



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
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TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL CHAMBERS TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2012 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Pro Tempore Robert F. Childs**
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Rev. David W. Pohto, First Baptist Church Surfside Beach**
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**
4. **MINUTES APPROVAL – April 10, 2012**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda - 3-minutes per speaker**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. **Employee Recognition Service Awards**
 - i. **Tammy Gardner - 5 years**
 - ii. **Sharon Pinnell - 5 years**
 - iii. **Travis Bailey - 5 years**
 - iv. **Lee Black - 5 years**
 - v. **Dave Trilety - 5 years**
 - B. **Department Reports**
 - i. **Finance**
 - ii. **Recreation**
 - iii. **Public Works**
 - C. **Administrator's Report - Update on Current Events**
7. **BUSINESS**
Resolution #12-114 - Municipal Runoff Election Results
8. **DISCUSSION**
9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – General - 5-minutes per speaker**
10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Public Notice: *Hazardous Waste Collection* **for Surfside Beach Residents only** - April 27, 28, and 29, at Public Works, 740 Sandy Lane, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. Call 843.913.6360 for details.



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 24, 2012 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Pro Tem Childs called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Childs, and Councilmembers Blair, Dodge, Johnson, Samples, and Smith were in attendance. Mayor Deaton was absent. A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Duckett; Deputy Administrator Fellner; Police Chief Frederick; Treasurer Hursey, and Recreation Supervisor Ellis. Others present: Town Attorney Moss, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

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

Reverend David W. Pohto, First Baptist Church Surfside, gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem Childs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL.**

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

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL.**

Mr. Smith moved to approve the April 10, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

There were no comments.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS.**

A. Employee Recognition – 5 Year Service Awards: (i) Tammy Gardner; (ii) Sharon Pinnell; (iii) Travis Bailey; (iv) Lee Black, and (v) Dave Trilety.

Mayor Pro Tem Childs thanked each of the employees for their respective 5-years of service and presented service plaques, anniversary pins, and service award checks to each one. They all received standing ovations.

B. Department Reports

i. Finance.

Mr. Duckett presented the finance report, a copy of which is on file.

ii. Recreation.

Mr. Duckett presented the recreation report, a copy of which is on file.

Mr. Johnson asked if consideration was given to moving the beach music dance to Surfside Drive. Ms. Ellis said only half of the parking area is used; set-up will begin about noon time, and there are no vendors.

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57 Mr. Samples did not want the event to negatively impact the area businesses, and said event
58 locations should be discussed by council soon. Mr. Duckett said the new pier restaurant tenants were
59 excited about the event, and they believe the event would increase their business. Ms. Ellis said Surfside
60 Drive would be used for festivals during which attendance is much higher.

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62 iii. Public Works.

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64 Mr. Duckett presented the public works report, a copy of which is on file. He noted that Mr. Adair
65 was attending classes in Columbia that would certify him as a stormwater inspector. The Hazardous
66 Waste Collection for town residents household waste and electronics on April 27, 28, and 29 was
67 highlighted as part of Earth Day activities.

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69 Mayor Pro Tem Childs commented that the Veterans Memorial looked very, very nice. An
70 excellent job was done on the landscaping.

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72 C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events.

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74 Mr. Duckett presented his report, which is on file, and explained that Mr. Samples had asked
75 questions earlier in the day about the pier, Mr. Duckett said in response to his inquiry that the permit to
76 make repairs under the pier was issued April 16th; work is to be completed within 60-days per the contract
77 making the expected completion date in mid-June. The work to replace the fittings can be done
78 independently from the work inside the restaurant. Mr. Wooten, the town's engineer, and Mr. Howard,
79 one of the pier restaurant proprietors, have agreed that all electrical-related improvements to the
80 restaurant is being paid for by the contractor. The town will reimburse the cost of the main panel and
81 disconnect, which the engineer informed council would be required to bring it up to code. Once the
82 amount is determined, council will be informed. The town's cost for plumbing will be for upgrades
83 underneath the building, including a 4-inch sewer line to replace an old 3-inch line where it connects to
84 the interior plumbing.

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86 Mr. Samples asked if the electrical work and panel were included in the \$75,000 contract. Mr.
87 Duckett said no, and explained that two engineers were consulted to determine what needed to be done
88 to bring the restaurant up to code prior to leasing the space. It was agreed that the lessee's contractor
89 would perform the work, and the town would give credit as a reimbursement for the portion determined to
90 be the town's responsibility by the town engineer. He reiterated that all parties agree on the specific
91 items that the town is responsible for. Mr. Samples asked who was accounting for the charges and
92 credits. Mr. Duckett said DDC, Inc. will inspect the invoices and will advise the town as to whether the
93 charges are fair. He will review the invoices and present them to town council.

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95 7. BUSINESS.

