



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2018 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Childs called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Dietrich, Johnson, Ott, Scoles, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Pieper; Town Clerk Herrmann; Finance Director King; Fire Chief Otte; Planning, Building & Zoning Director Morris; Police Chief Hofmann; Public Works Director Adair, and Events Supervisor Ellis.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. A. Invocation: Reverend Jeff Wood, Oasis of Hope Church, gave the invocation. **B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

3. PUBLIC HEARING. Ordinance #18-0875 Future Land Use Provision to add C4 Entertainment District. Mayor Childs opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. There were no public comments. Mayor Childs closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. MINUTES APPROVAL. Regular Meeting August 28, 2018. (Note: September 11, 2018 meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence.) Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the August 28, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Ott second. Mr. Johnson noted for the record that he was absent at the August 28th meeting. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Agenda Items Only. There were no public comments.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee (KSBB), Chairman Mull. Ms. Mull presented the committee's recommendation, a copy of which is on file and will be discussed during business. Committee members Ashley Hine, Meg Perrino, and Jeff Hine offered information regarding the impact of the event on families, as a potential revenue source, and how the event could affect town economics.

B. Department Reports.

i. Events. Supervisor Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

ii. Finance. Director King presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

iii. Fire. Chief Otte presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

iv. Planning, Building & Zoning. Director Morris presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Ms. Morris asked Town Council for concurrence to issue temporary certificates of occupancy for homes that were completed, except for recording an as-built survey. The Horry County Courthouse was flooded as a result of Hurricane Florence. She explained that the temporary certificate of occupancy will require filing the as-built survey within thirty (30) days. **Council CONCURRED.** Ms. Morris reported that there are currently just over 200 undeveloped residential lots left in town. Many of those lots are large enough to split into two or three lots. The Pickled Cucumber reconstruction permit is approaching its one year expiration; the building official contacted the contractor.

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55 **v. Police.** Chief Hofmann presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.
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57 **vi. Public Works.** Director Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is attached
58 hereto. A request was made for a drainage ditch preventative maintenance schedule. Mayor Childs and
59 Mr. Ott believed Mr. Adair should include a second front end loader in the budget to ensure the town has
60 proper equipment to clean the swashes during storm event.
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62 **C. Administrator's Report.** Administrator Pieper said many individuals were involved preparing
63 for and carrying out the emergency operation plan with the arrival of Hurricane Florence and continue to
64 spend hours doing post hurricane work. He and councilmembers expressed appreciation to both staff and
65 volunteers.
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67 **7. BUSINESS.**

