



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
September 8, 2009 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem Truett and Councilmembers Blair, Johnson, Martin, Samples and Childs were present. A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Booth; Clerk Pinnell, Police Chief Christenson and Building Director Donevant. Attorney Mr. Smith was also present.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mayor Pro Tem Truett gave the invocation. Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Samples made a motion to adopt the agenda as proposed with the deferral of Item 9a the first reading of the procurement per advice of the town attorney. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. A motion was made by Ms. Blair to approve the rest of the agenda as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded. **All voted in favor of the approval of the agenda as submitted with additions. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2009 meeting as submitted. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 3 minutes per speaker**

***Randle Stevens, 412 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North:*** “What I want to talk about is 9b, resolution skateboard area. I hope that council is going to give us some detailed information on this skateboard area. Where it’s going to be and what the cost is going to be for the taxpayers. I, for one, would like to see something, because I know there’s a lot of young kids right out here that ride skateboards; I got a 21 year old daughter that does and my wife gets mad for her doing that, but, the fact is, I’m all for kids having a place to play. I see them at the tennis courts practicing tennis and playing tennis out there; little kids and big kids and certainly our teenagers and our preteens and some of our smaller kids do need a place but I would like to know more details on that so the entire city is fully informed on that matter and I hope that you all are going to do all that and give us all the details in everything you can cover, all the t’s and i’s, t’s crossed and i’s dotted. Thank you.”

***Ryan Kohlman, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, speaker on behalf of other skateboarders in attendance:*** “I want to thank Mr. Booth for inviting the teens of Surfside to this meeting to ask the town council to consider a skate park. We understand that some residents will be against the park; we only hope that they will keep an open mind and allow us to work together as a community. We would like it to be a safe area and not trouble for our neighbors; we are the future. Thank you.”

***Jean Mann 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South:*** “I’ve lived in Surfside for 4 years. I’m originally from North Carolina, I have 4 children and I guess you can call me the kid house because

52 everybody is at my house. You can come in at any given day and there would be 15 to  
53 20 kids there but where I grew up in North Carolina, I mean, we always had a skating  
54 rink or you know skate park or a little four wheeler park the kids go ride their dirt bikes  
55 or BMX bikes or something and you know there's just nothing here like that for our  
56 children and you know I would really like for us or the residents of Surfside to consider,  
57 you know, have the kids, have something that they can do besides skateboarding all over  
58 the sidewalks and stuff, where they're not allowed or (sic) summer or something like  
59 that. That's all I want to say. Thank you."

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61 **John Baco, 710 Cedar Drive North:** "I'm not involved in the skate park other than they  
62 use my office area for alot of skateboarding; if we had a skate park I'd like to make  
63 some peace as they stay off my lot."

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65 **Beth Kohlman, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South:** "Just wanted to say the kids have done a wonderful  
66 job, I'm so proud of them for sitting through that whole process and they did a  
67 wonderful job, with that I also want to say that if they do not succeed I want to say that  
68 already you've done a great job. They're going to learn the process, the governmental  
69 process through this and if they don't get results which they didn't 21 years ago, there  
70 was a newspaper article about kids in Surfside that tried to do this in 1988, if they don't  
71 then I think that these kids will learn to do something else and I think that they're smart  
72 enough to be able to do that and they also understand alot; alot more than I did when I  
73 was growing up and they did a petition. They had signatures from people in favor of it;  
74 they have a list of people that are not going to be in favor of it and they welcome  
75 everybody in the community, they want to hear, they want to hear the bad, they want to  
76 hear the good because they don't want complaints. They want to just skate and that's the  
77 truth of it and being on the Rec Committee and doing some research on this, there's a lot  
78 of things about it that are negative and I'm going to be the first one to say it and there's a  
79 lot of locations that are going to be really bad for this but just give the kids a chance,  
80 people, talk to them, when you see them skating if you talk to them and give them a little  
81 bit of attention, a little bit of time of day, they're going to learn and that's our job. They  
82 are the future but it's our job as parents, as community members, as councilmembers we  
83 have to shape these kids because some of them aren't getting that and that's why we all  
84 have to stand together and do it and I didn't even make it personal, I did a good job.  
85 Thank you."

