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PUBLIC NOTICE: Pursuant to §6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws public notice is hereby given that the Town Council for the Town of Surfside Beach will hold a public hearing to hear public comments on

Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Municipal Budget, Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers

And another public hearing will be held to hear public comments on

Dog Park Fees, Tuesday, July 9, 2013 @ 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Douglas F. Samples
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Pastor Jay Thornell, Grand Strand Church of Christ
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**
4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**
 - A. Special Meeting June 4, 2013
 - B. Regular Meeting June 11, 2013
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only.** (3-minutes per speaker)
6. **PUBLIC HEARING** - Pursuant to §6-1-80 of the SC Code of Laws, public hearing for the public to comment on the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Municipal Budget
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Department Reports
 - i. Finance
 - ii. Recreation,
 - iii. Public Works
 - B. Administrator's Report
 - i. Update on Current Events
 - ii. Consensus Items
 - a. Workshop – Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee - consider Horry Georgetown Tech Student Presentations
 - b. Beach Access Parking Sign Location
8. **BUSINESS**
 - A. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0749 to adopt FY2013-2014 Millage Rate, Administrator Fellner.
 - B. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0750 to adopt FY2013-2014 Municipal Budget, Administrator Fellner.



8. BUSINESS, continued

- C. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0751 to add §17-417 Docks on Town Lakes, Director Morris
- D. First Reading Ordinance #13-0752 to adopt 2012 International Building Codes, Director Morris
- E. First Reading Ordinance #13-0753 to adopt 2012 Property Maintenance Codes, Director Morris
- F. Moving Municipal Court Bonds to Horry County, Administrator Fellner
- G. Proposed Ordinance to Limit Parking on Side Streets off Ocean Boulevard, Councilmember Dodge, and recommendations from Parking Committee, Chairman Ron Saunders

9. DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.

Town Code of Ordinances §2-20 Compensation and Benefits of Town Council, ¶(b) *Expense reimbursement*, specifically Town Council Per Diem, and MASC *Uptown* Article, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments. (5-minutes per speaker)

11. COUNCIL COMMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 4, 2013 ♦ 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 special meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro
10 Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Johnson, Smith and Stevens were in
11 attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner, Finance Director King, Fire
12 Chief Cimini, Police Chief Keziah, Public Works Director Adair, Recreation Supervisor Ellis, and Town
13 Clerk Herrmann.
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15 **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**
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17 “Tom Dodge, 1415 North Poplar Drive. Ah, about the budget, if, if I recall correctly, the last
18 December when the audit was presented to us, the man giving the audit said the town was in good
19 shape. One year later, the town is in bad shape. Ah, must be the mayor. I think as far as the budget
20 goes, we should have a hiring freeze. I think there should be a 5-percent across the board cut from the
21 2012-2013 budget, and anybody that thinks about raising taxes should have their head examined. We
22 need to stop spending. So, there’s my two cents tonight. Thank you.”
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24 “Sandra Elliott, 5th Avenue North. Good evening everybody. I guess I need my head examined,
25 because we’re in a financial mess, and we’re not gonna get out of it by nickeling and dimeing our budget.
26 You look at it; take the \$30 away so they can buy a turkey. What’s that, \$2,100? And, you keep picking
27 and picking at the bones. We are in it together. If we go under, our bond rating goes down. Our home
28 values go down and I don’t want to lose value on my house, because of the financial mess that was
29 created by a former employee. We now have a financial director who’s trying to help us, and we don’t
30 want to listen. Thank you.”
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32 “Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North. Not use to seeing the parenthesis up there on the top. It’s gonna be
33 a million dollars in the hole. You know, most of the people, (**) I’m gonna say most of the people that
34 vote in this are on locked in pensions. A lot of ‘em. They’re not gonna like it, you know, to have to take
35 any other money out of their pocket that comes away from other things. We have the electric bills that’s
36 gonna go up higher; everything’s going up higher. We don’t need taxes going up higher, too. I don’t, you
37 know, I just seen [sic] on television we’re gonna spend \$20,000 for some cameras. Do we really need
38 ‘em? When we’re looking like this, maybe we should be astute here in this what [sic] we’re spending our
39 money on. Thank you.”
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41 “Good evening. My name is Ray Kawa. I live on 3rd Avenue North. I got two things I want to talk
42 to you about. Ah, the first one, [Item 3] A, I’m not sure if it’s in this transfer of funds, but I was recovering
43 from surgery and I read in the paper where a town administrator had suggested taking the stormwater
44 funds and transferring them to the, the general funds to help the town. That’s all real fine and dandy, but I
45 want to remind you that I live in an area that floods bad when it’s high tide and it rains hard. We had an
46 engineering study done, was it last year or the year before that? Last year, this council promised me that
47 this would be delayed to this year and do the 16th Avenue, I guess, and 3rd Avenue. I didn’t see this in the
48 budget plan at all for this year, and now you’re talking about taking that money, and ah, putting it in
49 general funds. I have a real problem with that. My house right now is settling real bad, because the
50 ground is too moist and it’s cracking on the back side of my house. The insurance company won’t fix
51 that, because it’s a town problem. It’s a drainage problem, and I’ve asked you people before, and I really
52 want you to consider hard before you transfer that money until you fix the problems in the town. I can’t
53 afford to keep watching my house, you know, wash away and crack up. Thank you.”
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55 Mayor Samples told Mr. Kawa thank you and that he believed the plan would become clear as
56 the meeting progresses. The money that was set aside was not being transferred.

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58 Mr. Kawa: "Thank you."

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60 Mayor Samples asked the administrator for clarification, if the capital projects money was still in
61 the budget for stormwater work on 3rd Avenue and 16th.

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63 Ms. Fellner said yes, sir.

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65 Mayor Samples said first and foremost, what he wanted to say is he knew that everyone sitting on
66 the dais and that staff had worked diligently, seriously, deliberately in prioritizing the spending in this
67 town. It was mentioned that even electricity goes up. The town pays electric bills, also. So the reality is
68 that costs that increase across the board also affect your town government. Anyway, having said that, if
69 there are no other public comments, we will move forward.

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71 **3. BUSINESS.**

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73 **A. Resolution #13-135 to Transfer Funds.**

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75 Ms. King presented the resolution explaining that it was prepared pursuant to Town Council's
76 direction at previous meetings. Under the Town Code of Ordinances, hospitality funds are allowed to pay
77 for beach accesses. The work being done on the pier, which will now allow access to the beach, qualifies
78 as a hospitality expenditure; hospitality funds will pay for the work at the pier. The pier enterprise fund
79 needs to pay general fund for the last two annual deferred loan payments. Sanitation has a rent increase
80 for the building it rents from the town in the amount of \$45,375 more than was budgeted for the 2012-
81 2013 fiscal year.

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83 Mr. Smith asked if all the transfers were for the current fiscal year's budget. Ms. King said yes,
84 they were.

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86 Mayor Samples said this was discussed in great detail in the finance committee meeting. To
87 refresh everybody's memory, the finance committee members are Councilman Stevens, Mayor Pro Tem
88 Mabry, and him. He explained for those who may be recent residents of the town, when the town
89 purchased the pier there was a loan made by the general fund to the pier enterprise fund. During the first
90 couple of years the pier abided by the resolution, which would be discussed during the meeting. But
91 there were hard times and the pier was not generating sufficient funds to pay its payments to the general
92 fund. Now, it is in a position to do so with the legal transfer of hospitality monies to the pier enterprise
93 funds, since the pier was the benefitting object.

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95 Mr. Smith asked with the transfer from pier fund to general fund if that brought the loan up to
96 where it should be in payments. Ms. King said that would just be for the two deferred years payments.
97 Another payment is already in this year's budget. Mr. Smith said this was just the two deferred payments.
98 Ms. King said correct. Mr. Smith asked if the payment due this year was made. Ms. King said not yet.
99 Mr. Smith said it was still behind one payment. Ms. King said that payment should be made by the end of
100 the month. Mr. Smith said end of the month, okay, and then we'll be current. Ms. King said that was the
101 plan. Mr. Smith okay.

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103 Mr. Stevens (**) the way I understood this, and when we talked about it at finance committee,
104 was the hospitality and the pier are both tourist related. That is the reason we can transfer from
105 hospitality to the pier. The pier owes the general funds two payments. So the pier, now that it has that
106 money transferred, is paying to the general fund and then as Ms. King just stated, it will be paying another
107 payment this month, right. Ms. King said correct. Mr. Stevens said so, these two payments that will pay
108 the past payments and that the payments will be current as of the end of this month. Ms. King said
109 correct. Mr. Stevens said okay.

111 Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #13-135 to Transfer Funds. Ms. Mabry seconded. All
112 voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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114 **B. Resolution #13-136 to Repeal Resolution #11-108 Defer Principal Repayment from Pier**
115 **Enterprise Fund and to Direct Payments be made.**

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117 Mayor Samples introduced the resolution explaining that it was to repeal Resolution Number 11-
118 108 which was the resolution to allow deferral of the pier enterprise fund repayments to the general fund.

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120 Ms. King presented the resolution.

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122 Mr. Johnson moved to approve Resolution Number 13-136. Ms. Mabry seconded.

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124 Mr. Smith said page 68 is a payment summary; once the resolution is passed, he asked that the
125 chart get updated showing interest and principal payments. Ms. King said certainly.

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127 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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129 **C. Second Reading Ordinance #13-0747 FY2012-2013 Mid-Year Budget Amendments.**

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131 Mayor Samples said some time ago Town Council adopted first reading of the mid-year budget
132 amendments. It was presented tonight for further discussion.

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134 Ms. King presented the ordinance saying that there have been multiple changes since first
135 reading based on Town Council's direction at various meetings. There is no changed to general fund
136 since first reading. She itemized the differences in the hospitality fund, accommodations fund, pier fund,
137 and sanitation fund that were set out on "Proposed Budget Amendments," a copy of which is in file.

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139 Mr. Smith said the pier fund as amended would be \$166,000, but a transfer was just made
140 \$375,000 into the pier and then it would be transferred \$326,000 out of the pier. Ms. King said it was a
141 loan, which is an expense; it is a pay down of a loan. Mr. Smith asked if it was because it was a loan.
142 Ms. King said yes. Mr. Smith said okay, thank you. Ms. King said it affected cash, but it does not affect
143 the fund revenue and expenses.

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145 Ms. Dodge said asked if the \$780,000 payment had already been made to South Carolina
146 Department of Transportation. Ms. King said yes. Ms. Dodge said that was too bad, because she was
147 thinking that would really be good; thank you.

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149 Mr. Smith asked if the \$18,875 cameras allocated under accommodations was a gift to the town.
150 Ms. King said no and asked if Town Council wanted to hear explanations for all of accommodations. Mr.
151 Smith said he only wanted an explanation on the cameras. Ms. King said an accommodations tax
152 committee meeting is scheduled tomorrow for the committee to consider funding the cameras out of
153 money just received from the state. Ms. Fellner explained that the donation offered was camera
154 equipment that is not compatible with the system, because it has proprietary software designed to work
155 with specific cameras, so the donation could not be worked out. Mr. Smith asked if the town's
156 accommodations tax money would be used. Ms. Fellner said yes, because it was an allowed
157 expenditure. The accommodations tax committee was prepared to fund the cameras at its last meeting,
158 but there were no available funds. Since that meeting, a check was received. Mr. Smith asked if the
159 check would cover the cost. Ms. Fellner said yes, sir. Mr. Smith said thank you.

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161 Ms. King explained that the pier fund operates like a normal business. A loan is not an expense
162 when principal payments are made; only interest payments are expenses. So the loan principal
163 payments are not shown on the report.

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165 Mr. Smith asked where that payment would be shown. Ms. King said only as a reduction of the
166 loan balance and cash would be paid out. Mr. Smith asked which chart showed cash being paid out. Ms.
167 King said the balance sheet; the sheet distributed is the income statement. Mr. Smith said okay.
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169 Mayor Samples said to close the loop and the way the loan value is shown in the general fund is
170 as an asset. Ms. King said yes and a reduction in fund balance, right. On the pier information, it only
171 shows that the loan balance and the cash would go down. Mayor Samples said right.
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173 Ms. King explained that is why there is an adjustment to depreciation, because an enterprise fund
174 assets have to be depreciated over their useful life. When the asset value increases, the depreciation
175 also has to increase. Any improvements made to the pier increases the asset value on the books, but
176 that is only shown by the amount of depreciation, which is an expense.
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178 Mr. Smith asked how many years the pier is depreciated; 20 years? Ms. King believed it was 30
179 years.
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181 Ms. King said the sanitation fund was added, because the rent rate was increased by \$45,375.
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183 Mayor Samples said one shortcoming of the manner in which the presentation was made, in his
184 opinion, was the increases were shown on the spending side, but similar information was not shown for
185 the revenue side. He wanted to make everyone knew that the information was only expenses. There is
186 no requirement under state law to show revenue. Ms. King said the statute only requires expenditures to
187 be identified; not revenue receipts.
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189 Mr. Smith asked the administrator if these were all the changes that were discussed previously.
190 Ms. Fellner believed they were all included. Mr. Smith asked if the administrator anticipated any other
191 changes. Ms. Fellner said no; she seriously hoped there would not be any additional changes. Mr. Smith
192 said thank you. (*Laughter.*)
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194 Mayor Samples said everyone was laughing, because staff has been burning the midnight oil.
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196 Mr. Smith moved to approve second reading of Ordinance Number 13-0747 Fiscal Year 2012-13
197 Mid-Year Budget Amendments. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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199 **D. FY2013-2014 Municipal Budget.** 200

201 Mayor Samples said this is the budget that takes effect July 1st of this year, which was presented
202 to the councilmembers in the packets, and asked for questions and comments. He asked the
203 parliamentarian if it was appropriate to have a first reading at this meeting.
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205 Mr. Smith said he did not think so. He believed the council should wait until next meeting.
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207 Mayor Samples asked when the public hearing would be held. Ms. Fellner said at the second
208 meeting in June. Mayor Samples asked if that was the 25th, and if there was any reason public comments
209 could not be heard in advance. An unknown speaker said the hearing has to be 15 days after the first
210 reading. Mayor Samples reiterated the statement. Ms. Herrmann said the advertisement has to be
211 advertised 15 days prior to the public hearing. The first reading can be held at the June 11th meeting.
212 The advertisement is going in the newspaper for the public hearing to be held at the June 25th meeting
213 prior to second reading. Mayor Samples asked if there was any reason the advertisement could not go
214 out now; numbers were presented. Ms. Herrmann said public comments could be heard at this meeting,
215 but the hearing would still be required.
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217 Mr. Smith agreed that the public announcement for the public hearing in the newspaper quickly.
218 Ms. King said it would be published Friday.
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220 Ms. Kohlmann believed the mayor was asking if council would agree or not agree tonight to allow
221 people that are at the meeting to speak on different items that they had any concerns about. She had no
222 problem at all with the public speaking tonight. She encouraged it.
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224 Ms. Mabry asked if they could go ahead and put the ad in the newspaper without adopting first
225 reading.
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227 Mayor Samples said the budget could be advertised as it was developed. Ms. King said correct.
228 Mayor Samples said making known the public hearing date and time, but he understood there is a 15 day
229 requirement. Ms. King said right, the public hearing can be held 15 days after publication. It will be
230 published Friday; two weeks would be the Friday before the June 25th meeting. The public hearing would
231 be held before second reading. Mayor Samples said maybe next year public comments could be heard
232 all along the way. The earlier comments were made, the better. Once it is time for second reading, it is
233 difficult to get a council to seriously consider a lot of public comments, because it is late and they are
234 under statutory requirement to adopt the budget. Maybe next year it can be scheduled a little differently,
235 but he understood how things were now.
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237 Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner if the budget as it was presented included the 5-percent reduction in
238 gasoline. Ms. Fellner said it does not. Mr. Smith moved to direct the administrator to reduce the gasoline
239 across the board by 5-percent. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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241 Mr. Smith asked if the budget included any millage allocated for stormwater. Ms. Fellner said no.
242 Mr. Smith moved to include 1 mil allocated to stormwater in budget year 2013-2014. Mr. Stevens
243 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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245 Mayor Samples asked if other councilmembers had comments, as he believed Mr. Smith had
246 demonstrated the appropriate way to raise budgetary issues.
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248 Ms. Kohlmann asked if a date should be placed on the 1-percent [sic] stormwater.
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250 Mr. Smith said it was 1 mil.
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252 Ms. Kohlmann said she meant 1 mil; does it have date sensitive time, because it was being done.
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254 Mr. Smith said it was for next year's budget.
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256 Ms. Kohlmann asked if that was it; one year, and that was to insure that the council does not lose
257 stormwater.
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259 Mr. Smith said the next council can decide when it goes into the budget process. For this budget
260 1 mil is dedicated to stormwater.
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262 Ms. Kohlmann said okay.
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264 Mr. Stevens asked if individual items could be addressed on the budget.
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266 Mayor Samples said please; that was Councilman Smith had done.
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268 Mr. Stevens moved to amend the \$2,500 for the annual budget retreat in town to \$1,000. He
269 believed if the budget retreat was held in town there is no reason or no way that \$2,500 would be spent.
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271 Ms. Kohlmann asked for the page number.
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273 Mr. Stevens said page 69.
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275 Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

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Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Kohlmann and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmembers Dodge and Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Johnson asked for clarification, the budget as presented states "if in town," so he asked if the amount was just if the budget retreat was in town.

Mr. Smith said yes.

Mr. Johnson said if it is in town they would only budget \$1,000.

Mayor Samples recommended if it was in town that it could be reduced to about \$200.

Mr. Johnson did not know what the proper procedure was, but he definitely agreed with that amount that Councilmember Stevens requested.

Mayor Samples said a motion could be offered by a member on the prevailing side.

Ms. Kohlmann moved to reconsider the vote. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION TO RECONSIDER CARRIED.**

Mr. Johnson moved to amend the annual budget retreat if in town from \$2,500 to \$500. Mr. Stevens seconded.

Ms. Kohlmann said she appreciated that this council collectively had decided to hold the budget retreat in town. She thought that was really important thing for the people of town, because when she was not on council, she drove to Pinopolis with Ms. Mabry to attend the budget retreat. It is a long drive, and she did not think it was fair to the citizens to take their budget retreat out of town. So this is another good showing for everybody.

Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Dodge voted against, saying she thought it should be less. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Stevens moved to...

Mrs. Kohlmann asked Mayor Samples if members could refer to the page numbers when motions are offered.

Mr. Stevens said page 70, and moved to amend the newsletter to be published every 4 months, which would be published three times a year. That would save \$900 on postage for the newsletter and also \$1,456 for postage [sic] for a total of about \$2,300. Ms. Dodge seconded. Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Stevens referred to page 71 and said there are two items that he wanted to move on. One is *The Sun News* subscription, \$225. He moved to delete that, because *The Sun News* is on line and any person can go on line and read it at any time, so there is no use for the town to subscribe to *The Sun News*.

Ms. Kohlmann thought the town had to subscribe and that could not be removed from the budget. Ms. Fellner said that was correct.

Mr. Stevens withdrew his motion.

331 Mr. Stevens referred to page 71 and moved to reduce payment to the Myrtle Beach Regional
332 Economic Development Board from \$2,120 to \$1,000. He said the Horry County Council just reduced its
333 allocation to the board. He is the town representative to the board. There have only been a couple of
334 meetings and the town basically gets nothing out of it. He thought Horry County Council felt the same
335 way. Mr. Smith seconded.

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337 Ms. Kohlmann asked since Mr. Stevens attends those meetings, if he would he explain for the
338 public and council what the \$1,000 represents.

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340 Mr. Stevens said it represents the town's membership on the Myrtle Beach Regional Economic
341 Development Board, which basically works to bring new companies to the area. He moved to cut the
342 amount, because Horry County Council recommended cutting it. He thought they cut its contribution
343 amount either \$400 or \$500 hundred thousand.

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345 Mr. Johnson asked the town administrator for a comment on the motion. Ms. Fellner said Mr.
346 Stevens was correct in that so far the town has not seen anything come out of its membership. She
347 knows the town likes to engage in strategic alliances with its neighbors. There is nothing that says at a
348 different time when the budget is flush and there are benefits coming from the board that they could
349 change its allocation. She concurred with Councilmember Stevens.

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351 Ms. Mabry said she was not too sure she wanted to cut it completely, but she preferred to use
352 that money for development of the town. The planning and zoning department has become very
353 aggressive as far as getting businesses into town. She was not sure that she wanted to see funding
354 stopped, but she certainly would like to see it diverted to the town's department where they can develop
355 printed materials they need to promote economic development. Quite frankly, she thought staff was
356 doing a job better than anyone else around. New businesses are brought in every month, and that comes
357 from a lot of hard work from our own staff. So if there's money spent right now, she would rather see it
358 being spent by the town's staff.

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360 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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362 Mr. Stevens referred to page 72 and said there is a listing for Coastal Alliance and for Marlowe
363 and Company. Since last May, the town has spent well over \$13 - \$14 thousand with Marlowe and
364 Company, which is a lobbying company out of Washington, DC. He receives email messages from them,
365 but he did not see where the town was getting any benefit. He knew that was part of the Coastal Alliance
366 that is budgeted at \$12,000. Mr. Stevens moved to defer payment for one year. Ms. Dodge seconded.

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368 Mr. Smith asked the administrator to comment.

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370 Ms. Fellner asked if Mr. Stevens was looking at the bottom of the page where it states \$12,000,
371 which is for codification of town ordinances.

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373 Mr. Stevens said Marlowe and Company was the very first line. (**)

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375 Ms. Fellner said the town pays \$374 a month that goes towards the contract that the Coastal
376 Alliance has with Marlowe and Associates. But that is the only part of that amount that goes to them.
377 The remainder is all for codification.

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379 Mr. Stevens said that whatever part is sent to Marlowe he wanted to defer for one year.

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381 Mayor Samples believed there was an existing agreement.

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383 Mr. Stevens said it was \$4,488.

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385 Mayor Samples believed the number was right. Ms. Fellner said there is an existing agreement.
386 Mayor Samples reiterated there is an existing agreement and the only reason that he happened to know

387 was that this was discussed extensively at the last Coastal Alliance meeting in January. The minutes
388 from that meeting show all the towns in the county and their respective contribution amounts. At this
389 point, he believed the agreement had to be honored until the end of the year.

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391 Mr. Stevens said he would like to revisit the agreement at that time.

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393 Ms. Kohlmann said she personally wanted more information before voting on the motion.

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395 Mr. Stevens asked if the administrator could be directed to give the entire council additional
396 information on this.

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398 Mayor Samples asked what Ms. Fellner would be doing tomorrow at eleven. Ms. Fellner said
399 going to the Coastal Alliance meeting. She had plenty of information and would be happy to share it.

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401 Mr. Stevens withdrew his motion. Ms. Dodge withdrew the second.

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403 Mr. Stevens referred to page 73, and said there is an item chairs for council chambers to
404 accommodate all guests. He looked in the audience and saw plenty of empty seats. He moved to delete
405 the \$1,000 for new chairs. Mr. Smith seconded.

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407 Ms. Herrmann said the item was presented because she had at least three citizens tell her they
408 did not attend meetings, because they cannot fit in the chairs in chambers.

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410 Mr. Stevens said there are 100 chairs now, and another 100 chairs would be purchased. He
411 asked what was wrong with the existing chairs other than the few people that cannot fit in them.

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413 Ms. Herrmann said that was the point, they are not accessible for some of the town's citizens.

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415 Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor.
416 Mayor Pro Tem Mabry and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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418 Mr. Stevens referred to page 73 and said it may have already been addressed, but video
419 recording was shown at a price of \$14,500. If it was not already deleted he wanted to move to delete it.

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421 Ms. Kohlmann said that had already been deleted.

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423 Ms. Fellner said Ms. Kohlmann was correct; it had been deleted, but a new detail sheet was not
424 provided.

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426 Mr. Stevens referred to page 74, and moved to delete the Dell personal computers for the mayor
427 and the reception use. He said 32 computers are available at the library and are easily accessible by
428 anybody in town at no cost. You only need a library card to use them. He did not see any sense in
429 buying a computer for the mayor, no disrespect to Mayor Samples.

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431 Ms. Kohlmann asked if the administrator could inform council of the costs, because there are
432 several other items in the description. She asked if there was a computer provided for the mayor in the
433 past.

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435 Ms. Fellner said when Mayor Deaton went into office the town bought a new laptop with a docking
436 station and printer for him to use.

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438 Mr. Stevens asked where that laptop is now.

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440 Mayor Samples said sitting on the mayor's desk. Ms. Fellner said exactly. Mayor Samples said it
441 is about the slowest piece of equipment he had ever seen. Ms. Fellner said it truly is. The RAM has
442 been updated and there is not much else that can be done to improve its performance. Mayor Samples

443 said he brings his own tools in, including his computer. One of the reasons that he does that is because
444 he is not going to sit for four minutes waiting for a webpage to open. He did not have a problem
445 eliminating the purchase.

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447 Mr. Stevens asked what the amount was for the two items. Ms. Fellner said she would send
448 someone to her office to get the details, and asked if council would allow her to come back to this item
449 once the information is available.

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451 Mr. Stevens said okay.

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453 Mayor Samples said it was possible that the next mayor, whoever he or she may be, will not be
454 as technologically competent.

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456 Ms. Mabry asked if it would be appropriate for her to make a statement.

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458 Mayor Samples said no, it is unnecessary. For the amount of money, it is not worth stirring the
459 pot. It's not a big deal. One of these days somebody will get a better computer than he could, instead of
460 a hand-me-down. He said to be honest; the personal computer is probably what would be more
461 appropriate in that office as opposed to a laptop now that he considered what the requirements were.

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463 Ms. Kohlmann said in order to move it along, this isn't the end of it, allow the administrator to get
464 the information and research it more. She can bring that information up at a future date, right. She asked
465 if everybody agreed to move it along.

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467 Mayor Samples asked if she wanted to hold that point.

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469 Ms. Kohlmann said Mr. Stevens did make a motion, and she would just like to move the meeting
470 along. (**)

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472 Mayor Samples said to move along while Ms. Fellner got the information.

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474 Mr. Stevens had questions and maybe somebody could address them. He thought the
475 administrator might be able to answer them. For example on page 75 the finance department has an
476 HTC long distance allocation. When he averaged the monthly cost it was \$141.67. Page 80 under the
477 police department, long distance HTC secure access lines, which may cost a little bit more, he saw a cost
478 of \$541.67 a month. The fire department has HTC and long distance is \$333.33 a month. Court has
479 HTC at a cost of \$108.33 a month. He was seeing a big variance in HTC phone services in different
480 places. It basically baffled him how one place could cost \$100 and another place cost \$500. The two
481 highest places, he believed, were the fire department and the police department. He did not understand
482 that and asked for an explanation. Ms. Fellner said the police department is much bigger; it is the biggest
483 department and that is why. Mr. Stevens asked how many lines the police department had. Ms. Fellner
484 said the cost was not just for phones.

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486 Mr. Smith asked whether the town received a lump sum bill and then the amounts were allocated
487 to the departments or were individual bills received. Ms. Fellner said for long distance everything was
488 broken out. The cost also includes Internet. In finance there are three personal computers. The police
489 department has four times that number. She said she would not pick apart that particular line item; those
490 are related both to Internet usage, which tie in with the personal computers, and also to telephones.
491 There are a lot more users in the police department. When the new firehouse was built, there were a lot
492 of phones added. The old firehouse had three extensions upstairs and one in the bay. Now, she
493 believed there were ten, and there are two bay phones, and a phone for the elevator, which is required,
494 and two dedicated lines were required. She believed there were very good reasons for the differences by
495 department in those lines and she reiterated that was one item which she would not be comfortable with
496 picking apart.
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498 Ms. Kohlmann said with the police department she believed the chief would agree that there are
499 all kinds of other systems running on that. Chief Keziah said 9-1-1 lines (**). Ms. Kohlmann said the
500 police department is hooked up with a lot of places that they have to have. Maybe the fire department
501 needs that many also. But she was just wondering, where she worked in New York they did not all have
502 long distance capability. There were dedicated phones for long distance. Usually it was in the
503 supervisor's office and if a staff member needed to make a long distance call, it had to be logged in and it
504 had to be for a reason. So you couldn't call Aunt Bessie in Mexico for three hours. She just wanted to
505 know whether the town had a system in place, and if not, perhaps that should be considered. Ms. Fellner
506 said that control is already in place. Each employee has a code, and the calls are reviewed periodically,
507 at least three or four times a year. She calls it "the big 5," the calls that appear to be anomalies are
508 reviewed; sometimes she even calls a number to see who answers. There has been discipline and even
509 a termination as a result of reviewing phone records. Ms. Kohlmann believed that was worth looking at
510 instead of taking away phones. She thought that said a lot when we have to watch; that is part of
511 management's job to think outside the box and maybe the town needs to be a little bit different on self-
512 inspection and instead of leaving it up to Ms. Fellner to do. Maybe department directors could do self-
513 inspections every month, so that abuse could be identified right away, which could save the town a lot of
514 money. Where she worked before when they even made a phone call to let family members they had to
515 stay at work they had to write a check at the end of the month to pay for the call. Mr. Adair understood
516 what Ms. Kohlmann was saying and agreed with her as he had also worked New York. He was familiar
517 with the repayment process. He said the big difference he found in town is that a lot of the phone calls he
518 and his staff made were out of state phone numbers, because there are so many people that own houses
519 in town that do not have a local area code. Probably the majority of phone calls he makes are to town
520 residents or owners that do not have local numbers.