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97 Resolution #12-114 – Municipal Runoff Election Results. Ms. Herrmann read the resolution into
98 the record, a duly recorded copy of which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by
99 reference.

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101 Mayor Pro Tem Childs congratulated Mr. Stevens and Mr. Johnson on their election victory.

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103 Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #12-114. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.

104 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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106 8. DISCUSSION.

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108 There was no discussion to come before this meeting.

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110 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

112 "Glenn Curtis, 257 Palladium Drive. I walk every day and I've seen the last few days at the
113 memorial and I would like to personally thank [Ms. Ellis] for what she's done. I've seen her out there and
114 as a Vietnam veteran, I'm very proud. Thank you very much."
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116 "John Ard, Cypress Drive, Surfside. Mayor Pro Tem, members of council. As you all know, I
117 missed the last one, the council meeting, because I had a [procedure] done that day and the doctor
118 advised me not to come. So, I do have a few things I'd like to say tonight. As far as the elections was
119 concerned and everything, Mayor-elect Doug Samples, Councilman re-elect Mark Johnson, this is his
120 second term, and the two newly elected council persons, Randle Stevens and Mary Beth Mabry, I want to
121 personally congratulate each and every one of you and thank y'all very much. You've done honor and
122 brought a lot of things to this town that they're looking for, and we're looking very much forward to working
123 with all of y'all, and we, we just see good things in the future. Secondly, I'd like to thank Chief Mike
124 Frederick, and the police department, Chief Butch Packard of the fire department and his crew, and the
125 EMS for all the very hard work that they have been doing lately. Y'all been doing a tremendous job, and
126 thank y'all very much. The citizens really owe them a debt of gratitude. Now on a personal note, I've had
127 a lot phone calls and lot of people ask me question about something I'm want to clarify. In the upcoming
128 election, August 7th, I will not be running, and there's a lot of reasons behind it, but the next election that
129 comes, I will be in it. So whether I'm on the town council or whatever, doesn't make any difference. If
130 they [sic] anybody in this town needs anything, anything I can do for anybody, all you got to do is get a
131 hold to me and it will be done, and we will work very hard to do it, or I will, and that's it. I will always be
132 here for the town people. I will always be here for the councilmen and business people, and so, we have
133 some very capable people here, and personally, thank you."
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135 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**
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137 Mr. Samples, "I want to say thank you to everybody for coming out. I, frankly I look forward to
138 being sworn in so we can, we can move, get going. You know, we do have a budget that we have to
139 adopt, and I know that the staff is planning for first reading of that budget at the first meeting of May. I
140 doubt that that's going to happen, and, and so, I want to just prepare and give everybody a heads-up that
141 it's very likely that we're going to have public workshops and we're going to take time to educate the new
142 members about what's in the budget. Just as background, a couple of years ago when we changed our
143 fiscal years, in years past when we had elections the outgoing council adopted the budget, so the new
144 council had a year to get their feet wet and become comfortable with the budget process. We're going to,
145 and I'd like to quote Mr. Duckett, 'We're going to move as fast as we can on it, but as slow as we need to.'
146 We're going to make sure that the members understand what's in the budget. Frankly, my goal is that we
147 are going to balance the operating budget and that there are some capital needs, there are some longer
148 term things that the town must plan for. That's what I ran on. We're going to do it in council chambers.
149 We're going to do it openly. We're going to do it transparently, and we take, we take the job serious. On
150 a personal note, I want to express my best wishes to both, Vicki Blair and Councilman Childs,
151 Councilman Blair, Councilwoman Blair for their service, and I look forward to their continuing service to
152 the town. We need to use the people who live here, use their brains, and we need to [hear] their ideas
153 and their creativity, and that includes all you out there, because things are more expensive today, and
154 one of the ways we can help cut our costs is to use our own heads before we go out paying professionals
155 to do something that, frankly, I have confidence that we have the talent in this town to do. I don't have a
156 problem with using the professionals to review, okay, but I've got to be honest with you, when you're
157 paying hourly rates to professionals, and I know some of you already know this, but what they bid, they
158 usually bid the top dollar, and they, they have lower paid people doing a lot of work for them that, in fact,
159 they wind up reviewing and they submit it to the town, and the government pays the bill. We're not going
160 to have that. We're going to reduce that. We're going to live like the family. We're going to live within
161 our means. Thank you. I won't go on and on, but I do want you to know, and I'm clearly sending a signal
162 to staff, review what you have put together, be prepared to answer detailed questions in council
163 chambers, because, because the fact of the matter is you've elected a group of people who have quite a
164 bit of experience and they have indicated to me they want to use that experience, and they're ready to do
165 the work. Thank you."
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167 Mr. Smith, "I want to congratulate Randle Stevens and Mark Johnson on their election. Thank
168 you."