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87 **Alex Sing, owner of Eternal Wave Surf Shop:** "As a business owner here locally we  
88 just wanted to say that we are behind anything that we can do for the skateboard project  
89 being a liaison between you guys and the kids. I know there's a lot that's on your guys  
90 plate, I know this is not always first priority but these kids, they are just looking for a  
91 place, I mean, your son, you know he was brought up in an era of skateboards, surfing  
92 and that kind of thing so if there's any opportunity to provide a place for them I think it  
93 would be welcome and I think these kids are willing to take ownership in something and  
94 really get behind it and be able to keep it clean; be able to police it a little bit, you know,  
95 I've been around long enough to know that it's a big undertaking, a big task and  
96 appreciate you guys taking the time to hear them out and hear all the different opinions  
97 on it. Anything we can do as a business in Surfside we'd be more than willing to help.

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99 **Lawrence Belanger, 714 1<sup>st</sup> Ave North:** "As I said here earlier I have 3 minor children  
100 and one of them happens to be here, one of the skateboard young men. I have to

101 disagree with this a little bit here but you always have time to do; we have a Veterans  
102 Park, we gave the church a street to build their church and functions on and stuff which  
103 has worked out for the community but, again, I've been here for 11 years, I was here  
104 when there was a basketball court, now there isn't. You know they say, well, you know,  
105 a lot of the kids from out of town and stuff and so forth, I guarantee you 90 percent of  
106 those people that play tennis every day don't live in Surfside Beach but that's besides the  
107 point. We've taken away the basketball court, we've put fences up where most of the  
108 fishing was done for the kids who come here even though some are on vacation as  
109 renters and you used to see the fathers with the little kids just fishing in the little ponds; I  
110 think we have one open area across from Nelson Hardwick's house the rest of it they put  
111 fences up and there may be insurance liabilities and so forth. We voted, well we didn't,  
112 you folks, or I should say some of you, because we voted the last 3 out last time, voted  
113 down the bike path, ok? Now I agree it didn't have to go all the way around but if you  
114 would have took an alternative like putting a nice sidewalk."

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116 Mayor Deaton instructed Mr. Belanger to stay on the issue.  
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118 **Mr. Belanger:** "The point I'm getting at, they call it the family beach but yet anything to  
119 do with children seems to be disappearing; the basketball courts gone, the fishing's  
120 gone; we have some children's parks here, the one by the water tower on the south end,  
121 well if a child's over 4 there is nothing for a child to do there and you have this big  
122 beautiful piece of land; there's nothing for children from say 8 to 12 or 14 to do in this  
123 city, that I know of, you go to play at the baseball fields, they don't want you disrupting  
124 them because they're manicured for games so I think it's time we take some  
125 consideration of the 8 to 12, 14, 15 year old children and find something for them."  
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## 127 **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

### 128 **a. *Certificate of Recognition: Dixie League All Stars***

129 The Dixie Youth All Stars were greeted with applause from the audience. All of  
130 the players were introduced and presented with a certificate. Clerk Pinnell read  
131 the recognition presented.  
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133 **Mr. Jeremy Junkin, National Director of the South Carolina Dixie Youth**  
134 **Baseball:** Mr. Junkin stated that he has been in Dixie Youth baseball since it  
135 started in 1955 and commented that this is a fine group of young men and not  
136 just because they won the championship which is great but the fact that they won  
137 the sportsmanship award twice; once in South Carolina and again in Laurel  
138 Mississippi. He watched them play and noted something unique about this group  
139 of young men and added that it goes back to the homes that they come from and  
140 added that everyone should be proud of them and commended the parents. Mr.  
141 Junkin stated that in Mississippi he was asked what kind of team he had and he  
142 told them to watch the team as they went on the field. They are unique and  
143 special and this is the second time he has come to see this team honored and he  
144 has never done this in his 58 years of youth baseball and he has done this in 11  
145 states; he has never been to a place where a team has been honored twice until  
146 tonight and he did this because he feels this way about this team and  
147 congratulated the team players and wished them well not just in baseball but  
148 added that he thinks that they have the character to continue in life and achieve  
149 the same success they enjoyed in the field.

