



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 22, 2012 ♦ 6:30 P.M.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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7 **1. CALL TO ORDER.**  
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9 Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore  
10 Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance; a quorum was  
11 present. Staff present: Interim Administrator Fellner; Building Director Morris; Police Chief Frederick;  
12 Public Works Director Adair; Treasurer Hursey, and Recreation Supervisor Ellis. Also 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 Reverend Kirk Lawton, Ocean Lakes Campground Ministries, gave the invocation. Mayor  
18 Samples led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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20 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL.**  
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22 Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Dodge seconded. **All voted in**  
23 **favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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25 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL.**  
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27 Mr. Johnson moved to approve the May 8, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr.  
28 Smith seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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30 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS.**  
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32 "Good evening, everybody. First, I would like to thank Officer Brian Bird. The other night he  
33 came over, and I know for a fact that sometimes simple things like stolen bikes don't make a difference.  
34 But, he took the time to come over after the fact. He came into work and read the report and came over,  
35 and was able to get one of the kid's bikes back. And I know it doesn't seem like a lot to people, but it does  
36 make a difference to me. (\*\*) I am excited about the committees being brought up again. I know you've  
37 all heard me talk about this for three years, so it's been a long time coming. I read the resolution, and I  
38 just wanted to maybe go back a little bit for people that aren't aware of what the committee that I'm going  
39 to talk about did. The resolution talks about this being a recreation committee, and when you read the  
40 resolution, not that it's not good, I'm not saying that, I'm just wanted to clarify a few points. It doesn't  
41 mention special events in there, and it doesn't mention the tourism, and the original committee was called  
42 'parks, recreation, and special events committee.' It wasn't just a rec [sic] committee. And, the history on  
43 it, it was a very short-lived committee. It consisted of five voting members, which were residents, and five  
44 non-voting members, two of those were councilmembers, two staff members, and one Myrtle Beach  
45 Chamber representative. The committee was to provide more family oriented events, which Mr. Samples,  
46 would be the car show, outdoor movies, music, promote the pier, parks, the Veterans Memorial, the  
47 businesses and promote tourism. The members worked events, physically worked the events with [Ms.]  
48 Ellis selling t-shirts or just helping her out. So, it was a different kind of committee; a very hands-on  
49 committee. We researched things such as going to other towns and looking at signs and gathering as  
50 much information as we can. We did the skate park and did a lot of research on that. Then we presented  
51 all the facts for review. We also were talking about and got involved with the Blue Grass festival, art-in-  
52 the park, and much more than that, and this was all done in approximately five months period of time.  
53 So, I would just like everybody to know that I have the agenda and the minutes, which I don't know if you  
54 have access to that or not, anymore, but I have it, if anybody needs that to gather this information, to  
55 move forward with this committee. But since it was a very highly successful committee, I don't see why

