



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2011 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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7 **1. CALL TO ORDER.**

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9 Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tempore
10 Childs, and Councilmembers Blair, Dodge, and Smith were in attendance. Councilmembers Johnson and
11 Samples were absent. A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Duckett; Deputy
12 Administrator Fellner; Building Director Donevant, and Fire Chief Packard. Others present: Town
13 Attorney Moss and Town Clerk Herrmann.

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

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17 Mayor Deaton introduced and welcomed Dr. David Powers who gave the invocation. Mayor
18 Deaton said not only was Dr. Powers the pastor of The Pilgrimage Church, but he owned Ocean Breeze
19 Awnings & More and is one of the town's top businessmen. Ocean Breeze Awnings & More has earned
20 the US Chamber Small Business Award for an unprecedented five consecutive years, in addition to
21 numerous other awards. Mayor Deaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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23 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL.**

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25 Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Childs seconded. **All voted in favor.**
26 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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28 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL.**

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30 Ms. Dodge moved to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held November 22, 2011 with
31 scrivener's error corrections to line 156, add "and funding has yet to be identified" and Line 183, add "Act"
32 between 'Disabilities' and 'standards.' Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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34 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS.**

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36 There were no comments.

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38 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**

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40 A. 2011 Community Rating System (CRS) Recertification – Building Director Donevant. Ms.
41 Donevant said the town was recertified under the CRS in October, which is done annually. Certification
42 gives town residents a 5-percent reduction in flood insurance policy premiums. There are 1,786 flood
43 policies in force in the town. The average premium is \$811. The savings of \$43 per policy equals about
44 \$76,268 saved that can be spent in the community.

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46 B. Department Reports

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48 i. Building & Zoning. Mr. Duckett presented the building and zoning report, a copy of which is on
49 file in the clerk's office.

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51 ii. Police. Mr. Duckett presented the police report, a copy of which is on file in the clerk's office.
52 Chief Frederick is in Conway awaiting the jury's decision on a burglary case from about a year ago in
53 which the defendant will receive 30-years to life, if convicted. A special squad was created to investigate
54 the case and about four days after it was created, the perpetrator was arrested. The South Carolina Law

55 Enforcement Officers Association honored the Surfside Beach Police Department by presenting it with the
56 2011 Santee Cooper Excellence in Law Enforcement Award.

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58 iii. Fire. Mr. Duckett presented the fire report, a copy of which is on file in the clerk's office. The
59 Surfside Beach Fire Station won a national design award, gold level, from Fire Industry Equipment
60 Research Organization (FIERO) and will be featured on its website and in future publications. Mayor
61 Deaton congratulated the department and town council for decisions well-made.

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63 C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events. Mr. Duckett presented his report, which
64 is on file in the clerk's office. Ms. Dodge asked how long the pier would be closed. Mr. Duckett said
65 generally until mid-February. Ms. Dodge asked whether a sign could be placed out front to notify the
66 public that the pier is closed until a certain date; the only notice now is posted on Pier Outfitters. Mr.
67 Duckett said that could be done. Ms. Dodge asked if the contract for road paving calls for the road
68 shoulders to be filled as the edges deteriorate where drivers run off the edge of the road. Mr. Duckett
69 said he would look into the matter.

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71 7. **BUSINESS.**

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73 Membership and Scope of Duties for Ad Hoc Parking Committee. Ms. Blair moved to table this
74 item, because Mr. Johnson, who moved to create the committee, was absent. Mr. Smith seconded. Ms.
75 Blair explained that she felt Mr. Johnson should be given the courtesy of waiting until he is present before
76 planning the committee. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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78 8. **DISCUSSION.**

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80 There was no discussion to come before this meeting.

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82 9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

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84 There were no comments.

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86 10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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88 Mayor Deaton, "I'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I think we've
89 broken a record here (laughter); but, it's the holidays and, you know, everything going pretty smooth as
90 far as I know. I'll go to Ms. Blair."

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92 Ms. Blair, "Thank you. Thank you for coming out, and we didn't have a lot to do, but it still shows
93 your interest and your concerns when you come out to be with us on these nights and we appreciate it.
94 It's been an interesting year, and good, and of course, bad, questionable, mistakes, possibly, but I hope
95 that when you look back over the year not only for Surfside, but in your personal life as well, that you'll
96 see a lot more good, a lot more things you're happy with; a lot more things you're satisfied with than you'll
97 see negatives or unhappy things. And sometimes we all wonder if, you know, if we think we've had a bad
98 year. And if we really sit down and think about it, there's a lot more to be thankful for than there is to be
99 upset about. So, that being said, as we go into the New Year, things may change. We don't know what's
100 going to happen, but we have to stay focused and stay aware of the goals that we have set for the town
101 and for our own lives, as well. So, I wish for you and your family the very merriest of Christmas, a great
102 New Year, and may we all move forward together as a team to accomplish what we need to accomplish."

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104 Ms. Dodge, "Wow! Ms. Blair, that was a good speech. Merry Christmas to everybody, and a very
105 Happy New Year, and wasn't the parade great. I was so honored to ride in it and I want to thank Beth
106 Kohlmann for driving me on the back of her beautiful Beamer. And I apologize to everybody; I cannot
107 throw candy! My arms are aching and I could not get that candy out to the kids (laughter.) I want to wish
108 y'all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for being here. Thank you for caring
109 about your town; and thank you for your support to all of us, and also thank you for your comments, good,

110 bad or indifferent. Your good ones moves us, your bad ones tell us what we're doing wrong. Keep it up.
111 Thank you."

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113 Mr. Smith, "I'd like to congratulate the police department on their Excellence in Law Enforcement
114 award, and the fire department on their national design award for the fire station, and wish everybody a
115 very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

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117 Mr. Childs, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor. (**) [T]he parade worked. I believe we had more people at
118 this parade this year than I can remember. You can tell, particularly when you get up towards the north
119 end it really thins out, but it was crowded all the way to the Holiday Inn. So, I think it we had a great turn
120 out. And the weather, you know, was kind of iffy on the weather for that parade for some reason. But, at
121 least it didn't rain. And, I'd like to join my colleagues here in wishing everybody a Merry Christmas and a
122 Happy New Year."

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124 Mayor Deaton, "I'd like to reiterate that also. And as I said at the Christmas tree lighting, like my
125 94-year old grandmother said, count your blessings, not your problems. Everybody have a Merry
126 Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you."

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128 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

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130 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor.
131 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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133 Respectfully submitted,

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136 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
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138 Approved: January 10, 2012

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142 K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

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146 Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

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146 Robert E. Childs, III, Mayor Pro Tempore

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149 Ann Dodge, Town Council

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148 Mark L Johnson, Town Council

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152 Douglas F. Samples, Town Council

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151 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

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153 Clerk's Note: This document constitutes minutes of the meeting, which was audio taped. This meeting was transcribed by Town Clerk Herrmann. In
154 accordance with FOIA, meeting notice and the agenda were distributed to local media and interested parties. A complete list is on file in the clerk's
155 office. The agenda was posted on bulletin boards outside Council Chambers and in the Town Hall reception area. Meeting notice was also posted on
156 the Town marquee. When (**) is used a section of the transcription is inaudible.