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522 Mr. Stevens liked Ms. Kohlmann's comments saying they are the stewards of the taxpayers'
523 dollars and they needed to make sure that each department was spending the taxpayers' dollars wisely.
524 That was why he brought that up.

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526 Ms. Fellner said she received the information on the personal computers for the mayor and
527 reception area. The personal computer for the mayor's office is a business grade desk top computer,
528 which would include configuration, is \$1,200. It generally takes three hours to reconfigure the computer.
529 The reception computer was also \$1,200, and would require extra configuration time to lock it down so
530 the users could only use it for town business. There are two hard drives budgeted at \$500 each.

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532 Mr. Stevens asked how much the reception personal computer cost. Ms. Fellner said \$1,200.
533 Mr. Stevens said so it was \$1,200 and \$1,200, okay.

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535 Mr. Smith said that was what they were concerned about; just those two numbers.

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537 Mr. Stevens asked if the hard drive was for the computer, as well. Ms. Fellner said she always
538 tried to budget within the department a couple of hard drives, because one or two is always lost during
539 the year; also the \$35 switches, because they occasionally has to be replaced. Mr. Stevens said that was
540 a \$2,900 amount. Ms. Fellner said no, \$2,400 for the computers. The hard drives were not for the two
541 computers. There were replacements for hard drives that went bad during the year instead of buying new
542 computers. Mr. Stevens said alright.

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544 Ms. Kohlmann asked if a computer had ever been in the reception area for public use. Ms.
545 Fellner said yes. Ms. Kohlmann said okay.

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547 Mr. Stevens moved to delete the Dell personal computers for a total of \$2,400. Mr. Smith
548 seconded. Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Smith and Stevens voted in favor.
549 Mayor Pro Tem Mabry and Councilmember Kohlmann voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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551 Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner to explain the Projected Fund Balances after Changes chart that was
552 distributed. Ms. Fellner explained that the chart showed fund balances after changes were made; a copy
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Mayor Samples reiterated that the green column is the current fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2013. The blue column is the projection based on the proposed budget. Ms. Fellner said that was correct; that is what is depicted by the chart and includes all the changes directed by Town Council to date. She pointed out that the sanitation and pier funds look very large at times, but those balances include assets. For the current year and next year, the sanitation fund has assets equaling \$508,211 leaving unrestricted funds at \$649,504. The pier fund has land assets estimated at \$1.508 million and structure asset estimated at \$1.406 million for this year. General fund payments from the pier fund for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 in the amount of \$815,000, which nets cash of (\$45,000). Next year, the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, the pier fund the assets values remain the same, but the general fund payment would be \$652,000, which results in projected cash of (\$34,000).

Mr. Stevens asked if Ms. Fellner was saying there would be a general fund payment to the pier fund of \$652,000. He asked what those payments encompassed. Ms. Fellner said that was how much would be owed. Mr. Stevens said it would owe \$652,000, and asked how much the payment amount was. Ms. Fellner said \$163,000. (**) Mr. Stevens asked per year. Mayor Samples said per year.

Mayor Samples said the certified public accountants audited the town. The first five funds include the general fund, capital projects, hospitality, accommodations tax, and local accommodations tax, which are categorized as governmental funds that fall under particular accounting practices and procedures. The other two funds, the sanitation and pier, are designed to operate as free standing, self-supporting businesses. The reason the assets are so high is sanitation, obviously, has very expensive equipment. Its trucks cost \$250 thousand each. There are statutory controls that must be followed in those first five funds. He believed that Town Council took a great step tonight, saying in fact, they had been border line perhaps in recent years in certain practices, and he thought steps had been taken to clean house for the future and set it up in order to achieve council's goals. It was important that Town Council had a clear understanding the town's actual financial status, and now it does.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner if the general fund balance for fiscal year 2013-2014 was shown before all the transfers were made would that have been less than this year's total. Ms. Fellner said yes. Mr. Smith said then they had actually made some positive moves tonight and increased the general fund balance for next year by the moves that were made. Ms. Fellner said that was correct. Mr. Smith said okay and thank you.

Mayor Samples said thank you for clarifying that.

Mr. Smith moved to suspend rules to allow the public to make comments. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Samples asked Town Council if speakers could limit their comments to three minutes. Several Councilmembers voiced agreement.

"Once again, I'm Ray Kawa on 3rd Avenue North. I got a question for Mr. Smith there; that one millage that you proposed for the stormwater. What exactly does that mean?"

Mr. Smith said that means the town will set aside a small amount of money for next year for stormwater, but there is money in next year's budget...(***Several speaking at once.*)

Mayor Samples said (**) 500 to 600 thousand right now available.

Mr. Smith said there's 400 and something thousand dollars already allocated in next year's budget to do 3rd Avenue North and 16th Avenue North, and he had gone over the plan with Mr. Adair and it includes Mr. Kawa's street. So, Mr. Kawa didn't have to worry.

608 Mr. Kawa: "Well, I've been fighting that thing since; I guess your husband was on Town Council.
609 (*Laughter.*) And, I, I, just want you to know I appreciate that, and ah, one thing for clarification for myself,
610 can you tell me what these cameras on the beach are gonna be for?"

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612 Mayor Samples said he believed Ms. Fellner would explain.

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614 Mr. Kawa: "Thank you."

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616 Ms. Fellner asked if she should explain now.

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618 Mayor Samples said in 25 words or less.

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620 Ms. Fellner said they are cameras to go on the beach accesses. They're a law enforcement tool,
621 and she had a lot of details that she would be glad to share, and she asked the police chief to come
622 tonight to answer questions.

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624 Mayor Samples asked Chief Keziah to explain and if the press had called him this morning.

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626 Chief Keziah said all of them did. If there were no specific questions to start with, he offered to
627 give a brief overview and then answer questions. (***Tape ended.*) He said it would be a public/private
628 partnership to start with. The town as a government agency would install five cameras to partner with the
629 company that will provide the service. The company will provide all of the NVR (network video recorder)
630 equipment, which includes the storage and the recording devices and all the relay points for the town.
631 The town would purchase the cameras and be responsible for monitoring them. The original plan is to
632 place cameras in the business district on Surfside Drive, one in the pier lot, one mounted on the pier, and
633 at beach accesses at 4th Avenue South and 3rd Avenue North. This is the initial cost to set up. Once the
634 equipment is in place, additional cameras can be easily added by just purchasing the camera. If there
635 comes a point in time when there isn't enough storage space for all the cameras, then the company will
636 provide a bigger NVR to the town that provides more storage space. He met today with Horry County
637 leaders, public safety director Whitten, and with the camera company. The County is also dedicated to
638 this program. Conway Police is dedicated to it for their river front and downtown districts. He felt that if all
639 goes well, that the town would be the first to implement the program. The other agencies that implement
640 the cameras can tie into the town's system. The town would only be responsible for its own cameras,
641 which feed to the NVR that will be located in the town's dispatch center. The dispatcher will monitor the
642 cameras. It will be a PTZ camera, which is pan, tilt, zoom. The cameras have the ability to zoom in on a
643 tag number or an individual if there is a call of suspicious person. It's a really good tool for the
644 department and provides video records from which still shots can be made. The company will offset its
645 expenses in setting up the town by selling cameras to private businesses. The private business will have
646 the opportunity to allow the police department access to their camera, but are not required to do so. He
647 was not saying that the town would monitor privately owned cameras, but the department could have
648 access to the data, if something happened and the owner gave permission. He found out at the meeting
649 today that there is a lot of growth with this program, for instance license plate readers can be added to the
650 cameras to check every tag that comes in and out, if there is a problem and you're looking for a specific
651 vehicle. That's a different expense on down the road, but that's just what the potential is. Horry County
652 representatives have said that they are definitely committed to this program; its high priority areas are
653 boat landings, beach accesses, and one-way in and one-way out residential neighborhoods. Mr. Whitten
654 said today that he is pushing forward with it because when Horry County partners it will also bring in the
655 City of Conway, which is interested in videoing its river front and downtown areas. Once the town gets
656 the relay point, which will be on the water tower, the data will come from the cameras to the relay point
657 and then be transmitted to the police department. That is the same process for the private partnerships.
658 That's how they make their money that allows them to give the town the free equipment and all the relay
659 points. There's no reoccurring cost other than one dedicated internet line that can't have anything else on
660 it but that feed. The long term goal for this is if Horry County and Conway partner with this, Horry County
661 would form what they call a power center. It would have somebody monitoring all of their cameras 24
662 hours a day. For no fee, they would also monitor the town's cameras 24 hours a day in return for the use
663 of the equipment that we were given for free, so that's a benefit to the town. He gave an example of

664 someone stealing a golf cart in town; the golf cart was videotaped going down Surfside Drive through the
665 business district, and then past the cameras at the entrance into the Deerfield residential area. That
666 would be a pretty good indication of where to search for the stolen golf cart. The cameras give the
667 department another investigative tool. The county also has offered for the town to use their fiber optic
668 cable to transmit data to the viewing center in Conway if it implements the program and if the town
669 decided, it could do so; but, it is not required. The town has an option to keep its camera functions
670 completely separate. Basically, the purchase will give the department five cameras that can be monitored
671 in real time from the dispatch center.

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673 Mr. Smith asked what the name of the company is that is providing this. Chief Keziah said the
674 company is called Wildfire. Wildfire just partnered with Kingston Plantation, which is 165 acres. Mr.
675 Smith asked if the cameras were wireless. Chief Keziah said yes, they are pan-tilt-zoom, and operate in
676 low light, but they are not infrared. Mr. Smith asked if they used batteries. Chief Keziah said they would
677 be hooked up to electricity, and have an initial one-year warranty. After the warranty, a service plan could
678 be considered or depending on the number of repairs, the town could simply just replace and repair parts,
679 because of the lower cost. During the meeting today, he asked how the cameras would hold up in the
680 beach environment. The answer was that the cameras would have a one-year warranty. They are so
681 inexpensive they may only last two years, and replacing parts would be much less expensive than the
682 service contract for a year.

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684 Ms. Kohlmann said she believed everybody knew that she thought videotaping was great.
685 Everybody just has to be aware that big brother is watching everywhere. She said they are highly
686 successful as crime fighting tools and she believed with the department's ability to see things live it is a
687 huge safety benefit for responding police officers. She knew people said they do not want big brother
688 watching, but the cameras solve crimes. Chief Keziah said that Kingston Plantation had the same
689 problem with their governing board about the privacy issues. They contracted with a law firm that did a lot
690 of research and vetted this process before the cameras are set permanently, the town could work with the
691 installers to insure there are no privacy issues. Basically, anything that you can see with your eyes out
692 there is public and that is what the cameras would be doing. If you cannot see through the blinds on a
693 window, then the camera would not see through. Ms. Kohlmann said if people do not want to behave
694 properly in public, then that is their problem. But, she said as far as the weather, her personal cameras
695 do not wear out and capture people and assist the police department all the time. It's a wonderful,
696 wonderful thing. Chief Keziah said these cameras are the highest quality available for the amount of
697 money and are low-light, high resolution digital real-time cameras.

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699 Mr. Stevens asked what the cost for a business to join the police department's network. Chief
700 Keziah said after they contract with the provider, there is no charge to them from the department to be
701 able to store their data on the town's equipment that is provided free of charge by the company. Their
702 storage on the department equipment it gives the department the opportunity to review the business's
703 tape if something happens. Mr. Stevens posed a hypothetical situation: he lives on the corner of
704 Hollywood and 5th Avenue, someone comes by and steals his golf cart; he rides by Conway National
705 Bank, and Conway National Bank is in the loop, then that would allow that bank camera to film that
706 person, and if that person goes across the street and passes by Dagwood's Deli and it has a camera, he
707 would be filmed again. And if there is a camera at Deerfield, he would be filmed again and there would
708 be a good idea where he was going. Chief Keziah did not think that would be hypothetical; it could likely
709 happen and would be pretty much fact. Mr. Stevens said in essence this is basically for public safety, and
710 it benefits every citizen in town.

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712 Mr. Kawa asked a question from the floor (**).

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714 Chief Keziah said that question came up and he would have to get Mr. Adair to assist in removing
715 them.

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717 Ms. Mabry asked if signage would be posted to advise the public that there are video cameras.
718 Chief Keziah said there are no statutory requirements for notice. If council wanted signage, it could be
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Mr. Stevens personally did not think any criminal needed a sign telling him he was being filmed.

Mr. Smith said since this is in this year's budget and as soon as the accommodations tax committee agreed to it, how long would it take for the cameras to be installed. Chief Keziah said it would have to be let for bids, so at least 30 days.

Mayor Samples said the county is being pitched. Chief Keziah said yes, and his understanding was that the county was ready to move forward. Mayor Samples asked if the county was considering using an alternative source. Chief Keziah said no, but the county will also have to let bids. He did not anticipate another company meeting the package for the price offered by Wildfire, but statutorily the bids must be let. Mayor Samples said okay. Chief Keziah said once the bids were in, it would have a turnaround time within 30 days.

Mr. Smith said within 60 days or so. Chief Keziah said that was correct.

"Good evening. Ralph Magliette, 104 Harbor Lights. Ah, I have a real quick question as far the budget goes and it's on page 51, and since I'm new in town, and I'm new to the beach town, if someone could explain it to me, it says there's an item in here reserve for beach renourishment, and ah, I see that there was no funding in 2011-2012, but there is funding for 2013-2014, and the reason I bring up this question is because, ah, I walk the beach every day. I see there's some spot erosion on the south side of the beach. I know the department of public works is doing some work trying to, ah, increase and stabilize the sand dunes in that area, and so my question is, ah, is that money kept in a fund, because I know every ten years you have to replenish the, the sand. I know it was done in 2008, and 2009. So when it's reserved money, are you supposed to put like 10-percent away every year into a fund? I just want to understand the process. And my second question to John is if you see the pocket erosion, is there anything that one can do to like patch it, or is just that sand ebbs and flows and you just let it do what it wants, and then after then 10-year period comes back, then you just do the renourishment on the entire beach. Those are my questions. Thank you."

Mr. Adair said the answer is yes to both questions. The town does perform small scale restoration work. Recently there was a washout between 13th and 16th South, which created a little bit of a ledge. Staff has been working to build that back up, and digging out areas where house walk paths were buried. On a larger scale, he met with the US Army Corp of Engineers and Horry County Engineering on May 1st to do an annual inspection of the beach. The town's beach is part of the area that runs from just at the Georgetown County line up to Myrtle Beach State Park campground. The beach was found to be in very good condition, but the estimate is beach renourishment every 10 years with sand out of the ocean, which is basically funded 65-percent federal funds and 35-percent local funds, local meaning all entities in Horry County.

*(** Several speaking at once)*

Mayor Samples said historically the town regularly set aside funds for renourishment. The last time that renourishment occurred, there was a windfall that came forward and it did not require that the town contribute as much as it had in the past. So at the time, the past administrations stopped setting money aside, which is why there are zeros in the columns. He asked if money was budgeted this year.

Mr. Magliette: "I saw it in 2013-2014, there was money, but there wasn't in previous, and I was just curious."

Mayor Samples said 45 this year and 45 additional.

Mr. Magliette: "Yes, and the total would be, I think, if I'm reading this right, would be \$118,000."

774 Mayor Samples said that was good, because we need to build up cash, because we don't control
775 the process, obviously. When the Corp comes forward and they're going to be contracting it out,
776 everybody is notified to participate, and it will cost whatever the town's portion of the bid is.
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778 Mr. Magliette: "So the answer is then that this money is reserved and it'll; each calendar year
779 more money will go into it reserved for that purpose whenever the decision is made to renourish it."
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781 Mayor Samples said correct, with the exception, and the detailed records would have to be
782 reviewed; the last time when the windfall was received, it only cost the town \$220,000. The previous time
783 renourishment was done, he believed the town paid close to \$750,000, because it is very expensive.
784 There are not that many contractors that do that type work; the equipment is very expensive.
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786 Mr. Magliette: "Thank you very much."
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788 Ms. Kohlmann asked for her own clarification, once the money was put into the beach
789 renourishment account, say two years from now when there is a new council seated, whether they can
790 transfer the beach renourishment money into something else; could it or not.
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792 Mayor Samples was sure they could. Several other members said they could.
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794 Ms. Kohlmann said that was very bad. Remember that everybody in two years.
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796 Ms. Mabry said this was done by resolution, but of course, you know, Town Council can always
797 repeal a resolution. That is just a fact, and she hoped it never was repealed. The funds were included in
798 the budget and the reason the amount was a little off was because Ms. King received a check for \$28,000
799 that was supposed to be placed in beach renourishment, which pumped up the amount over the \$90,000
800 that it would have been next year. That explains why it is \$118,000.
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802 Ms. Kohlmann said she worries about the "beachy stuff."
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804 Ms. Mabry said she did, too.
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806 Ms. Kohlmann said we need to remember where we live.
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808 *(**Comments from unknown speaker on the floor)*
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810 Mayor Samples responded that it was all budget. Council suspended the rules and council is still
811 hearing public comments and questions.
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813 "Ms. Magliette, 104 Harbor Lights Drive. Somebody asked me when I was 27 where I want to live
814 and I said a beach town, never thinking it would happen. I just want to remind you all that there's not too
815 many beach towns around, and this town is taking really good care of its beach, its natural asset, and
816 also taking really good care of its people making sure we're safe, and I just want to thank you and tell you
817 that every month I live here it just gets better and better, and I don't know of any other place that I can say
818 that about, folks. Thank you, and God bless."
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820 "Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North. I want to thank the staff for shuffling all the money around and
821 making it look half decent, cause we did have some big numbers up there with two commas in the
822 negative, and it's pretty hard. That's why, I guess, we're looking at phone bills, you know, and coats, and
823 shoes, and we don't want to send the staff and the administrator down to the library to work next year.
824 We want to keep 'em and the mayor down there, keep everybody in house, and ah, as for the, ah, the ah,
825 cameras, that's the law enforcement of the 21st Century. If we didn't have those in Boston, they'd still be
826 making bombs up there, and I always think about that young lady that got taken out of Myrtle Beach.
827 We're not worried about golf carts getting stolen, that's what I worry about, so that we should have these
828 cameras and not, note say hey, here's the camera, but they should be all over, because they're there for
829 major crime. We wanna stop that major crime. People get taken, people get hurt, and that's what those

830 cameras are for. You can look back and you can find 'em. Those two boys would be still up there
831 making bombs for the next run, and I want to thank staff for everything they've done, and you guys, too.
832 Shuffling the bucks; it ain't easy. Thank you."
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834 "Tom Dodge, North Poplar Drive. Ah, we're talking about costs here, but rumor has it around
835 town that there may be a tax increase, and I'm asking if that is going to happen on this budget."
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837 Mr. Smith responded emphatically, "No."
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839 Mr. Dodge: "Thank you."
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841 Mr. Stevens said no from him, also.
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843 Mr. Dodge: "Because in my world, when the five mil stormwater tax expires at the end of June
844 and we do not put that five mils back into stormwater, and we put that five mils in the general fund, in my
845 world that is a five mil tax increase. I know that you have checked with your lawyer, and they said that I
846 am wrong, but there's 60 pages of lawyers in the Myrtle Beach phone book, and I'll bet I could find
847 lawyers that say I'm right. So, in my world we're already being hit with a five mil tax increase, which I
848 don't mind, but I think it should continue to go to stormwater, because we're at the bottom of the hill, and
849 all that water comes to us, and we have to pay to take care of it, and if we're not gonna budget but 1 mil, I
850 don't think that's enough. We already got one tax increase when the garbage rates went up in February.
851 That was a tax increase by another name, and I'm very glad to hear that we are not having a second five
852 mil tax increase. Thank you."
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854 "Martha Bullard, 112-A North Myrtle Drive, and I just want to say that I, I want to thank the council
855 for giving us permission again to do the sunburn trailer, you know, down at the beach at the pier. The last
856 time I was here, and we do have so many comments, wonderful comments about our community that I
857 have had some questions lately. People have wondered; you built that really nice ramp around there, but
858 they can't, they still can't their wheel chairs through that sand, and I understand we're going to pave that.
859 Is that going to be paved any time soon, do you think?"
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861 Mr. Adair explained that a temporary wooden walkway will be completed by the end of the day on
862 Thursday from the asphalt surface across the sand to the bottom of the new ramp, and paving will be
863 done next fall when the summer season is over.
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865 Ms. Bullard: "Good, that's good. I'm thankful for that. Thank you."
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867 Mayor Samples said he did not believe anyone was more disappointed that the entire project was
868 not completed than the councilmembers.
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870 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor.
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873 **E. Encroachment Permit Stipulations & Fee Authorization, Administrator Fellner (May be**
874 **deferred until after Executive Session.)**
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876 Mayor Samples said Town Council needed to discuss this item during executive session.
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878 **4. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**
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880 Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements (Item 3.E.)
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882 Mr. Smith moved to enter executive session at 8:19 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in
883 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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885 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in
886 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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888 Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session.
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890 Mr. Smith moved to direct the town administrator to proceed with the encroachment permit and
891 present it to Town Council at the next meeting. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION**
892 **CARRIED.**

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894 **5. ADJOURNMENT**
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896 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.
897 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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899 Prepared and submitted by,
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902 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
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904 Approved: June 25, 2013

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907 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor
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911 Mary M. Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore Ann Dodge, Town Council
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914 Mark L Johnson, Town Council Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council
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917 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council Randle M. Stevens, Town Council
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**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2013 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Fellner; Finance Director King; Planning Director Morris; Police Chief Keziah; Fire Chief Cimini; Recreation Supervisor Ellis, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

Mayor Samples reminded everyone that hurricane season had officially begun. He encouraged everyone to create a plan and be prepared to protect their families and pets in the event of a storm.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pastor Tom Wallace of Journey Church gave the invocation. Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to allow Mr. Howard Barnard to make a presentation from the Surfside Rotary Club after public comments. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED as AMENDED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL.

Ms. Dodge referred to line 55 and said that Mrs. Mabry [sic] talked about a luau, but she knew nothing about it and asked if that should be in the minutes. Ms. Ellis said the luau was mentioned by Ms. Crone as having already occurred, but it is not scheduled until August 12th. Ms. Dodge said thank you.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items (3 minutes.)

"Mary Ellen Abrams, 311 13th North. I'd like to talk about Agenda Item 7.A. I support a tax increase as being in the best interest of the town. The mule is in the ditch. Wondering how the mule got in the ditch doesn't change the fact that that he's in the ditch and it's your responsibility to get him out of the ditch. Please put away the drama. Get out of the weeds, and look at the big picture. And a short-sighted attempt to claim you didn't raise taxes you're not seeing what this drastic cost cutting is really doing. It's throwing away progress. Some of you like to brag about all the wonderful committees that have been established. I say put your money where your mouth is. There will be no point in citizen committees, if council responds to all their hard work with we can't afford to do that. You will be throwing away the contributions of the citizens. You cut back the newsletter, but what you really cut is information to the citizens. The town finally has a forward looking, professional staff. They are capable of leading us into the future. If you tie their hands, you will be wasting their capability and their salary. (**) Just a few months ago, this very council spent over six hours in vision workshops. Two days of great ideas. Was that lip service? Again, I say put your money where your mouth is or you'll be throwing away your own vision. I am deeply disappointed that a few councilmembers have completely closed their minds to a tax increase. Unwillingness to raise taxes is disrespectful to the hardworking citizens, staff and council. At election time you can claim you didn't raise taxes, but don't forget to say that that's going to be your only accomplishment, because you made sure there won't be any more money. This discussion of a tax

55 increase is not about you, councilmembers. Please focus on the good of the town as a whole. I'd like to
56 see less self-serving politics and more responsibility for the future of Surfside Beach. Thank you."
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58 "Ann Wescott, 413 Cedar Drive North, and I want to talk about cameras on the beach. We all
59 know that this will be sold as a safety issue. We all know the drill about that one. As a citizen of still
60 relatively free country, I do not want the government snooping on me while I'm at the beach. I do not
61 want to live in a police, a police state or a police town. A government that spies on everyone every day
62 for everything for no reason with no control is not the kind of country that I want to live in. The story goes
63 that it's the surveillance equipment available to our federal, state, and local people were available during
64 the Second World War by the time it was over, there would not be a Jew, a gypsy, or a special needs
65 child left alive in Europe. All I ask is that you think of the ramifications of this; throwing away part of our
66 freedom before you vote on this. Thank you."
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68 "Tom Dodge, 14th, 15th Avenue North. I wasn't gonna say anything tonight, but ah, I, I feel that
69 cutting expenses is what we need to do. We do not have to operate like Washington, DC where you tax
70 your way into prosperity. I think that anybody that wants a tax increase has the right to write a check to
71 the town for any amount they want to give the town. Don't burden the people in town. Cut expenses.
72 Thank you."
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74 "John Ard, 612 Cypress Drive, Surfside. I'd like to say that I'm totally against this tax increase.
75 We need to find out where all the money has been spent and its going. The town's almost in a deficit
76 situation now and on account of money just being thrown [sic] away. Thrown [sic] to the wind; lawsuits,
77 whatever else had, and here you are now wanting \$55,000 for one thing, and \$5,000 for another thing.
78 This is stuff that we can do without. We spent 55,000 extra dollars on parking meters. We still haven't
79 figured out yet how a [sic] 136 parking meters got authorized when the parking committee did not
80 recommend but 30. Somebody went over somebody's head as usual, and we don't have the answer to
81 these questions, and seems like no one wants to come up with 'em. So if you quit spending money
82 foolishly, you don't have to raise taxes, and that was it."
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84 "Gene Maruca, 116 7th Ave. South. I live in the R-1 district."
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86 Mayor Samples said R-3.
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88 Mr. Maruca: "R-3, excuse me, the rental district. It's getting extremely heavy having to burden
89 the people who support this town. The people who make your expenses, your household expenses what
90 they are. A tax increase will only hurt the people in the rental district, and then in turn, they'll turn around
91 and give it to our tourists who eventually will find somewhere less expensive to vacation. That seems to
92 be what we're heading towards. But having to support the residents in the residential district is really
93 heavy. Stop and think about a \$600 thousand home. What's four mils gonna cost them? And then, look
94 at \$150 thousand home. If we're gonna do, let's find an equal. Let's take every household in the town
95 and charge 'em equally or live within our means. There's no need to raise taxes. Let's take the time and
96 go through our budget. Thank you."
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98 Mayor Samples reminded the audience to allow the speakers to speak and to maintain order.
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100 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**
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102 **A. Surfside Rotary Presentation, Mr. Howard Barnard.**
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104 Mr. Barnard thanked all the members for serving on Town Council. He said that Mayor Samples
105 attended the Wednesday Rotary meeting when Ms. Debbie Ellis was presented with the Rotary's highest
106 award, the "Service Above Self," which is the most outstanding citizen award. Ms. Ellis demonstrated
107 selfless effort in assisting the Rotary with its annual road race. The Rotary appreciates her efforts. Ms.
108 Ellis said thank you. (*Standing ovation.*) Mr. Barnard said the Rotary had partnered with the town for the
109 past 10 years for the road race, which is its largest fundraiser. Every dollar raised is invested in the
110 community. The Rotary has raised over \$30,000 for the Surfside recreation department. He presented a

111 \$5,000 check to Mayor Samples on behalf of Surfside Rotary for the town's recreation department.
112 Mayor Samples thanked the Rotary and Mr. Barnard.

