



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 23, 2011 ♦ 6:30 P.M.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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7 1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Pro Tempore Childs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.  
8 Mayor Pro Tempore Childs, and Councilmembers Blair, Dodge, Johnson, Samples, and Smith were in  
9 attendance; a quorum was present. Mayor Deaton was absent. Staff present: Administrator Duckett;  
10 Deputy Administrator Fellner; Building Director Donevant; Police Chief Frederick; Public Works Director  
11 Adair; Treasurer Hursey, and Recreation Supervisor Ellis. Others present: Town Attorney Smith; Town  
12 Engineer Wooten, Mr. Jimmy Chao, P.E., and Town Clerk Herrmann.

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14 2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Reverend Kirk Lawton, Ocean Lakes  
15 Campground Ministries, gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tempore Childs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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17 3. **AGENDA APPROVAL.** Mr. Samples moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to  
18 include a general discussion on the pier after Mr. Chao's presentation. Ms. Dodge seconded. **All voted**  
19 **in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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21 4. **MINUTES APPROVAL.** Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held  
22 August 9, 2011 as presented. Ms. Dodge seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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24 5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS.** There were no comments.

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26 6. **COMMUNICATIONS.**

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28 a. Employee Appreciation – Templeton Blain, 10 Years of Service. Mr. Duckett introduced Mr.  
29 Blain and thanked him for his ten years of service to the town and its citizens then presented him with a  
30 service plaque, anniversary pin, and service award check. Mr. Blain thanked the town and said he  
31 appreciated having such a wonderful place to work. He received a standing ovation.

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33 b. Department Reports

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35 i. **Finance.** Mr. Duckett presented the finance report, a copy of which is on file in the clerk's  
36 office, and is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein. Mr. Samples asked when the  
37 audit would be completed. Mr. Duckett said mid-September.

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39 ii. **Recreation.** Mr. Duckett presented the recreation report, a copy of which is on file in the  
40 clerk's office, and is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein. Ms. Blair said the  
41 Skyhoundz Disc Contests is one of the few held in the State and is an awesome competition. She  
42 encouraged every to attend.

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44 iii. **Public Works.** Mr. Duckett presented the public works report, a copy of which is on file in the  
45 clerk's office, and is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein. He noted that 75-percent  
46 of the material collected on the beach is now being recycled. Two bids were submitted for the street  
47 sweeper; staff is familiar with one model, and a demonstration model for the other submission will be  
48 brought in for staff evaluation. Mr. Samples asked where the street sweeper was budgeted. Ms. Hursey  
49 said \$150,000 was budgeted in the stormwater capital projects fund. Mr. Johnson believed street  
50 sweeping is the next step in managing stormwater. Mr. Adair said street sweeping is one of the best  
51 management practices that can be done to improve water quality, because it removes pollutants from the  
52 roads prior to them moving into ditches and lakes. Mr. Johnson brought this up because initially he  
53 opposed purchasing a street sweeper; however, after seeing the presentation at the budget retreat he  
54 supported the purchase. Mr. Samples asked how the additional duty would impact staffing cost and  
55 asked how many man hours would be needed. Mr. Adair said current staff could perform street  
56 sweeping. The plan is to sweep every town street twice monthly, which can be completed in one day.