68 **A. Ordinances:**

69 **i. Second Reading Ordinance #18-0877 MASC Setoff Debt Collection, Administrator**
70 **Pieper.** Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #18-0877 as presented. Mr. Johnson
71 second. Mr. Pieper presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in
72 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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75 **ii. First Reading Ordinance #18-0874 Establish Entertainment District, Director**
76 **Morris.** Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0874 as presented. Mr. Ott second.
77 Ms. Morris presented the decision paper, a copy of which are on file. Council was given the draft body of
78 the ordinance being discussed by the planning commission. The commission has a public hearing
79 scheduled on October 2nd. The question was asked whether first reading by title only was legal. Town
80 Attorney Crosby assured councilmembers it was a "perfectly legal" action; however, the final could not be
81 adopted until council received the planning commission's recommendation. All voted in favor. **MOTION**
82 **CARRIED.**
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84 **iii. First Reading Ordinance #18-0875 Amend Future Land Use in the Comprehensive**
85 **Plan, Director Morris.** Mr. Dietrich moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0875 as presented,
86 and including the property at 113 Seaside Drive as requested by the owner. Mr. Stevens second. Ms.
87 Morris presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. The resolution from the
88 planning commission was executed; it would be emailed to councilmembers, and also included with the
89 second reading documents. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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91 **iv. First Reading Ordinance #18-0876 Rezone C3 to C4, Director Morris.** Mr. Stevens
92 moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0876 as presented, including the addition of 113 Seaside
93 Drive as requested by the owner. Ms. Scoles and Mr. Ott second. Ms. Morris presented the decision paper
94 and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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96 **v. First Reading Ordinance #18-0878 Obstructions Prohibited [In Rights-of-way],**
97 **Administrator Pieper.** Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0878 as presented.
98 Mr. Ott second. Mr. Pieper presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All
99 voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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101 **vi. First Reading Ordinance #18-0880 Amend Single Use Plastic Bags. Administrator**
102 **Pieper.** Mr. Ott moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0880 as presented. Ms. Scoles second.
103 Mr. Pieper presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. Council agreed that
104 second reading should have an exemption for dog waste bags for its consideration. Mr. Pellegrino
105 questioned "biodegradable" saying that some products requires 50 to 100 years to degrade, which in his
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107 opinion was not specific enough in the spirit of the ordinance. Mr. Johnson did not support the original
108 ordinance and unless the state and county adopted similar bans, he would not support it. Mayor Childs,
109 and Councilmembers Dietrich, Ott, Scoles and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino and
110 Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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112 **vii. First Reading Ordinance #18-0881 to Establish Overlay in C4.** Mr. Stevens moved to
113 adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0881 as presented. Mr. Ott second. Ms. Morris presented the
114 decision paper and draft ordinance as presented to the planning commission, copies of which are on file.
115 After discussion regarding lot sizes, on which almost every building could add 1,000 square feet to its size
116 with the proposed setback requirements; existing property setbacks being grandfathered; verbiage to
117 address outdoor music, not conversation; and decibel levels, Mr. Pieper said he would contact other cities
118 about their levels. After further discussion, all voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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120 **B. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Recommendation, Mayor Childs Liaison.** Mr. Stevens
121 moved to adopt the recommendations in the decision paper on "It's a Wonderful Life in Surfside Beach."
122 Mr. Ott and Mr. Johnson second. A brief discussion was held regarding the outdoor movie cost; marketing
123 the event, and garnering town participation since we are so near the Christmas season. Compliments
124 were given to the committee for its efforts to support the town. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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126 **C. Appointments to Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee (2 vacancies), Ms. Kat**
127 **Brown, Mr. Steve Shore.** Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Ms. Brown and Mr. Shore to the Ralph
128 Magliette Senior Citizens Committee. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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130 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION.** Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.
131 There was no other discussion.

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133 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS. General Comments.**

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135 Ms. Pat Winegardner, Cypress Drive, spoke again about the problem with the ditch in front of her
136 house not draining properly. Mayor Childs asked her to meet with Mr. Adair after the meeting.

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138 Ms. Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard, was confused about the public hearing and subsequent
139 first readings of the ordinances. Mayor Childs began to respond; Mr. Johnson called *point of order* stating
140 that unless rules were suspended, a response could not be made. Mayor Childs said point taken, and
141 asked her to meet with the attorney after the meeting. Ms. Kohlmann said it was great that the town was
142 supporting the Salvation Army relief effort, but believed it should also support South Strand Helping Hand
143 that is located in town and asked how they could work together.

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145 Ms. Mary Beth Mabry, 15th Avenue North, said according to someone she spoke with at the
146 Municipal Association, the town could not read an ordinance by title only unless there were three
147 readings.

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149 Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South, commended Ms. Kohlmann for her tireless efforts to help
150 people in need. He said his comments at the last meeting were quoting approved minutes; they were not
151 disparaging.

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153 Mr. Jeff Hine, 13th Avenue North, thanked public works staff for working throughout the
154 hurricane. That showed commitment and dedication. About 75 people volunteered in the last beach
155 sweep and everyone was invited on the 20th of October to clean the beach.

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157 Ms. Ashley Hine, 17th Avenue North, said many of her friends and family members are suffering
158 because of the post hurricane flooding. Ms. Kohlmann has been very helpful. We can do more as a

159 community through South Strand Helping Hand. She thanked council for supporting the KSBB
160 committee's plan.