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114 **A. Department Reports.**

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116 **i. Planning, Building & Zoning.**

117 Ms. Morris presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Staff issued 117
118 permits in May compared to 112 last year. There were 116 inspections made, 16 plan reviews,
119 and 158 business licenses were issued, which includes renewals. Two structures were removed;
120 one demolition at 318 16th Avenue North, and the house 410 Ocean Boulevard North was moved
121 outside the town limits. Numerous signs were removed from the town rights-of-way. Residential
122 and business owners were advised that signs cannot be placed in rights-of-way. The owners of
123 the property at 633 East Sparrow Drive were contacted. They have turned the house over to a
124 realtor. It will be cleaned up and placed on the market soon. Staff will continue to monitor the
125 progress and advise council. The building official attended the stormwater plan review class and
126 is scheduled to take the stormwater plan review test this month in Columbia. There are lots of
127 things happening in the overlay district. Two restaurants are being up-fit with landscaping in the
128 parking lots. Some businesses have volunteered to remove parking to make room for
129 landscaping. JerriBob's actually cut the pavement to meet the landscaping requirements even
130 though it was not required to do so at this time. Staff is very excited about those projects along
131 Highway 17.
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134 Ms. Dodge said she goes past 410 Ocean Boulevard North. When that house was
135 removed they did a marvelous job clearing that lot and grading it. It looks great. She was still
136 complaining about the awful pole on Ocean Boulevard. She said get her a can of paint, and she
137 would go paint it. A citizen gave her a note; there are two abandoned properties at 516 and 711
138 5th Avenue North that need to be mowed. She asked if there were regulations to require vacant
139 property to be maintained. Ms. Morris said if the land is in a natural state, there is no requirement.
140 If it was developed or if there was a house or structure on the property, there are maintenance
141 regulations. Ms. Dodge asked what could be done if it was a vacant, overgrown lot, because it
142 makes the whole town look bad. Ms. Morris said the town complies with the Property Maintenance
143 Code. If the property in its natural state, that was had never been developed, it is left in the natural
144 state, the town can require that the owner clean any debris on the lot, but the owner cannot be
145 required them to take it down. Ms. Dodge said wow; they need to do something. Ms. Morris said
146 she would inspect the properties.
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148 Ms. Kohlmann said for clarification if a lot is cut clear down; just mowed and there is no structure
149 on it, still they have to maintain that. Ms. Morris said exactly. Once an owner improves a lot in any way,
150 which means if they clear the lot, they have to maintain it. But, if it is in a natural state, they do not.
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152 Mayor Samples said such as the lot next to her.

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154 Ms. Kohlmann said yea, exactly.
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156 Mayor Samples said for clarification purposes on undeveloped lots where a tree may be a safety
157 hazard the town, in fact, if need be, will go in and mitigate that safety hazard. Ms. Morris said that is
158 correct. Staff would make every effort to reach the owner and have them perform the work; but, if those
159 efforts fail, the town would do it.
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161 **ii. Police.**

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163 Chief Keziah presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. In May of this year there was
164 a 33-percent increase over the previous month. There is a decrease of 7-percent for the same period last
165 year. A South Carolina certified officer from the Columbia police department was hired to fill a vacant
166 position. He has years of experience; several advanced certifications; served on the Columbia

167 community teams and brings a philosophy that is in line with the town's, and is very community oriented.
168 There was one very short motorcycle pursuit. The motorcycle was going over 100 miles an hour down
169 the highway. He commended the supervisor that called off the pursuit for safety reasons. The same
170 motorcycle was spotted later on by Horry County police, who also attempted to stop him. The individual
171 crashed and our officer was able to identify him as the individual that sped through town. The individual
172 was subsequently charged with multiple charges by the county and also by our officer for the pursuit that
173 occurred in town. Beach officers received training and updates on jet skis and were certified in water
174 rescues using jet skis, which considering the recent drowning tragedy in North Myrtle Beach, was timely
175 and beneficial. There was a joint meeting with the fire department command staff, and joint training for
176 handling beach emergencies is planned with the two departments. It was a good, cooperative effort with
177 everybody involved. Participation with the US Marshall Task Force continues to have unbelievable
178 results. This benefits reaped from having one officer assigned to the task force resulted in collecting over
179 \$6,700 in bonds and fine money this past month. Over 40 outstanding warrants were cleared. He was
180 very proud of that work. There was a case in which the US Marshall Service was very, very important in
181 assisting the department in bringing three home invaders to justice. Chief Keziah expressed appreciation
182 to Town Council for its support in allowing the department to participate in the Marshalls Task Force. The
183 month of May is always busy for the department; the three busy weekends were worked with increased
184 staffing to deter and enforce criminal violations. There was a small decrease in some calls for service. A
185 proactive approach was taken this year that included home visits at the beginning of the bike week to
186 explain the town's codes and which behaviors were not tolerated. It seemed to work according to the
187 numbers and feedback received from some local residents. The plan is to continue that process as much
188 as possible during the summer. On May 24th he and Lieutenant Hofmann attended the South Strand
189 Senior Center cookout luncheon. It was a good opportunity to interact with the seniors; two ladies
190 "schooled him up" on Wii (*an interactive video game*) bowling! (*Laughter.*) On May 29th, a press release
191 was sent to Town Council and then published to the media reporting the close of a case with
192 approximately 14 charges. Most of them were felony charges, and again, the Marshall Service was very
193 helpful in that case. On May 29th they attended a luncheon sponsored by the 15th Circuit Law
194 Enforcement Network when the department was presented with an in-car video camera valued at about
195 \$3,000 to be used for law enforcement purposes. The town will host an annual checkpoint in September
196 with participants in the Network. It is a popular event; everybody likes to come into Surfside. On May 31st
197 two presentations were made at St. James Middle School. Many of those students visit the town during
198 the summer. It was a good opportunity to interact with them and resolve some of the skate park issues.
199 The first semi-annual neighborhood and community watch information meeting was held with residents
200 interested in the Community Watch program. Many positive comments were received. He believes the
201 community members' and the department's plan will merge well as some positive changes were made. A
202 town-wide town hall meeting will be Thursday, June 27th at 6:30 at Journey Church. Comments were
203 received from residents and visitors that many times they are not familiar with the beach ordinances,
204 especially when they go onto the beach at night when the beach accesses are dark and they cannot see
205 the signs. A pamphlet was designed that has all the beach rules and regulations that will be delivered to
206 the rental companies, which will help educate the public.

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208 Mr. Stevens said it was good to see Chief Keziah again and he was doing a great job. He wanted
209 to ask about the Citizens Police Academy program that was offered on the website; how many people
210 signed up? Chief Keziah said there were at least 20 or 25 applicants, but he did not know the exact
211 number. It is still being advertised. The department was establishing an email data base to notify the
212 public of current incidents to ask for assistance locating certain vehicles or persons. The academy will
213 begin in mid-July and end in mid-August. Applications are available online or at town hall. A committee
214 will choose the 15 participants for the first academy. Mr. Stevens said thank you.

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216 Ms. Kohlmann said she attended the neighborhood watch meeting and it was very, very well
217 done. It one of the best crime prevention meetings she had attended. She thought it would behoove
218 everyone as residents of town to try to attend the meeting. It would not mean that you have to be
219 involved, but it would give you an idea of what the program is about, and maybe you would learn
220 something that you did not know, and it might save somebody's life one day, or just might stop a crime.
221 She thought it was really important to go to it. She commended Chief Keziah and Lieutenant Hofmann for
222 the program saying it is great. She also wanted to say many times there were complaints about the

223 police department. Reviewing the report she saw the quality of life crimes were being addressed. In the
224 past they were not really addressed the way they probably should have been. Now she sees that they
225 are and she sees littering summonses are being issued. Officers are out there trying to inform the public
226 about fireworks. She thanked Chief Keziah very much. Chief Keziah said the town hall meeting that will
227 be on the 27th is not necessarily for everyone that wants to be involved in a community watch, or crime
228 watch, or neighborhood watch. It is for all town residents that want to learn crime and safety tips and
229 prevention tips that would help them to make their property safer. There will be a short presentation
230 dealing with how to report a crime and what to look for when a crime occurs.

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232 Mr. Johnson thanked Chief Keziah for the brochures for the rental properties. There are signs on
233 the public crossovers, but there are no signs on the crossovers at the rental homes. Chief Keziah said
234 the main goal was to reach renters on the oceanfront that walk out the backdoor and go straight to the
235 beach. It might not be a perfect fix, but he believed it was a step in the right direction. The next step is to
236 get with business licensing to get pamphlets delivered to private owners to post in their oceanfront rental
237 houses.

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239 Mayor Samples said the police department is doing a great job. Call them when you need them,
240 put them to work.

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242 **iii. Fire.**

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244 Chief Cimini presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. The fire and police training
245 divisions were cooperating to hold collaborative training. During his many years in the fire service he had
246 seen that cooperation between police and fire departments is usually tenuous. He was very pleased with
247 the cooperation between the town's two departments as it was a great working relationship. The fire
248 department staff was very enthusiastic about the joint training effort. There were 95 calls for service last
249 month; numbers were increasing as the season progresses. There was a \$20,000 vehicle fire loss during
250 the month. There were 24 fire prevention activities; 238 hours of career and volunteer training; 162
251 responses to emergency requests, and additional 18 hours of training for career personnel online. The
252 duty crews and volunteers built a training maze that is completed and in operation on the second floor of
253 the fire station. Funds to build the maze were donated by SAFER (Surfside Area Fire and Emergency
254 Responders). The maze will provide hands-on, sightless, entanglement and confined space training for
255 volunteers. One volunteer left due to a job transfer, but a new volunteer took the spot. Requests were
256 received from three other volunteers that are in the review committee. Last month Chief Cimini reported
257 that the department was awarded a thermal imaging camera from Firehouse Subs Foundation. That
258 camera was received and is now in service. It was already used at two different calls. Chief Cimini
259 thanked Mayor Samples for bringing up hurricane season. The senior program begins on June 27th at
260 4:00 p.m. and will be held monthly at the fire station. October 12th is the date for the fire department open
261 house to celebrate fire prevention; activities will be held for adults and children. SAFER will provide
262 lunch.

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264 **C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events.**

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266 Ms. Fellner reported that the striping on Ocean Boulevard was delayed because of rain. It is now
267 scheduled for Thursday night and into Friday, weather permitting. The Surfside Beach merchant
268 validation letters to explain the program and to provide contact information for the town and Lanier will be
269 sent tomorrow to all the local realty management companies. The parking brochures that explain all the
270 different choices for parking; what each machine takes; where they are located, and who may park in
271 particular locations should be completed by Friday. The brochures will be available at town hall; copies
272 will be distributed to all realty management companies; all hotels; the library, and any other establishment
273 that requests them. The brochure will also be available for download from the town website. The
274 temporary wooden walkway from the pier parking lot to the new ramp was completed. The deferment of
275 paving was acceptable to the Key Bridge Foundation. Once the lot is paved in October, photographs will
276 need to be sent to Key Bridge Foundation. In the meanwhile, pictures of the ADA (Americans with
277 Disabilities Act) pier improvements were sent to the foundation, and they are consequently informing the
278 Department of Justice (DOJ) that this matter has been resolved through mediation, and they request that

279 the case be closed. A letter to that effect should be forthcoming to the town from the DOJ, but may take
280 as long as six months. Once the letter is received, Town Council will be informed.

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282 Mr. Stevens said he was at the pier the other day and he talked to a fellow whose family comes
283 here twice a year. The man is handicapped with diabetes, and is an amputee. Mr. Stevens said the man
284 told him to believe him that that ramp going up to the pier was something that made him feel very
285 welcome in this town. He comes here twice a year; once in June and once in February. Mr. Stevens said
286 that was a great thing the town has done and it brought tears to his eyes when he was talking with the
287 man. It is great that the town can now take care of the disabled so they can get up there on the pier and
288 enjoy themselves. Mr. Stevens said he was at public works today; he just happened to walk in there, and
289 he noticed there were a bunch of signs that said beach parking and pointed that way. He asked Mr. Adair
290 when those signs were received. Mr. Adair told him they were supposed to be put out, but for some
291 reason he was instructed not to put them out. Mr. Stevens wondered when those might be put out so
292 people have some guide ways to find to beach parking. Ms. Fellner said that Town Council directed her
293 to defer action on posting those signs until after the HGTC (Horry Georgetown Technical College)
294 presentation was made. She believed the presentation CDs were just distributed to councilmembers this
295 past week. The signs will be posted shortly, but council had reservations and wanted it brought back
296 after that presentation was made. Mr. Stevens said okay.

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298 Mayor Samples recalled that council also wanted to know where those signs would be posted,
299 because the initial presentation was that there was a whole slew of streets on Highway 17 that were
300 mentioned and he thought there was some concern that it was overkill. Ms. Fellner said that was correct.

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302 Mr. Stevens said for *point of information*, Mr. Adair told him that they would go on the main
303 streets that go straight to the beach, and there would be one (***) where 13th Avenue is.

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305 Mayor Samples said he supported that, and asked if Town Council wanted to be advised of
306 locations prior to posting the signs. Several members said yes.

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308 Ms. Kohlmann believed it was important that councilmembers be told where the signs will be
309 posted so that they are not put in and then staff be told to take them out, which would eliminate double
310 work.

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312 Mayor Samples asked Ms. Fellner to advise council, and that would certainly facilitate the
313 installation of those signs. Ms. Fellner said the information would be presented at the next meeting.

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315 **7. BUSINESS.**

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317 **A. Proposed Tax Millage Increase, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry.**

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319 Ms. Mabry moved to suspend rules to allow discussion. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor.

320 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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322 Ms. Mabry said first of all raising taxes was a very difficult subject to talk about. Nobody in this
323 room wants it. Nobody on this council wants to implement it. Unfortunately, council's job is not to do just
324 what it wants to do. The council has to look at the town as a whole, and what is best for the future of our
325 town. She cited some facts saying that this is the citizens' town and they deserved to know the exact
326 financial health of the town, and to know it is broken. She shared why it was necessary to raise the
327 millage from 40 to 44.96 and she wanted to do it tonight. During the last 12 years, five new full time
328 employees were added. You know how the town has grown in 12 years. We have gone from 72 to 77.
329 In the last six years salaries have increased 12-percent. The administrator spoke with our insurance
330 carrier regarding the new health care system. The insurance company cannot give us any idea what our
331 new insurance is going to cost us. She could say from watching the regular news that cost is not going to
332 go down. We can look for a significant increase. She thought Ohio was pleased that their premiums
333 went up 88-percent. So, that gave everyone an idea. Fuel costs have doubled. In fact, everything that
334 the town does has significantly increased; everything the town does has gone up just like it has in the

335 resident's homes. To give an idea, during the last six years the town has spent more than it has taken in.
336 Loss in general fund was a 48-percent decrease, which equates to \$2 million. Loss in all other funds:
337 \$1.9 million. For 10 years our tax rate was 44 mils and for two years of that it was 55 mils. For the last
338 three years our tax rate was 40 mils, and that has left us about \$1 million just in those three years. We
339 have taken everything we had out of reserve funds. We are depleted. If council is unwilling to raise
340 taxes, cutting services that have already begun is the only option. To prevent this from happening, she
341 asked each person for a small increase. For example, if your home is worth \$300,000, your rate will
342 increase \$60 per year. Although it is not anything, it is less than what it would cost if the town cannot
343 provide the services necessary. You will find your insurance rates going up, because the town will have
344 to cut what is not raised. That is just a fact, which will affect your fire, your police, and everything else.
345 She wanted to address Ocean Boulevard, because it is an issue. The town has a CRS (Community
346 Rating System) rating that gives a 5-percent discount in the flood zone. If the town does not maintain its
347 ditches, swashes and everything else FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) will take away
348 that 5-percent discount, and everyone will pay more for flood insurance. That is a fact. You are going to
349 pay extra; do you want to pay it \$60 a year, or do you want to pay more in your insurance premiums?
350 But, you will pay. It is just something that you will not be able to avoid. So, even if the town cuts
351 services, you will still have to pay something. She did not want anyone to think that when somebody says
352 I'll tell you what, we'll just do a 5-percent cut across the board; we are talking about \$8.8 million, are we
353 going to cut \$400,000? Are we going to have a fire department that only operates during the day? What
354 is our ISO (Insurance Service Organization) rating going to be then? How many are you going to take out
355 of the police department? How many are you going to take away from grounds? These are serious
356 questions, because somebody wants to say I didn't raise taxes. We have to. We are going to raise
357 taxes, whether we do it this year or next year, you are going to get a tax increase. But when we do not do
358 raise taxes, it costs the town, and it costs a lot in a lot of different ways. Again, this is very hard to talk
359 about, because nobody wants to be the one up here to say this, but it has to be said. We have a
360 tremendous cash flow problem. We have enough money, hopefully, to pay our bills until December. That
361 is it. Then we will start going in the hole. No more money coming in. We are done. We had to shift
362 money for weeks to pay May's bills. Just because we do not have the brackets [on the numbers] does
363 not mean that more money was received. It meant that we did a lot of shifting and taking out of one pot
364 and putting it in another pot to pay bills this month. We were \$154,000 in the hole. Ms. Mabry said she
365 just wanted everyone to know that no money came in; it was just that it was reworked and different pots
366 of money were put into the general fund so the bills could be paid. As a council, they are compelled to
367 make decisions that are best for the town as a whole. The financial health of the town is in bad shape. If
368 the council does not do something, if it does not do what it needs to do, and do the right thing, the things
369 that have been enjoyed about the town will be gone; not only for now, but for the future of the town. The
370 council has an obligation to make unpopular decisions, to say unpopular things. She would rather tell
371 everyone the truth than to tell a lie just so that the public would think she wanted to be a friend or be
372 popular. Ms. Mabry said she wanted to be honest, if this cannot be brought under control, the citizens
373 would feel it, and feel it the next time there is a meeting. Thank you.

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375 Mr. Smith commented that the easiest thing this council could do is to pick the citizens pockets by
376 raising property taxes. Some councilmembers said they would diligently look at every penny spent, but
377 they missed the dollars going out the door. In this current fiscal year, over \$1 million in general fund
378 budget amendments have been spent; money that was not budgeted last June, but was added during the
379 course of this year. Just think, over \$1 million. Before this council raises taxes, the town needs to have a
380 lean year when the staff continues to promote efficiency improvements and wring out waste and
381 expenses. In public works, the staff needs to be concerned with excessive idling of pickup trucks and find
382 ways to be more cost efficient when rolling out trash carts and recycle carts. He thanked those that had
383 already begun turning off the ignition. No services will be impacted by not raising taxes for the new fiscal
384 year July 2013 to June 2014. The town will still have 75 valuable and dedicated employees; 27 in the
385 police department; 26 in public works; 7 in the fire department with 24 volunteer firemen. The other
386 departments are fully staffed. These were the people who do a superb job keeping our town safe and
387 clean. When the council was looking for ways to reduce expense, the first thing was to look at the biggest
388 expense. Almost 70-percent of our town budget goes to pay salary and benefits. The first painful cut was
389 no raises this year for employees. The town has been generous to employees in the past when the
390 economy was in a downturn, and now it has caught up with us. Then the council started nitpicking, even

391 to the point of eliminating the mayor's new computer. The town administrator has done a good job in
392 finding additional ways to save money. When the budget process started, there was a \$6,807 positive
393 difference between general fund revenue and the general fund expenses. Now after diligent work by the
394 staff and council, there is a \$285,504 positive difference between the general fund and general fund
395 expenses. In other words, we found ways to save \$285,000. The council continues to seek ways to save
396 money and encourages staff to continue to find efficiencies in their day-to-day work. The town does have
397 a cash management problem, because there are no excess funds to cover special circumstances or
398 emergencies. If these events occur, the Town Council will make the appropriate adjustments in the
399 budget to accommodate the special circumstances. In the future fiscal year, 2014-2015, Mr. Smith said
400 he saw the need to increase the property tax to keep up with inflation and salary and benefits. Since this
401 one item is almost 70-percent of the town budget, the residents with their property tax are paying less and
402 less of the cost to sustain general town services such as police, fire, streets, grounds and landscaping, et
403 cetera. But for Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Mr. Smith said he would vote no to any property tax increase.
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405 Mayor Samples said Councilman Smith was right; the world would not end this year, if taxes were
406 not raised. Councilman Smith was accurate when he spoke about the work that Town Council has done
407 to create a surplus in the general fund. But what he did not tell, and the information is on the town
408 website, is that back in April for the town as a whole, not just the general fund, but the general, capital
409 projects, hospitality, accommodations tax, local accommodations, sanitation, and the pier funds, the staff
410 recommended budget for expenditures was \$8.644 million. Since that time, during the over two months
411 of work and effort on the part of this Town Council in looking for ways to cut spending, you would think the
412 number would have been reduced. But, no, the budget presented for adoption at this meeting instead of
413 \$8.644 million is actually \$8.8 million, \$200,000 more. Town Council was also going to vote to reduce the
414 stormwater millage from 5 mils to 1 mil as part of the budget; that means stormwater that collects roughly
415 \$300,000 dollars this year will collect about \$60,000 next year. Stormwater improvements are expensive.
416 The town will spend \$500,000 and zero out the capital projects fund to undertake two small stormwater
417 projects in the proposed budget that the town promised to complete. After that, collecting \$60,000 a year
418 will not be enough to accomplish very much. Mayor Samples emphasized the point that after two months
419 of cutting budgets, Town Council was voting to spend \$200,000 more than staff recommended across all
420 funds. He knew a lot of time and effort had been spent going through the budget. He knew that everyone
421 meant well, and everyone turned over rocks looking for wasteful spending. He asked what happen to
422 result in spending \$200,000 more than staff recommended. He said that Councilman Smith said he
423 would not raise taxes this year, but he would raise your taxes next year. Mayor Samples said please; do
424 not let the town have a storm. Please, do not let the town experience anything that interferes with
425 business in town. Please, let everything go right. One thing that Ms. Mabry did not mention about years
426 ago; former mayor Roy Hyman always said do not take ownership of Ocean Boulevard, because it is a
427 state road; the state is responsible for maintaining it. If there is a bridge failure where the boulevard
428 crosses the swash, the state will repair it. Guess what? Two or three years ago a past administrator and
429 perhaps some councilmembers approved the taking over of Ocean Boulevard, but you will not find any
430 reference to that action in the minutes, like many things that were done in the past. That is not how this
431 council operates now. That is why the information was presented. Town Council was showing the public
432 where the town finances are. The councilmembers were not playing games. If Town Council wanted to
433 make some serious cuts, tonight was the night to make motions to make those cuts. The cuts have to be
434 made before the end of June, but as yet, he had not heard any serious cuts. The largest cut that this
435 council took was to freeze pay. He believed that was a good move, because in years past that was not
436 done when it should have been done. Mayor Samples said he had to support what he thought was in the
437 best long term interest of the town. He was not prepared to have a storm and be broke in cash flow.
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439 Ms. Kohlmann said Ms. Mabry was absolutely right; Town Council does have to say and do
440 unpopular things. Maybe instead of the council moving rocks, maybe they all needed to get together and
441 move some boulders. She personally was a little disappointed at what was brought in the past few weeks
442 for this budget. Not saying that any one person did more work than others, but she was saying she would
443 have liked to see more involvement, not only on council's part, but she thought staff, as well. She did not
444 see why Town Council had to sit on the dais and ask where all the money went, when there is so much
445 money, but there is no money. Nobody seems to know exactly where all that money went. Ms.
446 Kohlmann said she had teenagers. They get an allowance and if they spend it all, they do without. If she

447 increased their allowance and expected them to spend wisely, she did not think that would happen. They
448 would spend what they got. She firmly believed if taxes were being raised to increase revenue that the
449 money would just be spent. She said they were absolutely correct, there are things in the budget; she
450 had been told she picked at the bone; that she was nitpicking at the budget. She said that is what you do.
451 She does that with her home budget. That is how she saves for the future, and she was very
452 disappointed in the fact that all of them should have been picking at the bones and trying to get down to
453 where they should be. She said they have until June, so it was not that they had to do it tonight, so
454 maybe everybody needed to go home and lockdown and try to do more. Really be diligent, and try to do
455 more.

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457 Mayor Samples asked the audience to maintain regular order, please.
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459 Mr. Stevens said a trip of a thousand miles begins with one step. His late father-in-law told him it
460 was not what you make, but it is how much you kept, and that was the problem with the town. The town
461 had a lot of money in the past. Five, six, seven; he did not know how many millions of dollars, and it was
462 all gone. At least that is what everybody was saying. He agreed with Ms. Kohlmann, sometimes you
463 have to make little cuts; sometimes you have to make big cuts. But, it all added up. If you make enough
464 cuts, then you can have money left over. If you live beyond your means, you are going to be broke
465 forever, and that is what was done in the past. We have done things in this town, and you know it. You
466 have seen it before. We spent money for nothing. We built stuff and had to tear it down, because we did
467 not get permits. We had problems with a restaurant where we could have made a lot of money; ended up
468 with a little bit of money. So, we need to repeat the past. Hindsight is 20:20. What we have to do is look
469 towards the future, and we have to make bold cuts. We had a guest here, Howard Barnard, just recently
470 that gave us a check. Mr. Stevens said he remembered Mr. Barnard at a County Council meeting saying
471 they have to be bold when they were talking about doing bonding. Sometimes (**) being bold put the
472 county in \$431 million of debt, the largest debt in the State of South Carolina. He said Town Council has
473 to do something here, because the time is now. Go ahead and cut what can be and get these things
474 done. He thought this council could do that. All they had to do was look for the way to do it. They say
475 when there is a will there is a way. Thank you.
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477 Mr. Johnson said he did not have a prepared statement, but did want to comment that even
478 before he began serving on Town Council, there were many administrators in the town. The council was
479 told several different stories. Every town administrator told the council a different story about how much
480 money the town had or did not have. That was not a negative on the current town administrator. She
481 was doing a very good job. But, it is a matter of what the town does or does not have. He believed the
482 council was finally at the point where it understood what the town does not have now. You can tell it is an
483 election year or an election is coming up. Nobody wants to raise taxes, if they are running for election.
484 As far as the budget amendments go, generally budget amendments pertain to emergency spending
485 when equipment breaks down, when emergencies come up. So, even though the council passed an over
486 \$1 million budget amendment that is generally where they come from. He did not have the breakdown,
487 and may be totally wrong, but that was his feeling. He sat in the council chambers for years and years
488 and watched Town Councils do the budget amendments. So he did not like the comment about the
489 budget amendment. The council has to do what it has to do; whether it is raise taxes or whether it is cut
490 spending, or whether it is both. He, for one, did not believe that council needed to cut, cut, cut. They do
491 not need to get in the weeds. He had not spoken to any resident nor had any resident come up to him
492 during the budget process and said they did not want taxes raised. Nobody! (*Speaker's emphasis.*)
493 Nobody in this room; nobody out on the street; so, it was not a matter of trying to please of everybody. It
494 was a matter of doing what was right and getting the town back on financial stability. Thank you.
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496 Ms. Dodge said she guessed the people that didn't call Mr. Johnson called her.
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498 Mayor Samples called for regular order.
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500 Ms. Dodge said she did not know people who would stand up and say raise my taxes. She had
501 heard from people, well there might one or two; what she heard was you people need to do what I have to
502 do when I don't have the money and also what she does, she and her husband, when they don't have the

503 money. They live within their means. The town was not doing that. There are places we can cut. She
504 didn't care if was called nitpicking. You can call it whatever you want. But she called it prudence and
505 doing the right thing, and the council needed to do the right thing. It was not going to be easy. She could
506 tell everyone that. There will be people who will criticize, and there will be people who will maybe be
507 happy. But they have to do something to help the town. The other thing that she wanted to say is that
508 they had not done complete due diligence. There are some things that should be addressed and it was
509 not nitpicking. It was something very important and they were going to have to do it. She said we have
510 too many employees for a small town. She did not like saying that, but that was what happened when
511 you just keep going and going and going and adding and adding and adding. It was very expensive to
512 pay for benefits. It was very expensive to pay salaries. She did not want to hurt anybody, but somebody
513 may have to be, or several some bodies [sic] may have to be, but the council had to do what it had to do.
514 Thank you.