57 The bid includes a year's worth of machine parts. Mr. Duckett offered to show the street sweeper  
58 presentation to the community, if there is interest.  
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60 c. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events. Mr. Duckett presented his report, which is  
61 on file in the clerk's office and is made a part hereof by reference as if fully set forth herein. Chief  
62 Packard is holding an EOC meeting tomorrow in anticipation of Hurricane Irene. Staff is already  
63 coordinating with area agencies to prepare for the hurricane. Mr. Smith asked if there are any vacant  
64 positions. Mr. Duckett said there is one dispatch position in the police department for which interviews  
65 have been completed, but the position has not been offered. There is also a police officer position for  
66 which the employee is absent due to injury that is filled temporarily; once that is resolved the position will  
67 be filled.  
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69 **7. BUSINESS.**  
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71 a. Second Reading Ordinance #11-0706, Amend Chapter 17, §17-641 and Chart 17-622C. Mr.  
72 Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #11-0706. Ms. Blair seconded. Mr. Duckett said  
73 the ordinance is to allow for wall signs on buildings with multiple units at a larger scale. The Planning  
74 Commission recommended adoption of the proposed amendments in its resolution, and council approved  
75 first reading at its last meeting. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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77 b. Second Reading Ordinance #11-0707, Rezone "Village at Surfside" from PD Planned  
78 Development to C1 Commercial. Mr. Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #11-0707. Mr.  
79 Samples seconded and said this was a rezoning of a planned development, which would have  
80 automatically reverted to commercial under the old ordinance. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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82 c. Surfside Pier Presentation – Jimmy Chao, P.E. Mr. Wooten said when the pier was first  
83 inspected it was determined that the problems were with structural engineering. Chao and Associates  
84 has partnered with his firm for over 20-years, working on six pier projects together. Mr. Chao was the  
85 consultant for the Myrtle Beach Boardwalk. Mr. Wooten said consulting with Mr. Chao and his firm was  
86 done with confidence. The two firms reviewed the pier in 1993 for the Holliday family; Mr. Chao made  
87 some strong recommendations at that time, but shortly thereafter a nor'easter destroyed the pier. Both  
88 DDC and Chao & Associates have history with the pier. He introduced Mr. Chao saying, "[he] is, in my  
89 opinion, the most capable structural engineer in the State." Mr. Chao presented a slide presentation  
90 explaining several points of interests. The land side was never destroyed, and remained intact after the  
91 nor'easter. He understood that council was interested in determining whether the pier would support a  
92 second story; if it should be razed or simply improved. A visual inspection was performed along with pile  
93 coring to determine whether there is rot. The inspection results are set out in the Chao & Associates  
94 written report that is on file in the clerk's office. Mr. Chao said in summary, based on the visual  
95 inspection, the pier appears to be in reasonable condition; there are not many structural issues, mainly  
96 replacing corroded fasteners, adding hurricane straps, and replacing aged beams. Overall, he was  
97 satisfied with structural integrity of the pier's land-side. That concluded the phase one evaluation.  
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99 Mr. Chao said the next logical step is to perform non-destructive testing that includes low-strength  
100 dynamic sound testing to determine how long the piles are and how deeply they are embedded, which will  
101 allow them to determine the weight load the piles can bear. Soil samples will also be taken to make a  
102 capacity recommendation. Ms. Blair asked where the isolated decay was located. Mr. Chao said it was  
103 under the restaurant and was not larger than 10-square feet. Ms. Dodge said the report was heartening  
104 and sounded good. Mr. Samples asked if there was a proposal for the NDTs portion. Mr. Chao said no.  
105 Mr. Samples believe council was interested in moving this process along, and according to Mr. Chao  
106 there are areas that can be readily repaired. He asked when a proposal could be delivered and when the  
107 additional testing could be completed. Mr. Chao said the testing portion, which includes hammer testing  
108 and hole drilling, would take about two months. Mr. Childs said the town was going to replace five or six  
109 piles several years ago, and that a permit is still active. He asked how that fit into Mr. Chao's study. Mr.  
110 Chao said that was work to be done on the ocean side; his evaluation was only the land side. In his  
111 opinion, council should definitely proceed with the pile replacements on the ocean side. The Federal  
112 Government regulates all bridges, which includes piers that carry people, and requires inspection every

113 two years. The purpose is to prevent catastrophic failure, and he believed that repairs should move  
114 forward. He believed that data could be obtained during the repairs that would benefit the land side. Mr.  
115 Samples asked how long it would be before an estimate could be prepared for the next phase. Mr.  
116 Duckett said that a previous presentation included a recommendation for council to proceed with this first  
117 phase and the second recommendation at that presentation was that if this report turned out favorable as  
118 it had council proceed with the second phase at a price of about \$50,000.