56 we should change the wording of the original way it was. Just bring it back. I hope that you would just  
57 reestablish it the way it was. Thank you very much." Ms. Kohlmann was asked to state her name and  
58 address for the record. "I'm sorry. Beth Kohlmann, 1610 South Ocean Boulevard."  
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60 "My name's Shelby Smith, 911 Cedar Drive North. Mr. Mayor, council. I would just like to say  
61 something about the beautification committee. Two years ago, I had the opportunity of being on that  
62 committee with two of the council, councilmembers here, Ms. Dodge and Councilperson Mabry, and it  
63 was an excellent, excellent committee, and a several members from the community were also on that  
64 committee, and brought ideas on how to beautify and improve the appearance of Surfside Beach, from  
65 the north all the way to the south end, and many ideas were generated, and a, I think was a very  
66 successful committee and I would like to see us reinstate it, and I would like to request that the format  
67 include one councilmember. I think that's very, very important. There were topics discussed that I felt  
68 were shelved inappropriately, and had there been representation from the council on that committee, I  
69 think the results would have been even more effective. Thank you very much."  
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71 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**  
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73 A. Employee Recognitions. (i) Valerie Wentz, 5 years; (ii) Angie Holland, 5 years, and (iii) Joe  
74 Linen, 10 years. Mayor Samples thanked each of the employees for their respective years of service to  
75 the town and its citizens then presented each one with a service plaque, anniversary pin, and service  
76 award check. Judge Wentz and Ms. Holland received standing ovations. Mr. Adair accepted Mr. Linen's  
77 award as he could not attend.  
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79 B. Department Reports  
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81 i. Finance. Ms. Hursey presented the finance report, a copy of which is on file.  
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83 Mayor Samples asked if the current budget would have to be modified to increase appropriated  
84 expenditures. Ms. Hursey said a year-end adjustment would be presented for council approval. A  
85 reimbursement of \$214,000 was received from Santee Cooper; no other expenditures would be made  
86 during this fiscal year. Mayor Samples asked what portion of the \$713,000 year-to-date is tied to the  
87 underground project. Ms. Hursey said that was not considered in the mid-year amendments. Mayor  
88 Samples why this project administration was handled differently than the previous two were. Ms. Fellner  
89 said Santee Cooper changed its process; the town now handles the bid process and installation with  
90 reimbursement by Santee Cooper. Mayor Samples asked staff to review the franchise agreement for  
91 terms.  
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93 ii. Recreation. Ms. Ellis presented the recreation report, a copy of which is on file. The Memorial  
94 Day service is at 2:30 on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. She noted that 37 children from St. James  
95 Middle School were at town hall today for an annual field trip. They toured the police department, fire  
96 station, and the court. Ms. Ellis thanked staff for their cooperation as they were very accommodating to  
97 the students. The Kids Fair will be at Fuller Park on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 o'clock to 7:00 o'clock p.m.  
98 for ages 10 and under. Mr. Stevens asked if future events were planned at the pier parking lot. He was  
99 concerned about taking up parking spaces that could be used for business. Ms. Ellis said only the July 4<sup>th</sup>  
100 celebration. Mayor Samples asked about the car show. Ms. Ellis said there were no vendors at that  
101 event; only cars would be parked in the lot.  
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103 iii. Public Works. Mr. Adair presented the public works report, a copy of which is on file. He  
104 noted that there was a net decrease of 1.6-percent in commodities over April 2011; it was incorrectly  
105 stated as an increase on the written report. Ms. Dodge how many times a week Caropines trash was  
106 picked up, and whether it was profitable. Mr. Adair said Caropines trash is picked up the same day as the  
107 south end of town. Recycling town-wide and Caropines is done on Thursdays. The time spent is profitable  
108 and manageable; no additional manpower or equipment is used to service the accounts. Mayor Samples  
109 asked what the total number of account was. Mr. Adair replied 192 in Caropines and 3,221 active  
110 residential and commercial accounts in town.  
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112 C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events. Ms. Fellner presented the report, which  
113 is on file. The bid for the Smoke Free Horry t-shirts was awarded. The town will receive 1,500 t-shirts to  
114 distribute during summer events. An initial meeting was held last week with Chris Stout at OCRM (Ocean  
115 and Coastal Resource Management) to discuss ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance for the  
116 pier. He was very encouraging and agreed to facilitate the town. A letter was sent to him with a rough  
117 rendering and a formal request that he share the plans with all others in a decision making capacity  
118 insofar as the permitting process for the scope of the work. Mayor Samples said the town has legally  
119 mandated ADA improvements that must be made. He asked council to be prepared to meet publically to  
120 discuss suggestions from staff on which council could act to give staff clear direction. He believed funds  
121 should be appropriated for engineering for ADA improvements. Mr. Johnson asked if this was only for  
122 ADA improvements. Mayor Samples said there may be other improvements necessary. Ms. Fellner said  
123 extending the east side of the pier by the restaurant to approximately the same width as the restroom side  
124 is extended might make create space for an outdoor restaurant permit. The town owns Kiwi shades and  
125 pylons that could be used, so there may be some cost savings to enhancing the improvements. Before  
126 any decisions are made, Ms. Fellner stressed that it was important to have preliminary approval from  
127 OCRM. Mayor Samples agreed, and reiterated that the improvements should be thoroughly discussed in  
128 a public meeting.  
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130 Mr. Johnson asked for an update on the mold remediation. Ms. Fellner wanted to let bids for the  
131 work; she did not believe getting three quotes was the right thing to do. Mayor Samples asked how  
132 specifications would be developed for the project. Ms. Fellner believed staff could write the specifications  
133 based on the mold remediation that was previously done in town hall and the proposal from the company  
134 that provided the estimate. The engineer could review the specifications. Mayor Samples asked staff to  
135 bring a proposal to council for consideration prior to letting bids. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.**  
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137 Mr. Johnson asked for an update on the "no smoking" signs for the beach. Mr. Adair said the  
138 signs would be about \$10 each; there are 65 trash receptacles on the beach. No action had been taken,  
139 because he was waiting for council's direction. Mayor Samples asked for consensus to proceed. Mr.  
140 Smith asked if funds were available in the budget. Mr. Adair said accommodations tax funds could be  
141 used for materials and supplies for the beach. Mr. Johnson asked if public donations could be made.  
142 Mayor Samples encouraged businesses and the public to make donations, and when monies are  
143 specified for a particular purpose, council should be notified. Mr. Buzz Engelhard in the audience raised  
144 his hand and offered to pay \$300 (he delivered a check to town hall the next morning.)  
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## 146 7. BUSINESS. 147