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516 Mayor Samples reminded members that at last year at this time one of the first things council did
517 was eliminate the deputy administrator position in an effort to reduce cost. That was \$100,000 including
518 fringe benefits. One of the things that this council did this year, he said as a reminder, was to consider
519 the health insurance plan in an effort to reduce costs to the town and still maintain quality health
520 insurance for the employees. That was also a sizable sum of money saved. There was no item too small
521 or too large that it should not be considered by the elected body. That is why the process began so early.
522 The documents included in tonight's package for consideration state June 7, 2013 Revision 7. They had
523 been going through it; they have been working at it. There has not been a cut that was considered that
524 the majority of council has not adopted, except for very a very small number. He asked if any member
525 had an item that was proposed for reduction by any member that was not voted on. The council was
526 meeting tonight; it met two weeks ago; the budget line items were discussed; items were cut, and he
527 suggested that members offer more cuts tonight. He kept hearing there were items that members wanted
528 to cut. It takes four votes; that is the way it was done. He heard Ms. Dodge mention the police
529 department and he merely asked if there was any interest on the part of any other councilmembers to
530 reduce the police department. Mayor Samples asked if any member wanted to speak up.

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532 Ms. Mabry said no.

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534 Ms. Kohlmann thought the council should focus on moving along with what they were trying to
535 accomplish here tonight. However...

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537 Mayor Samples said the rules were suspended for purposes of discussion.

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539 Ms. Kohlmann said okay, fine, that is all well and good, but talking about personnel in public was
540 not what they were supposed to do, because she could offer a big cut, too, and it would be personnel.
541 But, she could not do it in public, so council needed to schedule another meeting. Her whole point was it
542 was serious and some very good facts were brought forward tonight about the figures. How it became
543 like that she did not know. She would like to know how the budget was changed to increase the number
544 that he said of over \$200,000. More important than that, she thought now that the council was present
545 and everyone knew the information, they had to schedule another meeting and sit down and really talk
546 about some of these things that they had been thinking they did not have to address, because they do.

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548 Mayor Samples asked for a date and he would be glad to call a special meeting. Ms. Kohlmann
549 said Friday. Mayor Samples asked what time. Mr. Smith said 11 o'clock. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Mabry
550 said no. Mr. Smith said next Tuesday at 6:30. Mayor Samples said next Tuesday at 6:30, is that fine?
551 Time is getting shorter as every week that goes by.

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553 Ms. Kohlmann asked when the earliest was the meeting could be held. Mayor Samples said it
554 had to be advertised 24 hours. He asked about Thursday. Ms. Kohlmann said at night so that Mr.
555 Johnson could attend, if he wanted to. Mr. Johnson said absolutely. Ms. Kohlmann said that would be
556 fine. Mayor Samples asked if the meeting could begin at 6 o'clock. Mr. Smith preferred 6:30. Mayor
557 Samples said a special meeting would be called on Thursday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m.

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559 Mayor Samples said he had served for 11 years on council and knew that in the past things did
560 not get budgeted and then they ultimately had to be funded. He explained that part of the reason the
561 numbers grew was council learned there is a capital improvement project that has to be done on the 3rd
562 Avenue South swash, because the erosion of the town's waterway is eating away underneath a
563 development. The lawyer indicated to the town that documentation exists from a development that
564 occurred back in the 90s stating it is the town's responsibility.
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566 Ms. Herrmann asked for confirmation that a special meeting was called for Thursday, June 13th at
567 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples asked what council wished to discuss at the called meeting. Mr. Smith said
568 municipal budget for 2013-2014. Ms. Kohlmann said municipal budget as well as executive session to
569 discuss personnel. Mayor Samples thought that was appropriate.
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571 Mr. Smith commented since they mentioned running for re-election, he wanted to let everyone
572 know that he would be running and he would be raising taxes. He said, so, if you don't want a raise in
573 taxes, do not vote for him. But, if you want good management, vote for him. Property taxes affect two
574 funds: general funds and capital projects. In the general fund, they are spending less than the revenue;
575 \$285,000 less. That was a big improvement over what was submitted. The original budget submitted
576 only had \$6,000 over in the original budget that the Town Council received. He did not know about
577 information presented to the finance committee, there was no millage for stormwater. But Town Council
578 added 1 mil, so that there would be a continuing fund. There was a comment that they were spending
579 \$200,000 more that was previously talked about in some budget that he did not see.
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581 Mayor Samples said Mr. Smith did see it.
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583 Mr. Smith said okay, he saw it; a \$150,000 of that \$200,000 was for 3rd Avenue South. He would
584 have to find out what the other \$50,000 was for, because he did not know. When you look at the budget
585 final numbers, the capital projects fund showed expenditures of \$594,375. That is for stormwater
586 improvements on 3rd North, 16th North, and the problem at 3rd South. But, the revenue for next year is
587 only going to be \$60,000, because it only has 1 mil allocated. The money being spent is money collected
588 earlier; it was saved to use for these expenses. When you look at the budget, it looks like it is not in
589 balance, but the key fund you need to be concerned about is what is called the general fund, because
590 that was where your property taxes go, and there is a surplus in general fund. He reiterated there is a
591 surplus in general fund. The hospitality fund will be negative, but there was a fund balance. So, they are
592 going to spend some of the money that was already collected. He asked what was wrong with that. The
593 accommodations tax is positive. The local accommodations tax is even, because they always take
594 whatever is collected and put it into general funds. Mr. Smith said the point is the general fund has a
595 surplus. He knew it would be tight managing the cash, and he explained what budget amendments were
596 done last year: \$2,600 newsletter postage and printing; \$3,600 professional services to capture coyotes;
597 \$5,500 fire department turnout gear; \$25,100 claim paid for injured employee; \$12,000 increase in
598 workers compensation premium; \$6,700 health insurance; \$113,000 paving; \$101,000 for paving;
599 \$780,000 advanced to SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) to pave Business 17,
600 which a lot of people think is in good condition and doesn't need to be paved, and then \$57,000 to
601 refurbish council chambers because of mold and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning)
602 problems. Those numbers added up to \$1,051,000; that was where the money went. If those expenses
603 had not occurred, especially the \$780 thousand, the town would have cash. Thank you.
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605 Ms. Mabry wanted to finish up, because she was talking about the millage increase. Yes, the
606 town needed to be prudent, but asked whether anyone want the look and the feel of the town to change.
607 Clearly, there were people on the council that did; they feel that if they get rid of people in the police
608 department that was fine. If they get rid of people in town that provide our services, that was fine. She
609 liked the fact that the town was manicured. She liked the fact that events were held here. She like the
610 fact that we have a town that looks like it does, that feels like it does, that we enjoy every day. She did
611 not want that to change. The people that sent her email messages did not want their services cut. They
612 did not want anything different than what they have today. They do not want to come and see grass
613 growing up everywhere. If we left the medians on Highway 17 to SCDOT, they would be cut three times
614 a year. Town staff cuts those medians to make them look nice. The town takes its street sweeper

615 around and makes sure that everything is edged and looks nice. Staff does that. The town has the
616 amenities on Ocean Boulevard; the town pays for that. The town pays for that so that the people that
617 have rental property have something to offer their renters when they come here. So, if they want to save
618 the few dollars, and basically that will be how much it is in comparison to what they lose, that is not a
619 trade-off. We want visitors here. They pay our taxes. We are asking \$20 for \$100,000 of home value.
620 You hear them up here saying oh, we are going to do it next year. Well, that is going to cost you
621 \$296,000, because we waited one year. That was a lot of money to her. That was a lot of money to the
622 citizens. So, to wait for a year to do what she was pleading with the council to do tonight; she did not
623 understand and would never understand. The people that she had talked to would not understand it
624 either. She was going to make a motion that the town council adopt a millage of 4.96 mils.
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626 Mayor Samples said rules were still suspended for discussion.
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628 Ms. Kohlmann moved to reconvene regular session. Mr. Stevens said he had a comment.
629 Mayor Samples said there was a motion on the floor, and asked if Ms. Kohlmann would withdraw the
630 motion. Ms. Kohlmann withdrew the motion.
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632 Mr. Stevens told Ms. Mabry that he respected her opinion, but there were some people here, for
633 example, Mr. George Cartwright that lives on the corner of 6th Avenue and Lakeside, who lives on a fixed
634 income. He went to Mr. Cartwright's house today. Mr. Cartwright said he understood there was talk
635 about raising taxes. Mr. Stevens told him yes and asked what he thought about that. Mr. Cartwright said
636 he had plenty of services; just don't raise his taxes. Mr. Stevens said he wanted to be specific on 4/19
637 [sic] they had \$8,644,382, on 6/7 [sic] staff came back with \$8,831,303, so somewhere or another it was
638 not over \$200,000; it was actually \$186,921 that the budget increased since April; just to give that
639 information. He said to Ms. Kohlmann that she could make her motion now.
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641 Ms. Kohlmann moved to return to regular session. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.
642 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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644 Ms. Mabry moved to adopt a millage of 44.96 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Mr. Johnson seconded.
645 Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmember Johnson voted in favor. Councilmembers
646 Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted against. **MOTION FAILED.**
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648 **B. Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Municipal Budget, Councilmember Smith.** 649

650 Mr. Smith believed it was important as the new fiscal year begins that council establish the
651 maximum number of employees allowed. He wanted the administrator to be free to replace people, but
652 did not want her to exceed the positions that she had indicated the town currently had.
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654 Mr. Smith moved that for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 the number of permanent full time positions not
655 exceed 75, and the number of permanent part time positions not exceed 5, and that the number of
656 seasonal part time positions not exceed 6. Mr. Stevens seconded.
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658 Mayor Samples asked for clarification, whether this was a reduction or was it the current level.
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660 Mr. Smith said this was the current level.
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662 Mayor Samples said this was to freeze the number of positions as is, and asked Ms. Fellner if
663 those were the correct numbers. Ms. Fellner indicated the numbers were correct.
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665 Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmembers Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted
666 in favor. Mayor Samples and Councilmember Dodge voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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668 Mr. Smith moved to amend the 2013-2014 budget to delete \$120,000 for a sign in the pier fund.
669 Ms. Dodge seconded.
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671 Mayor Samples asked for an explanation of the item. Ms. Fellner asked Ms. King to explain how
672 that did not affect anything; it turns around and becomes an asset. Ms. King said in the pier fund the sign
673 would not be an expense. It would be a cash flow out and the sign would become an asset that goes on
674 the books, so it would not reduce the expenditure numbers that were in front of council in any way.
675 Mayor Samples asked if it would reduce the balance in the pier fund. Ms. King said the information
676 council has is revenue and expenditures and it will not change those numbers.
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678 Mr. Smith said this would be \$120,000 cash spent that did not need to be spent.
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680 Mayor Samples understood Ms. King's explanation from an accounting standpoint that it would
681 not affect the budget, per se. As Councilman Smith said it would be \$120,000 that would not be spent, so
682 his question was if that money was not spent, how did that affect the pier and the pier area; what were the
683 plans? Ms. Fellner said the plans were to put signage there and it was for the businesses to have signs;
684 to have a way finding signs with a map, and to put something in front of the planter that currently just has
685 plants in it. Mayor Samples said for \$120,000 he presumed that was a digital sign, but asked if it was a
686 55-foot tall sign, which was the maximum height limit in the district. Ms. Fellner said no, when the HGTC
687 first meeting occurred and the sign people were there, that amount was their best estimate for what it
688 would cost to design, fabricate and install signage at the pier. Mayor Samples asked if it affected signage
689 beyond the pier area. Ms. Fellner did not believe it did, nor did it include welcome signs at either end of
690 town.
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692 All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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694 Mr. Smith referred to page 57 in the budget book, under hospitality, non-departmental grounds
695 landscaping and moved to amend the budget for 2013-2014 to reduce the amount from \$10,000 to
696 \$5,000 for the improvements at Magnolia Lake at 16th Avenue North. Mr. Stevens seconded.
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698 Mr. Smith explained the reason for specifying improvements at Magnolia Lake and 16th Avenue
699 North and not allowing any money for Cedar at Dogwood Lake and Lake Elizabeth is the residents in that
700 area, including resident Al Beck, said that they do not want any improvements that would attract tourists.
701 They have enough people already using that area for fishing and things like that and they would like to
702 keep the number of people there at a minimum. It is a traffic hazard, because there are two curves
703 involved there, and so that is why he wanted to reduce the amount, just so it is enough for the
704 improvement at Magnolia Lake.
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706 Mr. Stevens asked if he was correct in understanding that Mr. Smith was eliminating the \$10,000
707 improvements earmarked for Cedar Drive.
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709 Mr. Smith said \$10,000 total was allocated; approximately \$5,000 for Cedar and \$5,000 for the
710 Magnolia Lake area. He was reducing it down to \$5,000 just for Magnolia Lake at 16th Avenue North
711 improvements. The reason is the residents around Cedar Drive did not want any major improvements
712 that would attract people.
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714 Mayor Samples said there was a discussion originally that had a much larger number that was
715 reduced to \$10,000 a piece. He noted that some landscaping efforts have already occurred at 16th
716 Avenue North over the last week or so. He hoped those bushes were being watered, because they
717 appeared to be wilting.
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719 Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples
720 and Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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722 Mr. Smith referred to page 25 and said he wanted to increase revenue just a small amount.
723 Under animal licenses to help cover the cost of operating the dog park, he moved to amend the 2013-
724 2014 budget to increase the fee for non-resident use of the dog park to \$30 for the first dog
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726 Mayor Samples interrupted and asked if a fee increase required a public hearing before it is
727 adopted. Ms. Fellner said yes; 15 days notice is required before the public hearing. Mayor Samples said
728 the attorney had advised them that when fees are increased that a public hearing must be held, so if Mr.
729 Smith would like to include that in the motion, that could be done.

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731 Mr. Smith moved to amend 2013-2014 budget to increase the fee for non-resident use of the dog
732 park to \$30 for the first dog and \$15 for each additional dog, and the total revenue for animal license fees
733 increase to \$3,000, and that we have a public hearing as soon as possible.

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735 Mayor Samples asked if that netted an additional \$1,000.

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737 Mr. Smith said that was a low estimate. Currently there are 112 non-resident dogs. Assuming
738 that half of them would that would leave 50 dogs at the increased amount making a total of \$1,000. He
739 expects it would be more.

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741 Mayor Samples said there was a motion and asked if there was a second.

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743 Ms. Dodge seconded.

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745 Ms. Kohlmann asked for information from the administrator that she believed could be sent via
746 email to everybody, because she was not sure if you were a resident now what the rules were. She has a
747 dog and it has a dog license, but she does not take her dog to the dog park. If she did, would she have to
748 have an additional pass, or is it just the one license that you need as a resident. Ms. Fellner said there is
749 a small fee attached to it, and the rabies shot record has to be produced. Ms. Kohlmann said that was
750 what she brought now to get the regular dog license. She asked if is there an additional fee if she wanted
751 to use the dog park. Ms. Fellner did not know for certain, but she would check and let councilmembers
752 know.

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754 Mayor Samples called for regular order, please.

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756 Ms. Kohlmann noticed there was upkeep for the dog park, and the dog bags and all, and it was
757 costly. She had done some research online about dog park fees in other places, so she did not think this
758 was unreasonable. She would also like to know that other thing [sic.]

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760 Mr. Stevens recently talked to his wife about getting another dog so he called up the town and
761 was told it is \$10. You can register your dog for \$10 and you can use the dog park, but unfortunately, you
762 have do have to pay taxes, so you do pay twice.

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764 Mayor Samples said well said. Mr. Smith said the vote needed to be taken. All members voted
765 in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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767 Ms. Fellner asked if the fee was \$30 for non-residents for the first dog, and what the cost would
768 be for the second dog. Mr. Smith said \$15 for the second dog.

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770 Mr. Smith said much discussion had been heard about a cash flow problem.

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772 Mayor Samples called for regular order, please.

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774 Mr. Smith said the town needs cash and does not have it. One of the biggest things that the
775 council did this year was to send SCDOT \$780,000. He believed the town should ask for that money
776 back. Mr. Smith moved to direct the town administrator to prepare a letter to SCDOT and request a
777 refund of the \$780,000 advance for Business 17 repair. The letter will be signed by the councilmembers
778 who vote for this motion if it passes, and Rod Smith will work with the administrator to prepare the letter.
779 Ms. Dodge seconded, and said she hopes that it would work.

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781 Ms. Mabry said everyone on the dais voted to have the highway repaved. The reason they did so
782 was because this was a matching grant. The town probably could not ever afford to pave it without
783 matching grant funds. So all of the members did agree; even to the extent that Mr. Mayor actually went
784 from house to house to get the letter signed by every member, because they did not want to miss the
785 opportunity. Now all of a sudden, we are going to do away with that opportunity. This is not the time to
786 stop branding our town. This is not the time to make it less than what it can be. This is the time we need
787 to beef it up. This is our one shot, so she would have to say that, no, you know, no. We need this. We
788 need to do all we can to make people want to come here.

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790 Ms. Dodge said that she wanted to correct Ms. Mabry, because did not vote on that. She was out
791 of town at the time, and that was just to set the record straight.

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793 Ms. Kohlmann said at the time that that was done, and she could only speak for herself; she was
794 newly elected to council. If she had to go back and do it again, she would not do it, but she did, and she
795 was owning it. She saw someone shaking their head and said they could shake it all they want. She said
796 she was telling them the truth. It was a mistake on her part. If the town has that much of a cash flow
797 problem, then they need to get the money back. If you think about it, 17 is a state road. You were just
798 talking about Ocean Boulevard. We shouldn't have taken it over from the state. But, here we are. We
799 are going to give the state \$780,000. They just paved 544. Who paid for that? Did anybody chip in?
800 She just thought at this time, with what was happening in town, they should get the administrator to ask
801 for the money back.

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803 Mr. Stevens said he also remembered the day he signed that document, and in hindsight, if he
804 had to do it over again he would not do it. He was installing a satellite on Vista Drive in Garden City when
805 he brought it to him and he signed it. He said he found out later on, they were tarred and feathered by
806 *The Myrtle Beach Herald*, for violating Freedom of Information. He said he did not know he was breaking
807 the law, but he knew it now. It also violated the *Lambries* decision. So, enacting it was, in his opinion,
808 illegal. In fact, he was led to believe the town was in good financial shape. He was ready to send the
809 letter and ask for the money back.

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811 Mayor Samples said \$780,000 to match federal funds in competitive grant to repave in and of
812 itself is not the goal. The goal is, in his opinion, was to get the frontage roads updated. The town is not
813 an island. Like it or not, the town relies on South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) to do
814 their job and to maintain roads and to upgrade their roads. But, surely all of the councilmembers and
815 probably many of the public present are well aware that SCDOT does not have the money. It is on their
816 website. They repave what are called primary roads every 32 years. That is a fact; they do not run from
817 it. If anybody had an illusion or delusion that somehow the town would eliminate some of the crossovers
818 that are on Highway 17 or the frontage road without playing ball with SCDOT they are dreaming. He did
819 not have a problem with council rescinding the action to partner with the state. That would, in fact,
820 temporarily create more cash. But, in the long run, it was a mistake. Highway 17 looks terrible in relation
821 to many other parts of the Grand Strand. The town does survive on tourism dollars. You have heard
822 residents make public comments that say when their family comes to town they do not spend their dollars
823 in town. They leave town; they go somewhere nicer. It is a fact. It is a strategy. Is it guaranteed to
824 work? No, there are no guarantees in life. Do you thing the feds will come in? Do you think the state will
825 come in? It is not going to happen. Until the town steps up and takes the position of the primary
826 stakeholder for that 2.1 mile road you should not expect any improvements. It is partnerships today, and
827 in answer to the question on 544, it turns out that is a County Transportation Committee decision with "big
828 dogs" getting it done. He asked if anyone on the dais was a big dog; he thought not, and said we are
829 small town. We love what we have, but we do have to take advantage of opportunities. He encouraged
830 members to think long and hard before asking SCDOT to cancel the project on the town's behalf. Mayor
831 Samples said for the record, "Town Council voted subsequent to the signing of the initial resolution in
832 public hearing in this chamber with a representative from South Caroling DOT being present, who made
833 the presentation. So not only, we had, it wasn't one bite of the apple, we had a couple of bites at the
834 apple, if people wanted to change their vote, and Ms. Dodge, you were here that night. Thank you."

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836 Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor
837 Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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839 Ms. Kohlmann referred to page 69 and moved to reduce travel and training from \$17,200 to
840 \$14,500. Ms. Dodge seconded. Ms. Kohlmann explained that two councilmembers were not attending
841 the summer Municipal Association conference, so the budgeted amount could be reduced by that
842 amount. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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844 Ms. Kohlmann referred to page 165, there is a line item number 380 for repairs and maintenance
845 in the amount of \$7,500 listed twice, and asked if that was an error. Ms. Fellner said she was talking
846 about the detail pages; there is only one line item in the actual budget. Ms. Kohlmann said okay, she just
847 wanted to be sure it was not duplication. She asked what the lighting was for and if the sea turtle
848 certification had to be on just the ocean side. Ms. Fellner said it was to replace different lights that are
849 expensive to replace, and lighting for the pier ramp, because it is so dark. She was not sure if sea turtle
850 certification was necessary on the west side of the pier, but it is required on the east side.
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852 Ms. Kohlmann referred to page 42, and said there was a \$5,000 fence budgeted at Huckabee
853 Complex. She believed it was field #3 outfield fence. Ms. Ellis said that was correct. Ms. Kohlmann said
854 she walked the entire complex and could not find where any fence needed to be replaced. Ms. Kohlmann
855 moved to delete \$5,000 for the fence. Ms. Dodge seconded.
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857 Mr. Stevens said he also visited the complex before Ms. Kohlmann and looked at it. He talked to
858 Mr. Adair who directed him to the fence. Mr. Stevens looked at it and did not see any problem with it. Mr.
859 Adair told him it was rusted and falling down, and had sharp edges on it. Mr. Stevens did not see
860 anything, so he did not see any sense spending \$5,000 to replace a perfectly good fence.
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862 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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864 Mayor Samples reminded members the business meeting was under the *Rules*. Members should
865 state a motion or move to suspend the rules to allow discussion.
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867 Ms. Kohlmann moved to suspend the rules to allow discussion. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in
868 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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870 Ms. Kohlmann said on page 113 there is an item in the amount of \$7,675 for Tree City. She
871 asked if the town was paying to be designated a Tree City. Ms. Fellner said this item came up repeatedly
872 and she was not sure why. The town does not pay that money. The town is required to have money
873 dedicated to trees and it has to be shown as a line item in the budget to be designated a tree city. There
874 is money budgeted every year to spend on trees. Ms. Kohlmann said then deleting that item would not
875 do anything, because that money is not being sent someplace else. Ms. Fellner said the money is not
876 sent elsewhere; it sits in that line item to make the town eligible to be a Tree City. Ms. Kohlmann was
877 under the impression that money went to a foundation somewhere; she has no problem with the line item.
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879 Ms. Kohlmann referred to page 146 and asked where the swings were that were being replaced
880 and what equipment would be purchased for the dog park. Ms. Fellner said she would have to ask Mr.
881 Adair. They had discussed the item, but she did not recall the conversation.
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883 Ms. Kohlmann said the phone bills had been discussed before, but it was not sitting well with her.
884 She wanted to hear suggestions from other councilmembers about the phone bills. She understood the
885 police and fire departments; she was not looking to hack anybody's phone line down. But, \$25,850 for
886 long distance in this day and age did not sit well with her. She asked if there was a possibility the town
887 could contact HTC to do a usage audit to see if there was a better program. She said the amount just
888 seemed awfully high to her. Ms. Fellner asked which page she referred to. Ms. Kohlmann did not have
889 the page number in her notes, but asked her to look at page 98; planning, building, and zoning has two
890 cell phones at \$2,500; that was a different item. She was talking land lines only, but that page was noted
891 because of the cell phones.

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Mayor Samples asked if Ms. Kohlmann would like to discuss this further during the meeting on Thursday.

Ms. Kohlmann said she was just asking if the administrator would know. Ms. Kohlmann did not know whether the town could change the phone plan. She was not making a motion; she was asking if that was an option. Ms. Kohlmann said she would email the information to the administrator and bring it back at the Thursday meeting. Ms. Fellner was unsure what Ms. Kohlmann was discussing; mobile phones or land lines or both. Ms. Kohlmann said she was talking about land lines. When she added all the land lines up from the various budgets it amounted to \$25,850 for HTC listed as long distance. She was asking if the town could do something other than that. Ms. Fellner said she would investigate that and bring it back to council.

Mr. Stevens said he went by public works today and he looked at all the equipment. He noticed that there is a \$25,000 tractor in the budget. There are currently two tractors; one to do the beach raking on the north end from the pier, and the other one to do the beach raking from the south end to the pier. The town also has a tractor with a weight offset and a long mowing arm to cut the ditches, and trim trees and bushes. There is another tractor that was sitting by itself, and another tractor still under a service warranty. There are five tractors to service the town. The budget includes \$25,000 to get a sixth tractor. In his opinion, this was overkill. The town has a tractor for every four-tenths of a mile in town. In his opinion, this was an unneeded expense. Mr. Stevens moved to defer the expenditure.

Mayor Samples said the council is under suspended rules for discussion.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner if this was a replacement tractor. Ms. Fellner said yes, sir. Mr. Smith said the tractors are on a replacement schedule. He believed it was important to stay with the schedule, because the tractors on the beach are exposed to all that saltwater and deteriorate. It is good to replace them before they become worthless, otherwise, the town will not get anything for them when they try to sell them. He reiterated that he liked the idea of staying on the replacement schedule for these tractors. Therefore, he opposed any motion to try to delete that expenditure.

Ms. Mabry asked if accommodations tax was paying for one of the tractors. Ms. King said this would come out of capital replacement.

Ms. Kohlmann asked if a tractor would be sold when the new one is purchased. Ms. Fellner said the oldest worst condition tractor is the one usually sold or there are times when the tractor is in such bad shape that it is cannibalized for parts to use on the other tractors.

Ms. Smith said in any case, it would be a replacement. Ms. Fellner said yes, sir.

Mr. Stevens said that was not the story he heard from Mr. Adair. Mr. Stevens said he used to work on a farm and drive a tractor. In his opinion, all the tractors at public works look like they are in top shape.

Mayor Samples asked Ms. Fellner to ask Mr. Adair to attend the Thursday meeting.

Ms. Dodge asked if further cuts were being made, as she had a few pages, now or at another time.

Mayor Samples said if a motion would be made to reconvene regular sessions, motions would be appropriate.

Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Samples reminded members to state their desired reduction in the form of a motion.