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120 Mr. Samples moved to suspend the rules to allow discussion on this topic. Ms. Blair seconded.  
121 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Samples said it was pointed out in the presentation that  
122 there were many corroded fasteners and similar problems, and asked if specifics were documented. Mr.  
123 Chao said the problems were noted, not specifically identified. Mr. Samples said there were repairs to be  
124 made on the seaside. It was conceivable that a spec package could be developed for the landside  
125 repairs to replace the fasteners and install tie downs. He asked if the piles that were checking needed to  
126 be repaired. Mr. Chao reiterated that "checking" (piles separating, but not cracked) is not a structural  
127 problem; nothing needed to be done at this time. Mr. Samples believed known maintenance should  
128 proceed. Mr. Smith asked if maintenance should proceed before the second phase was completed. Mr.  
129 Samples said if the landside of the pier was not structurally sound to support a second story, then he was  
130 willing to let repairs be done later. He was concerned about the costs.

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132 Mr. Smith asked if the building structure was inspected to determine whether it is structurally  
133 sound. Mr. Chao said the top side was inspected, but the roof was not checked, because the roof  
134 structure was not the main concern. The foundation was the focus to determine whether it would support  
135 future development. Ms. Blair asked Mr. Chao to confirm that there are some minor, repairable problems  
136 based on the visual inspection in phase one that could be done and the pier could be used as it currently  
137 exists; phase two would determine whether the load bearing capacity would allow further expansion, but  
138 the structure could be left as it is with the recommended repairs and allow a business to operate. Mr.  
139 Chao said that was correct. Mr. Samples said this discussion may negate the discussion added to the  
140 agenda. The administrator previously informed him that a presentation was already prepared that related  
141 to plumbing, electrical, and other issues to bring it up to code with a rough cost estimate. Mr. Johnson  
142 believed many repairs could be made in-house; the next question was to determine how the pier should  
143 be used. Ms. Blair agreed, and personally was not ready to make that decision. She understood the  
144 process needs to move forward, and understood there was other information and questions that should  
145 be addressed that might impact council's decision. Mr. Samples said without the technical certainty that  
146 he presumed the next phase study would determine he was concerned whether any changes would be  
147 required to stay within the existing footprint. He believed the second phase study would provide that  
148 information.

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150 Mr. Moss was not clear from the presentation whether the proposal for the second phase was to  
151 determine the load bearing for the entire pier or just the area where council might decide to add a story.  
152 He suggested that only that perhaps only a 30x30 or 40x40 foot print should be tested, if that is the only  
153 area that would have a second story. Mr. Johnson suggested getting a proposal and cost estimate on  
154 phase two in writing to consider at a future meeting. Ms. Blair agreed and added the proposal should  
155 delineate everything that would be entailed. Mr. Wooten recommended that council formulate its plan for  
156 the pier before money more is spent. The pilings are supported in two ways: skin friction that supports  
157 them from the sides, and bearing that supports them from the bottom. The requested tests will determine  
158 the length of the pile that is buried to determine the skin friction, and the geo-technical work that is done  
159 will determine the load bearing capacity.

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161 Mr. Wooten said there is confusion regarding the new law passed that was written with the intent  
162 of allowing municipalities to control the destiny of piers within their municipalities. He believed when the  
163 law passed that it would allow municipalities to have total control over their respective piers, and that  
164 needs to be cleared. Mr. Childs asked if Mr. Duckett could provide an issue paper for town council to  
165 consider that has all the information, options, and costs for the pier use. Mr. Duckett said that would be  
166 prepared for the next council meeting. He said the permit to replace approximately five piles on the  
167 seaside was good until 2012, that the work needed proceed and he would suggest that the work move  
168 forward during the off-season. The power point presentation is ready for presentation to council that