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170 Ms. Dodge, "I'm really proud of the people that you have elected. I think they will do an excellent
171 job on council and make you proud. Also want to thank [Ms.] Ellis for the hard work. It's very obvious
172 what she has done at the Veterans Memorial, and it is a beautiful part of our town. Also appreciate the
173 employees who were honored tonight for their five years of service. Hang in there, you can go another
174 five. Thank you so much."

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176 Mr. Johnson, "Thank you, Mr. Mayor Pro Tem. I would first just like to thank Councilmembers
177 Blair and Childs for their service and dedication over the past four years, and I also would like to thank all
178 of those who have served this town council or on this town council for the many past several years,
179 including those not in this room tonight, and those ten, fifteen, twenty years prior to that set the standard
180 for town council. I would like to thank my family publicly, because I have not had a chance to do this, for
181 their dedication and I would just like to thank all the voters and those who worked so hard to help me get
182 reelected. You know who you are. Thank you and God bless you. Thank you for coming out tonight."

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184 Ms. Blair, "Thank you. If you, if you hear a, what sounds like a bass beat, it's probably my heart
185 in my chest. First of all, thank you very much for allowing me to serve you for four years. It's been
186 exciting, and a challenge, and invigorating, and I guess one of the things I'm most thankful for is I
187 wouldn't have gotten to know many of you, if I had not been elected to serve you. So, the new friends
188 that I made and the, the new neighbors that I found that I had all along, were definitely a blessing. Many
189 of you throughout this time always there to offer a word of friendship or a, or encouragement, or solace,
190 or a, and your friendship means more than you will ever know. Some of you faced me with words that
191 were harsh and ugly, and hurtful. Some of you chose to write them for print, and I understand politics,
192 and I understand choosing your candidate, and supporting them. I just don't understand doing it at the
193 expense of someone else's feelings. So for those of you who did those things with malice, and certainly
194 you know who you are, you know you did them with malice, and intent to hurt, I'll let you know that you
195 succeeded and it did hurt, and I was hurt many times, but that's part of being public service, is that you
196 have to be aware of those, that's something that can happen, and you open up your ideas and your
197 opinions and your life to others to criticize. So for any of you who are thinking about it, or who have,
198 have, who find yourself in that position, prepare yourself, because part of being effective is being able to
199 get up after you've been knocked down and to withstand it. So I took my blows publicly and I dealt with it
200 privately, and I never found any part of the year not worthwhile. My congratulations to the staff who were
201 recognized today and the town has a lot of great people working for them, and so when you see them out,
202 if you have a chance to thank them for it, then do. I hope you'll take the time to do that. Again, it's been
203 my blessing to have worked for you. I will piggy-back on Mr. Ard and I have, I've served in one way or
204 another on committees or council for the last 12-years. I've learned a lot. I've made mistakes. I had
205 hoped to use experience and knowledge and new knowledge to serve again and maybe that will be in the
206 cards at another time. But, I will always be available to volunteer whether I'm asked or encouraged or
207 needed. I will try to do whatever is asked of me. But it's all really about Surfside, and it's all about this
208 wonderful place that we've chosen to live, and it's all about making it the best that it can be, so my
209 heartiest and sincerest congratulations to the new council. I hope and pray that they can deliver and
210 succeed in all of their goals and bring to you all that they promise that they can bring. It is no doubt a
211 challenge for the most worthy, and there's always a new problem to work out, and you're never going to
212 make everybody happy. No one's ever going to love you forever. So, good luck to them and may they
213 know that they can call on me at any time for any of the smallest jobs that need to be done, and I leave
214 with you my heart, and my prayers for the success of the town and the new council, and thank you for
215 letting me serve." *(applause)*


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217 Mayor Pro Tem Childs, "Well, let me just add a little bit to that, I'm going to thank all my
218 supporters. Those of you that know me, know that I, that I put a 100-percent in every day. I went to
219 everything that had anything to do with this town, you know, whether it was out of town or it was in town,
220 and I'd like to say for those of you that know me, you know I studied up on every issue. I researched
221 every issue before I offered any motions. I was absolutely, positively sure of what I did. In this election, it
222 was my wife and I; a gang of two! I think we did pretty good considering the odds that were against us.

223 So, I have no hindsight. I wouldn't do anything different. I think it, it turned out good. I was proud of the
224 way her and I handled it, and a, and then again I thank those supporters and I've enjoyed my four years
225 on this council. It was really a learning experience. I met a lot of really nice people; learned a lot about
226 the town, and a, I'll be around for a while. I'm not going anywhere, so I'll be seeing all of you, and so,
227 thank you very much for your support." (applause)

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229 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

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231 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.
232 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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234 Respectfully submitted,

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237 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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239 Approved: May 8, 2012


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243 K. Allen Deaton, Mayor


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246 Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

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247 Robert F. Childs, II, Mayor Pro Tempore

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253 Douglas E. Samples, Town Council

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253 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

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255 Clerk's Note: This document constitutes minutes of the meeting, which was audio taped. This meeting was transcribed by Town Clerk Herrmann. In
256 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
257 office. The agenda was posted on bulletin boards outside Council Chambers and in the Town Hall reception area. Meeting notice was also posted on
the Town marquee. When (**) is used a section of the transcription is inaudible.