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949 Ms. Dodge referred to the court and moved to cut one position, the assistant clerk of court.
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951 Ms. Kohlmann, Mr. Johnson and Mayor Pro Tem Mabry called *point of order*. Ms. Kohlmann said
952 this is a personnel issue.
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954 Ms. Dodge said beg your pardon; she was just going through her list, which she would forego for
955 now. Ms. Dodge withdrew the motion.
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957 Mr. Stevens referred to page 39, planning building and zoning furniture, fixtures and equipment,
958 and moved to delete \$1,200. Ms. Dodge seconded.
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960 Ms. Morris explained that money was budgeted to replace the desk for the building official. The
961 desk he currently has is very narrow and old. When the building official meets with contractors they must
962 use the conference room, because the plans are too large to be put on the desk. Staff could continue to
963 use the conference room.
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965 Councilmembers Dodge and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore
966 Mabry, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kohlmann and Smith voted against. **MOTION FAILED.**
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968 Ms. Dodge said Mr. Kawa who lives on 3rd Avenue North had been really patient for a number of
969 years waiting to get the stormwater runoff fixed, so she referred to page 16 and moved that there is no
970 transfer of stormwater money into the general fund, and that money be spent to fix the problems at 3rd
971 Avenue North.
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973 Mayor Samples said the motion dies for lack of a second.
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975 Ms. Dodge referred to page 19, and moved to freeze all staff raises for one year.
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977 Mayor Samples said that action had already been approved.
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979 Ms. Dodge referred to page 19, and moved to delete the police sign in the amount of \$14,000.
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981 Mayor Samples said that had already been deleted.
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983 Ms. Dodge said she would keep going, because there had been so many deletions that she had
984 no clue what was deleted and what should still be in the budget. Ms. Dodge referred to page 27 and
985 moved to institute an immediate hiring freeze.
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987 Mayor Samples said that action had already been taken.
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989 Ms. Dodge referred to page 26 and moved to defer any street paving for two years.
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991 Mayor Samples said the motion dies for lack of a second.
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993 Ms. Dodge referred to page 26 and moved that no bike ways be installed for two years.
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995 Mayor Samples asked if she could point out the page number and line item, as he did not recall
996 any monies for bike ways.
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998 Ms. Dodge said she could not. She had written her notes in a hurry.
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1000 Mayor Samples said the motion dies for lack of a second.
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1002 Ms. Dodge said until she could get her notes in order, she relinquished the floor.
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1004 Mayor Samples said if other members had comments, perhaps the council would not have to
1005 meet on Thursday, but council was willing to be here Thursday.
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1007 Ms. Dodge said that would be a good thing; she was tired of it.
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1009 **C. First Reading Ordinance #13-0749 to adopt FY2013-2014 Tax Millage Rate,**
1010 **Administrator Fellner.**

1011 Ms. Fellner explained that this ordinance was to set the millage rate for the next fiscal year at 40
1012 mils.
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1014 Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #13-0749. Ms. Stevens seconded.
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1017 Mayor Samples asked for clarification purposes, if next year is reassessment, whether that had
1018 any impact on changing the millage next year. Ms. Fellner said it would be a lot more complicated,
1019 because the town would not even receive numbers from the county until June right before the budget had
1020 to be adopted. Mayor Samples asked if the budget still had to be adopted if the numbers were not
1021 received until July. Ms. Fellner said yes; it made it more confusing, but that was not to say that it could
1022 not be done. Mayor Samples said he understood. He restated his position that no one likes to be the
1023 bearer of bad news, but the truth of the matter was the public could see what they were doing and it
1024 needed to be done. They need to be diligent, and to be able to assure town residents that the town is not
1025 wasting money, but he had served on council long enough to know that what appears to be waste on one
1026 person's part is something extremely important to someone else. For example, last year there were
1027 stormwater projects in the budget. Those very same stormwater projects are currently in this year's
1028 budget. Last year he did not feel they were necessary, and he still had some doubts about certain
1029 portions of the projects in this budget. Mayor Samples said that was just one person's opinion, and it was
1030 only collectively that the town government, the local elected officials, made decisions and they hoped they
1031 made decisions that were in the longer, best interest of the town where we all love or like to live with our
1032 families and friends. Mayor Samples said he would not support 40 mils, because he did not believe it
1033 was in the best interest of the town. He did believe that he had an obligation, whether he was right or
1034 wrong, to at least do what former mayor Dick Johnson told him, which is to vote his conscience. He
1035 thought it would be misleading to pretend that the town can continue to fund the town services at the
1036 same level that has been done for three or four years, when in past years the economy was a lot
1037 different.
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1039 Ms. Mabry believed she had made her position perfectly clear, and said that the cost of taking
1040 care of the town had gone up tremendously in six years. It had tripled in some areas during the last ten
1041 years. Even though there are councilmembers saying the millage would be raised next year, she asked
1042 why council would choose to wait. It might be 2015 before the millage is raised and the town would have
1043 lost almost \$600,000. The town cannot afford it; it was not a luxury. She was just trying to keep up with
1044 the times, because residents had been paying 44 mils and were perfectly happy to do so for ten years,
1045 except for the two years the rate was 55 mils. Now, the rate had been 40 mils for three years and all of
1046 sudden it was like that had been going on forever and it has cost the town almost a \$1 million. The town
1047 continues to go into the hole. She could not support 40 mils and would not.
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1049 Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor
1050 Samples and Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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1052 **D. First Reading Ordinance #13-0750 to adopt FY2013-2014 Municipal Budget.**
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1054 Mr. Smith moved to adopted first reading of Ordinance #13-0750 to adopt Fiscal Year 2013-2014
1055 Municipal Budget as amended. Mr. Stevens seconded.
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1057 Mr. Johnson pointed out that this only first reading and changes could be made between now and
1058 second reading.
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1060 All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1062 **E. First Reading Ordinance #13-0-741 to add §17-417 Docks on Town Lakes, Planning**
1063 **Director Morris.**

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1065 Ms. Morris presented the ordinance explaining that the planning commission worked diligently for
1066 several months to develop an ordinance that would address docks on town-owned lakes. There were
1067 several concerns that were addressed with the appropriate professionals to ascertain answers, and the
1068 ordinance was drafted for recommendation to Town Council. Liability was one of the planning
1069 commission's main concerns. Legal counsel recommended that not only should the property owner be
1070 required to execute a hold harmless agreement, but also to provide a \$1 million liability insurance policy
1071 naming the town as an insured, both of which are included in the ordinance. There was a concern about
1072 materials. Some planning commission members wanted to insure that the waters would not collect any
1073 additional contaminants. Mr. Adair helped to identify appropriate materials. Safety was an issue; it was
1074 discussed with the building official. He recommended, and it was included in the ordinance that a gate be
1075 required at the entrance to the dock that would prohibit children from going on the dock without adult
1076 supervision. There were concerns where the lakes are narrow, for instance Cherry Lake is only 55-feet
1077 wide on one end. At the recommendation of the public works director, a distance of 75-feet is required
1078 between the two banks for docks to be constructed. This would allow room for proper lake maintenance.
1079 Ms. Morris noted a scrivener's error in paragraph d. subparagraph f. explaining that (CCR) should state
1080 (CCA.)

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1082 Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #13-0751 to add Section 17-417 Docks on
1083 Town Lakes. Mr. Stevens seconded.

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1085 Mr. Smith moved to amend Section 17-417 Docks, the second line insert the words and floating
1086 docks, so that the sentence reads private fixed and floating docks. In paragraph d, materials shall be
1087 under d. in that paragraph, delete the words repairs to existing dock, the new sentence would read
1088 exterior flotation materials shall be one piece no seam. On the second page about a quarter page from
1089 the top, delete the line that says new floating docks shall not be permitted. Now add these words at that
1090 position, when the town needs to dredge a lake, the property owners of floating docks will be responsible
1091 for removing their docks at their expense, if required. If a storm washes away or destroys the dock, the
1092 property owner of the dock will have to reapply for a dock permit. However, property owners at their own
1093 expense may remove floating docks from the lake and store them before a storm and put the dock back
1094 after the storm has left with no additional permit. Mr. Stevens seconded.

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1096 Mayor Samples said there appeared to be concern about floating docks. Ms. Morris said yes, the
1097 issue paper states that the planning commission did not recommend allowing floating docks. They were
1098 concerned about damage that may be caused by hurricanes, not only to the docks, but surrounding
1099 properties. Staff did present the option of requiring the property owners to take the docks in before storm
1100 events. The planning commission said that some owners would comply, but that many owners would be
1101 out of town and not available to remove their docks resulting in property damage to their dock or the
1102 docks would break away and damage other docks and private property that may result in the town being
1103 responsible. Mayor Samples said problems may be caused at a weir when they are trying to drain the
1104 town. Ms. Morris said absolutely. Mayor Samples said a \$1 million liability sounded like a lot of money,
1105 but he asked if it was sufficient. Ms. Morris said that is the amount required for the encroachment permits
1106 for the sidewalk cafes; the town attorney recommended that amount. Mayor Samples said to be more
1107 specific, \$1 million liability policy for a fixed dock is one thing, but for a floating dock, which is designed to
1108 be free-moving, given the inclement weather that the town can experience, he asked Councilmember
1109 Smith if it would be feasible to increase the general liability policy requirement on a floating dock.

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1111 Mr. Smith thought \$1 million was sufficient.

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1113 Mayor Samples said any amount over and above that would be paid by somebody. Since the
1114 town is allowing these docks to be built; there is a similar situation, for example around 3rd Avenue South,
1115 in a wash that the town allowed a development to be built and consequently the town is liable for allowing

1116 that to be built. Docks are great things, but he was just wondering if they were protecting themselves
1117 enough, and frankly, he did not believe they were.
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1119 Ms. Kohlmann asked floating docks already existed on the town lakes. Ms. Morris said yes. Ms.
1120 Kohlmann said but there has not been a big storm in many years; the mayor was talking about when
1121 there is a major storm.
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1123 Mayor Samples said the history is that eight to ten years ago was when the town started taking
1124 much more water from across the highway in the county area into Lake Elizabeth and Lake Dogwood.
1125 The water flow has increased significantly since the last big storm.
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1127 Ms. Kohlmann asked if any damage had ever been done by a floating dock in the town. Ms.
1128 Morris said no, but they are a limited number. Ms. Kohlmann said if a storm hits there is going to be
1129 damage everywhere. It did not matter if there was a floating dock or not. In a normal, everyday, for
1130 years, had there ever been any damage by a floating dock that anyone was aware of. Ms. Morris said not
1131 to her knowledge, but she asked councilmembers to keep in mind they are a very limited number of
1132 floating docks at this time. If docks are allowed, there are potentially 160-plus properties on which docks
1133 could be constructed. That was not to say that every owner would build a dock, but there may be a great
1134 deal of them that would choose to build floating docks. If there a storm, there is a much higher chance of
1135 damage, because of the increased volume.
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1137 Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Johnson voted in favor to amend. Mayor
1138 Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmember Johnson voted against the amendment.
1139 **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**
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1141 Mr. Johnson referred to paragraph e. no lighting shall be permitted on dock and asked if that was
1142 temporary or permanent lighting. Ms. Morris someone actually asked about Christmas trees on the
1143 docks, and that would be permitted. This paragraph refers to permanent lighting. Mr. Johnson
1144 commented that on the second page where the asterisk is located it states that property owners
1145 considering building a dock should consult Surfside Beach public works about lake measurements at their
1146 location. He believed it should state must consult.
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1148 Mayor Samples said shall; shall consult, and asked if that was a motion.
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1150 Mr. Johnson moved to amend to remove must and insert shall. Mr. Stevens seconded.
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1152 Mr. Smith asked that the sentence be read with the new word.
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1154 Mr. Johnson said property owners considering building a dock shall consult Surfside Beach public
1155 works about lake measurements at their location.
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1157 Ms. Dodge proposed rather than shall, the word must be used that way there would be no
1158 question.
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1160 Mr. Johnson said the legal term is shall.
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1162 Mr. Stevens said *point of information* shall is usually the word which dictates in legal terms that
1163 you have to do it.
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1165 Ms. Dodge said okay.
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1167 Mayor Samples asked if the assumption was that the public works director would be consulted
1168 prior to the dock construction.
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1170 Mr. Smith said a permit was required.
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1172 Ms. Morris said applicants would actually have to follow all of the instructions in the ordinance,
1173 which means they have to apply for encroachment permit, execute a hold harmless agreement that will
1174 be recorded at the county court house, and they have to present their insurance policy to the town,
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1176 Mayor Samples asked how much the fee was for installing a dock. Ms. Morris did not have the
1177 fee schedule available, but said it was minimal; it may be just \$25. Mayor Samples said that was less
1178 than cutting down a tree. Ms. Morris said that it was. Mayor Samples asked councilmembers if that
1179 made sense.

1180 Ms. Mabry said no.
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1182 Mayor Samples said this is only first reading. Ms. Morris said the fee could be brought back for
1183 council to consider. Mayor Samples asked her to do so. He said surely an encroachment into the public
1184 property, a lake; it is nice to have a dock, he liked that. He did not want to start a class warfare, but he
1185 also believed if you could afford a dock, you could afford to pay a fee.
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1187 All voted in favor to amend. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**
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1189 Mr. Smith commented that the numbering system in paragraph d. materials shall be was
1190 confusing and asked that the a, b, c letters be changed to numbers 1, 2, 3, et cetera.
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1192 Mayor Samples agreed.
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1194 Mr. Smith did not believe a motion was necessary for that change.
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1196 Mayor Samples said no. Ms. Morris said it would be changed.
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1198 Mr. Stevens said he attended a couple of planning commission meetings and listened to what
1199 they were saying. The planning commission really spent some time on this and he believes they did a
1200 good job. They made sure there was a hold harmless agreement that holds the town harmless and also
1201 they inserted a \$1 million policy, which the town is an additional insured. So, he thought the planning
1202 commission did due diligence to make this as safe as they could. He thought that Mr. Smith's
1203 amendment, if the town needs to dredge the property, the owners will be responsible for moving the
1204 docks at their own expense, and also they can move it before a storm and replace it back without a
1205 permit, so it covers anything. He supported this primarily because this is an Horry County and a South
1206 Carolina tradition; docks on water, ponds. He had been using them for all of his life. When he was five
1207 years old he used to go a friend's house that had a quarter acre pond and he had a floating dock and they
1208 would jump off the dock and go swimming. He thought it was a good thing for people. Most of the people
1209 who live on the lakes can actually afford to buy the insurance. (**) maybe on second reading we might
1210 want to look at possibly increasing the insurance for a floating dock, but that was a good suggestion.
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1212 Mayor Samples said he was going to vote no, because the planning commission did not
1213 recommend floating docks, and he believed while a \$1 million sounds like a lot of coverage, given the
1214 nature of the item being discussed and where it was located the amount was insufficient. That was his
1215 personal opinion for floating docks.
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1217 Ms. Mabry thanked the planning commission; they really covered every little inch of things that
1218 she never even dreamed about. She was very happy with their recommendation. She thinks that it is
1219 important that council take that recommendation and leave it as it was presented. The commission's
1220 work was commendable. She did not want to change the ordinance; she believes the planning
1221 commission worked too hard. She would be voting no.
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1223 Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples
1224 and Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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1227 **F. Amend Resolution #12-117 to reorganize *ad hoc* Recreation/Special Events Committee**
1228 **and change membership to 5 members, Administrator Fellner.**
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1230 Ms. Fellner said the resolution is simply to reorganize the *ad hoc* recreation and special events
1231 committee changing the membership from seven to five volunteer members, and a nonvoting
1232 councilmember will continue to serve.
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1234 Mr. Stevens moved to adopt Resolution #12-117. Ms. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor.
1235 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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1237 **G. Resolution #13-137 to Allocate 1 Mil to Stormwater during FY2013-2014, Administrator**
1238 **Fellner.**
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1240 Ms. Fellner said this resolution is to allocate one mil to stormwater for Fiscal Year 2013-2014,
1241 which council proposed at the last meeting.
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1243 Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #13-137 to allocate one mil to stormwater during Fiscal
1244 Year 2013-2014. Mr. Stevens seconded.
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1246 Mayor Samples asked how much money this would generate for stormwater; really the fund is
1247 capital projects. Ms. Fellner said yes, the amount is approximately \$60,000. Mayor Samples said that
1248 would be about \$60,000 a year for capital projects, and asked how much was generated in the past for
1249 stormwater in the capital projects fund. Ms. Fellner said \$300,000. Mayor Samples said this would retain
1250 the one mil for stormwater improvements, for which if his memory was correct, about \$6 million was spent
1251 on the south end of town. It will take a while to accumulate sufficient funds to do another project,
1252 allocating only \$60,000 a year.
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1254 Ms. Kohlmann asked if the allocation was nothing, if the one mil was not adopted. Trying to
1255 refresh her memory, she believed the concern was that the town is beach community and the job is to be
1256 good stewards of the beach. The stormwater allocation was disappearing at the end of June, and in
1257 order to retain memory of people over the years for the future, they can bring it back when the town
1258 prospers again, and this was designed so that people do not forget that we have stormwater issues that
1259 we need to address. She thought that was why the action was taken, if she recalled correctly.
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1261 Mayor Samples understood Ms. Kohlmann's comments, in fact, federal law requires the town to
1262 address the water quality issues, whether the fund is established or not. It is a mandated item that the
1263 town will have to figure out how to fund when the time comes. It could be an unbudgeted item or not.
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1265 Ms. Mabry asked Ms. Fellner how the \$60,000 would be funded. Ms. Fellner did not know; one
1266 very serious change was made tonight that could impact that. The other thing is that the town is
1267 reconsidering its inspection fees for fire, and permit fees for planning, building, and zoning. Ms. Mabry
1268 said the same thing every other town is doing. Ms. Fellner said yes, ma'am.
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1270 Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and
1271 Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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1273 **H. Accommodations Tax Committee Recommendation to Fund the Purchase of Beach**
1274 **Cameras, Administrator Fellner.**
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1276 Ms. Fellner said the accommodations tax committee recommended approving the expenditure of
1277 \$18,875 out of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 accommodations tax funds to purchase cameras on beach
1278 accesses, at the pier, and in the Surfside Drive business district.
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1280 Mr. Smith moved to approve the accommodations tax advisory committee recommendation to
1281 purchase cameras. Mr. Stevens seconded.
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1283 Ms. Mabry said she had made it clear that she did not like wire tapping; she did not like people
1284 going around with video cameras, and she was just never going to feel comfortable with that, especially
1285 after she saw on television that every move she made was being watched. She did not mind the
1286 cameras, but she preferred that signage be placed notifying the public that video surveillance was being
1287 used. She did not believe that was unfair. It was proven that sometimes signage and a broken camera
1288 did as much good as an actual camera that worked, because people were aware that it was there. She
1289 asked if there was any way to consider posting a small sign just saying video cameras.
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1291 Chief Keziah said he had done extensive research including as late as today about camera
1292 usage. Darlington County just implemented the Wildfire system that the town is considering. Darlington
1293 County does not use any signs. Darlington City police department also uses the system, and Darlington
1294 County Housing Authority put 12 cameras on site. The chief said they do not have any signs, either.
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1296 Ms. Kohlmann said she has cameras at her house, and she does not have any signs. Her
1297 personal opinion was that if you came to her house and you were doing to do something wrong, well, you
1298 would be on Candid Camera. She found them highly successful, personally. She thought everyone
1299 needed to remember that nobody likes to be videotaped. But in Boston, if it was not for those cameras,
1300 there would have been a lot more people killed. She thought it was time everyone woke up and realized
1301 that they are very useful tools.
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1303 Mr. Stevens said if you walk into Wal-Mart, Target, Lowe's, or Home Depot, you were being
1304 videotaped. He asked if everyone was going to quit shopping there. He did not think so. The criminal is
1305 the only person that is scared of the video camera. He is the one that gets caught. For example, the two
1306 guys that did the bombing in Boston were caught by a video camera. If somebody comes and robs your
1307 house and they go down near 3rd Avenue North, then they are going to be videotaped robbing you. That
1308 is a good thing, because we can catch those bad guys. Chief Keziah can put them in the slammer and
1309 everyone can smile that they got caught.
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1311 Ms. Mabry said first of all, she was wide awake. She was very well aware that other places are
1312 videoed. All she wanted to know was if a sign could be posted; she asked the chief, and he gave her an
1313 answer. She preferred a sign just saying that the town videotapes. She did not see that that question
1314 was all that provocative. It was a yes or no. Chief Keziah said there is no legal requirement to post
1315 signs; it is a preference of the governing board. Ms. Mabry said correct.
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1317 Mayor Samples asked if Ms. Mabry wanted to express a motion.
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1319 Ms. Mabry said no, sir. She just wanted to know the answer; she would be more like one of the
1320 citizens that spoke. This was not her favorite thing, but she understood the need for cameras. She
1321 personally would prefer signage, but she would support the council decision.
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1323 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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1325 **I. Pier Encroachment Permit Consensus, Administrator Fellner.**
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1327 Ms. Fellner said this item was listed under business as instructed by council, because it involves
1328 money. She asked for a consensus to execute the encroachment permit for the pier deck as written. The
1329 terms being from now until December 31, 2013 for a total of \$4,000 divided into three payments due the
1330 last day of each month from June through August of 2013.
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1332 Mayor Samples suggested a motion instead of consensus.
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1334 Mr. Smith moved to approve the encroachment permit for the pier deck with Atlantic Restaurant
1335 Group. Mr. Johnson seconded.
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1337 Mr. Smith said on the drawing sent in the package there were two tables on the north right next to
1338 the pier. There are currently benches there. Ms. Fellner said they do not have any of the "tall boys." Mr.

1339 Smith asked if they were going to put anything there. Ms. Fellner said she proposed that that be left
1340 alone, because if they would want to have music out there, that would be the logical place to set up and
1341 there is plenty of room. The building official inspected the area; there is plenty of room in accordance
1342 with the law for passage from the stairway through the common area back on to the deck. Mr. Smith said
1343 thank you very much.
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1345 Mayor Samples asked if there was any implied guarantee of any kind that this arrangement would
1346 extend beyond December 31. Ms. Fellner said there is none, and it is written in the encroachment permit.
1347 Mayor Samples said there was a statement made that says future rates will be determined by Atlantic
1348 Restaurant Group and Town Council. So if they cannot come to an agreement, that is if Town Council
1349 determines for whatever reason that it wants to do something different with the deck, does council have
1350 the ability to do so without any legal ramifications. Ms. Fellner said yes, sir, they do. The encroachment
1351 permit has a term where it expires; once it expires, the permit had expired. Mayor Samples said he would
1352 vote against the permit, because he felt \$4,000 was totally inadequate to use the deck for the season.
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1354 Ms. Kohlmann also believed it was a low amount, but she also thought if council did not act
1355 tonight, like everything else, they would wait and the season would be over with, and the town would be
1356 out that money, too. She believed councilmembers should just bite the bullet and do this. It was not
1357 forever. It is just till December 31st; they would not be using the deck in November anyway. It is already
1358 the middle of June, and the budget has not been done, so she thought that, even though she did not like
1359 it, she was not saying she liked it, but it was better than nothing.
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1361 Mayor Samples agreed, but commented because he had seen this council do it before and they
1362 all knew when deadlines were approaching. The issue with the beach services contract, and now they
1363 were dealing with a budget that they have had for months. So, he asked them to please, please do the
1364 town's people the service they deserve. Get in front of the issues, instead of waiting to be reactive. That
1365 was his comment.
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1367 Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and
1368 Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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1370 **8. DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town**
1371 **Council.**
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1373 Ms. Dodge was not sure if this was the appropriate time, but she asked if the town needs an
1374 ordinance to stop parking on side streets from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. back to at least, back far enough from
1375 Ocean Boulevard that it would not stop people from using our meters. Rather than use meters, they are
1376 parking on side streets and they are parking close to driveways. They are parking close to intersections.
1377 Ms. Fellner said the answer is yes, but first it would need to be sent to the parking committee. Ms. Dodge
1378 moved to send that issue to the parking committee.
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1380 Mayor Samples said this was discussion tonight, but it can be added to the next agenda as a
1381 business item, if that was Ms. Dodge's desire.
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1383 Ms. Dodge said thank you.
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1385 Mayor Samples asked if that was the will of Town Council.
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1387 Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmember Johnson both responded no.
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1389 Councilmember Kohlmann said if Ms. Dodge wants to consider it, she did not see any harm in the
1390 parking committee looking at it, but she was just one person.
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1392 Councilmember Stevens had no problem sending it to the parking committee.
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1394 Councilmember Smith was okay with the parking committee looking at it.

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Mayor Samples directed that the item be placed on the next meeting agenda.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments (5 minutes.)

“Carrie Johnson, 9th Avenue South. I’m just a little bit amazed at how so many of you all talk out of both sides of your mouth. Not too long ago someone was asking the town to go around and repair all potholes. Tonight that same person wants to return the money that was sent for paving 17 out here. Well, I’m sure when the potholes come in that same person’s gonna want the town to go out and repair those potholes at the town’s expense. And when you give a child, 5 years old, an allowance, I hope when that child is 12 the child is not getting the same allowance, because things do go up. That child won’t be going to the movie with his friends, because the cost of the movies has gone up. He won’t be going to McDonald’s with his friends, because the cost of McDonald’s has gone up. Things continue to go up. You get your budget, your household budget to the bare bones. What happens when your car breaks down? I guess you park it and you walk. What happens if a pipe bursts in your house and you have no water? Do you do without? So if you’ve got everything to bare bones, with no surplus funds, what do you do when there’s an emergency? We live in a town that is going to eventually have a hurricane, and we know that. So why would we not raise the taxes so that we could build a little bit of surplus to take care of this town in the event of an emergency? The minimal amount of raising the taxes...what is that? A hamburger a month? Maybe two Cokes a month. I mean it’s really not anything that is gonna put anybody in the poor house. So, I just don’t understand it. I just don’t understand it. [sic] You have got to have a surplus. Especially in a beach town where there is going to be a hurricane that comes, and if it comes this year, then I guess you all can get down there and shovel the sand off of Ocean Boulevard yourself. Thank you.”

“Okay, I do appreciate all of your efforts tonight. Sue Fehr, 716 5th Avenue North. Do appreciate all your efforts tonight in reducing our budget items. Now just doing some mental calculations, I guess we saved some more money. Is there any more to be saved? Possibly. Alright, so we’re not really at bare bones yet. I would like to see if Surfside set aside for necessary repairs should we get a hurricane. Alright, I know I’m getting out of Dodge. No offense. (Laughter.) Okay, earlier this evening I gave Ann Dodge a list. I walk the town every evening with my neighbor, and I pick up trash on the beach every morning. Sometimes there’s plastic bags. I’ve been told that they don’t put the bags out in the summer, because the dogs aren’t allowed on the beach. Well, two dogs got chased off the beach by me on Saturday. If the, ah, police chief could maybe give the hotels a list of the rules for the beach, because the people say they see it on TV that we’re a pet friendly beach, but not Surfside. Garden City, yes; up the road, yes, but not Surfside. Anyway, what I would like to see personally is to stop the speeding on 5th Avenue North where traffic has become horrendous since the non-speed bumps or drainage control bumps were put in on Surfside Avenue [sic.] Next year I’m gonna take down school bus numbers, because school busses are the primary culprits. Alright, I like to see two stop signs put in: one at Cherry; one at Hollywood. That would give enough where people could go their 30 miles an hour posted speed limit. Right now you put up the little clock; we watch ‘em...55, 58, they don’t slow down. Alright, you put the cop car out there for a couple of days. I talk to it when I walk by, so people think there’s a cop in the car. After a couple of hours, or a couple of times down the road, they don’t care. Alright, so that’s one proposal I have. Something that wouldn’t cost any money, maybe moving some of the trash cans in the parking lots by the beach up to the sidewalk on Ocean Avenue [sic.] I mean I walk on Ocean Avenue [sic.] I pick up cans, papers; people are ignorant. They don’t go looking to put trash in somebody’s garbage pail that’s in their driveway. But if we could get these pails just moved up, not even new ones, just move the pails up. They’re in the middle. They’re by the pay station. They’re not gonna throw their money in the trash. So move them up. Another issue, ah, the crosswalks; we have those little pedestrian signs. They’re only on one side of the road. So if you’re going north, you see it, or if you’re going south you see it. But the person crossing the street is going east and west. So, only one car is stopping. So could we have one on each side of the street, or a sign like this one? I think 5th Avenue has a sign. No, it doesn’t have a sign, but another one has one sign, two-sided so you can walk across and see it. But these are just [a] couple of little things. That’s it.”

1450 "Harry Kohlmann, 1610 South Ocean Boulevard. I just wanted to, ah, acknowledge that our new
1451 chief put a breath of fresh air, a man that is willing to work with the community. I don't know if he's been
1452 shot or stabbed or blown up. I really don't care. But, he's doing a great job. He's actually reaching out to
1453 the community. He's asking for advice. He's starting up a crime watch program, which we've been
1454 asking for for [sic] years. Officers are friendlier. They're more open. What a great thing in this town we
1455 have now and I really commend the chief. He's a great guy. I also want to talk about the cameras. In the
1456 past year, 11 people at my house were apprehended and if it wasn't for those cameras, they wouldn't
1457 have been able to prosecute 'em to the fullest; 11. Folks, that's one house. What a great thing. Now if I
1458 would've put signs up, hey, Mr. Criminal, you're being watched, well, he wouldn't, he wouldn't do it at my
1459 house. He'd go to your house; so, signs and cameras, not a good idea. This crime watch is gonna be a
1460 great thing. We're gonna know what's going on in the community. We're gonna know where crimes are
1461 happening. Where they're happening [sic,] and the descriptions. A great thing. Thank you."