169 identifies all the repairs that need to be done to the building to make it habitable. Mr. Samples asked Mr.  
170 Moss whether he had any information on the confusion with DHEC as he understood that Mr. Duckett had  
171 asked him to speak directly with DHEC's counsel. Mr. Moss said he attempted to do so, but it appeared  
172 to him that General Counsel in Columbia does not want to discuss the issue. He said to be fair, he  
173 believed that was because DHEC and OCRM each have their own staff counsels. He spoke with  
174 OCRM's staff counsel, but he has not made his opinion known to him. He was not involved in the initial  
175 conversations, but it appeared to him that OCRM staff believes something different than he does about  
176 the legislation. Mr. Samples asked Mr. Duckett to clarify the issues that are holding up the town. Mr.  
177 Duckett said OCRM is the 'card holder.' Mr. Samples said the battle was over interpretation, and asked  
178 what OCRM's position is with respect improvements that OCRM is willing to let the town make now. Mr.  
179 Duckett said his understanding was that OCRM's position is that a permit is required for anything that is  
180 done. Mr. Childs suggested that the staff attorney that wrote the legislation be contacted to determine the  
181 original intent. Mr. Moss said he, in fact, wrote the original bill. It was sent to Columbia through the South  
182 Carolina Ocean Front Alliance. It was modified in Columbia, but he did not know by whom. Mr. Childs  
183 believed it would be beneficial to find the attorney that modified the bill and find out the intentions.  
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185 Ms. Blair said there was very little that some branch of DHEC did not regulate. She believed  
186 staff's intention was clear, and would like to go further by obtaining more in-depth information by the next  
187 meeting. Mr. Samples was trying to obtain local staff's position. He understood Mr. Duckett to say that  
188 nothing had changed; the town was required to obtain a permit to do anything. Mr. Samples reiterated  
189 that he heard that the existing footprint had to be kept, which is different from obtaining a permit to do  
190 anything. Ms. Blair said based on Representative Hardwick's comments that the legislation does not  
191 allow the town to skip permitting, only for improving what is on top of the existing structure. Mr. Moss said  
192 he was not involved in the conference call, but he had many indirect conversations with Dr. Beaman, who  
193 is also a lobbyist, who worked on this legislation. During the conversations he understood indirectly that  
194 the foot print is the concern; if the town seeks to change the footprint or to put in new pilings, they believe  
195 that requires a new permit. As to improvements on top of the pier structure, the town does not have to  
196 obtain a permit from OCRM; there are certain things that might be done that do require a DHEC permit,  
197 i.e. restrooms, etc.  
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199 Mr. Samples hoped that before next summer the pier would be fully operating. He wanted to see  
200 options that would conform to Mr. Moss' statements, improvements that might be viable for the town that  
201 could be accomplished within the footprint. He believed there were specific amenities mentioned in the  
202 legislation that the town may wish to discuss. He also recommended that repairs be done, if they are  
203 allowed within the footprint. Mr. Moss said, in his opinion, that repairs could be made on top of the  
204 structure, and that repairs could be made to fasteners; however, he believed a permit would be required  
205 to repair pilings. Mr. Samples said a permit was active for the seaward side pilings, and he believed work  
206 should be done as quickly as possible. Mr. Johnson said the season is nearing its end; this is an  
207 opportune time to begin work. He agreed that work should proceed and also would like to see a proposal  
208 for the next phase. Ms. Dodge was overwhelmed with all the information. She also believed council  
209 should proceed. Ms. Blair agreed to proceed and said Mr. Chao's recommendations would not impede  
210 council's decision to go further. She believes the recommendations for repairs would help achieve the  
211 goal of having the pier ready for the spring season.  
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213 Mayor Pro Tem Childs declared discussion ended, and reconvened regular session.  
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215 Mr. Samples believed it would be reasonable to expect Mr. Duckett to prepare an issue paper for  
216 council's consideration at the next council meeting that included options and alternatives. Mr. Duckett  
217 said Mr. Wooten volunteered to help him write the paper and prepare a flow chart format so council would  
218 see various options. Mr. Chao will be asked to prepare a package to identify bolts, fasteners and repair  
219 materials. Ms. Blair asked if that would be presented at the next council meeting. Mr. Duckett said yes.  
220 Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Dodge agreed.  
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222 8. **DISCUSSION.** General discussion on the pier after Mr. Chao's presentation (added by  
223 approved motion at this meeting.) Mr. Samples said that he had no further discussion on this topic.  
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225           **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**  
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227           “Brian Curtis, 257 Palladium. From what I’m listening to, you might be going up with structure  