148 A. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0712 Adopt FY2012-2013 Tax Millage. Mr. Smith moved to  
149 approve second reading of Ordinance #12-0712. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mayor Samples said for the  
150 public's benefit that 40-mils rate was unchanged; there are no new taxes. All voted in favor. **MOTION**  
151 **CARRIED.**  
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153 B. Second Reading Ordinance #12-0713 Add §17-634 Existing and Nonconforming Signs. Mr.  
154 Smith moved to approve Ordinance #12-0713. Ms. Mabry and Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.  
155 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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157 C. First Reading Ordinance #12-0711, FY2012-2013 Municipal Budget. Ms. Mabry moved to  
158 defer first reading and to schedule a special council meeting on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to hold first  
159 reading of the budget. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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161 D. First Reading Ordinance #12-0714, Amend §17-007 Definitions, and §17-607 to Require 15-  
162 Foot Vegetative Buffer on Waterfronts. Mr. Smith moved to refer this ordinance back to the planning and  
163 zoning commission. Mr. Stevens seconded. Mr. Johnson believed the planning commission needed  
164 some direction in the motion. Ms. Mabry said the efforts of the stormwater committee and planning  
165 commission, and department directors were enormous. There are wonderful guidelines in the ordinance;  
166 however, the citizens have made it very clear that it is not practical at this time. The planning commission  
167 may be able to rewrite the ordinance to address the amount of buffer width and the plant heights, both of



168 which are creating so much concern in the community. Mr. Stevens agreed and believed this direction  
169 would help create a good compromise. Mayor Samples supported the motion, but did not want to waste  
170 the commission's time. He was certain that both committees spent a lot of time and effort on the  
171 proposed ordinance. Mayor Samples said in his opinion, private property rights prevail. No one has ever  
172 been able to tell him what the difference is in the water quality across Highway 17 versus its quality when  
173 it exits the town's system into the ocean. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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175 E. First Reading Ordinance #12-0715, Mayor Pro Tempore Election. Mr. Johnson moved to  
176 approve first reading of Ordinance #12-0715. Ms. Mabry seconded.  
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178 Mr. Stevens asked if a legal opinion was obtained. Mr. Moss said at the last council meeting it  
179 was proposed that an ordinance to elect the candidate with the highest number of votes during the  
180 election be nominated and elected as the next mayor pro tempore, which would remove the politics for  
181 newly elected council. The ordinance was drafted based on that suggestion, and also in an effort to  
182 comply with Title 5 of the State Law. He believed the ordinance conforms to Title 5-7-190 that states  
183 *Immediately after any general election for the municipal council, the council shall elect from its*  
184 *membership a mayor pro tempore for a term of not more than two years. The mayor pro tempore shall act*  
185 *as mayor during the absence or disability of the mayor. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor, the*  
186 *mayor pro tempore shall serve as mayor until a successor is elected.* Mr. Moss believes the proposed  
187 ordinance complies with that requirement and is legal, but may not fully encompass council's intention.  
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189 Ms. Mabry asked whether wording could be included to allow other nominations, for instance in  
190 the event the candidate with the highest number of votes did not want to serve as mayor pro tem. Mr.  
191 Moss said that any nominee could decline a nomination. He believed wording could be added, but it  
192 might complicate the ordinance. In his opinion, the issue is whether the council is limiting the mayor pro  
193 tempore nominee to a member just elected as opposed to another member that did not run that election.  
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195 Mayor Samples said a new mayor pro tem is elected every two years. Mr. Moss said state law  
196 stipulates two years as the term for the mayor pro tem. Mayor Samples said there is a long history in  
197 town of the same member being elected mayor pro tem. Mr. Moss said this ordinance would prohibit  
198 multiple terms as mayor pro tem.  
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200 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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202 F. Resolution #12-115 Authorizing Signers on Town of Surfside Beach Bank Accounts. Ms.  
203 Fellner explained that the mayor, mayor pro tempore, administrator, and treasurer are authorized  
204 signatures on town bank accounts. All checks require two of the four signatures. Mayor Samples asked  
205 if stamped signatures were use. Ms. Fellner said no; each check has original signatures.  
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207 Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #12-115 authorizing signers on Town of Surfside Beach  
208 bank accounts. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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210 G. 5-K Race Request, Patrick Witzigman. Mr. Witzigman presented the proposal to use the town  
211 streets for the Nathan William Black Surfside Beach 5K race, which is a fund raiser in memory of his  
212 friend that will support a scholarship at East Carolina University titled "The Freedom Scholarship in  
213 Occupational Therapy." A professional company will set up and monitor the race, which will be  
214 sanctioned through USA Track and Field, who will provide liability insurance of \$1 million. There is a  
215 maximum of 250 participants, and the race should be finished by 9:00 a.m. and everyone should be gone  
216 by 10:00 a.m.  
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218 Ms. Fellner asked if the town's expenses would be paid prior to the event. Mr. Witzigman said  
219 yes, he would pay the town in advance and has included additional police and public works costs in his  
220 proposed budget.  
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222 Mr. Johnson asked how much the entry fee cost. Mr. Witzigman said \$30 is being considered.  
223 He anticipates about 150 participants. Based on 250 registrations, the total estimated cost is \$5,300;