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1463 "Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North. I echo Mr. Kohlmann's statement completely. Chief Keziah and
1464 Chief Cimini are doing a great job. I would like to give kudos to Councilmen [sic] Smith, Stevens,
1465 Kohlmann, and Dodge for saving our bacon. Everybody wants to spend, spend, spend. Thank you, you
1466 four council people for thinking of the citizens of this town."

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1468 "Donald Eliason. I live at 718 5th Avenue North. I wanted to reinforce my neighbor a little bit about
1469 5th Avenue and the cars and trucks that come up and down that road. When I first moved there in I think
1470 it was 1983, one of the reasons that we chose that house it was one of the few paved roads in Surfside.
1471 That shows you how far we've come since then. But now, since the speed bumps went up on Surfside
1472 Drive, we have commercial trucks. It's a residential neighborhood. There's no commercial property from
1473 Poplar on down to the beach. It's all residential. It's (**). Mail boxes are destroyed on a regular basis on
1474 that street. Ah, and the speeding is, is terrible. There was an accident recently at 5th Avenue North and,
1475 ah, 17, which was caused, I think, by somebody trying to make a right going across 17. I can stand at my
1476 house and watch cars speed up when they see the light down there. They think they can make that light,
1477 and they're speeding up a block and a half away to try to make that stop light. I don't know what the
1478 answer is, but we need something to slow the cars down. They come from the opposite way from 17, and
1479 once they get to that, that ridge there at Poplar Street [sic] where they can't see anything in front of 'em,
1480 they're gone. I've seen cars and motorcycles, too, that go up and down that street at a rate of speed that
1481 if a car was backing out of a driveway, there's no way they could stop. We also have a lot of people that
1482 are walking now up and down 5th Avenue, which includes children, young people on skateboards, and I'm
1483 afraid there's gone [sic] be a victim out there, if we can't slow that traffic down. I appreciate it. Thank
1484 you."

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1486 "Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North. One block over, thank God, because I can hear those engines going
1487 up and down the street. I know they're over there. Some nights they're road racing up and down. I don't
1488 get to see 'em. I can hear 'em, and I, I really dislike what our society has become, but the cameras are a
1489 necessity anymore; they're, it's the 21st Century law enforcement. I, I don't; if people fear (**) I don't think
1490 you're gonna see the people sitting looking at these TV screens. That's not gonna happen. It's gonna be
1491 something to be used for what happened here, let's go back and look and see who was there, because I
1492 don't wanna be in that (**) that have these major crimes. They steal children now. (**) They sell 'em. We
1493 hate to admit that they do that, and other things that happen. You go to Charleston, any major city. They
1494 see you all over. You can't get out of the way from that, and there's a reason for it. It's what our society,
1495 it's what we've become in life. I don't want to be that either, and as for, you know, trying to nickel and
1496 dime and grab a thousand bucks here; \$700,000 here. Well, we can't stop spending, and that's the thing.
1497 It, ah, you, you look at what happened. You're gonna have to do this. You're gonna have to do that. I
1498 don't know what the answer is, that's why you sit up there, and I can just sit back here and complain. (**)
1499 I don't need to make the decision. I get to say oh, you, you people up there, you're the ones that do all
1500 the bad business and basically, move back years and years and some bad choices. It happens, because
1501 it's, it's lined up in the political atmosphere, so you're gonna end up getting these decisions are based not
1502 on business, but on political policy. Did anybody say the word pier tonight? Boy, that was a bad move,
1503 wasn't it. God, you know, and then after we bought it, and we paid top dollar for it, we didn't have to and
1504 we have business here. We don't know how to run businesses, at least the people whoever, you know,
1505 makes these decisions, they don't, you know, we, if you made those decisions on business, we might be

1506 okay. But we made some decisions on heart. When you want to be in business, you can't do that. You
1507 gotta, you have to cut a throat. You're gonna have to cut a throat, you know. You want to make, you
1508 wanna sell beef, gotta kill that steer. That's the way it is. Political people should not be in business. My
1509 recommendation is that if we keep that pier, you go somewhere out in Chicago. Find some business
1510 management company and let them manage it for us. Say, hey, give us, make us a profit, and all we do
1511 is continuing making laws. You're pretty good at that. We got a million of 'em. Thank you."

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1513 "Janet Bambino, 310 South Hollywood. I would just like to add on to him the pier, and that was
1514 not on y'all, on some of y'all, so, but ah, it's a big blunder, and if y'all haven't, you need to go to some
1515 piers and just see what they have and what we have. That is our, is a huge downfall. That's our money
1516 making machine right there, and nobody doing anything about it. That is sad for Surfside Beach. You
1517 know, and talking about the change, how Surfside Beach looks. It's already changed, and not for the
1518 better. I've lived here a long time. My parents had, you know, property here since I was yea high and it
1519 has not changed for the better. It's sad, actually, and I have property here. My parents still have property
1520 here, and I really sometimes I really consider moving out of Surfside Beach. A lot of people don't want to
1521 come to Surfside Beach anymore as tourists. Do y'all even know that? I mean that's just sad. That's
1522 sad. You really need to take a long look, a long look at this town, cause it's really not improving. It really
1523 isn't. The money making machine is that pier, and nobody is not [sic] doing a thing about it. Go to Tybee
1524 Beach in Georgia. Visit some of these piers and see what they've got going on. Even Garden City has
1525 more going on than we do. I don't know what y'all are thinking. Really need to look at that. Thank you."

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1527 "Jack Houston, 118 Harbor Lights. Ah, I just have some questions about the dock. When you
1528 say bank to bank (**) planning, do you mean, what if there's an island outside the guy's, you know, it, it's
1529 Dogwood Lake, my neighbor who wants to put in a dock but he's got an island right out there. Is it gonna
1530 go to the bank of his property to the bank of the island or..." Ms. Morris said it would be measured from
1531 the bank on his property to the bank on the other side of the lake. The island would not be considered.
1532 Mr. Houston: "Okay, good, and I just had another comment about the, ah, tractors. Ah, five tractors, my
1533 wife is in a business, five tractors is a fleet, and ah, there's a fleet management program that you can
1534 probably get off the Internet that would help you, ah, figure out when a tractor needs to be surveyed to get
1535 your best return on investment."

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1537 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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1539 Mr. Johnson: "No comments."

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1541 Ms. Kohlmann: "No comment."

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1543 Mr. Smith: "No comment."

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1545 Ms. Dodge: "Mr. Mayor, no comment."

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1547 Ms. Mabry: "Yes, I am going to make a comment. Number one, I do approve of the cameras.
1548 What I thought they were gonna be was a deterrent not I got cha. So, you know, anyway they want to do
1549 it is fine. I do agree with cameras. I wanted them there. I voted for 'em. But, I really wanted it to be
1550 more of a deterrent, and then if somebody didn't do what they should we have them on camera. But, I
1551 want to make that clear, and I want to especially again thank the planning commission. I know how hard
1552 they worked and I do appreciate all their effort."

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1554 Mr. Stevens: "I don't get to do this every often, but I'm gonna do it today. Had somebody write a
1555 letter, a [sic] email that praised me. Said I was at a council meeting on Tuesday, 6/4 [sic], and I
1556 appreciated the, the budget process observed. Mr. Stevens demonstrated that he took his job as a
1557 councilmember very seriously when he identified line items for reduction and provided specific reasons
1558 for that reduction. Mr. Stevens was prepared with well-reasoned arguments for his position. He was not
1559 currying votes by pandering to the citizenry that is against raising taxes. He was exercising his fiduciary
1560 responsibility to safeguard the town finances. Yes, I would rather my taxes not be raised, especially with
1561 Horry County raising taxes to support an extra \$6 million (**); the federal government are [sic] seeking to

1562 raise taxes, and increases necessary to support health care. I am gladdened to see a politician take a
1563 stance against a gut reaction for raising taxes as a solution to our financial problems. Raising taxes may
1564 not be necessary in the future, but not until the existing budget is reviewed, reductions taken where they
1565 can and should be taken. Please listen to Mr. Stevens' reasons and consider each one on its own merits.
1566 Thank you, Joan Jowers, from 1611 South Ocean Boulevard for sending that email. Other things about
1567 the stop signs, I've been approached by not only 5th Avenue, but 16th Avenue and 5th Avenue South. I
1568 think this, you know, probably is something that we seriously need to look at and stop the speeders
1569 coming down our main thoroughfares, because it's for the safety of the people. Perhaps this is something
1570 else the parking committee should look at. I don't know, but I would support those people that spoke
1571 about that, and last, but not least, I want to say kudos to Chief Keziah. He is doing an excellent job. He
1572 has made this town more policeman friendly. He is doing the things necessary with citizen crime watch
1573 and I recommend that everybody that has a chance to get involved in the neighborhood crime watch with
1574 the Town of Surfside Beach Police Department get involved. If you can go to the academy, I would also
1575 recommend that. It's a breath of fresh air when we have a chief who really wants to get to know the
1576 people and have his policemen get to know you. Thank you."

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1578 Mayor Samples: "You know, we talked about, I mentioned DOT earlier. In fact, we're gonna
1579 asked for money back from DOT, \$780,000 on Highway 17. Ah, I believe I'm correct when I say that 5th
1580 Avenue North is a state street. I believe I'm correct when I say 10th Avenue South is a state street. If this
1581 council voted tonight to direct staff to get out there and put stop signs up there, we couldn't do it.
1582 However, 16th, I'm glad to hear 16th Avenue North mentioned, because a year ago we were approached,
1583 and I know the past police chief did a, did a survey, and I would encourage us to do another survey of 16th
1584 Avenue North, because that is, since we took Ocean Boulevard, that came along with the deal, because it
1585 is the same state road, when you look at the state highway map. We've all been working hard. Mr.
1586 Dodge, I'm glad you find it amusing. (**Mr. Dodge from audience.) Well, I'm sure that we're doing the
1587 best we can, okay. The fact of the matter is we're gonna meet again Thursday at 6:30 in these very
1588 chambers, and I would encourage all members to come prepared, come prepared. Note the item, note
1589 the page number, and please make sure you have the current budget, okay. I don't want us wasting time
1590 covering items that we've already deleted. Please, please, please, do the homework. Having said that,
1591 and I want to make a comment, you know, I've only lived here going on 22 years. It was a great town
1592 when I moved here and it's a great town now. Is it different? Yes. The world is different. I think that we
1593 heard that tonight. The truth of the matter is, is that a lot of people have moved into Horry County. A lot
1594 of people have moved into the south end. It does stress services. More people drive into our town, and if
1595 they're not state roads, we gotta maintain 'em, and when we take roads off the state inventory, as I
1596 mentioned earlier, we assume the responsibility for those roads, and that is something that I believe we
1597 have an obligation to be prepared to address in a time of need. Now we haven't had hurricane
1598 evacuations in a number of years, thank God. But, it is only a matter of time before there's a storm.
1599 When I moved here, you could see, you still could see the high water marks, some of you lived here when
1600 the storms came through, and so you know the damage and the impact on business and the cost to the
1601 town of a storm. We need to be prudent. I don't know how other people run their household, but I know
1602 the way we run the household in my family, and we have money set aside, just in case, and that is what
1603 the town needs to do also, and I do wanna address, cause I've been here longer, where did all that
1604 money go? Where did all that money go? Well, we did purchase a pier; good, bad, indifferent. We did
1605 build a fire station. We did build, buy a ladder truck or lease-purchase a ladder truck, and we purchased
1606 new fire engines, because it keeps, because we're required for insurance ratings. If we don't have 'em,
1607 what do you think Horry County's going through? Do you think Horry County wants to raise taxes? Of
1608 course, not; of course, not, but they need to man their stations, because insurance costs are real. I
1609 encourage members to be specific when they come back. I admire and respect the positions that were
1610 taken tonight by Ms. Mabry. I also, to be honest with you, I mean Rod tells you, Rod Smith tells you it's
1611 not this year, but it's next year. Ah, you know, there's no free lunch. Services cost money. Many of our
1612 cost are beyond our control. I suspect that's the same for you at your, in your homes. You don't
1613 determine how much your insurance is gonna cost in the end. You don't determine who much your elect,
1614 your utilities are gonna cost in the end. So, I think we're, we're facing something that we knew was
1615 inevitable, and rather than kid you, con you, spin you into the ditch, we're not gonna do that. This town's
1616 a great town. We're gonna keep it that way. But, we're gonna make hard decisions to do so. So, we'll
1617 see y'all here at 6:30 Thursday."

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11. ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared and submitted by,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: June 25, 2013

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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Finance Department Report: May 2013

Business License:

- May 2013 Activity **(56) New Accounts**: New business licensed In-Town (17); New business Out-of-Town (15); New Rentals (14); New Contractors (10); Additional business inquiries (14)
- Business License revenue for May 2013 was \$353,904 which is up from prior year's \$323,017.
- YTD business license revenues are \$551,192 compared to prior year \$547,551 and building permit revenues are \$109,155 down compared to prior year \$156,998.

Taxes:

Current real estate, personal property and vehicle tax payments received from Horry County for May 2013 were \$18,854 for the month and YTD \$2,446,284. Last year the monthly collection totaled \$23,393 and YTD totaled \$2,431,760.

Hospitality & Local Accommodations Taxes:

Hospitality and Local Accommodations taxes received in the month of May were \$39,855 and \$6,405 respectively, compared to last year's \$45,348 and \$7,785. YTD collections are \$501,574 and \$110,926 compared to last year's \$499,356 and \$113,543.

Enterprise Funds:

In May, the Sanitation Fund collected \$131,291 in service charges, which is up from last year's \$81,732. YTD collections are \$1,034,994 compared to last year's \$955,336. In May, the Pier Fund collected \$8,317 from admissions and fishing to be compared with last year's \$9,443.

Lanier Parking:

In May, meter revenue collected by Lanier was \$8,132 in the Pier Fund and \$17,453 in the Hospitality Fund for a total of \$25,585 the parking fines collected were \$1,300 in the Pier Fund and \$2,200 in the Hospitality Fund for a total of \$3,500. Total revenue YTD \$49,559. Estimated total expenses YTD are \$40,961.

Finance Department:

The Finance Department has been busy finalizing the budget for FY 2013-2014 and preparing for fiscal year end.

Transparency:

The Town's accounts payable check register has been posted online and a link has been added to the State Comptroller General's office website. Visit the following websites for information:

Town of Surfside Beach <http://surfsidebeach.org/>
SC Comptroller General <http://www.cg.state.sc.us/transparency/>

Please contact the Finance department if you have any questions concerning this report, (843) 913-6336, or email finance@surfsidebeach.org

**Town of Surfside Beach
Finance Department Report
May 31, 2013**

General Fund	May 2013	YTD FY 12-13	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD FY 11-12
Property Taxes						
Current Property Taxes	\$ 14,726	\$ 2,085,063	\$ 2,150,000	\$ (64,937)	\$ (448)	\$ 1,992,863
Motor Carrier Taxes	52	3,416	4,000	(584)	30	3,118
Penalties & Prior Year Taxes	2,021	56,675	30,000	26,675	21,204	139,226
	\$ 16,799	\$ 2,145,154	\$ 2,184,000	\$ (38,846)	\$ 20,786	\$ 2,135,207
Licenses and Permits						
Business Licenses - Local	\$ 353,904	\$ 551,192	\$ 675,000	\$ (123,808)	\$ 323,017	\$ 547,551
Business Licenses - MASC	22,641	204,313	715,000	(510,687)	47,440	101,695
Animal Licenses	280	1,590	3,000	(1,410)	210	1,940
Building Permits	5,766	109,155	100,000	9,155	15,387	156,998
	\$ 382,591	\$ 866,250	\$ 1,493,000	\$ (626,750)	\$ 386,054	\$ 808,184
Franchise Fees						
Santee Cooper (Bi-Annual)	\$ -	\$ 138,241	\$ 265,000	\$ (126,759)	\$ -	\$ 138,405
GSW&SA (Monthly Installments)	16,620	182,821	195,000	(12,179)	16,620	182,821
TimeWarner (Quarterly)	-	94,993	115,000	(20,007)	-	92,715
HTC	-	572	-	572	139	301
Beach Services	-	1,000	-	1,000	-	-
SCANA (Annual)	-	-	9,600	(9,600)	-	-
	\$ 16,620	\$ 417,627	\$ 584,600	\$ (166,973)	\$ 16,759	\$ 414,242
Fines and Forfeits						
Police Fines	\$ 24,913	\$ 123,391	\$ 130,000	\$ (6,609)	\$ 12,720	\$ 143,008
Victims Assistance	1,987	21,493	20,000	1,493	2,639	24,992
Parking Fines-Current	200	12,783	45,000	(32,217)	2,456	37,640
Parking Fines-Prior	533	2,861	-	2,861	1,011	4,402
	\$ 27,633	\$ 160,528	\$ 195,000	\$ (34,472)	\$ 18,826	\$ 210,042
Interest						
	\$ 100	\$ 2,513	\$ 10,000	\$ (7,487)	\$ 405	\$ 5,015
Intergovernmental Revenues						
Aid - Local Government Fund	\$ 17,774	\$ 65,010	\$ 65,000	\$ 10	\$ -	\$ 52,257
Alcohol Permits	-	8,001	41,500	(33,499)	-	8,899
Homestead Exemption	37,618	37,618	40,000	(2,382)	-	36,318
Merchants Inventory	2,780	8,341	11,120	(2,779)	-	8,341
Government Grants	2,997	85,102	7,500	77,602	-	109,764
H.C. Recreation Dept.	-	11,706	16,600	(4,894)	16,600	16,600
H.C. Road Maintenance	-	85,706	100,000	(14,294)	-	89,540
	\$ 61,169	\$ 301,484	\$ 281,720	\$ 19,764	\$ 16,600	\$ 321,719
Recreation Revenue						
Recreation Registration Fees	\$ -	\$ 1,540	\$ 22,300	\$ (20,760)	\$ 5,010	\$ 20,598
Recreation Sponsorships	-	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	5,900
Other Recreation Revenues	333	17,523	25,200	(7,677)	1,536	26,111
	\$ 333	\$ 19,063	\$ 51,500	\$ (32,437)	\$ 6,546	\$ 52,609
Other Revenue						
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,187	17,976	25,000	(7,024)	4,585	24,358
	\$ 1,187	\$ 17,976	\$ 25,000	\$ (7,024)	\$ 4,585	\$ 24,358
Other Financing Sources						
Sanitation Fund	\$ -	\$ 54,625	\$ 54,625	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,805
Accommodations Tax Fund	-	40,243	46,250	(6,007)	-	42,098
Interest Revenue Pier Enterprise	16,422	34,757	18,335	16,422	-	22,037
Pier Enterprise	-	14,055	30,477	(16,422)	-	7,855
Trans from Hospitality	331,410	441,880	441,880	-	-	100,000
Local Accommodations Tax Fund	-	135,926	140,000	(4,074)	-	97,045
Sale of Fixed Assets/Insurance Proce	-	4,500	-	-	-	32,152
Franchisee Reimbursement	-	35,911	266,000	(230,089)	212,055	426,698
	\$ 347,832	\$ 761,897	\$ 997,567	\$ (240,170)	\$ 212,055	\$ 755,690
Total Revenue & Other Financing Sources						
	\$ 854,264	\$ 4,692,492	\$ 5,822,387	\$ (1,134,395)	\$ 682,616	\$ 4,727,066

YTD Remaining %: **19.4%**
Ideal Remaining %: **8.0%**

Capital Projects Fund	May 2013	YTD FY 12-13	FY12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD FY 11-12
Revenue						
Property Taxes	\$ 2,055	\$ 301,138	\$ 268,750	\$ 32,388	\$ 2,607	\$ 296,553
Interest	96	911	-	911	77	837
Misc/Reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-	87,960
Total Revenue	\$ 2,151	\$ 302,049	\$ 268,750	\$ 33,299	\$ 2,684	\$ 385,350
Expenditures						
Lakes - Maint. & Enhancements	4,537	17,944	20,500	(2,556)	1,745	135,988
Water Quality/NPDES	-	34,809	32,875	1,934	174	54,467
Storm water Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	135,851
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,537	\$ 52,753	\$ 53,375	\$ (622)	\$ 1,919	\$ 326,306

**Town of Surfside Beach
General Fund
Summary Financial Information
Period Ending 05/31/13**

Revenues	May 2013	YTD FY 2012-13	FY 12-13 Budget	Over/(Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD FY 2011-12
Property Taxes	\$ 16,799	\$ 2,145,154	\$ 2,184,000	(38,846)	\$ 20,786	\$ 2,135,207
Licenses & Permits	382,591	866,250	1,493,000	(626,750)	386,054	808,184
Franchise Fees	16,620	417,627	584,600	(166,973)	16,759	414,242
Fines	27,633	160,528	195,000	(34,472)	18,826	210,042
Interest	100	2,513	10,000	(7,487)	405	5,015
Intergovernmental	61,169	301,484	281,720	19,764	16,600	321,719
Recreation Revenue	333	19,063	51,500	(32,437)	6,546	52,609
Other Revenue	1,187	17,976	25,000	(7,024)	4,585	24,358
Other Financing Sources	347,834	761,898	997,567	(235,669)	212,055	755,690
Total Revenue	\$ 854,266	\$ 4,692,493	\$ 5,822,387	(1,129,894)	\$ 682,616	\$ 4,727,066
Expenditures						
Salaries & Benefits						
Salaries	\$ 294,851	\$ 2,445,606	\$ 2,760,899	(315,293)	\$ 225,497	\$ 2,396,138
Benefits	100,212	928,021	1,132,080	(204,059)	83,267	893,868
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$ 395,063	\$ 3,373,627	\$ 3,892,979	(519,352)	\$ 308,764	\$ 3,290,006
Operating Expenditures						
Administration	\$ 4,619	\$ 92,467	\$ 135,234	(42,767)	\$ 15,574	\$ 113,137
Finance	4,095	55,958	70,992	(15,034)	2,611	61,456
Court	2,094	31,776	36,675	(4,899)	2,402	29,499
Facilities	1,713	28,891	27,791	1,100	5,230	26,285
Police	19,820	240,001	269,026	(29,025)	21,706	217,572
Fire	7,700	126,274	130,215	(3,941)	10,876	114,843
Building & Zoning	3,260	51,368	72,631	(21,263)	8,132	71,821
Grounds	4,951	48,193	65,679	(17,486)	5,074	43,912
Public Works	8,549	188,151	462,830	(274,679)	17,422	731,290
Fleet Maintenance	3,726	23,564	29,539	(5,975)	1,789	23,500
Recreation & Special Events	6,378	93,058	124,761	(31,703)	6,792	109,704
Non Departmental	6,204	83,638	98,305	(14,667)	7,145	79,785
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 73,109	\$ 1,063,339	\$ 1,523,678	(460,339)	\$ 104,753	\$ 1,622,804
Net Revenue/(Expenditures) Before Debt & Capital Expenditures	\$ 386,094	\$ 255,527	\$ 405,730		\$ 269,099	\$ (185,744)
Capital Building	\$ -	\$ 41,582	\$ 42,500	(918)	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	-	518,499	518,579	(80)	-	425,450
Total Expenditures	\$ 468,172	\$ 4,997,047	\$ 5,977,736	(980,689)	\$ 413,517	\$ 5,338,260
Net Operating	\$ 386,094	\$ (304,554)	\$ (155,349)		\$ 269,099	\$ (611,194)
Capital Replacement (Equipment)	\$ (2,000)	\$ (93,225)	\$ (100,000)	\$ (6,775)	\$ (7,725)	\$ (111,713)
Capital Improvements (Paving/Sidewalk)	-	(881,475)	(994,000)	(112,525)	-	(140,749)
Transfer to Hospitality - Parking fines	(733)	(18,249)	(45,000)	(26,751)	(3,466)	(41,044)
Change in Fund Balance	\$ 383,361	\$ (1,297,503)	\$ (1,294,349)		\$ 257,908	\$ (904,700)

**Town of Surfside Beach
May 31, 2013
Special Revenue Funds**

Accommodations Fund

	May 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenues:						
Accommodations Tax	\$ 110,604	\$ 440,465	\$ 450,000	\$ (9,535)	\$ -	\$ 366,958
Special Events/Donations	1,638	3,543	-	3,543	660	34,768
Interest Income	24	378	-	378	32	438
Total Revenues	\$ 112,266	\$ 444,386	\$ 450,000	\$ (5,614)	\$ 692	\$ 402,164
Expenses:						
Police	\$ 35,746	\$ 81,600	\$ 152,705	\$ (71,105)	\$ 1,788	\$ 37,531
Grounds	732	8,709	12,413	(3,704)	600	8,112
Public Works/Sanitation	4,668	52,971	77,825	(24,854)	53,233	146,389
Special Events	5,403	49,569	72,871	(23,302)	8,230	55,252
Grants & Materials & Supplies	-	9,000	10,500	(1,500)	-	10,000
Fireworks Display	-	25,000	25,000	-	-	25,000
Advertising & Promotion	-	6,670	12,020	(5,350)	10	1,686
Advertising - MB Chamber (30%)	-	91,458	127,500	(36,042)	-	102,588
Transfer to Gen Fund (5%)	-	40,243	46,250	(6,007)	-	42,097
Total Expenses	\$ 46,549	\$ 365,220	\$ 537,084	\$ (171,864)	\$ 63,861	\$ 428,655
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ 65,717	\$ 79,166	\$ (87,084)		\$ (63,169)	\$ (26,491)

Local Accommodations Fund

	May 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenues:						
Local Accommodations Tax	\$ 6,405	\$ 110,926	\$ 140,000	\$ (29,074)	\$ 7,785	\$ 113,543
Interest Income	6	214	-	214	4	237
Total Revenues	\$ 6,411	\$ 111,140	\$ 140,000	\$ (28,860)	\$ 7,789	\$ 113,780
Expenses:						
Transfer to General Fund	\$ 67,425	\$ 135,926	\$ 140,000	(4,074)	\$ -	\$ 97,045
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (61,014)	\$ (24,786)	\$ -		\$ 7,789	\$ 16,735

Hospitality Fund

	May 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenues:						
Hospitality Fees	\$ 39,855	\$ 501,574	\$ 625,000	\$ (123,426)	\$ 45,348	\$ 499,356
Meter Revenue & Parking decals	40	72,441	125,000	(52,559)	12,059	88,287
Meter Revenue- Lanier	17,453	26,685	-	26,685	-	-
Parking Fines- Lanier*	2,200	3,625	-	3,625	-	-
Logo/Promotion Sales/Misc	293	2,664	-	2,664	206	3,251
Other Revenue (Grants/Donations)	-	8,468	-	8,468	-	8,000
Interest Income	134	2,528	-	2,528	166	2,647
Transfer from G.F. Parking fines	733	18,982	45,000	(26,018)	3,466	41,044
Total Revenues	\$ 60,708	\$ 636,967	\$ 795,000	\$ (158,033)	\$ 61,245	\$ 642,585
Expenses:						
Admin - Parking	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 358	\$ 4,301
Police - Community Services	20,963	90,950	124,805	(33,855)	661	52,872
Police - Meters	(7)	45,671	300,159	(254,488)	6,071	49,935
Parking Lanier (operating)	-	23,968	-	23,968	-	-
Bank Fees (Lanier)	301	438	-	438	-	-
Parking Lanier (Equipment)	106,452	203,028	-	203,028	-	-
Fire	-	16,219	16,380	(161)	-	27,235
Grounds	1,428	22,291	32,500	(10,209)	1,540	78,081
Recreation	613	14,805	28,600	(13,795)	8,353	35,313
Huckabee Building Improvements	-	-	75,000	(75,000)	-	9,836
Land Purchase	-	-	-	-	-	94,195
Transfer to General Fund	331,410	441,880	441,880	-	-	100,000
Total Expenses	\$ 461,160	\$ 859,250	\$ 1,019,324	(160,074)	\$ 16,983	\$ 451,768
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ (400,452)	\$ (222,283)	\$ (224,324)		\$ 44,262	\$ 190,817