228 and beautifying would, you know, we, the town would really like to see, and then you have your  
229 engineering report. You need to find out the strength if you’re going to go up. That’s going to cost you  
230 some decent dollars there, but if you’re going to do without beautification, let’s not forget we got a put into  
231 that pier all the structural look at to see if we have a beautiful building, a beautiful restaurant, and we’re  
232 not going to fall through the pier, you know. My second thing was being at the snow cones down  
233 between your shower and the public toilettes, I talked to John already, I think it was, and when you stay  
234 there for an amount of time and watch what goes on in the parking lot, what you see is people coming in  
235 the wrong way with their vehicles; people coming in the right way. You have the people, the church group  
236 giving out suntan lotion, you have crowds of people with small children, they’re not looking. You have the  
237 busses from the Plantation coming in at the same time. People come to walk the beaches when they  
238 note the time is getting close to those busses, people are standing out in those parking lots. They’re  
239 sitting on their coolers, they’re right in the parking lots, kids are running around and the parents, they  
240 don’t care what the kids are doing. They’re running all over, they’re three-year old, four-year old, and as  
241 long as they’re, you know, they’re not screaming, the parents don’t care. What I was looking at with those  
242 busses coming in the same time people are trying to load on, the same time people are driving in through  
243 the parking lot, if you’re going to go ahead with structure, beautify, get something going with all this, think  
244 of safety, and the way I was looking at it and where your blacktop ends and your beach begins, if you can  
245 go say 25-feet at least more with blacktop, to let, and put that for bus parking so you can get out of the  
246 way of moving in the parking lot where there are cars and trucks going through there at the same time  
247 people walking around and if you put a couple of more benches for people to sit on to wait for those  
248 busses on the sand out of the parking lot away from danger, I think that would be a good thing to look in  
249 to, if we’re going to keep on beautifying, keep on wanting people to come down and enjoy our beaches, I  
250 think safety should be a big issue right there and maybe you could look into it. Thank you very much.”  
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252           “ I want you to know I’m not throwing rocks here tonight. P. L. Mabry, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. What I  
253 want to speak to you about is I want to thank you for having the engineer here tonight to discuss the pier  
254 and not a salesman. One thing I will say, being a general contractor for 28-years, not all pilings hold a  
255 building up. Some hold them down. The point of what I’m trying to say is you need to find out what kind  
256 of foundation or pilings that you have here. Those pilings were not the trend in (\*\*\*) . There were jetted  
257 in. They did not take a crane out there and beat these pilings into the ground. They were jetted in, and  
258 then while they were jetted, they took a hammer and beat on them, but that doesn’t make a big deal  
259 about it. What I’m wanting to say to you is you need to find out as much information as these gentlemen  
260 can give you about your foundation, because just like you and your family or whatever, the foundation is  
261 what keeps them supported and going on. These are things that it’s your responsibility to make sure  
262 happens. Let them find you the information and make those connections. I thought all pilings held a  
263 building up; many of them hold them down. If you’re wanting to add a bigger, higher structure up there  
264 with more wind resistance, that’s why you need to find out about your foundation. This gentleman over  
265 here I think will agree with that same idea. I want to thank you for your time tonight.”  
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267           “Beth Kohlmann, 1610 South Ocean Boulevard. I don’t know if you can change it now, but the  
268 next meeting that you’re talking about, because it’s so important to all of you with what’s going on at the  
269 pier, it’s not going to be for three weeks. It’s going to be on September 13<sup>th</sup>. So considering the fact we  
270 have a committee, a pier committee as a whole, maybe they can possibly move their meeting until  
271 September 6<sup>th</sup> and then you can get it all in. It seems very important to do.”  
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273           “Ron Ott, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. I don’t believe this pier down there was built by sketches on a  
274 napkin, so there has to be some original engineering drawings out there that show everything, and there  
275 are certified drawings and it’ll tell you how deep they are before we put \$50,000 out for some sonic  
276 resonance testing on these, and maybe you could look at those drawings, compare what you have and  
277 do a small like group testing, just a couple pilings here and there. There has to be some drawings  
278 somewhere, you know this wasn’t done by somebody that we picked a card up at Home Depot and  
279 brought them in here to throw some pilings in the ground. There’re some real drawings out there that tell  
280 you all this stuff that you want to know. We should be looking at those (\*\*\*) in case we have them, we