224 paying the scholarship \$1,000; \$500 marketing; \$2,000 management; \$1,000 public safety; \$300 general  
225 liability insurance; \$500 miscellaneous awards and refreshments. Mr. Witzigman said his numbers were  
226 estimates.

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228 Mr. Stevens asked if a professional company was chosen to manage the event. Mr. Witzigman  
229 said the company is Set-Up Events from Atlanta, who has an office in South Carolina.

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231 Ms. Mabry moved to allow the race to be held October provided that all the town's costs are paid.  
232 Mr. Johnson seconded. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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234 **8. DISCUSSION.**

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236 A. Proposal to Create Recreation & Beautification Committees, Councilmember Stevens. Mr.  
237 Stevens said the formation of these two committees was long overdue. He wanted to revise the  
238 recreation committee name to include parks, recreation, and special events committee. There are two  
239 members currently seated on council that served on the beautification committee. Several audience  
240 members served on the recreation committee. Both committees were very successful. He cited several  
241 instances over recent months where committees were discussed by council, but no action was taken. Mr.  
242 Stevens moved to bring a resolution and adopt the committees. Mayor Samples said this was a  
243 discussion topic on which no action could be taken. Council would need to concur to bring a formal  
244 action at a future meeting.

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246 Ms. Dodge believed involving town citizens and getting them active was a good thing. She  
247 believed the town should create as many committees as necessary to get citizens involved and working in  
248 the town.

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250 Mr. Johnson thanked Ms. Kohlmann for the information on the last parks, recreation and special  
251 events committee. He asked if council wanted to reinstate that committee as it was.

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253 Ms. Mabry said the committee should include events, tourism, parks and recreation.

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255 Mayor Samples agreed and said there was a sunset clause in the original resolution. Ad hoc  
256 committees serve at council's pleasure, and it was unnecessary to have a sunset clause, and wanted to  
257 see it removed.

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259 Mr. Stevens said his intention was that these would be permanent committees.

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261 Mayor Samples wanted to review the separate resolutions for each committee. Mr. Johnson said  
262 each committee needs its own parameters. Mayor Samples said any councilmember who wished to  
263 assist in drafting the resolutions should contact the clerk so resolutions could be presented at the next  
264 meeting. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.** Ms. Herrmann asked for clarification if the council was seeking  
265 resolutions for two committees: a beautification committee and a parks, recreation, and special events  
266 committee. Mayor Samples said absolutely. He said council should consider the beautification  
267 committee carefully as he believed there were larger roles that it could play in town.

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269 B. Ordinances – amend various to comply with State Law. Mayor Samples. Mayor Samples said  
270 there were several ordinances that needed attention as a matter of housekeeping.

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272 1. §5-16(b) Municipal Election Commission – Six Year Terms. Town code cites that the election  
273 commissioners serve a four-year term; state code stipulates six-years.

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275 2. §5-32 Statements of Economic Interest and §5-33 Campaign Disclosure Form. Clarification of  
276 proper filing requirements should be included in the town code.

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278 3. §5-58 Boundary Lines for Precincts. There are several properties on the north side of 17<sup>th</sup>  
279 Avenue North that are included in Precinct #4 at Lakewood School through the recent redistricting. That

280 precinct should be included in the town's code with the proviso that residents in Precinct #4 shall vote at  
281 Precinct #2 in all town elections.

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283 Mayor Samples noted that changes to the election code must be approved by the Department of  
284 Justice prior to being implemented.

