size. Mr.  
498 Stevens said he had run a big bulldozer many, many times. SWA could cover two dump trucks of trash in  
499 less than 15 minutes. I guarantee you that. Anybody that thinks they are using that as an excuse is just not  
500 really so. To think that SWA is balking over two dump trucks of garbage; I don't understand it. Even if they  
501 bumped it up to four o'clock, it would work, wouldn't it?

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503 Mayor Samples asked for consensus of council to authorize Mr. Stevens to deal with the SWA on the  
504 town's behalf. **Council CONCURRED.** Mr. Stevens said he would do whatever he could. Mayor Samples  
505 said if SWA would increase its hours of Saturday operation, it would help the town. There was no question  
506 that the time constraint was an impediment to the Town of Surfside Beach for getting trash picked up and  
507 delivered, and dumped.

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509 Mr. Pellegrino commented I think we've done more than beat this into the ground. This thing is  
510 about a hundred feet deep into the ground now. We've been talking about this for a long time. Mayor  
511 Samples said years. Mr. Pellegrino said I'm fine with having a committee come up with another  
512 recommendation. But, we've already listened to the public comments. All the information is on the table. I  
513 think we need to give some direction to the administrator and the director on where to go with this. If we  
514 make a change, there honestly no risk. The only liability would be \$18,000 to the town, because if we get in  
515 a hole and the plan doesn't work, we can add that extra pickup and pay for it like we did last year. Any time  
516 you make a change, a bunch of people aren't going to like it. It has a 50:50 chance of working. Do your due  
517 diligence and maybe it has an 80-percent chance of working. We need to give some direction, because we  
518 keep putting it off and having workshops.  
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520 Mayor Samples agreed with Mr. Pellegrino and asked if there was consensus to adopt Mr.  
521 Pellegrino's recommendation to have R3 and C3 district trash pickup on Saturday, Monday and Thursday,  
522 which will affect the R1 north end and town wide recycling collection. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore  
523 Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Johnson, Mabry, and Stevens concurred. Councilmember Childs was  
524 against, because he thought Mr. Stevens should be given the opportunity to approach SWA. Mr. Pellegrino  
525 said if Mr. Stevens was able to convince SWA to stay open later that would only help the town's situation,  
526 because the pickup could be done later in the morning. That should not change direction to staff.  
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528 Mayor Samples asked if this was an unqualified consensus to change the pickup dates before further  
529 information was heard. Mr. Childs and Mr. Johnson said no. Mr. Childs would rather wait to determine  
530 whether Mr. Stevens can accomplish extended hours at SWA, which would narrow everything down. That  
531 would not change anything except the Saturday pickup. Ms. Mabry through changing to Saturday would  
532 cause changes throughout town. Mr. Adair said they could not go from Saturday until Wednesday without a  
533 pickup. Mayor Samples said that was his understanding, also. They couldn't wait until Tuesday or  
534 Wednesday. Ms. Herrmann asked for confirmation that there was concurrence to Saturday, Monday,  
535 Thursday pickup. Ms. Mabry said no, it was still being debated.  
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537 Mr. Stevens said anytime you want something done you have to negotiate and talk to people.  
538 Regardless of what happens with me, this situation is still going face us when summer comes around. That's  
539 the reality. I will do everything in my power to try to convince everybody that I know to change the hours.  
540 But, we still have the problem that is going to face us anyway. So, we have to go ahead and do something  
541 now about the trash. I'll try my best, but let's work from both sides and do what we need to do to get this  
542 problem solved. That's the way to get things done. You try every avenue of success and work with folks to  
543 solve the problems.  
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545 Mayor Samples said that was why he asked for concurrence on Saturday, Monday, Thursday trash  
546 pickup schedule. Mr. Stevens said he supports that. We need to do something. It's time to quit kicking the  
547 can, so to speak, down the road. Let's get it done. Solve the problem. If you put all the people this affects  
548 the whole place would be filled up.  
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550 Mayor Samples said one item that had not been explored was a transfer station. The town owns  
551 nine or ten acres on Scipio Lane. What is involved in establishing a transfer station? Historically when  
552 there were storms, the town dumped debris there. Ms. Fellner asked that question in the past and was told  
553 that there is a huge amount of things that have to be done to create a transfer station. Staff can look in that  
554 question again and let council know exactly what is required.  
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556 Ms. Mabry said she knew that the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)  
557 heavily regulates transfer stations. It is not just going out there and throwing out a container and throwing  
558 trash in it. It's not gonna be that situation. It has to be a certain type of container. How do we get that to  
559 the dump, because they are going to go in that instead of our trucks? I think it's a great idea. We certainly  
560 do need it in the summer time. I don't know that we need it in the winter time. Ms. Mabry said however, it  
561 is not gonna be free. It's gonna cost a lot of money. It's not a cheap situation, and we are talking eight  
562 weeks. It's gonna cost more to have a transfer station than it's gonna cost to have it on the weekends. So, I  
563 want to make sure that everybody knows it's gonna be more than \$20,000 coming in to set that up.  
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565 Mr. Adair said there is also a public notice involved. The community would have a say whether that  
566 could be placed there.  
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568 Mayor Samples said that was probably why it should be considered now, because right now there is  
569 a rather small community around it. But, I guarantee you in 20 years it will be different.  
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571 Mayor Samples asked if it was the desire of council to collect additional information before  
572 changing the in-town pick up. Childs, and Stevens in favor. Ms. Mabry was undecided. She wanted to hear  
573 more from the realtors. Mayor Samples said that would be pursued.  
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575 Mayor Samples asked if there was a consensus for Mr. Adair and Ms. Fellner to meet with the  
576 realtors. Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Johnson, Childs, Mabry and Stevens were in favor. Mayor  
577 Pro Tempore Pellegrino was against, saying there was plenty information already. **Council**  
578 **CONCURRED.**  
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580 Mayor Samples asked again whether council wanted to change the pickup schedule in the R3  
581 district to Saturday, Monday, and Thursday. It was clear if the town did not get the hours extended and did  
582 not get a transfer station, there would be an overflow problem unless the current schedule was changed.  
583 Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Adair whether Monday or Tuesday would be the best pickup day after Saturday. Mr.  
584 Adair said based on percentages, he did not believe it would make much difference. There is always a third  
585 day necessary. Trash collected on Friday is a very small percentage of the total picked up. Mr. Johnson said  
586 he supported Monday. Mayor Samples said there was **CONSENSUS** to go to Saturday, Monday, and  
587 Thursday.  
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589 Mayor Samples asked when recycling would be done, and who would have to be notified. Mr. Adair  
590 said recycling would be done on Friday, instead of Thursday. Public notices would have to be issued, a  
591 website flyer, newsletter article, and placing stickers on every can in town. The current Monday pickup  
592 from 3<sup>rd</sup> South to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North would change to Wednesday.  
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594 Mayor Samples asked if Town Council was on board with recycling town-wide moving to Friday,  
595 and the north end regular trash pickup moving to Wednesday. **There were no objections.** Mr. Adair  
596 recommended changing the Monday pickup and the recycling pick up immediate. Mayor Samples said  
597 there are many nonresident second homeowners that need proper notice. Mayor Samples said council was  
598 way "down in the weeds."  
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600 Mr. Childs asked if another workshop as Ms. Mabry suggested would be held before the changes  
601 were made. Mayor Samples asked if councilmembers wanted to have another workshop. Mr. Childs said he  
602 wanted to have [Mr. Adair] and the realtors meet before things are changed. It's early in the season. A few  
603 more days or a week would not make any difference. Mr. Adair did not think there would be consensus  
604 amongst realtors. It has already been said at the podium that the later you pick it up is a problem for some  
605 people, because people are checking in and out and throwing garbage curbside. Providing second carts at a  
606 \$76 charge from day one will be a problem for some people. Not everybody is a big company. I don't think  
607 you're gonna have consensus even if you bring four or five different realty groups to the table. They may  
608 agree on the days, but as far as implementing anything else, probably not.  
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610 Ms. Mabry recommended taking another workshop off the table. It is late in the season. Notices  
611 have to be sent. Mr. Childs agreed since Ms. Mabry withdrew the suggestion.  
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613 Mayor Samples asked when Mr. Adair expected to physically implement the changes. Mr. Adair  
614 wanted to implement the residential trash and recycling days as soon as possible. Hopefully, by April 1. The  
615 standard rollout in the R3 which is currently Wednesday during the offseason will also change. The three  
616 rollout days will begin after the first [Saturday] in May. Mayor Samples asked councilmembers if they the  
617 ordinance presented for second reading at the next regular meeting. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.**  
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619 Mr. Adair asked if the reference to a fourth pickup should be omitted. If the language is not  
620 included, the customers could not be charged. Mr. Samples asked Mr. Adair if he anticipated the need for a  
621 fourth pickup with all the other steps being taken. Mr. Adair believed if the three pickup days were changed