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162 Mr. Gary White, Lakeside Drive, opposed the prohibition of rebuilding a residential property in the
163 Entertainment District, if it was destroyed.

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165 Ms. Meg Perrino, Cedar Drive North, thanked council for approving the KSBB committee's plan.
166 The KSBB committee is a "marketing machine." "It's a Wonderful Life in Surfside Beach" has been
167 discussed for three years; between now and November 29th, KSBB will make something happen.
168 Compliments to public works crews for keeping the town so clean and beautiful. There is a ditch on Pine
169 Drive that needs some attention. Mr. Adair spoke from the audience (**).

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171 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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173 Mr. Ott thanked South Strand Helping Hand for helping the community. He challenged
174 council to complete the town's stormwater projects; funds have to be found. In his opinion, all the
175 ditches should be piped.

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177 Mr. Dietrich thanked Ms. Brown and Mr. Shore for volunteering to serve on the senior
178 committee. Compliments were given to staff for outstanding jobs during the hurricane, and to KSBB
179 for its work.

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181 Mr. Johnson thanked town employees, who are the most awesome on the Grand Strand
182 and perhaps the state. He was sad to hear Lee Black retired. He was an awesome employee and
183 person. He wished him all the best. His family supports South Strand Helping Hand annually and
184 have done so for at least 15 years; as long as they have been open. He encouraged everyone to
185 support Helping Hand. He challenged councilmembers to get involved with "It's a Wonderful Life in
186 Surfside Beach." The town has a council form of government, which means that all members have
187 equal power. That is what makes us work.

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189 Mr. Pellegrino said it isn't often you see so many examples of a great community all at
190 once. Thank you to staff for its preparation for the storm, and follow up, which continues. The
191 committees are a big part of making the town work. I appreciate that they have energy and
192 passion; offer recommendations and information. We hear comments and consider them when we
193 vote. South Strand Helping Hand is a very positive service for our community. Thank you to Ms.
194 Kohlmann and others who volunteer there. Seeing hundreds of kids at the school bagging sand was
195 amazing.

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197 Ms. Scoles thanked the KSBB saying they do a lot of good work for the town. The
198 Christmas event will be great project. There were lots of compliments by citizens about how public
199 works staff handled the hurricane preparations and cleanup. Mr. Pieper was thanked for his
200 continual communiques during the event. She reminded everyone of the overlay workshop on
201 Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

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203 Mr. Stevens thanked all staff who did the job during the hurricane. Even though we did not
204 have a direct hit, it was a possibility. Former Councilmember Magliette did whatever necessary to
205 ensure South Strand Helping Hand had supplies to help the needy. If each resident made a small
206 donation, Helping Hand would raise a lot of money. Ms. Kohlmann was commended for her work at
207 Helping Hand, which is the Surfside Beach Charity. He thanked Ms. Brown and Mr. Shore for
208 volunteering for the senior committee. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Christmas
209 project, and to donate to Helping Hand.

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211 Mayor Childs said council supports Helping Hand more than is known. He and his wife support
212 Helping Hand at Thanksgiving, and make donations throughout the year. A few years ago, the car show
213 diverted some of its profits to Helping Hand. The north side of town has many stormwater issues,
214 because money ran out. He thanked staff for their efforts during the hurricane. The Sundown Restaurant,
215 Golden Egg Pancake House, Dr. & Mrs. John Rathburn, Chick-Fil-A of Surfside, Dagwood's Deli, Carolina
216 Roadhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Waffle House, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Milz, and Floyd Law Firm were generous
217 providing food for staff and volunteers; thank you letters were sent to each one. Thank you to the
218 citizens who complied with the curfew, and prayers for those affected by the flooding aftermath in
219 neighboring communities.

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221 **11. ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Mr.
222 Johnson second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Prepared and submitted by:

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Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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230 Approved: October 9, 2018

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Surfside Beach Town Council

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VOTE: Yes No

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Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor

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David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council

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Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

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Ron Ott, Town Council

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Debbie Scoles, Town Council

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Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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