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286 4. §9-16(a) and (b) Decals and exemptions (correct placement and clarify parking permitted free  
287 *when space is available*). Code stipulates that decals go on the back window; this should be changed to  
288 require placement as instructed by town hall. Paragraph (b) needs to be clarified to state that parking is  
289 permitted free when space is available.

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291 **Council CONCURRED** that amendments shall be presented for consideration.

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293 5. Other suggestions for amendment and/or review by Councilmembers.

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295 Mayor Samples said that boards, committees, and commissions currently have by-laws, but may  
296 not have rules of order. The recommendation is to have all boards, commissions, and committees to  
297 apply council's rules of order as applicable to their respective needs. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.**

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299 Mayor Samples said the state code requires audio tapes to be kept for two years; the town policy  
300 is that they be kept permanently. He was not prepared to offer a change at this time, even though the  
301 media may be faulty and taking up storage space.

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303 Mr. Smith suggested that Pier Outfitters be allowed to accept parking payments and issue a  
304 parking pass when the meters do not operate, and asked council to consider this for future discussion.  
305 Mr. Stevens agreed with Mr. Smith.

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307 Mr. Johnson said the beach lifeguard franchise agreement expires in 2013. He suggested that  
308 services be evaluated and it might be helpful for the police chief to be involved when the franchise is let  
309 for bids. Mayor Samples asked staff to check the franchise dates.

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311 Mr. Stevens asked if anyone knew the exact date when the new pier restaurant would be open.  
312 Mayor Samples talked with Mr. Howard and Mr. Roth earlier this afternoon. The goal is to be opened the  
313 first week of June, but there is one piece of equipment that may hold up the opening. There is no doubt  
314 that it will be open by July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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316 Mayor Samples said it was his intention to have a time under the discussion portion of the  
317 agenda for councilmembers to bring up any matters of concern or information to be discussed by council  
318 at every meeting.

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320 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS.**

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322 Mayor Samples, "Come on up. How's my friend from Caropines?" "Not exactly in Surfside!  
323 Glenn Curtis, 257 Palladium, and it's a joy being here with you guys. I'm down walking every day and  
324 plus, I'm on the beach there at, right at the pier area, and I had mentioned this year before last, for tourism  
325 and wanting people to get there, and enjoy themselves and wanting them to come back, when they wait  
326 for the bus, there's many older people, and young children that are standing in that parking lot, and where  
327 the busses come in it's, it's a nightmare and you get scared watching them sometimes. They're not  
328 watching their kids or anything like that and it's scary. I had suggested one time, and I'm going to bring it  
329 up again, we have one picnic table down there. Three, at least three more so people can sit down.  
330 Maybe get out of the sun a little bit, maybe with an umbrella or something like that, just to get them out of  
331 that heat, and off that hot blacktop, so they can relax a little bit waiting for those busses and stay out of  
332 the parking lot where those kids can really get hurt, cause I've seen people back, one lady backed right  
333 into a bus. Now, how can you not see a bus? So, you figure that and a little kid, you definitely cannot  
334 see. It's, I think it's a safety issue, and I think another safety issue is, is one piece of blacktop that goes  
335 towards the beach, if somehow you can come up with a little more blacktop towards the beach right there



336 so the busses sometimes they come in three and four at a time, come up on that shoulder and get out of  
337 the way of the parking lot, you're going to have a lot of safety issues off your mind, and it's going to be  
338 better for a lot of public and people are going to see that and want to come back to the beach. Thank  
339 you."