281 could contact the engineering group that drew these things. I'm sure they're still in business somewhere.  
282 Thank you."  
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284 "Randle Stevens, 412 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North. This doesn't have anything to do with the pier. This has  
285 to do with the library area. We have a new 17,720 foot, square foot library that we've expanded from 74  
286 hundred square feet. The library is finished basically with the exception of the people doing their putting  
287 ups and everything, and the proposed parking spaces are all there, so basically it's pretty much finished.  
288 As a matter of fact, I've even got my own Horry County library card. I know that this council back in [sic]  
289 September 22<sup>nd</sup> of 2009 was advised by the former administrator to do a resolution and then  
290 subsequently the lawsuit was filed to close the road. But after looking and going down in that area and  
291 looking at it, I don't see any reason to continue with that lawsuit. It seems to me that we've  
292 accomplished, or you accomplished what you need to. We've got a nice library, we got a road. Its, I  
293 would look at keeping 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North open at Willow Drive for, if nothing else, for the safety of the  
294 citizens of Surfside. The safety of the folks that come from the north end and the south end on their golf  
295 carts. They need to come down and they need access. You certainly don't them riding down Surfside  
296 Drive, because it is one of the most traveled roads or streets in the entire Surfside Beach. We also have  
297 concerns for the safety of citizens who walk to the library, and then also the safety of the citizens who  
298 drive. Now, of course, you know that for the golf cart rental we have snow birds, and we have all kinds of  
299 people. I've noticed in the last few days, people going up to the library wanting to see if it's open. I say,  
300 'It's ain't opened yet. It's supposed to be this fall.' You can go and get you a library card at Socastee  
301 library. But anyway, it seems to me that it would be in the best interest of all the citizens concerned in this  
302 matter, if the lawsuit that was instituted in October of 2009 was completely dropped, because we have a  
303 good situation down there. We have access from all areas. We built a [sic] 18, well almost 18,000  
304 square foot and it would be kind of foolish, if not common sense, to close one of the accesses to it. So, I  
305 would like to ask the town council to consider, sit down and discuss, if you want me to come up here, I  
306 know I'm one of the, the people that y'all sued. Well my wife was, I got added. I wanted to help her out,  
307 so stand beside of her, because she's my wife. I think the other people are out-of-town people. So, I  
308 would like to see this come to an end. It seems like we're wasting tax payers' money. We don't need to  
309 waste any more money. You've got a great library, and believe me, when it's open, I'm going to go use it.  
310 My wife has already said she's going to go over there and try their computers out to see if they are a  
311 whole lot faster than what we've got at home. So, I'm asking the town council as a citizen and a friend, I  
312 think all of you are trying to do the best thing, I think you were ill advised in the past and that's  
313 understandable. I think some of y'all actually said that in the paper that you were told the wrong things,  
314 and you were. Sometimes you were misinformed and you were. I'm sorry that happened to you, but that  
315 sometimes happens and now we've got an administrator I believe that's trying to shoot you the straight  
316 and narrow. He's trying to shoot you the right way. He's trying to get this place running right, and  
317 consider what I'm asking you. You want to meet me, the whole council, I'll be glad to meet with you. I'll  
318 bring my wife, too. Thank you."  
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320 "John Ard. Cypress Drive, Surfside. Just got a couple of things I want to say. Mr. Adair, I'd like  
321 to thank you and your crew and everything for painting that wall down there at the pier, and all, and what  
322 you've been doing on the streets and everything. It looks really good. Thank you, I appreciate it. And,  
323 I've got a couple of things I'd like to say about our police department here. They've been doing a real fine  
324 job lately. They've done a couple of things here lately that I have come in contact with and seen them  
325 doing and I thank y'all very much for taking care of the citizens of town and being on the look-out for us.  
326 Thank you. Now, I've got a couple of things that I don't like. Number one, down here on Surfside Drive; a  
327 \$420,000 put in that street down there. That street is a mess, and it is my understanding that that street  
328 that this town put \$420,000 is not a priority to be cleaned, any kind of work done down there or anything  
329 else the way I was told. The ponds, the ball fields, a few other things around here mean a lot more than a  
330 \$420,000 street that's supposed to bring Surfside (\*\*\*) business people to come in here. It's fine job what  
331 they're doing on these ball fields and stuff around here, all this other stuff is a fine job. But I also  
332 understand that how is lapse on employees' to do this work; two employees short. These two employees  
333 cannot be hired from what I was told for two years. That that was an agreement. So, what are we going  
334 to do about it? If we take another look down there, if all of y'all haven't walked each side of that street up  
335 and down where all that cement was put and everything else and seen all the cracks and stuff in it, I think  
336 maybe you should take, the whole bunch of you all together, take a little stroll down each side of street.