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**b. *Building, Planning & Zoning Report***

Mr. Booth reported that there is a lot of information available on the town website. Mr. Booth reported that the town is still on a downside; there are two permits for new homes adding that he hopes to see an upside by next year. The building department is going through ordinances and going to training. Mr. Booth stated that the town is currently looking at code enforcement ordinances such as grass, trees, etc. so that they are in place and the town can move on with a code enforcement official. Mr. Johnson asked if the code enforcement official has been hired yet. Mr. Booth stated that one has not and it will be brought to council when the time comes; the ordinances need to be reviewed and ordinances need to be put in place and changed before an official is hired adding that if a code enforcement official were hired now they would be ineffective. Mr. Booth reported that the town is also looking at animal problems.

**c. *Public Safety Report***

Mr. Booth stated that the Public Safety Department has a large website and they have been working hard to update the public on town information. The end of the season is here and there have been reports on break-ins to cars that are not locked.

Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to give kudos to Director Christenson for the amount of detailed information he provided to council. Mr. Samples asked why the town does not use decoy police cars around town particularly on streets that the public has complained about speed enforcement adding that the town certainly has an adequate number of vehicles. Mr. Booth stated that they will look into this.

**d. *Administrators Report***

**i. *Update on End of summer Celebration***

Mr. Booth reported that the event was rained out.

Mr. Samples asked if Mr. Booth could report back at the next meeting what the negatives are for using decoy cars. Mr. Booth stated he would, adding that he has used them in the past and it is a good idea.

**7. BUSINESS**

**A. *First Reading of Ordinance 09-0678***

This item was removed from the agenda.

**B. *Resolution: Skateboard Area***

Mr. Booth reported that this recommendation comes from the Recreation Committee. Mr. Booth stated that the town has an area; the 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South parking lot, which is underutilized during the season and that off-season it is never used. Mr. Booth stated that the recommendation is to have a pilot project; no money would be put into it. The lot would be blocked off; signs would be installed with rules because without rules the town would have some liability. Skating would be at ones' own risk, safety equipment would need to be used and skating would only be allowed during certain hours so it does not disrupt the public. This will direct the kids that are skating on

197 the streets to this area and the town would see how it works. Clerk Pinnell read the  
198 resolution. The skating area would be set up temporarily from September 15, 2009  
199 to March 15, 2010. Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr.  
200 Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked if the local residents in the area  
201 had been contacted concerning this area. Mr. Booth answered no and that most of  
202 the homes are rental properties and the homes in the area become somewhat vacant  
203 during this season. Mr. Booth stated that the town would be evaluating noise and  
204 this area as a pilot project. Mr. Johnson asked what the town liability is and does  
205 putting up signs excuse the town from any liability. Mr. Booth stated that it reduces  
206 the liability. The liability in skateboard parks across the country has been negligible;  
207 this is not a skateboard park it is an area for skating. The town will not be putting up  
208 obstacles. It would just be asphalt at this time but the town might look at doing  
209 something else. Currently the area set up does not give the town any more liability  
210 than having the kids skateboard on the streets that the town owns.

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212 Mr. Johnson asked how the skateboard area would be monitored. It was determined  
213 that it would be monitored through public safety and town employees. Mr. Booth  
214 stated that the area will be monitored because at some point in time he will need to  
215 report to council on this. Mr. Samples asked if there was any additional liability  
216 insurance required. Mr. Booth confirmed that there is no additional liability cost  
217 involved to this area. Mr. Samples stated that it is very likely that the skateboarders  
218 will bring their own obstacles and added that he would presume that the town would  
219 have some obligation to remove the equipment. Mr. Smith stated that the town  
220 looked into the liability issue and it is no different than the baseball park. If a  
221 permanent facility was made it would need to be fenced because the argument would  
222 need to be made that the town did everything in their power to diffuse it from being  
223 an attractive nuisance; the same as having a swimming pool which would need a  
224 fence around it to deter children from using it after hours. Mr. Smith stated that this  
225 lot is being used on a trial basis and it is no different than the baseball park is  
226 concerning liability.