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341 "We'll do this right this time. John Ard, 612 Cypress Drive, Surfside. You know it's a pleasure to  
342 come to the meetings anymore since y'all was [sic] sworn in on May the 8<sup>th</sup>. I'd like to say tonight that  
343 y'all have totally impressed me with the decisions that you have made and work that you have turned out.  
344 Not only y'all, but the staff and everything. (applause) And if we're going to get thrown [sic] out for that,  
345 oh well! (laughter) Another thing, a couple more little things, if you don't mind, please, I can't say enough  
346 about our police department, our fire department, and the EMS. I've had a couple of things that's come  
347 up in the last month on my street, and it not only involved the EMS and fire department, but I had to get  
348 the police involved with it, because I had to locate who somebody belonged to, let me put it that way,  
349 yeah. So the police department doesn't only fight crime, they're there to help us in most any area that we  
350 need the help in, and [Chief Frederick] y'all are doing a fantastic job now, and I really appreciate it very  
351 much. They have never failed to be there within just a few minutes when we've had problems, them, the  
352 fire department, or EMS. So they deserve a lot of praise, they also work hard and everything.  
353 Everybody's doing a good job here now the way I'm looking at it. (\*\*) But, anyway, everybody's doing a  
354 good job. I'm real satisfied and I'm real proud of this town. I'm real proud of all of y'all and everything,  
355 and I want to see you keep it up now, and I know you will because you're not going to let this town down.  
356 As far as committees and stuff is concerned, there's a couple more that we need to discuss, but we're  
357 not going to get into to that tonight, because I don't want to fill your plates where you stop dropping your  
358 food on the floor, because I ain't sweeping it up. But there are some more that I would like to see and the  
359 town's people would like to see, but there's a time and a place for everything, and we will get to that.  
360 But there are some more that I would like to see and the town's people would like to see, but there's a  
361 time and a place for everything, and we will get to that. One question I'm really concerned about right  
362 now is a on the signing of checks (\*\*) requires two signatures. The town administrator, as we know Mr.  
363 Duckett is on administrative leave now. Has he been removed as a signor of those checks?" Mayor  
364 Samples, "That's a good question, go ahead Ms. Fellner." Ms. Fellner, "He has not been removed yet.  
365 He will be removed now that we have the [resolution,] but he is not in the building physically to sign  
366 checks." Mr. Ard, "Well being that he's not in the building physically to sign checks, that mean a whole hill  
367 of beans to me because that don't mean he can walk in there, and I think he should be... I think that  
368 should be one thing that's done first thing in the morning." Mayor Samples, "I think that that was the  
369 intent of tonight..." Mr. Ard, "Because that really concerns me a whole lot." Mayor Samples, "That's an  
370 absolute, legitimate question, as a matter of fact." Mr. Ard, "Yeah. That concerns me a whole lot right  
371 there, because we don't need no [sic] more problems. We don't want no [sic] more problems. (\*\*)" Mayor  
372 Samples, "It still takes two signatures and I'm sure that Mayor Deaton and he didn't go signing any  
373 checks. I had to bring some levity!" Mr. Ard, "That's right. Okay. I had to bring that up because it's a  
374 great concern and I know other people are concerned about it, too. We don't want no [sic] mistakes."  
375 Mayor Samples, "Rest assured this council doesn't either." Mr. Ard, "Thank you, sir. I appreciate it very  
376 much. Thank each and every one of you."

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378 "Hello. My name is Ann Roberts, and I live at 514 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, and my concern or problem  
379 is about the upcoming budget that you are going to pass. My concern is the flooding on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
380 North. I'm sure that Mayor Samples and Councilman Stevens saw some of the problems that we have  
381 over there on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is, as you know, a thoroughfare. There's a lot of traffic, and when it rains  
382 the, a lot of the water is thrown up by the cars, so it also is a safety problem; plus a problem for me when  
383 the water sits in my, coming down the pavement of my, at my home. Also, I had to move my mailbox  
384 because I couldn't figure out what was wrong with my mailbox. I thought well, it just had a hole in it or  
385 something because it was leaking. But come to find out, when I looked at it more when it was raining, the  
386 cars are throwing the water up on the mailbox and causing my mail to get wet, which is another problem.  
387 But, I hope that you will not defer this money that has already been set aside for another year, and please  
388 go on and get this problem solved for 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and also, I think it is maintained something from the  
389 state, so maybe we can get some money to help us out with this problem from the state to do this. This is  
390 also been a concern for Darla and Kent Bollman, who are not here tonight, but I'm also representing