337 Take a little look out there in the middle where you've got Palm trees and stuff planted at, right up towards  
338 the red light where it ends at up there, there's black asphalt, not cement, black asphalt. Down here on  
339 the other end towards Poplar down there, it's black asphalt, not cement side like it's supposed to be. I  
340 mean, what kind of crap is that? Has anybody got an answer to it? No they haven't. Jackie, Jackie  
341 Donevant, why can't you answer that?" Mayor Pro Tem Childs, "Mr. Ard," Mr. Ard, "What?" Mayor Pro  
342 Tem Childs, "Just comments to council, please don't interact with..." Mr. Ard, "Well, I mean you know, it's  
343 like they said, if you just going to comment to a council, how you supposed to get anything done? How  
344 you supposed to find that out?" Mayor Pro Tem Childs, "You meet with the administrator." Mr. Ard, "Oh,  
345 is that right? Okay, I got where you coming from, too." Mayor Pro Tem, "Your five minutes is up, Mr.  
346 Ard." Mr. Ard, "It is?" Mayor Pro Tem Childs, "Yes." Mr. Ard, "You got it, Bub."

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348 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**  
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350 Mr. Samples, "Well, we had another meeting. Glad to see y'all. I would like to, I would hope that  
351 the town can resolve some of the legal matters that we may have that time has passed on them, maybe  
352 it'd just be best if we get parties agree to end things amicably; save everybody a lot of hard feelings and  
353 it'd sure save us some money. And so, I'd like to see, see us give Mr. Stevens an opportunity to come  
354 back into the fold and you know, you've got a family that lives in town and sometimes things happen that  
355 people regret and everybody deserves a second chance. Anyway, thanks for coming out. Why involve  
356 more people in the community; we've got a great community. We've got a lot of people we don't use to  
357 the maximum, and I do believe in volunteerism. You can get a lot done in this town using volunteers if we  
358 will promote and support their use, and transparency. Thanks for coming out."  
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360 Mr. Smith, "Talking about Surfside Drive, I would like to say that I went to the Surfside Beach  
361 Pizza Restaurant and it was very good, and I'd encourage all of you visit it also."  
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363 Ms. Dodge, "I've got several things I want to talk about. The first one: thank you especially to Mr.  
364 Mabry for his insight on buildings. I know he knows building and he would be a valuable asset as an  
365 advisor on anything we do with the pier. Next thing, the gentleman in the yellow shirt raised an issue that  
366 has been bothering me, because I agree some child is going to be hurt or killed in the parking lot there at  
367 the pier. And one of the big problems that I see is the Plantation Resort busses. We should have, first  
368 off, we don't as far as I can understand, we don't owe them a place to park their bus to pick up their  
369 people. Why can't we designate that they put their busses over in the golf cart parking in the new parking  
370 lot across Ocean Boulevard, and the people who are from the resort walk over there and get on those  
371 busses. That would be my suggestion, if there are problems with it, we could think of something else, but  
372 I don't think those busses should be there in the parking lot, and I think that's it. Thank you very much."  
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374 Mr. Johnson, "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for coming out. I was glad  
375 somebody brought up the busses. I personally would like to see, I would like for council to implement a  
376 fee on drop off and pick up busses and that particular bus is not the only one that does this in town.  
377 There are multiple busses that drop off and pick up and drop off and pick up every day, and I would just  
378 like over this winter when we don't have anything going on, I think we should sit down and discuss a user  
379 fee, if you will, for these busses that bring in out-of-town guests to our wonderful family beach and maybe  
380 they can help us pay for some upgrades and the pier construction, and so on and so forth. Thank you for  
381 coming out."  
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383 Ms. Blair, "Thank you, Mr. Childs. I just want to, you've heard me mention this before with  
384 Jason's House at the Methodist Church, and Chief Packard isn't here, I just wanted to thank him once  
385 again publicly. This past, I know Councilman Smith agrees, this past Sunday was one of the biggest  
386 weekends that we've had over there. There were originally 14 families due, and those are families who  
387 are chosen because their children are ill with cancer and the entire week is provided for them here along  
388 the beach, and that is all put together by volunteers and some wonderful ladies who are members at  
389 Surfside Methodist. This past Sunday was an exceptionally busy weekend, because we only have one  
390 more weekend to go. Chief Packard allowed one of the fire trucks to be there, and the children, if they  
391 wished, were given rides right around the parking lot and could see the inside of the truck and see how it  
392 work, and had a wonderful time. Our Corvette club was there, and several other antique cars, which the