**Town of Surfside Beach
May 31, 2013
Enterprise Funds**

Pier Enterprise Fund

	May 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenue:						
Income Rents/Leases	\$ -	\$ 52,268	\$ 74,773	\$ (22,505)	\$ 10,000	\$ 40,000
Other Income-Admissions	2,616	36,217	50,000	(13,783)	2,721	36,918
Other Income-Fishing	5,701	81,900	100,000	(18,100)	6,722	83,701
Meter Income	-	25,074	80,000	(54,926)	7,480	55,845
Meter Income-Lanier	8,132	17,094	-	17,094		
Parking Fines-Lanier	1,300	2,155	-	2,155		
Gain/(Loss) on sale of F/A	-	1,111	-	1,111		
Interest Income	31	743	-	743	59	876
Total Revenues	\$ 17,780	\$ 216,562	\$ 304,773	\$ (88,211)	\$ 26,982	\$ 217,340
Expenses:						
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,014	\$ 21,872	\$ 24,756	\$ (2,884)	\$ 1,768	\$ 14,383
Lanier(Operating)	-	5,992	\$ 12,000			
Bank Fees(Lanier)	75	175				
Depreciation Expense	-	-	81,125	(81,125)	-	-
Interest Expense (Loan)	-	18,335	18,335	-	-	22,037
Transfer General Fund (10%)	16,422	30,477	30,477	-	-	7,855
Total Expenses	\$ 23,511	\$ 76,851	\$ 166,693	\$ (84,009)	\$ 1,768	\$ 44,275
Advance due G F - Principal	-	-	163,000	\$ (163,000)	-	-
Net Operating	\$ (5,731)	\$ 139,711	\$ (24,920)		\$ 25,214	\$ 173,065

Sanitation Fund

	May 2013	YTD 2012-2013	FY 12-13 Budget	Over (Under) Budget	May 2012	YTD 2011-2012
Revenue:						
Sanitation Fees	\$ 131,291	\$ 1,034,994	\$ 1,064,135	\$ (29,141)	\$ 81,732	\$ 955,336
Grants, Gain/(Loss) on sale of F/A	-	2,658	-	2,658	612	6,406
Interest Income	125	2,020	1,500	520	172	2,672
Total Revenues	\$ 131,416	\$ 1,039,672	\$ 1,065,635	\$ (25,963)	\$ 82,516	\$ 964,414
Expenses:						
Salaries & Operating Expenses	\$ 87,579	\$ 828,620	\$ 944,812	\$ (116,192)	\$ 76,890	\$ 801,047
Depreciation Expense	-	-	125,000	(125,000)	-	-
Transfer General Fund (5%)	-	54,625	100,000	(45,375)	-	27,805
Total Expenses	\$ 87,579	\$ 883,245	\$ 1,169,812	\$ (286,567)	\$ 76,890	\$ 828,852
Net Operating	\$ 43,837	\$ 156,427	\$ (104,177)		\$ 5,626	\$ 135,562

Town of Surfside Beach Lanier Parking Solutions 2013-2014											
						Pier	Hospitality	Total	Pier	Hosp	Total
ACTUAL						Meters	Meters	Meters	Citations	Citations	Citations
2013	Revenue	Expenses	Net	BUDGET	VARIANCE						
				Net	to Budget						
February	\$ -	\$ 7,516.91	\$ (7,516.91)	\$ (9,336.66)	\$ 1,819.75	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
March	5,013.71	11,431.68	(6,417.97)	(2,454.51)	(3,963.46)	2,916.00	1,497.71	4,413.71	350.00	250.00	600.00
April	15,455.79	11,012.86	4,442.93	8,333.48	(3,890.55)	6,046.00	7,729.79	13,775.79	505.00	1,175.00	1,680.00
May	29,085.02	11,000.00	18,085.02	16,582.07	1,502.95	8,132.00	17,453.02	25,585.02	1,300.00	2,200.00	3,500.00
June				35,962.69							
July				53,248.19							
August				31,956.14							
September				5,460.46							
October				6,220.18							
November				(3,985.83)							
December				(4,518.33)							
YTD	\$ 49,554.52	\$ 40,961.45	\$ 8,593.07	\$137,467.88	\$ (4,531.31)	\$17,094.00	\$ 26,680.52	\$ 43,774.52	\$ 2,155.00	\$ 3,625.00	\$ 5,780.00
						Summary ytd					
						Revenue		Expenses		Net	
Capital Purchases						Pier	\$ 19,249.00	20%	\$ 8,192.29	\$ 11,056.71	
						Meters	30,305.52	80%	32,769.16	(2,463.64)	
Pier						Total	\$ 49,554.52		\$ 40,961.45	\$ 8,593.07	
Hosp						Summary Month					
Total						Pier	\$ 9,432.00	20%	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 7,232.00	
						Meters	19,653.02	80%	8,800.00	10,853.02	
						Total	\$ 29,085.02		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 18,085.02	

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT
JUNE 2013
MONTHLY REPORT**

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Farmers Market continues on Tuesdays at the park/parking lot beside Sundown Restaurant from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A market profile is included in your packet from Waccamaw Market Cooperative. They collect market estimate purchase data that is reported at the end of the season and therefore is too early for an accurate report on Surfside at this time. They do not collect vendor revenue information. The vendor count for the first four weeks is as follows: week one – 9 vendors, week two – 12 vendors, week three – 15 vendors and week four – 17 vendors. Parking is an issue and measures are being taken each week in an attempt to resolve the situation. The Market manager reminds vendors and visitors daily that parking is available in the town hall complex as well as the fire department. Signs have been purchased and are in place as well.

Movies After Dark began Thursday, June 13th with RIO as the movie shown. The event went very well with approximately 175 people attending. Sophia's of Surfside Beach operated a small concession stand offering popcorn, cotton candy, candy, ice cream bars and drinks. They reported business was better than expected for the first outing. There was some issue with the wind and the inflatable screen which Stormfront Productions handled by constantly re-staking the guy wires as necessary.

At the budget meeting, Council requested information regarding the rental of the Civic Center and Floral Clubhouse. In the council packets are the rental rates from Myrtle Beach, Conway and North Myrtle Beach as well as the rates for the groups, businesses, and organizations that rent the Civic Center and Clubhouse on a weekly basis as well as the rates for one-time rentals such as birthday parties, reunions, wedding receptions, etc.

The previous Recreation/Special Events Committee voted to have a volleyball net on the beach for locals and/or visitors to Surfside to be able to use during the summer months. The poles have been set in concrete, the net has been ordered and the poles should be set up on the beach this week.

YOUTH ASSOCIATION UPDATE:

No update has been received from the Youth Association at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **4th OF JULY CELEBRATION** – Thursday – Garth & Friends – 6 pm to 9 pm – Fireworks show – 9:30 pm
2. **KIDS FAIR** – Monday – July 15th – 4 pm to 7 pm – Fuller Park – children ages 10 & under
3. **MOVIES AFTER DARK** – Thursdays – 9 p.m. – Martin Field – beginning June 6th through August 29th – A schedule of dates and movies is on the town's website.
4. **SUNDAY SERENADES** – Sundays – 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. – Passive Park – beginning May 26th through September 1st
5. **FARMERS' MARKET** – Tuesdays – 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Park/parking lot corner of Surfside Drive and Poplar Drive North – beginning May 28th through October 29th.

CIVIC CENTER/FLORAL CLUBHOUSE

Rental Rates

The following are the groups/organizations that use the Civic Center/Floral Clubhouse on either a weekly or monthly basis at no charge.

CLUBHOUSE

Garden City Fishing Club – one Monday night per month – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

CIVIC CENTER

Georgetown Day Lily Club – 2ND Sunday of the month – 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sons of Italy – 3RD Sunday of the month – 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Bridge – every Tuesday – 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Mah Jong – every Tuesday – 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (small room)

Canasta – every Wednesday – 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. (small room)

Pinochle – every Wednesday – 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (small room)

Lions Club – 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month – 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bridge – every Thursday – 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. (small room)

TOPS – every Friday – 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. (small room)

Federation of the Blind – 2nd Saturday of the month – 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Stranded Smockers – 3rd Saturday of the month – 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The above organizations occupy the Civic Center for not quite half of the available hours in a week with nothing going to utilities, insurance, cleaning, supplies, etc.

The following are organizations that use the Civic Center on either a weekly or monthly basis and the rental rate:

Al-Anon – every Monday – 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. (small room) - \$20 a month

Square Dance – 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday – 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - \$25 per day

Round Dance – 1st Sunday of the month – 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. - \$25 a month

Oasis of Hope Church – every Sunday – 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - \$25 per day

The above organizations' rental fees total \$2,640.00 a year.

The following are organizations/groups that rent the **Civic Center** on a weekly basis. They all have a business license with the Town of Surfside Beach and pay 10% of their total monthly fees to the Town.

Jackie Hoagland – Line Dance – every Monday – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Gail Watson – Line Dance – every Wednesday – 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Sam Kanekoa – Hula – every Monday – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Judy Falconer – Line Dance/Zumba – Mondays-10 a.m. to 12 p.m.;
Wednesdays-5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursdays-10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The last organization is **Mary Kay** who meets every Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the **Civic Center**. They have a business license as well as pay \$25 per day.

The above organizations pay in business license fees and rental fees an approximate total of \$2,567.90 a year.

ONE TIME RENTALS (birthday parties, reunions, HOA meetings, receptions, etc.)

CIVIC CENTER

Large room –capacity 100 - \$45 w/ refundable \$50 cleaning deposit

Small room – capacity 25 - \$35 w/refundable \$50 cleaning deposit

FLORAL CLUBHOUSE - capacity 35 - \$35 w/refundable \$50 cleaning deposit

RATES FOR RENTAL FACILITIES MUNICIPALITIES

MUNICIPALITY/FACILITY	RESIDENT RATES	NON-RESIDENT RATE	STAFF RATE
CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH			
Classroom - capacity 50			
Non-profit			
Commercial	\$15.00/hr.	\$22.00/hr.	\$15.00/hr. *
Classroom - capacity 50 - min. 6 hrs.			
Non-profit			
Commercial	\$75.00	\$112.00	\$15.00/hr. *
	\$125.00	\$187.00	\$15.00/hr. *
Security fee (at discretion of NMB) \$25/hr.			
Refundable deposit for food/drinks \$50.00			
*Staff required on site after normal business hours			
CITY OF MYRTLE BEACH			
Classroom - capacity 50-100	\$20.00/hr.	\$35.00/hr.	\$30.00/hr. *
Pepper Gedding, Base, Canal Street Centers			
Ballroom/Banquet Hall - capacity 300	\$30.00/hr.	\$55.00/hr.	\$30.00/hr. *
Pepper Gedding, Base, Canal Street Centers			
*Staff required on site after normal business hours			
CITY OF CONWAY			
Classroom - capacity 50	\$35.00/first 2 hrs.		
	\$15.00/each add. hr.		
Large room - capacity 150	\$100.00/first 2 hrs.		
	\$50.00/each add. hr.		
Collins Park Center - capacity 94	\$150.00/daily		
Mary Thompson Center - capacity 64	\$100.00/daily		
Security deposit for all facilities \$75.00			
Staff required on site after hours at no add'l charge			
No rate designation for resident/non-resident			



market **portrait**

location:

Surfside Beach Farmers Market

a report generated for:

Waccamaw Market Cooperative

6/19/2013

prepared by



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Surfside Beach Farmers Market

Waccamaw Market Cooperative

www.waccamawmarkets.org

Surfside Beach Farmers Market / Surfside Beach

South Carolina, 29587

A data collection tool designed by marketumbrella.org, the market portrait helps individual markets to prepare reports to their communities. By capturing markets' key elements, it helps organizers to analyze how their work is shaped by and in turn influences a market's place, people, products, and procedures. We call these the public market Four P's. In addition to generating reports, this tool helps market organizers to learn how they are similar to and different from other markets. After all, our goal is to cultivate a field of public markets that purposefully impacts public good.

Place:

Successful markets operate in places as varied as large, city-center market districts to stand-alone parking lots in otherwise forgotten rural byways. Place matters. Not only may the physical layout of the market affect sales for vendors but the scale of the place — be it outdoor shed structure, no structure at all or indoor hall — imposes different types of demands upon the procedures deployed by management.

Surfside Beach Farmers Market — Surfside Beach

Physical space: Open-air Market

Market time: morning

Open Tuesdays

The market does not operate "rain or shine."

The market was founded in 2013.

The market is managed by Waccamaw Market Cooperative.

The primary reason for this location's original selection: An assessment was conducted.

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Surfside Beach Farmers Market

Presently, the market does have a formal agreement for the market space.

Procedures:

Which items may be sold? And by whom? Some markets have stringent criteria about these and other issues. Others do not. Some operate with little to no staffing, while others employ full-time staffers who are responsible for maintaining rules, regulations, public safety, and so on. How does this market's procedures add up?

Current market manager: Troy Jones

Typically, each market day has 1 paid staff working at the market with an average of <1 volunteers.

[Yes] the market has a written mission statement.

[Yes] the market currently operates a centralized EBT/Credit and/or Debit token system.

[Yes] the market has written rules and regulations for the vendors, staff and shoppers.

Product:

Public markets are a recurring assembly of competing vendors who sell their products and services directly to consumers in a public setting. This is what all public markets share — from flea markets to farmers markets. They differ greatly when it comes to ascertaining which markets allow which products to be sold. Some allow for anything and everything, whereas others strictly limit categories, competition, and an array of vendor freedoms to do as they please. It is through this lens that we learn a great deal about the criteria and "curating" of the public market's identity: through the products on sale.

The market manages 2,500 sq. ft. of space.

A typical vendor space is 100 sq. ft..

The vendors pay a flat fee to the market organization. They can leave for the day after selling out of products.

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Surfside Beach Farmers Market

The market allows:

Food (agricultural products, prepared foods or festival-type meals) can be sold by:

[Yes] producers

[Yes] resellers

[No] market organization or staff

Crafts or merchandise (original non-food items) can be sold by:

[Yes] producers

[No] resellers

[No] market organization or staff

Re-used goods (antiques, flea market items) can be sold by:

[No] producers

[No] resellers

[No] market organization or staff

Services (for a fee such as massage, knife sharpening) can be sold by:

[No] producers

[No] resellers

[No] market organization or staff

The market does allow non-vendors to have tables at the market.

marketshare: market portrait

Surfside Beach Farmers Market

People:

Among the more endearing and complex aspects to public markets are the people: the vendors, shoppers, neighbors, and managers. Who is present? And who is missing? This last P helps to tell the story of who contributes to and who benefits from a market's presence.

Does the market's investors include?

[No] Corporate Underwriter

[Yes] Government

[No] Private Foundation

[No] Individual

[Yes] Other

Does the market's elected advisors include?

[Yes] Vendors

[No] Shoppers

[No] Neighbors

[Yes] Government

[Yes] Non-governmental organizations

[No] Other

Bio sketch of manager: The Mission of the Waccamaw Market Cooperative is to improve the economic viability of Horry County's rural and urban communities through establishment and operation of networked seasonal farmers markets. Each market seeks to create an authentic and unique atmosphere that provides a plentiful variety of fresh local produce and other complimentary shopping opportunities.

Working at the market since: 2009

The main issue that this market is working on:

marketshare: market portrait

Surfside Beach Farmers Market

Parking and accessibility seem to be limiting factors relative safe ingress and egress to the market site. The size of the space presents limitations on market growth. Proximity to the the ocean presents challenges for an open air market. Structural facilities would be ideal.

PUBLIC WORKS MONTHLY REPORT

May 23rd – June 19, 2013

SANITATION DIVISION (FTEs – 9)

Residential Service – Four carts were delivered once the certificates of occupancy had been issued; sixteen carts were delivered upon owner request or to handle overflow. Four carts were repaired and seven carts were replaced. Four carts were removed per residents' requests. Sanitation supervisor responded to ten calls regarding ordinance enforcement; twenty-eight calls regarding late put outs and/or questions about bulk/yard debris pick up, eight miscellaneous calls and/or questions, five complaints, and sixteen follow-up calls.

Our newest automated side-arm truck, #315, has been placed into service.

Commercial Service – Service routes continue to be updated based on business needs. Twenty-four accounts increased service days and twelve accounts required extra pick-up services during Bike Week. Supervisor explained commercial collection schedules to three new businesses: Agent Towing & Recovery, Coastal Pampered Paws, & Southern Shores Properties. Eleven accounts are participating in the Sunday commercial dumpster service; this option will be offered to businesses until Sunday, September 8th. Supervisor responded to four calls regarding ordinance enforcement, four complaints, and four miscellaneous calls.

Recycling News – Eighteen carts were delivered to town residents and four 95G carts to businesses upon request. One cart was repaired, one cart was replaced, and one cart was removed per request. Supervisor responded to three miscellaneous calls with questions about recycling, one complaint, two ordinance enforcement calls, and three follow-up calls.

Beach Recycling – 1.32 tons of recyclable material was collected off the beach in April.

Summer Sanitation – Supervisor responded to eight calls regarding summer sanitation service.

Scrap Metal – We received a payment of \$501.60 from Allen's Scrap Metal for materials collected in April.

In May we collected 404.77 tons of solid waste, 33.33 tons of mixed debris, 190.18 tons of yard debris, and 49.61 tons of recyclables.

Crews assisted with the Memorial Cook-Out and the Farmers' Market set-up.

STREETS & DRAINAGE DIVISION (FTEs –8)

The Beach – Crews are raking the beach and swash outlets are being dug out to ensure proper water flow three times a week, weather permitting. Weekend servicing of trash and recycle cans continues.

On-going/Special Projects:

- Crews repaired sand fencing near the Pier and Surfside Beach Resort.
- Shower Towers are being installed at 6th Avenue North and 3rd Avenue South Beach accesses. A shower has been installed at 6th Avenue South. Crew continues maintenance and repairs on existing showers as needed.
- Mosquito spraying is being done town wide Tuesday and Friday mornings, weather permitting.
- Mowing and trash pick-up is being done on medians, town right-of-ways and parking lots. Crews continue to perform maintenance and clean-up of drainage ditches and catch basins throughout town.

- Street sweeping is being done on Mondays and Fridays, weather and time permitting.
- Dirt – Crews completed three deliveries to town residents. Dirt is still available free of charge to town residents who come to Scipio Lane and load up the dirt themselves between the hours of 8:00am until 3:00pm on the third Saturday of each month. Town residents requesting delivery must have the Public Works Director or Street Supervisor inspect the delivery site and issue an inspection ticket confirming proper usage of the dirt prior to placing an order at Town Hall. This inspection will insure that the dirt is not being used to fill in ditches and/or swales that would interfere with our storm water drainage. An appointment can be made to pick up dirt other days by calling Public Works at (843) 913-6360.
- Seven reports were sent to Santee Cooper identifying street lights that were not functioning properly.
- 50/50 Ditch Piping program has been suspended for the spring/summer but applications are still being accepted for consideration when the program resumes in the fall.
- Crew assisted with the Memorial Cook-Out and Farmers' Market.
- From May 23rd through June 19th Public Works assistant answered 333 incoming calls. 201 of those calls dealt with sanitation questions/concerns/complaints; 5 calls were from vendors providing product information and/or quotes; 57 calls dealt with street/drainage issues, streetlights, and questions about driveway inspections and dirt delivery; 9 calls dealt with parks/grounds issues; 29 were internal calls dealing with department and/or personnel issues and/or questions; 12 calls were received for the Public Works Director; 20 calls dealt with miscellaneous questions, wrong departments and/or telemarketers.

GROUNDS DIVISION (FTEs-4)

- L&J Construction, LLC has completed work on the construction of an ADA compliant restroom at Huckabee Complex.
- Palm trees have been installed along Surfside Drive. Crews have installed rose bushes and sod at that same location. This has been paid for through a Palmetto Pride Grant.
- Field maintenance and needed repairs continue throughout baseball season at Huckabee Complex and Martin Field.
- Crews have resumed spraying of town lakes as weather permits.
- Crew assisted with the Memorial Cook-Out and Memorial Service.

FLEET MAINTENANCE DIVISION (FTE-2)

From May 23rd through June 19th our mechanics completed sixty-seven (67) repairs on Town vehicles and equipment. Six (6) vehicles had flats repaired and three (3) vehicles had tires replaced. Bi-weekly fleet tires checks and fire extinguisher inspections were completed on all Public Works vehicles and/or equipment. "Preventive" and "Scheduled" maintenance (consisting of lube, oil & filter changes, brake inspections, tire rotations and fluid checks) were performed on thirty-six (36) Town vehicles and/or equipment.

FACILITIES (FTE-2)

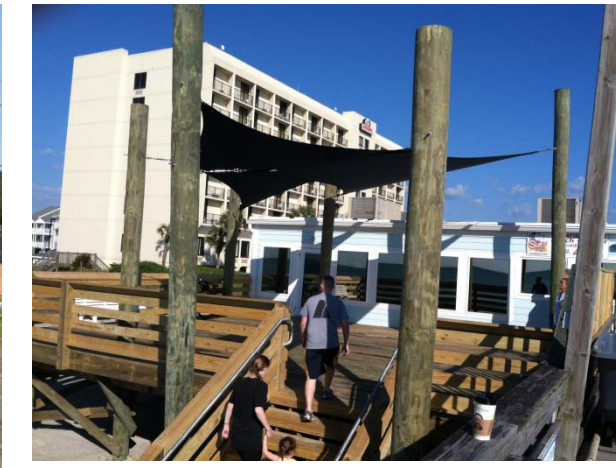
- Crews installed a walkway extension at the ADA ramp at the Pier.
- Carpet installation at Town Hall will be completed June 21st through June 23rd.
- A flag pole has been ordered and will be installed at Martin Park.
- Repairs were made to several lights on the Pier.

PIER – Normal maintenance and inspection activities continue through the season.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Reminder: "Summer Hours" of 6:00 am – 3:00 pm Monday through Friday are in effect for all Public Works crews. We close for lunch from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

PUBLIC WORKS – CURRENT EVENTS – JUNE 2013



Surfside Beach Public Works...Always Moving Forward!

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
))
COUNTY OF HORRY) TO SET THE TAX MILLAGE
))
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014

WHEREAS, §5-7-260(3) of the South Carolina Code requires that a municipal council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets and levy taxes pursuant to public notice; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled, desire to establish a tax millage for the fiscal year 2013-2014 budget,

NOW THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Mayor and Town Council have accepted and adopted the following tax for the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget:

Section 1. A tax to cover the period of July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, both inclusive, that shall be levied, collected and paid into the treasury of the Town of Surfside Beach for the use and service thereof, i.e., in the amount of Four Dollars (\$4.00) on every One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) in value of real estate and personal property of every description owned and used in the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, except such as is exempt from taxation under the Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, is and for the purpose of paying current expenses of said municipality. Such tax is levied on such property as is assessed for taxation for County and State purposes.

Section 2. If for any reason, any sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinance inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof this 25th day of June 2013.

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary M. Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC
Town Clerk

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)) COUNTY OF HORRY)) TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH TO ADOPT THE 2013-2014 FISCAL YEAR MUNICIPAL BUDGET
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WHEREAS, §5-7-260(3) of the South Carolina Code requires that a municipal council shall act by ordinance to adopt budgets, pursuant to public notice; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled, desire to adopt a budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the Mayor and Town Council have accepted and adopted the following calculations for the 2013-2014 fiscal year budget:

Section 1. Appropriations. The estimated expenditures and other financing uses for the various operations and funds of the Town of Surfside Beach are approved and appropriated as follows:

<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$5,562,132 5557932
Capital Projects Fund	594,375
Hospitality Fund	709,206
Accommodations Tax Fund	437,884
Local Accommodations Tax Fund	150,000
<u>Proprietary Funds</u>	<u>Expenses delete</u>
Sanitation Fund	1,170,186
Pier Enterprise Fund	207,810
Total	<u>\$8,831,593</u> 8812393

Estimated revenues and other financing sources for the various operations and funds of the Town of Surfside Beach described above are as follows:

<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Revenues</u>
General Fund	\$5,847,636 5848636
Capital Projects Fund	60,200
Hospitality Fund	625,200
Accommodations Tax Fund	450,200
Local Accommodations Tax Fund	150,000
<u>Proprietary Funds</u>	<u>Revenues delete</u>
Sanitation Fund	\$1,142,800
Pier Enterprise Fund	377,500
Total	<u>\$8,653,536</u> 8654536

Section 2. Funds sufficient to cover all fiscal year 2012-2013 budget items encumbered but unpaid at the end of the fiscal year shall be carried forward to the 2013-2014 budget to meet the lawful obligations of the Town of Surfside Beach.

Section 3. The Town Council and Town Administrator shall administer the budget. In addition, the Town Administrator with Town Council's approval may authorize the transfer of appropriated amounts within any fund as necessary to achieve the goals of the budget. Revisions to alter any fund must be approved by Town Council. Thus, the legal level of control is at the fund level.

Section 4. Attachment (A) identifies all Capital Equipment in excess of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars authorized for acquisition under these appropriated amounts within all funds. Attachment (B) identifies all Capital Improvements in excess of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars authorized for acquisition under these appropriated amounts within all funds. Both Attachments (A) and (B) are hereby incorporated into this ordinance as if fully set forth herein.

Section 5. If for any reason, any sentence, clause, or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

Repeal and Effective Date. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect July 1, 2013 upon approval by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this ____ day of June 2013.

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Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Ordinance 13-0750

Attachment (A)

**Town of Surfside Beach All Funds
Capital Equipment in Excess of \$5,000
Authorized for Acquisition by the FY 2013-2014 Budget**

FUND	Capital Equipment over \$5,000		Totals
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>	
General			
Public Works	\$ 25,000	Tractor	
Public Works	\$ 16,000	Toro Mower	
Public Works	-	Truck- Grounds from sale of Grader	
			\$ 41,000
Hospitality			
Police	\$ 5,500	Portable Radio Beach	
Police	\$ 31,800	Evidence Management System Equipment	
Police	\$ 65,010	2 SUV Police Vehicles	
Fire	\$ 30,000	Retro Engine 3	
Fire	\$ 18,500	Rescue Cutter Tools	
Fire	\$ 8,000	Air Bags, Controller and Hose	
Fire	\$ 9,800	Respirator Fit Test System	
Fire	\$ 19,500	Nozzles (5)2.5 in and (12)1.75 inch	
Fire	\$ 5,000	Digital Pagers	
Non Departmental	\$ 50,000	Signs for Entrances(Engineering,fabrication, installation, lighting, landscape)	
			\$ 243,110
Sanitation Fund			
Sanitation	\$ 250,000	2013 Mack Front Loading Collection Truck	
			\$ 250,000
Pier Fund	\$ 43,500	Paving Sign delete	
			\$ 43,500
Total ALL FUNDS			\$577,610

Ordinance 13-0750

Attachment (B)

**Town of Surfside Beach All Funds
Capital Improvements in Excess of \$5,000
Authorized for Acquisition by the FY 2013-2014 Budget**

FUND	Capital Improvements over \$5,000		Totals
	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Description</u>	
General Grounds	\$ 5,000	Fence for Huckabee Complex	\$ 5,000
Hospitality Non Departmental	\$ 35,000	Outfall 3rd South	\$ 35,000
Capital Projects	\$ 410,000 \$ 115,000	Drainage Improvements 3rd N 16th N Outfall 3rd South	\$ 525,000
Total ALL FUNDS	<u>\$565,000</u>		<u>\$565,000</u>

ISSUE PAPER FOR TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Date Prepared: June 18, 2013

Prepared by: Sabrina Morris

Meeting Date: June 25, 2013

Subject: Proposal to amend Section 17-417 of the Town Code of Ordinances to allow for the placement of docks on Town owned lakes.

BACKGROUND:

The Planning Commission has discussed this issue on several occasions and has recently discussed in detail concerns, requirements and conditions that should be considered prior to allowing docks on town owned lakes.

Liability has been a huge concern of staff and the Commission as well. It was recommended by Legal Council that not only a Hold Harmless Agreement be required; but also an insurance policy, each policy being a minimum of one million dollars coverage.

Materials and lakes where there may not be enough room for dredging and cleaning if docks were allowed were also discussed. John Adair, Public Works Director will be at the meeting and will be discussing these two items as they are his area of expertise and not the Planning Staff's.

After discussing the docks with the Building Official it was recommended by him that a gate be required at the entrance to the dock. By adding this requirement it also adds an extra layer of protection from liability for the town. The Planning Commission, because of liability concerns during storms did not recommend allowing floating docks.