391 them, which they've had this problem for 12-years now plus, so it needs to be not deferred for another  
392 year, but (\*\*) the problem needs to be stopped. Thank you."  
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394 "Harry Kohlmann, 1610 South Ocean Boulevard. What a difference a new council makes. It's  
395 not a hostile environment anymore. We have clapping. We had laughing. Heard a couple of jokes. We  
396 actually had somebody, and I can't believe he did this, yelled out he's going to give a \$300 donation! I  
397 still can't believe, but okay. (*laughter*) We had somebody come up and he wants to do a race. He's  
398 going to pay for it. He's not asking us for money. What a great thing! Someone was smart enough to put  
399 on the discussion items that another so that if a councilman wants to, councilperson wants to speak on  
400 something, he's not shut down. You can actually talk about something. If you guys have a concern or a  
401 citizen has a concern they brought to them, you can actually discuss it, and get stuff done. You know, I  
402 first started coming to council meetings, there was a handful of people in the, in the room, and then it  
403 grew, then the room got filled, and then it was hostile, and people didn't come anymore. Well,  
404 look...people are here again. The word gets out; more people are going to come. We might have to add  
405 it into our budget a bigger council room. It's nice thing to be able to come up and voice a concern. I tell  
406 you what we didn't have tonight, we didn't have somebody rolling their eyes at you, or laughing at you, or  
407 giggling at you, and making you feel like a piece of garbage. We have people up there who are  
408 concerned about your concern, how, your concerns, even if they were minute. Even if they really weren't  
409 much of value, you got to vent. You got to say something, and you know what we really didn't have? We  
410 didn't have, I don't think I heard the gavel once. Not one time did I think I heard the gavel. And you got  
411 stuff done. It was a business meeting and things were accomplished. This is a good thing. I wasn't  
412 going to bring up any other things, but since you brought up decals, I have a question. I don't know if I  
413 can get an answer. A couple of years ago, golf carts would get a regular parking sticker. They don't get  
414 them anymore. What you do get, is you pay \$2, is you get a police department identification sticker. I  
415 think there's two or three numbers, some place, some places you can't, got inconspicuous places, and  
416 has some of the rules on it. But that sticker, if I'm wrong, someone set me straight, but that sticker  
417 guarantees no parking for free. So now, if I'm a person who owns a car, I can park anywhere at a meter  
418 in this town. If I'm not fortunate to own a vehicle other than a golf cart, and there's no golf cart spots  
419 available at the pier, technically, I have to pay. Now there's [sic] some people in this town who can't  
420 afford a car. Who because of maybe their age, or a handicap or something they can't drive a car. They  
421 can drive a golf cart. They can't park at the pier. They can't park in any of the parking lots for free,  
422 technically. I'm just curious why we stopped giving decals out to golf carts." Mayor Samples, "I'll try to  
423 answer it because I remember why we did. What we had going on, to be honest with you, is we had  
424 parking lot, golf carts taking up all of the parking. A lot of the parking, a lot of the parking was being taken  
425 up by golf carts, and so a decision was made, okay, that we needed to retain parking for the automobiles.  
426 Because as you know, you probably could fit two golf carts in a regular parking space. Having said that,  
427 you raise a good issue, a good point particularly as it relates to somebody who is disabled or perhaps  
428 elderly. I think council, I won't speak for council, but I, but I believe that that's something that we can look  
429 at in the future." Mr. Kohlmann, "Because I think it's environmentally cleaner to drive a golf cart in town. I  
430 can put six people on my golf cart. I have a PT Cruiser my son drives. You can put, you can squeeze  
431 four people in it. So you want to put four people in a parking spot, or six people?" Mayor Samples, "Back  
432 in the old days we used to put people in the trunk, and then we'd go into the drive-in, we'd go into the  
433 drive-in movie! (*laughter*) I understand what you're saying, and and..." Mr. Kohlmann, "That must be a  
434 California thing. We didn't do that up in New York!" Mayor Samples, "Sure you did!" (*laughter*) Mr.  
435 Kohlmann, "I just would like to, just to revisit it. Maybe look at it, because you know, this is..." Mayor  
436 Samples, "I appreciate your comment and I didn't mean to steal your thunder." Mr. Kohlmann, "No, no."  
437 Mayor Samples, "But your time is done, okay." (*laughter*) Mr. Kohlmann, "Thank you."  
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439 "Carrie Johnson, 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. I just want to say that the decks along the lakes and  
440 everything are very, very nice. But I do think we need a trash can by each one of them, because one day  
441 I had an ice cream cone, and the napkin and everything left over, and no place to put it. If somebody  
442 goes, maybe drinks a Coke or something, and got a can, there's no place to put the trash. And since the  
443 busses coming from Deerfield were brought up, I don't know why we can't charge those busses for  
444 coming and dropping those people off at the beach, because Charleston charges for the carriage rides.  
445 So why can't we charge them?" Mayor Samples, "Good comments. Good comments, and we'll look into



