



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
DECEMBER 10, 2013 ♦ 5:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Samples called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmembers Johnson were absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Fellner; Planning Director Morris, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Samples declared the public hearing open at 6:30 and asked Ms. Morris to present the ordinance.

Ms. Morris explained that fees had not been updated since 2007 or 2008. Even though the fees were increasing, they would still be lower than any other municipality in the area and lower than the county fees. The planning commission held hearings on the proposed increases, and this hearing was for Town Council to hear public comments. The goal was to increase fees, but not discourage growth.

Mayor Samples opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments, even though Mayor Samples held the hearing open for approximately ten minutes to allow late arrivals to speak if they wished.

Ms. Dodge thanked Ms. Morris saying she appreciated the efforts of the planning commission and staff. They did an excellent job. Ms. Morris said thank you.

Mayor Samples asked if any fees were being raised to higher amounts than those charged by Horry County. Ms. Morris said there were no fees that would be higher than the county charges. Mayor Samples also expressed appreciation for the hard work done by staff and the planning commission.

Mr. Stevens said the business committee did not discuss these particular fees, but it did support the increases proposed by the fire department, because they would receive a discount on their insurance premiums based on the information presented by Chief Cimini.

Ms. Kohlmann, who attended the business committee meeting, said the committee did not discuss the planning, building and zoning fees at all.

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ADJOURNMENT. Mayor Samples called once again for public comments; there being none, he declared the public hearing closed at 5:40 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by,



Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: January 14, 2014



Douglas F. Samples, Mayor



Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore



Ann Dodge, Town Council



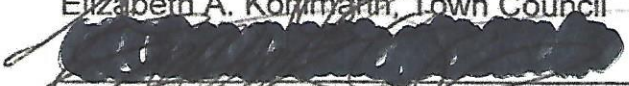
Mark L. Johnson, Town Council



Elizabeth A. Kohmann, Town Council



Roderick E. Smith, Town Council



Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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