393 children always love, but, from my observations on Sunday, I think the fire truck was the winner, no doubt,  
394 that drew a lot. I think there were a few parents out there lobbying for what might have been their own  
395 first-ever ride in a fire truck as well. I just wanted to thank him for making that happen and allowing that to  
396 be a part of this event that has become quite a neighborhood event. The UMT, which is United Methodist  
397 Television, was actually there filming a special on this, so it will something that Surfside will be recognized  
398 for, and shown all across the country. Thank you all for coming. Let's go out and all do our hurricane  
399 dance to try to keep Irene away. As Mr. Duckett mentioned EOC, I likewise will be at County EOC  
400 tomorrow, and I really don't want to sit there for 24-hours straight, so let's do our best and hope that this  
401 thing stays out to sea. We don't need the destruction, we don't need the worry, we don't need to start  
402 redoing things where we have a lot of new things that happened here that we want to not have to start  
403 over with those. Thank you all so much for coming. Drive safely going home and we'll see you at the  
404 next meeting."  
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406 Mayor Pro Tem Childs, "I just have one thing to say, Mrs. Dodge and Mr. Johnson, you're right on  
407 target, you're right on target, and I think that council should ask the administrator to possibly look into that  
408 bus situation. I think Mrs. Dodge's suggestion about over at that lot is an absolute excellent suggestion.  
409 Mr. Curtis is right, there's a lot of confusion down there around that parking lot. A lot of confusion, and I  
410 think it could be worked out where it would be safe for them, be safe for the people that are driving,  
411 because people are not paying attention when they go into that parking lot. They're looking up at the sky;  
412 they're looking at the ocean. You're absolutely right, somebody will get hurt. I think administrator is very  
413 capable of straightening that situation out. Thank you for bringing it to our attention, and again I think,  
414 Mrs. Dodge, you're right on target."  
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416 11. **ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17p.m. Mr. Smith  
417 seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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419 Respectfully submitted,  
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422 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk  
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430 Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor Pro Tempore  
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436 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council  
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