446 that I'm sure. Any other comments? We need those trash cans, [Mr. Adair.] I know you took a note.  
447 Thank you, and the other issue is certainly one worthy of looking at."  
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449 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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451 Mr. Johnson, "I have no comments this evening. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for coming out,  
452 and I do have to agree, this atmosphere certainly is better on the nerves." *(laughter)*  
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454 Ms. Dodge, "Mr. Curtis, and Mr. Mayor, I have the bus problem on the agenda for the next  
455 meeting, because I have been speaking about those busses and the congestion and the safety problems  
456 with those busses, and Ms. Johnson, I think charging them to be there is a great idea. Hopefully, we can  
457 address... you certainly may. Also I want to congratulate our employees who were recognized tonight.  
458 We appreciate your service. Thank you so much. And, that's all I have to say. I'm glad to see everybody  
459 here and I, too, enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. I don't go home grinding my teeth anymore. Thank you."  
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461 Mr. Smith, "First, I'd like to congratulate our town clerk, [Ms. Herrmann,] because of her being so  
462 well informed, we didn't have any problem with the statement of economic interest in our election when  
463 the filing began in January. That's outstanding, because it seems like all over the state the parties,  
464 Democrat and Republican, had a problem, but not [Ms. Herrmann,] because she's well aware. So  
465 anybody who's going to be filing to run in this special election, I would suggest instead of trying to do it on  
466 your own, go see [Ms. Herrmann.] She'll lead you in the right direction. The other thing is, I mentioned  
467 about when the parking stations are broken down at the pier, it might be good to have an alternative and I  
468 think Pier Outfitters might consider helping out the town on that issue without charge. The third thing I  
469 want to mention is I agree with Ms. Roberts that the stormwater remediation for 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and for  
470 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue should be in this year's coming budget instead of being deferred. Thank you."  
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472 Ms. Mabry, "I do want to talk a little bit about the committees, and I want to thank Mr. Stevens for  
473 bringing that up, because it's something that we needed to do. But more importantly than just getting  
474 citizens involved, we're learning, and we're getting your expertise. So you know, I'm always concerned  
475 about the budget. This is the best way that we get the brightest minds in the town of Surfside to do some  
476 work that we're just simply not able to do. So I thank anybody that wants to go ahead and volunteer once  
477 that's available, we appreciate your service, and I'm going to say that ahead of time, guilt you into signing  
478 up for some things, and thank you for coming out and making it, making the town what it is. It's you. It's  
479 not us. It's you! So, thank you again."  
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481 Mr. Stevens, "I want to thank all the folks for coming out, and also the media as well, because we  
482 need their input on our town council meeting as well. I also want to remind [everyone] that we have a  
483 drop-in on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 o'clock p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for Surfside Beach business owners. I  
484 want to reiterate a misconception that there is a position for out of town businesses, people who don't live  
485 in town similar to what the [accommodations] tax is, and I would make, like to make a challenge to the  
486 rest of the town council that we each have 30 invitations. The first person that gets them all out, gets  
487 everybody else to pay for his lunch, dinner and supper one day, *(laughter)* if you're really (\*\*). I think I  
488 know who will win. Also, I want to encourage anybody that wants to serve on any of our committees,  
489 whether it be business, recreation, or beautification, to please put your name in the hat. We would like to  
490 have you serve. As the old saying, a person looks through his own two eyes. We need a lot of eyes to  
491 look through, and I believe the citizens can give us some directions on a lot of different things. So please  
492 volunteer for a committee."  
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494 Mayor Samples, "As you heard earlier, we're going to have a budget special budget [meeting] to  
495 address the fiscal year 12-13 budget on June the 4<sup>th</sup>. I do want to make a specific comment concerning  
496 the stormwater. Ms. Roberts, we recognize that we have a number of stormwater issues in town. Having  
497 served on the, before I was elected to council served on the stormwater, original stormwater committee,  
498 and then later as a member of council approving the work packages that went out, we are not in a  
499 position to award a significant package this year. And while we all would like to address the stormwater  
500 problems, until this council understands the package that we're being asked to approve, which we don't,  
501 we don't, we haven't been given the technical details, and I believe we need them. The current

502 stormwater committee is doing a fine job; however, in terms of actually sitting down and getting into the  
503 technical engineering details, they don't do it. They don't do it the way that it was done in the past, and  
504 until this town is ready to award a \$1 million package, we're likely to get jack-leg contractors, okay,  
505 bidding on something and then coming in to do a job that they're over their head on. We've had plenty of  
506 experience; we've had enough experience of that in recent years. So while we all want to do things  
507 quickly, when we do them quickly, we don't, often times don't do them right. So I want you to know where  
508 I'm coming from and clearly a majority of council will decide the issue, but I also want them to understand  
509 where I'm coming from. The smart business decision for this town is to take more time and fix the  
510 problem, okay, rather than creating problems."


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512 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**


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514 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.  
515 **MOTION CARRIED.**


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517 Respectfully submitted,


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520 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk


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522 Approved: June 11, 2012

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525 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

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529 Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

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530 Ann Dodge, Town Council

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532 Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

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532 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

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535 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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534 Vacant Seat

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