State of South Carolina)
County of Horry)
Town of Surfside Beach)

Resolution #12-114

Declaration of Results

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CLERK OF COURT

**MUNICIPAL RUNOFF ELECTION
APRIL 17, 2012**

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach held a Municipal Runoff Election on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, for the purpose of electing two councilmembers, each of whom shall serve a four-year term beginning May 8, 2012 and ending May 10, 2016; and

WHEREAS, said election was duly and properly held; the returns of the election managers and the original poll list are on file in the town clerk's office, and the Certification of Election Commissioners for the Town of Surfside Beach is presented herewith to Town Council certifying that the total votes cast were for candidate **Bob Childs 313 votes**; candidate **Mark Johnson 390 votes**, and candidate **Randle Stevens 398 votes**.

WHEREAS, **Randle Stevens** and **Mark Johnson** received a majority of votes cast that resulted favorably in election of said **Randle Stevens** and **Mark Johnson** to town council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach that as is incident to the adoption of this Resolution, Town Council finds that the facts set forth in the recitals hereof and the statements herein made are true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the successful candidates shall be sworn to office during the regular town council meeting scheduled May 8, 2012 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

BE IT SO RESOLVED, this 24th day of April 2012.

K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

Robert F. Childs, III Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

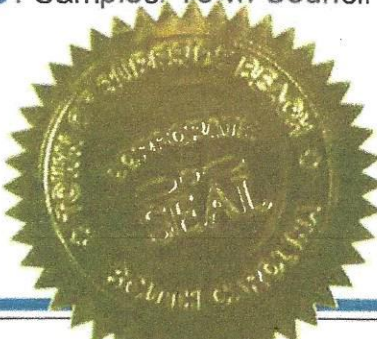
Mark Johnson, Town Council

Douglas F. Samples, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF Horry)
 TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH)

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Election for the Town of Surfside Beach, do hereby certify:

1. That we are the duly appointed Managers of Election for the Town of Surfside Beach for the Municipal Runoff Election held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, to elect two town councilmembers.

2. That all persons so named as Managers of Election served.

3. That the said Managers of Election so appointed or substituted conducted said election at the Town of Surfside Beach. Precincts Surfside #1, Surfside #2, and Surfside #4 delivered to the undersigned the respective Oath, Tally Sheet, and Return of Election forms, along with the Poll List, envelopes containing Ballot tapes, and a written Statement of the Election Results.

4. That the Oath, Tally Sheet, and Return of Managers of Election show the following total votes cast in said Election for the town council seats:

Position Sought	Candidate Name	Number of Votes	Successful Candidate
Town Council	Bob Childs	313	
Town Council	Mark Johnson	390	Successful
Town Council	Randle Stevens	398	Successful


5. That the results of the Election established that **Randle Stevens** with **398** total votes, and **Mark Johnson** with **390** total votes were the successful candidates for the two town council seats in the General Municipal Runoff Election.

6. That said Election Returns of the April 17th, 2012 General Runoff Election, after having been duly canvassed, along with this Certificate of Commissioners of Election are presented to the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina and due record made thereof.

7. Further, affiants saith naught.

Dated this 19th day of April, 2012.

TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
 MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION


 Judy Tuttle, Commission Chairman

Evelyn Cockey, Commission Member

 Peggy Inman, Commission Member

Attest:

 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC
 Town Clerk

Town Council	Precinct #1	Precinct #2	Precinct #4	Absentee	Failsafe & Challenged	TOTALS	OFFICIAL SUCCESSFUL
Bob Childs	161	146	0	5	1	313	
Mark Johnson	237	140	0	11	2	390	Successful
Randle Stevens	235	152	0	8	3	398	Successful

TOTAL # VOTES CAST: 1,100

TOTAL VOTERS SIGNED IN: 649

% VOTED IN THIS ELECTION -- Total # Signed In ÷ (Total # Registered Voters) 13.13%

Registered Voters: (Precinct #1) 2,034 plus (Precinct #2) 2,896 plus (Precinct #4) 13 = 4,943

Voters: Precinct #1 **369**
 Precinct #2 **263**
 Precinct #4 **-0-**
 Absentee **12**
 Failsafe **5**

Total Voters 649

The two candidates with the highest number of votes are the successful candidates in this runoff election.

Certified to be true and correct this 19th day of April 2012.



Debra E. Herrmann, CMC
 Town Clerk