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228 Mr. Martin stated that he has seen ramps for skateboards set up in driveways of  
229 homes and instead of immediately removing obstacles he would like to see the town  
230 cooperate with parents and kids to make the area more appealing. Mr. Martin stated  
231 that he is in favor of having the parents and kids come up with ideas to make this  
232 area more interesting and added that he understands the liability issue but feels that  
233 this area is really needed. Mayor Deaton stated that this would be good for the  
234 recreation committee to look at further. Mr. Childs stated that the recreation  
235 committee is looking at the skateboard area and the reason the lot on 13<sup>th</sup> South was  
236 chosen is so that the town did not procrastinate any more in accomplishing to fill this  
237 need. Mr. Childs stated that Beth Kohlman and We Sparkes of the Recreation  
238 committee are currently looking into equipment and pricing equipment that can be  
239 used on a permanent basis and added that the entire Recreation committee was in  
240 favor of moving forward on this temporary set up until another permanent location is  
241 chosen. Ms. Blair stated that she is unfamiliar with the skateboard equipment and  
242 how heavy it is but suggested that perhaps the kids could bring equipment with them  
243 and then remove it. Some members of the audience informed council that the  
244 equipment is heavy.

245 Mr. Smith stated that he does not want to mislead council; there is liability but it is a  
246 reasonable liability that is involved. Mr. Truett stated he feels that these young men  
247 will police this area amongst themselves and that they understand this opportunity  
248 and they do not want anything to happen to this opportunity. Mr. Truett stated that  
249 the committee was presented with some plans which were called Team Pain and it  
250 shows very sophisticated park setups adding that the Recreation committee was all in  
251 favor of doing this and “unfortunately it has taken 21 years to do this but we’re  
252 here”. Ms. Blair stated that if this pilot project is passed it is being passed for the  
253 youth of Surfside and this is who council has in mind and who they want to be happy  
254 with this decision. Word gets out and other kids will find their way and sometimes  
255 other kids can cause problems; they could come in and abuse and take advantage of  
256 what the town is trying to do for the Surfside Beach youth and challenged the kids to  
257 own it and take this area as their own; take it and respect; have a good time with  
258 friends but take care of it and watch it as if it were in your own backyard. **All voted**  
259 **in favor of the resolution. MOTION CARRIED.**

260 **C. *Decision Paper: Special Events Budget Increase Request***

261 Mr. Booth stated that this is a request for additional funds for new events being  
262 added. It was confirmed that the total funds being requested was \$35,200. Mr.  
263 Truett made a motion to approve funding. Mr. Childs seconded. It was confirmed  
264 that this is currently unbudgeted with two of the events having already taken place.  
265 Mr. Samples asked if any liability insurance was purchased for any of the events.  
266 Mr. Booth stated that liability insurance was purchased for the Ocean Expo. Mr.  
267 Samples stated that the Recreation committee voted to not fund the liability  
268 insurance on the event. Mayor Deaton stated that he does not believe that the  
269 committee has the authority to do this. Mr. Samples stated that they did vote on this  
270 and the minutes are on the website. Mr. Booth stated that because the town had a  
271 liability to this event it had to pay \$250 for additional liability insurance. It was  
272 confirmed that the committee was appointed by council. Mr. Samples stated that an  
273 action taken by an appointed committee was ignored. Mayor Deaton stated that this  
274 committee is an advisory committee and the administrator handles the day to day  
275 operations of the town. Mr. Samples asked why did the committee even discuss this  
276 and vote on it if they had no authority and added that he feels it is a poor practice  
277 particularly when it involves taxpayers’ money. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Booth to  
278 explain where these funds come from. Mr. Booth stated that these funds would  
279 come from the hospitality fund. Some of the funds could come out of ATAX but he  
280 would need to request the use of these fund from the ATAX committee and would  
281 prefer, at this time, to use funds from the hospitality funds. Mr. Truett stated that  
282 ATAX has already allocated their funds for the year and that these events would be  
283 funded on a trial basis and the town would see if these events are successful or not  
284 and if they are successful they could be brought to the ATAX committee next year.  
285 There was discussion on the additional events. Mr. Childs stated that the reason the  
286 Recreation committee voted on not providing liability insurance on the Ocean Expo  
287 was that they were told that the town did not have enough control over the event and  
288 that it was not right for the town to insure something it had no control over.