At the last Town Council meeting Council voted as a majority to amend the ordinance to allow for floating docks and add language that dealt with floating docks in the case of inclement weather. Staff has made the changes and request final reading of the ordinance as amended.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed amendment to Article IV, Section 17-417

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)) COUNTY OF HORRY)) TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH)	AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH TO AMEND CHAPTER 17; ARTICLE IV TO ADD §17-417 TO ALLOW FOR DOCKS ON TOWN OWNED LAKES
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WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, in council duly assembled on June 11, 2013 desire to create Section 17-417, of the Town Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Surfside Beach Planning Commission held a public hearing on the issue and after careful consideration has recommended the amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Council has determined that the facts and findings support the recommendations of the Surfside Beach Planning Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, Chapter 17, Article IV of The Code of Ordinances of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, is hereby amended by adding a section to be numbered 17-417, which 17-417, Article IV, Chapter 17 shall read as follows:

SECTIONS 17-417 DOCKS

Dock shall be defined as a structure extending over or encroaching upon a town owned body of water.

Private fixed and floating docks may hereafter be permitted on lakes having a minimum width of 75 feet cross section measured from bank to bank at the proposed location of the dock* subject to the following standards:

- A. One (1) dock allowed per property.
- B. No dock shall exceed 12 feet in length by 12 feet in width.
- C. A gate shall be required to enter upon the dock; gate shall be self closing with latch
- D. Materials shall be:
 - 1. Natural wood tone and not painted
 - 2. Any materials having contact with the water must be pressure treated.
 - 3. Decking and/or railing having no contact with the water can utilize synthetic decking materials, such as Trex, MoistureShield, AZEK, Lumberock, and others.
 - 4. Exterior floatation material shall be one piece no seam polyethylene, black in color; in no case shall raw Styrofoam or other synthetic products be used.
 - 5. Stainless steel or galvanized steel hardware.
 - 6. Pilings shall not contain Chromated Copper Aresenate (CCR)
- E. No lighting shall be permitted on dock
- F. No roof or shelter shall be allowed
- G. Hold Harmless Agreement must be executed by the property owner and recorded at the Register of Deeds in the Horry County Courthouse.
- H. Lake Encroachment Permit must be submitted and approved by the Public Works Director.
- I. Property owner must provide and maintain current general liability insurance issued by one or more insurance companies licensed to do business in the state of SC, protecting the property owner and the Town from all claims for damage to property and bodily injury, including death, which arise from operation under or in connection with the encroachment permit. Such insurance shall name the Town as an additional insured, shall include an indemnification policy; shall not terminate or be canceled prior to the expiration date without 30 days' advance written notice to the Town. Each policy shall be for a minimum of one million dollars coverage. The indemnification agreement shall include provisions requiring the applicant to indemnify and hold harmless the Town from any claim of liability, and associated defense costs, that arise out of the

applicant's use of the dock area, and shall preserve the right of the Town to its choice of defense counsel.

Existing docks shall be considered existing non-conforming and may be repaired but shall not be allowed to add additional square footage.

Property owners having existing docks that are repaired or replaced shall be required to adhere to Section 17-417(g) of this code and shall meet the requirements of Section 17-417(i).

When the town needs to dredge a lake, the property owners of floating docks will be responsible for removing their docks at their expense, if required. If a storm washes away or destroys the dock, the property owner of the dock will have to reapply for a dock permit. However, property owners at their own expense may remove floating docks from the lake and store them before a storm and put the dock back after the storm has left with no additional permit.

*Property owners considering building a dock shall consult Surfside Beach Public Works about lake measurements at their location.

SEVERABILITY. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall be held invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the other provisions of this article, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this article are declared to be severable.

EFFECT OF SECTION HEADINGS. The headings or titles of the several sections hereof shall be solely for convenience of reference and shall not affect the meaning, construction, interpretation or effect of this ordinance.

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this 25 day of June 2013.

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

ISSUE PAPER FOR TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Date Prepared: June 18, 2013

Prepared by: Sabrina Morris

Meeting Date: June 25, 2013

Subject: An ordinance of the Town of Surfside Beach providing that the Town Code of Ordinances Section 13-21 be amended to adopt the 2012 Mandated International Building Codes which will go into effect in July of 2013.

BACKGROUND:

The mandated International Building Codes are intended to regulate and govern the conditions and maintenance of all property, buildings and structures; by providing the standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other physical things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use; and the condemnation of buildings and structures unfit for human occupancy and use and the demolition of such structures as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms.

It is required that all municipalities and counties in South Carolina that did not "opt out" of the code enforcement program must enforce the mandatory codes after they are reviewed and adopted by the Building Code Council.

This request is to allow for the enforcement of the newly adopted International Building codes as mandated by the Building Code Council.

- (1) *2012 International Residential Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 43.*
- (2) *2012 International Building Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 34.*
- (3) *2012 International Plumbing Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 13.*
- (4) *2012 International Fire Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 67.*
- (5) *2012 International Mechanical Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 14.*
- (6) *2012 International Fuel Gas Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 7.*
- (7) *2009 International Energy Conservation Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 5.*
- (8) *2011 National Electrical Code which shall include Chapters 1 through and including 8.*

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance #13-0752

REPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval at second reading by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina.

BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina, in assembly and by the authority thereof, this ___ day of _____ 2013.

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Draft

ISSUE PAPER FOR TOWN COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

Date Prepared: June 18, 2013

Prepared by: Sabrina Morris

Meeting Date: June 25, 2013

Subject: An ordinance of the Town of Surfside Beach providing that the Town Code of Ordinances be amended to adopt the 2012 Property Maintenance Code

BACKGROUND:

The Town Council adopted the 2003 Property Maintenance Code in 2006. We are currently enforcement his code. Since that time the state and the surrounding municipalities have amended their ordinances to adopt the 2012 Property Maintenance Code. This request is to merely keep in tune with the State and surrounding counties and municipalities that have adopted this code.

ATTACHMENTS:

Draft Ordinance #13-0753

Decision Paper

Written By: Micki Fellner, Town Administrator

1. **SUBJECT:** Municipal Court Bonds
2. **FOR:** Permission to move Municipal Court Bonds to Horry County
3. **PURPOSE:** To have all bonds set, input and processed at J. Reuben Long Detention Facility.
4. **ASSUMPTIONS:**
 - a. It is assumed that our transport of prisoners to and from the J. Reuben Long Detention Facility will continue to represent a sizeable liability to the Town.
 - b. It is assumed that gas for the Town transport vehicle is significant.
 - c. It is assumed that Council Chambers will continue to be a shared use facility.
 - d. It is assumed that if the Town were to purchase video-bonding equipment it would need to be mobile, in nature.
 - e. It is assumed that the startup costs for video-bonding equipment and configuration would be the responsibility of the Town (approximately \$14,000).
 - f. It is assumed that the ongoing maintenance costs for the equipment would be the responsibility of the Town.
5. **FACTS:**
 - a. History has shown that the transport of prisoners for whatever reason represents a sizeable increase in liability which continues to drive insurance rates higher.
 - b. Currently we transport prisoners not only to J. Reuben Long Detention Facility for incarceration but also back and forth for bond hearings. Our transport van is used during the week to make these trips at a significant operational cost.
 - i. The average number of one-way trips per day is 4.
 - ii. The mileage per one-way trip, depending on the route would be between 24 and 28 miles. For purposes of calculation I will use the average, 26.
 - iii. Using 26 as the average, the total mileage per day would be 104 miles.
 - iv. Since the van gets approximately 8 miles to the gallon, it would use 13 gallons daily, simply for this purpose.
 - v. Gas for the van costs approximately \$3.35 per gallon for a total gas cost of \$43.55 per day.
 - vi. The total gas expenditure for the year (assuming the van is only used on weekdays) would be \$11,323.
 - vii. On average, we would still need to make two one-way trips per day so the gas savings per year would be approximately \$5,661.50.
 - c. Our transport and evidence officer would have more time to spend on evidence which has become an onerous task in the last three years. It would also free up additional time for him to assist with neighborhood watch inspections, internal audits and reports.

- d. The bond judges would also realize a significant reduction in workload as bonds and all associated tasks, including input into the CMS software, would be handled by the county at the J. Reuben Long Detention Facility. The reduced workload would be studied for possible staff economies.
- e. Other municipalities in Horry County already successfully do this (i.e., Aynor and Loris).

- 6. **IMPACT OF SUCCESS OR FAILURE:** Some of the benefits of moving the court bonds to J. Reuben Long Detention Facility would be ...
 - a. Decreased liability exposure for the Town.
 - b. A decrease in gas expenditures.
 - c. The freeing up of man hours in both the court and police department.
 - d. Not putting this recommendation into action would be missing an opportunity to decrease our liability exposure.
 - e. Not putting this recommendation into action would open the door for added expenditures associated with video-bonding.
- 7. **RECOMMENDATION:** For Town Council to authorize the Administrator to contract with the county to handle all municipal court bonds beginning July 1, 2013.
- 8. **RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION:** It is always in the best interest of a municipality to limit liability exposure when possible. It is also prudent to spend taxpayer's money in the most economical manner. Contracting with the county to move the bond function to the J. Reuben Long Detention Facility would achieve both of these ends.

Parking Committee Minutes

8. G.

Meeting Date: 6-17-2013 Time Started: 10 A. m.

Members Present or Absent:

- John Ard
- Everett Goff
- Harry Kohlmann
- Gene Maruca
- Ron Saunders
- Steve Shore
- Tom Dodge

Was a quorum present? YES

Minutes of Meeting held 4-15-2013 approved by acclamation.

Motion to APPROVED
 by EVERETTE Second by TOM DODGE
 Voting in Favor: ALL
 Voting Against: 0
 Motion Carried or Motion Failed

Motion to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL. NON RESIDENTS GOLF CARTS - (A)
 by EVERETTE Second by TOM DODGE
 Voting in Favor: ALL
 Voting Against: 0
 Motion Carried or Motion Failed

Motion to DIRECT LANIER PARKING TO ENFORCE (B)
 by TOM DODGE Second by EVERETTE GOFF
 Voting in Favor: ALL
 Voting Against: 0
 Motion Carried or Motion Failed

Motion to ENCOURAGE RECOMM. DEPT OF PW TO VIGOROUSLY (C)
 made by STEVE SHORE Second by TOM DODGE
 Voting in Favor: ALL
 Voting Against: 0
 Motion Carried or Motion Failed

Motion to

PLACE SIGNS AT ALL EFFECT AREA (See D)

made by

TOM DODGE

Second by

EVERETT

Voting in Favor: _____

Voting Against: _____

Motion Carried

or

Motion Failed

(Use another sheet for additional motions or to document business to which the committee concurs.)

Notes of interest:

SIDE STREET PARKING

A) Must pay to park. ~~at Cross Over~~ - at. PAY STATION PARKING.

B) Vehicles in parking spaces must have all 4 wheels off pavement a min. of 1 foot off paved surface

C) TO ADOPT ~~PROGRESS~~ PROGRAM THAT WILL VIBRONSLEY CHANGE THE NUM. OF GOLF CART PARKING SPACES AT CROSSOVER ACCESS AT CROSS OVER GOLF CART PARKING LOT.

Motion to adjourn made by: _____

at _____

o'clock.

All voted in favor. Motion Carried

Submitted By _____

Secretary

Received by Town Clerk _____

Date: _____

Information:

PUBLIC NOTICES. Meeting agendas are NOT being prepared for this committee. PUBLIC NOTICES of meetings advising the public of the date and time of the meeting will be published pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. The chairman or secretary should advise the clerk (843.913.6333 or email dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org) at least three days in advance of your next meeting date.

Minutes. The committee secretary should complete the meeting minutes and deliver them to the town clerk within a reasonable time after the meeting. The minutes will be published at www.surfsidebeach.org

Recommendations. When the committee approves a recommendation, the chairman and/or secretary shall communicate the recommendation to the town administrator.

③ ENCOURAGE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ADAPT A PROGRAM THAT WILL VIGOROUSLY INCREASE THE NUMBER OF GOLF CART SPACES AT GOLF CART CROSSOVER ACCESS.

D IN RESPONSE TO COUNCIL REQUEST TO ADDRESS SIDE STREET PARKING ALONG OCEAN, BLEED AND VICINITY WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING. A) PLACE SIGNS AT AFFECTED LOCATIONS, STATING PARKING BY PERMIT ONLY. NOTE: THIS PERMIT IS BLUE + WHITE CIRCLE STICKER ISSUED BY TOWN SURFIDE BEACH FOR RESIDENTS ONLY.

~~STOP SIGNS SHOULD BE ADDED
5TH AVE N. + CEDAR DR. N.~~

IN RESPONSE TO ~~COUNCIL REQUEST~~ at 5th Ave 10th Ave S 16th Ave N. and Melody Lane! WE RECOMMEND VIGOROUS SPEED LAW ENFORCEMENT ALONG THESE THROUGHFARES! IN ORDER TO SLOW DAILY TRAFFIC.

Cross reference—Qualifications and filing of candidates for mayor and council, § 5-31.
State law reference—Qualifications, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-20.

Sec. 2-18. Term of mayor and council.

The mayor and members of council shall hold office for the period of four (4) years or until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified.

(Code 1969, § 2-52)

State law reference—Terms of office, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-40.

Sec. 2-19. Oath of mayor and council.

The mayor and councilmembers before entering upon the duties of their respective offices shall take the following oath:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this state, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected and that I will, to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of this state and of the United States. As mayor (or councilmember) of the Town of Surfside Beach, I will equally, fairly, and impartially, to the best of my ability and skill, exercise the trust reposed in me, and will use my best endeavors to preserve the peace and carry into effect according to law the purposes for which I have been elected. So help me God."

(Code 1969, § 2-53)

State law references—Form of oath, South Carolina Constitution, Art. VI, § 5; oath of office, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-15-150.

Sec. 2-20. Compensation and benefits of town council.

(a) *Compensation.*

- (1) Effective April 1, 1992, the annual salary of the mayor shall be the sum of seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200.00).
- (2) Effective May 10, 2006, the annual salary of the town councilmembers shall be the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00).

(b) *Expense reimbursement.* Any member of town council may receive payment for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, subject to:

The Town of Surfside Beach will reimburse town councilmembers for reasonable business travel expenses incurred while attending the annual retreat, official town business, and training. All business travel must be approved in advance by the town administrator. Councilmembers whose travel plans have been approved may request the town clerk to submit registration requests and make travel arrangements. The actual costs of travel, lodging, and other expenses directly related to accomplishing business travel objectives will be reimbursed by Surfside Beach.

Councilmembers are expected to limit expenses to reasonable amounts, i.e., amounts the councilmember would normally spend if he or she were paying. Expenses that generally will be reimbursed and require a receipt include the following: Airfare or train fare for travel in coach or economy class or the lowest available fare; car rental fees, only for compact or midsized cars; cost of negotiated rate for accommodations at the host lodging hotel or motel; fares for shuttle or airport bus service, where available, costs of public transportation for other ground travel; taxi fares, when there is no less expensive option; mileage costs for use of personal vehicles at the current IRS mileage rate.

Travel days per diem. When authorized to travel on official business whereby overnight lodging is required, councilmembers shall receive a flat rate reimbursement of eighty dollars (\$80.00) per day to cover the costs of meals, tolls, parking, snacks, tips, and all other incidental expenses. Receipts for these expenses are not required.

Note: Personal entertainment and personal care items are not reimbursed. Councilmembers who are involved in an accident while traveling on business should promptly report the incident to the town administrator. Vehicles owned, leased, or rented by Surfside Beach may not be used for personal use without prior approval. A family member or friend may accompany councilmembers on business travel when the presence of a companion will not interfere with successful completion of business objectives. The councilmember is responsible for all expenses incurred by a companion. Receipts should be clearly marked to identify expenses reimbursable to the councilmember.

When travel is completed councilmembers desiring reimbursement should submit original required reimbursable receipts and total mileage to the town clerk within thirty (30) days. Requests for reimbursement that are not made in a timely manner may be denied. Abuse of this business travel expense policy, including falsifying expense reports to reflect costs not actually incurred, is prohibited.

(Code 1969, § 2-54; Ord. No. 91-0302, 3-19-91; Ord. No. 05-0588, 1-10-06; Ord. No. 09-0658, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 11-0708, 10-25-11)

Cross reference—Ordinances establishing salaries of town officers and employees saved from repeal, § 1-10(3).

State law reference—Salaries and expenses of mayor and councilmembers set by ordinance, S.C. Code 1976, § 5-7-170.

Sec. 2-21. Election and duties of mayor.

The mayor shall be elected at large from the town, in the manner provided by state law. The mayor shall be recognized as the head of the town for all ceremonial purposes and by the governor for purposes of military law. He shall preside over the meetings of the town council, be ex officio chairman of all appointed committees, but shall have no regular administrative duties. He should exercise all powers and authority vested in him by the town charter in the laws of the state and the ordinances of the town. He should ensure that all negligence, carelessness and positive violations of duty is investigated and the proper remedial measures are taken.

(Code 1969, § 2-61)

Cross references—Powers of mayor during state of emergency, § 2-217; method of election of mayor and town council, § 5-51; mayor as trustee of firemen's insurance and inspection fund, § 6-27.

Debra Herrmann

From: Mike Battle [MBattle@battlevaught.com]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2013 1:34 PM
To: Debra Herrmann
Cc: 'Micki Fellner'
Subject: RE: Per Diem - Ethics Article in Uptown Magazine

If the article is correct and I have no reason to doubt it, the following steps should apply:

- 1) If the money provided to the official ("official" defined in the article) is not reported on the W2 form;
- 2) Keep a record of the per diem each official receives.
- 3) Each official should account in writing for expenses incurred on a regular basis ("regular" subject to discretion of council)
- 4) The excess per diem should be considered in the next per diem distribution, (either refund excess or adjust future payments).

The ethics rules follow income tax principles. If the official is getting income over his or her expenses that income should be reported. The article provides a procedure for documenting the per diem's use either as expenses or income to the official.

Let me know if you have any other questions. Thanks. Mike Battle

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From: Debra Herrmann [<mailto:dherrmann@surfsidebeach.org>]
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2013 8:51 AM
To: Mike Battle
Cc: 'Micki Fellner'
Subject: Per Diem - Ethics Article in Uptown Magazine

<<...>>

Good morning, Mike.

The June 2013 issue of *Uptown* by the Municipal Association has an article about properly reporting income. In the third column (see attached) there is a statement

If the official receives a per diem, he must provide the municipality with supporting document for expenses and return unspent money.

Would you please advise as to proper procedures when per diem allowances are paid to councilmembers. In the past, the per diem was paid with no requirement for the member to provide receipts or reimbursement if not used, as administration believed that was the purpose of allowing a per diem.

Thank you.

Debra

Debra Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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Ethics

How to properly report income

For anyone required to file a South Carolina Statement of Economic Interests, the task can be daunting. Many are unsure about what to report and are fearful of making errors.

Recently the Municipal Association staff met with State Ethics Commission staff to review the SEI and clarify what municipal officials need to know to properly report. The Municipal Association will share this information through articles in upcoming issues of *Uptown*.

Who must file?

All municipal elected officials, candidates for municipal office, chief administrative officers (regardless of the name of the position, including city administrators or city managers), chief financial and procurement officers (or similarly titled positions) must file an SEI by April 15 each year for activities in the prior calendar year. Officials must electronically file the SEIs with the State Ethics Commission.

Failing to file or intentionally misrepresenting information is a misdemeanor and could result in a fine, jail time or both. If a municipal official discovers errors or omissions after filing, he should amend his filing as soon as possible. Officials can amend their SEI forms electronically at any time.

The first section of the SEI covers income or benefits and is divided into two parts: personal and family.

Personal income/benefits

The personal portion includes information on income and benefits the official receives. The personal income amount will generally be the same as the income stated on the W-2 issued by the municipality.

If the official receives additional income or benefits (such as personal use of a publicly owned vehicle, car allowance or expense allowance of any kind, i.e., a cell phone allowance), he must add the value of this benefit to the total income and benefits reported. The municipality should issue a Form 1099 showing the value of the benefit(s) for tax purposes.

The value of fringe benefits offered to all employees and officials of the municipality, such as contributions to health insurance, retirement and supplemental insurance, does not have to be reported if the benefit is offered uniformly to all employees. If the filer receives a higher benefit level or additional benefits, he must report the additional benefit/difference between the benefit given others and the value of his benefit.

Reimbursement for actual incurred expenses while performing as a public

official or employee is not considered income and does not have to be reported. If the official receives a per diem, he must provide the municipality with supporting documentation for expenses and return unspent money.

Family income/benefits

The second section asks the filer to report income or benefits immediate family members received during the prior calendar year from any state agency/office or political subdivision of the state. This includes county, municipal, school district, special purpose district or public service district employers.

Immediate family is defined as a spouse, child or other individual claimed as a dependent for income tax purposes by the filer or spouse. Likewise, the income amount will generally be the same as the income stated on the W-2 issued to the immediate family member(s) employed by one of the covered public entities. The filer must include any additional income or benefits from a covered public entity in the income calculation of the immediate family member receiving the benefit.

Understanding the SEI requirements is the key to proper reporting. Next month's article will cover reporting gifts.





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**TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2013 ♦ 5:30 P.M.**

A G E N D A

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Douglas F. Samples

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS**

3. **BUSINESS**

Direction to Town Administrator regarding potential law suit (may be deferred until after executive session).

4. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to receive legal advice from the town attorney where legal advice relates to pending, threatened, or potential claim.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**



U.S. Department of Justice

Civil Rights Division

*Disability Rights Section-NYA
950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20530*

12DRS-11-21 2SC091
204-67-157

June 12, 2013

Ms. Micki Fellner, Town Administrator
Town of Surfside Beach
115 Highway 17 North
North Surfside Beach, SC 29575

Dear Ms. Fellner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that we have closed our investigation of the Town of Surfside Beach for alleged violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA). As you know, in an attempt to facilitate an informal resolution of this dispute, we referred the dispute to a mediation service. We have been informed by that service that mediation successfully resolved the dispute. Therefore, we will take no further action in this matter.

If you have any general questions about the ADA, please contact our toll-free ADA Information Line at 1-800-514-0301 (voice) or 1-800-514-0383 (TDD).

Sincerely,

Lisa Levine
ADA Mediation Program Officer
Disability Rights Section





TOWN OF
SURFSIDE BEACH

YARD OF THE MONTH

Jean Floyd

510 South Myrtle Drive

July 2013

COPY

s/

The Hon. Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Date

s/

Chairman Nancy Jo Weber, Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful

Date



**Town of Surfside Beach
General Fund
Net Operating Statement
Proposed Budget 2013-2014**

	Actual 2011-2012	June 2013 Proposed Budget 2013-2014
<u>Revenues</u>		
Property Taxes	\$ 2,133,434	\$ 2,367,600
Licenses & Permits	1,520,321	1,513,000
Franchise Fees	572,541	599,060
Fines	217,544	168,000
Interest	5,458	5,000
Intergovernmental	401,841	284,320
Other	88,856	217,800
Transfers from other Funds or Sources	902,042	693,856
Total Revenue	\$ 5,842,037	\$ 5,848,636
<u>Personnel Costs</u>		
Salaries	\$ 2,772,721	\$ 2,838,069
Benefits	976,968	1,099,955
Total Salaries & Benefits	\$ 3,749,689	\$ 3,938,024
<u>Operating Expenditures by Function</u>		
Administration	\$ 132,618	\$ 160,795
Finance	63,111	67,750
Police	247,986	287,567
Fire	121,012	164,303
Court	33,316	38,430
Planning, Building, & Zoning	79,667	66,790
Public Works	750,206	211,345
Fleet Maintenance	21,590	30,310
Grounds	49,748	79,755
Recreation & Special Events	125,571	131,470
Facilities	29,921	31,095
Non Departmental	87,810	216,200
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 1,742,557	\$ 1,485,810
Net Revenue/(Expenditures) Before Debt & Capital Expenditures	\$ 349,791	\$ 424,802
Debt Service - GO Bonds	\$ 425,450	\$ -
Debt Service - Fire Truck Lease Purchase	89,836	88,098
Capital		5,000
Total Expenditures Before Projects	\$ 6,007,532	\$ 5,516,932
Net Operating	\$ (165,495)	\$ 331,704
<u>Reserve Fund / Project Expenditures</u>		
Capital Replacement (Capital Reserve)	\$ 254,462	\$ 41,000
Transfer Parking (Hospitality)	\$ 43,907	\$ -
Total Capital, Projects, & Transfers	\$ 298,369	\$ 41,000
Total Expenditures General Fund	\$ 6,305,901	\$ 5,557,932
Net Revenue over/(under) Expenditures	\$ (463,864)	\$ 290,704

GSATS

The Grand Strand Area Transportation Study



MEETING NOTICE GRAND STRAND AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, June 28, 2013

10:00 A.M.

There will be a meeting of the GSATS Policy Committee in the Surfside Beach Town Hall, on the above date and time. Your packet contains an agenda and minutes of the March 8, 2013 meeting. An updated TIP and a projects update will be provided in a subsequent mailing. Also, we received no public comment on the recent TIP amendments. We will be seeking a recommendation on a final version of the Routing and Wayfinding Study, so we can take it out for public comment.

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Surfside Beach approves budget ahead of deadline

By AMANDA KELLEY
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SURFSIDE BEACH | It took three tries to pass the 2013-2014 budget in Surfside Beach on Tuesday night with a deadline looming at month's end.

The motion to adopt the spending plan for the next year

failed by a 4-2, then a 3-3 vote, before finally passing in a 5-1 vote. Councilwoman Beth Kohlmann was not in attendance.

The adopted budget plans for \$8,812,393 in expenses with \$8,654,536 expected in revenues.

"We're spending \$157,000 more than we're bringing in,"

Mayor Doug Samples said. "Undoubtedly in the next 12 months there is going to be something that comes up that we haven't planned for."

Councilman Rod Smith disagreed and said the general fund will not be in a deficit.

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"The general fund is what receives the revenue from your property tax and the general fund will be in surplus by \$290,000," he said. "The other [funds] will be short because we're not putting as much in the capital projects fund but we're spending the money already saved. It's like spending your savings."

Councilman Randle Stevens suggested the town "cut the fat out of government" but did not make any suggestions to trim spending further Tuesday night.

Ultimately, the budget passed when Samples and Councilman Mark Johnson

changed their "no" votes. Johnson said he was changing his vote only because of the time constraint.

A second attempt to raise the tax rate failed Tuesday night and property taxes will remain at 40 mills.

Councilwoman Mary Beth Mabry moved to raise taxes setting the rate at 44.96 mills.

Property will be reassessed next year and Mabry said that means the rates are likely going down.

"If we don't raise it now [and] we're allowed to raise it next year you may not even get to 40 mills," she said. "We've already sliced and diced [the budget]. What are you going to do if you end up with 38 mills? It sounds wonderful but the reality is there's nothing left to cut but

services, which we're already doing."

She said that probably means losing police officers and could mean a reduction to the public works department.

"If you want to get rid of some policemen, fine, but you're not going to be happy when you do," Mabry said.

Smith disagreed.

"I'm against increasing the millage and I personally don't think public works is being impacted by keeping the millage the same. We've still got 26 employees. Police still has 27 employees and it will stay the same," he said. "In fact, we did increase the sanitation fee. The services that count have not been affected, will not be affected and we should not increase the millage."

Surfside Beach requested money back from the S.C. Department of Transportation, but it wasn't clear Tuesday night if that money would be returned. The town wrote a \$780,000 check in a matching grant for the resurfacing of U.S. 17 business.

Town Administrator Micki Fellner said she has been in contact with S.C. DOT but did not have any official word that the project would be canceled, or if any of the money would be returned to the town.

Dog park fees

Two property owners in Surfside Beach aren't happy with the increased fees at the dog park.

Town Council voted earlier in June to raise the license re-

quired for entry to the dog park from \$10 to \$30 for the first dog and \$15 for each additional dog for non-residents. The fee for residents will not change.

Sarah Andrews said she owns property in town, but isn't a full-time resident. She said she went to get her new dog license and was charged \$30.

Betty Lowery, a Surfside Beach resident, said the increase will drive people out of Surfside Beach and to one of the two dog parks in Myrtle Beach, and questioned why the new fee was already being charged be-

fore the public hearing - which will be held July 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Fellner said the fee was already raised because Town Council had voted for it and the increase does not require an ordinance.

"If you were to elect not to move forward with the fee schedule after the public hearing, we would gladly refund anyone who has come to Town Hall," he said.

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