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622 and sufficient carts were distributed at the beginning of the season, instead of waiting for two incidents of  
623 overflow, 90-percent of the overflow would be eliminated. He did not believe you could ever get rid of 100-  
624 percent of the overflow, because it was unpredictable.

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626 Mr. Johnson asked if Mr. Stevens could have a response from SWA by the next meeting. Mr.  
627 Stevens said he needed a little bit of time. Mayor Samples did not believe that would affect the ordinance.  
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629 Mr. Pellegrino did not think that charges for the fourth pickup should be included in the ordinance.  
630 If it comes to a fourth pickup, the town should pay the cost. Mr. Stevens agreed. Mr. Childs agreed. Mayor  
631 Samples said that the fourth pickup language should be removed from the ordinance.  
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633 Mayor Samples said we, the town, need to communicate this information to the residents and the  
634 businesses. But, most importantly, to the residents, because this is going to change established habits. He  
635 jokingly said when candidates were out campaigning, they should let people know the pickup days were  
636 changed. *(Laughter.)*  
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638 Mr. Johnson said it was changed once before and it eventually worked itself out.  
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640 Mr. Kohlmann asked if the Saturday pickup would be year round so garbage would not be sitting  
641 there after people check in and out. Mayor Samples understood, and asked Mr. Adair to make the  
642 ordinance as clear as possible. Mr. Adair said the regular pick up in the R3 district in the off season is  
643 currently on Wednesday. The off season day could be any of the rollout days, if Saturday is the best day,  
644 then it could be done on Saturday. He would juggle staffs' schedules to arrange that.  
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646 Mayor Samples asked if this plan could be executed by current staffing levels. Mr. Adair believed he  
647 could.  
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649 **ADJOURNMENT.**  
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651 Ms. Mabry moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Mr. Pellegrino seconded. All voted in  
652 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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654 Prepared and submitted by,  
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657 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

658 Approved: March 22, 2016  
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661 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor  
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664 David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore  
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