290 It was confirmed that the Art in the Park event would be in April. Mr. Martin stated  
291 that perhaps ATAX could fund this particular event. Mr. Booth stated that this  
292 would need to be taken to the ATAX board and they could deny it. Mr. Martin made

293 a motion to amend the original motion to remove the Art in the Park \$9,000 item and  
294 present it to ATAX. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that the  
295 reason the town looks like it is in good shape in hospitality tax is because meter  
296 money was moved into the hospitality fund and that the meter fund will drop off.  
297 When the budget was adopted, 1.9 million was obligated to the fire station; when the  
298 contract was awarded the contract was for 2.1 million and the town started with  
299 \$200,000 less. Mr. Samples stated that based on the adopted budget the town only  
300 expected to have at the end of the 15 month fiscal year \$400,000 and \$200,000 was  
301 gone immediately upon awarding the contract for the fire station; Yaupon parking lot  
302 was built and that was \$100,000 that was not budgeted and he was told it was paid  
303 for out of hospitality tax. Mr. Samples stated that he would like the administrator to  
304 submit, at a future council meeting, a revised expenditure plan for the hospitality  
305 fund. It was confirmed that if ATAX turns down the funding for the Art in the Park  
306 then it would be brought back to council. **All voted in favor of the Amendment.**  
307 **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Truett made a motion to approve original motion as  
308 amendment. Mr. Childs seconded. **Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Martin, Mr.**  
309 **Truett, Mayor Deaton and Mr. Childs voted for. Mr. Samples voted against.**  
310 **MOTION CARRIED.**

311 **D. *Decision Paper: Adopt Transportation Plan***

312 Mr. Booth explained that this plan is a living document and is currently not set in  
313 stone; it will eventually go to the GSATS and to the Highway Transportation. This  
314 study also gives an idea of when the roads will be paved. The study provides the  
315 amount of money the town will have in the next 5 years and what roads will be  
316 paved; much of the money that comes in to pave the roads comes in from the State.  
317 Mr. Booth stated that in exchange for assistance the town will take over some of the  
318 roads like Ocean Blvd. 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North needs a bridge or box culvert and next  
319 year the town needs approximately \$160,000 from the state to perform this project  
320 and in exchange the town will take over control of the road. Mr. Booth added that  
321 the state does not maintain these roads and they are ready to turn them over to the  
322 towns. Mr. Truett made a motion to adopt the transportation plan. Mr. Martin  
323 seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that he applauds the staff for the work that  
324 was put into this study but would like to amend the approval to put the plan on the  
325 webpage and ask for public input and at some later date he would like to hold a  
326 public hearing to hear public input. **There was consensus to follow this**  
327 **recommendation.**

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329 Mr. Martin thanked Mr. Booth in proceeding along the path to get some of the  
330 turnouts closed down adding that he feels they are very dangerous and if the town  
331 has an opportunity to add more he feels it would be “a wonderful thing”. Mr. Booth  
332 stated that council has been given a study from public safety which shows the  
333 number of accidents. Mr. Truett stated that the report indicates that between January  
334 and August 2009 there have been 238 accidents; most were along 17 with 151 on the  
335 north end and 87 on the south end. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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339 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

340 **Lawrence Belanger, 714 1<sup>st</sup> Ave North:** “I just want to go back to a few comments I  
341 have about the skateboards. When the administration and council were discussing this I  
342 think I heard 4 times out of 3 different people about no money, no expenses; I just find it  
343 that this town spends money in many different ways and very much money and yet  
344 they’re talking no money, no money. If any of you know about skateboarding, you don’t  
345 skateboard on just a flat surface and therefore you can go by my house and see some  
346 props that the kids have built there and I’m sure this goes back to the liability factor. I  
347 don’t know, I mean, I’m no insurance man but I don’t see where there would be any  
348 more of a liability factor than the normal playground. I mean, as, growing up as a kid  
349 I’ve seen kids break arms and legs in normal city playgrounds, so I don’t know if there’s  
350 a different liability factor but, then again, structures, I mean the kids, they make their  
351 little ramps and their little rails and so forth and if you go by my house and you see some  
352 in the driveway, they can’t just pick those up and carry them away at night sometimes,  
353 so that’s I think something to be put into consideration. You can’t do anything without  
354 money, number one and then somehow we have to, I don’t know if you’re forming a  
355 committee or somebody to, there’s going to have to be a lot more to this than just us  
356 talking about it here and there. Is there a light there? I don’t know if it’s a lighted  
357 parking lot where winter’s coming in, you know, if the hours are till 8 o’clock or 9  
358 o’clock at night, well, in a few months it will be dark at 4 or 5. I don’t know if there’s a  
359 light there and that’s an expense. There’s a lot more to be brought into this than let’s let  
360 the kids try it out and see what happens so I don’t know how you’re going to address  
361 this, I’m just curious and I’m sure it may be a week or two down the road before you  
362 make a specific plan on how you’re going to address this. Another thing I’d like to  
363 address is, as I’ve said earlier, as far as I know there isn’t much for children in this city  
364 to do between 8 and 12 or 14 years old so let’s not just finish with the skateboard park,  
365 let’s try to find some other stuff for them too. Thank you.”

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367 **Randle Stevens, 412 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N:** “What I would like to see this council and this whole  
368 town administration is to be more transparent. I don’t see a lot of transparency. There’s  
369 a lot of things being done in this town that citizens don’t even know anything about. We  
370 find out after the fact. We find out money is being spent; there are hardly any bids going  
371 out on jobs. We find out about land swaps; we find out about illegal quit claim deeds. It  
372 almost feels like we got czars like Obama has and basically I want government to be  
373 more responsive to the taxpayer. I don’t see it. I know there’s a couple of you that are  
374 watching out for our money and I applaud you for that. Some of you, I think, are just  
375 going through motions and you’re spending our money and you don’t care what we  
376 know, but let me tell you folks, there’s going to be a rude awakening for a lot of you  
377 because it’s coming. There are concerned citizens and I’m one of them.”

## 378 379 **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

380 **Ms. Blair:** “Thank you all for coming. We’ve had a lot to go over tonight and probably  
381 one of the longest sessions we’ve had in quite awhile but for those of you who stuck  
382 with us and endured it thank you for being here. We heard a lot of issues and there’s a  
383 lot to absorb but I think the highlight to me is that ball team and how proud we all are of  
384 them and I looked at Mr. Johnson and I said ‘I think I’m going to cry’. I’m very proud  
385 of them, I was very proud on Saturday when they all came rolling in and we set up for  
386 their music and we got the song that they played the whole time while they were playing  
387 and played it for them and they were just so pleased when they rolled in and it couldn’t  
388 have been a better time, so, for those of you who missed it, I hate you did because it was



389 a great time on that Saturday, it was hot, but when they came rolling around the corner it  
390 was really exciting, so, when you see them out congratulate them and relish in our  
391 victory.

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393 **Mr. Johnson:** “Thank you for coming, this is your town and your comments are more  
394 than welcome. Thank you, I had requested some comments via e-mail  
395 markjohnson@surfsidebeach.org and thank you Mr. Kohlman for asking a question, you  
396 were the only one and Mr. Truett I just want to make sure that you weren’t insinuating  
397 that the people on the North end couldn’t drive when you announced those accidents.  
398 I’m sure you weren’t. Thank you ladies and gentlemen.”

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400 **Mr. Martin:** “I know we’re all proud of the young men that were on the baseball team.  
401 I want to also say that I’m proud of the young skateboarders that came here tonight.  
402 They were trying to work through the system; they’re doing things the proper way. I’m  
403 proud of you guys. I can’t tell whether there are parents here along with these young  
404 men. If there aren’t and you need a ride home, I’d be happy to give you a ride home so  
405 you don’t have to skateboard down Hollywood Blvd in the dark. I’m serious about the  
406 ride home if you do need a ride home catch me right after the meeting I’ll be happy to  
407 give you a ride home. Thank you.”

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409 **Mr. Truett:** “About our Rec committee, we actually have a sub-committee now that is  
410 looking into the skateboard park and the additions and maybe a permanent spot, so, our  
411 committee is trying very hard to create new ideas and things for the kids and things for  
412 our citizens to enjoy, you know, we had the little band down at the pier during the  
413 summer and I’ll say this again, if you guys got any ideas, you want to see something,  
414 please throw it out, please e-mail it to us. I’ll bring it to our committee and we’ll  
415 certainly discuss it and thank you all for coming.”

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417 **Mr. Samples:** “First I want to note that I will miss next council meeting because I will  
418 be out of town on business. The reason I brought up liability, and frankly, was because I  
419 was setting up the follow-on topic which was why a committee in town voted against  
420 paying for a liability insurance for an entity that we did not control and then it turned out  
421 that we funded it anyway. That disturbs me. It disturbs me because why have votes;  
422 why make appointments and then go around the committee.

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424 I know it was a mistake, but yes, in fact, another procurement was not advertised and  
425 bids came in on, very recently, and I’m tired of it. I’m tired of the mistakes. A couple  
426 council meetings ago we were told how important and how quickly we needed to move  
427 on fire trucks, fire engines, ok? I keep waiting to see them advertised. That was part of  
428 the motion. I haven’t seen them. You check South Carolina Business Opportunities,  
429 any business worth their salt that wants to do business in the State of South Carolina,  
430 they use something called SKBO, South Carolina Business Opportunities. You can go  
431 to the web, you can type SKBO, and you will understand what I am talking about. It is  
432 free to advertise. Go look at it; they put it out twice a week. That’s how much business  
433 there is in South Carolina.

434 Yeah, I think it’s about time we start looking at providing something more for the  
435 teenagers, for the young people in this town. You can’t expect them to go to the beach  
436 every day, come on, and yes it does cost money but thanks for coming out.

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438 **Mr. Childs:** “We are working and it’s going to cost some money for the permanent  
439 structures for the skateboard park. We do have a couple members of that Rec committee  
440 that are looking into it and are going to come before the committee with prices. The  
441 only reason for that, on the south side, like I said before, we just want to get it started  
442 rather than put it off for another month, another year, so we are on the right track and  
443 sometimes you ought to come before that committee because we’re looking for ideas.  
444 We’ve only met a couple times but we have done alot in a couple times, believe me and  
445 we’re just trying to get things implemented as fast as we can for the children, for the  
446 adults and I think if you look back at the different functions that we’ve had in town, over  
447 the last few months, I think we’re really doing good especially since we only met a  
448 couple times, so, come before us and if you’ve got some good ideas, we’d like to hear  
449 them.”

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451 It was stated that the Recreation committee consists of a couple members of council, a  
452 member of the Myrtle Beach Chamber and some residents in town.  
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454 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** FOIA Section 30-4-70(a) (2); Land purchase discussion. Mr.  
455 Martin made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Johnson seconded. **MOTION**  
456 **CARRIED.**

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458 **11. ADJOURNMENT**  
459 Mr. Childs made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **All voted in**  
460 **favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.  
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