



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2014 ♦ 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; Public Works Director Adair; Recreation Supervisor Ellis, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

Mayor Samples asked the Town Council candidates to introduce themselves: Sandra Elliott, Carrie Johnson, Beth Kohlmann, Ralph Magliette, David Pellegrino, and Rod Smith were present. (*Listed alphabetically by last name.*) There will be a forum to meet the candidates and ask questions on Thursday, March 27th at 4:00 p.m. Everyone was invited and encouraged to attend.

Mayor Samples said the Town of Surfside Beach along with South Strand Helping Hand was sponsoring a Surfside Beach Night at the Pelican's Baseball Stadium on April 19th. Contact Debbie Ellis for tickets, 843.650.9548 or dellis@surfsidebeach.org. Tickets are \$9.00; \$5.00 goes to South Strand Helping Hand.

Mayor Samples hoped he would not have to talk about civility, but a commotion occurred at the last council meeting after some public comments were made between one of the speakers and a member of the audience that was documented in the minutes. Mayor Samples urged everyone to not make things personal. We are all neighbors living in a nice community. We all have different opinions, and we need to respect one another's right to their opinion, and their right to approach the podium to make public comments. You do not have to agree with them, but you must show respect to your neighbors and members of the council.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pastor Allen Rogers extended apologies that he could not attend. Pastor Ruffin Smith from Journey Church offered the invocation in his place. Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

3. PUBLIC HEARING.

Pursuant to South Carolina Code §3-40-80 a hearing to hear public comments on the proposed amendment to increase parking meter rates from the current \$1.00 per hour to proposed \$1.25 per hour parking rate for all meters and pay stations located within the town limits of the Town of Surfside Beach.

Mayor Samples opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

"Ann Wescott, 413 Cedar Drive North. I have some concerns about the parking meters in general, and the increase in the amount in particular. It's true that the people who use these meters do not live in town. They don't pay our taxes. They may or may not frequent our businesses. However, have we forgotten they do pay income taxes, and they picked up the lion's share of the bill the last time that we renourished our beaches? Are we willing to bet that people who live in Conway and Greensboro and Ohio (**) who are not made to feel welcome here and resent being nickel and dimed to death, will they really be willing to pick up the bill for the next time around? We have to think about this."

"Ralph Chubb, 110 North Pinewood. Well, I don't have any problems with you raising the rates on the parking meters. I wonder, has council considered what affect it's gonna have on the pier? Most

57 especially on the Surf Diner. People go, can go to any number of restaurants and not pay any parking. I
58 understand that these parking fees are being imposed at seven o'clock in the morning. It seems a little
59 early.”

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61 There were no other public comments. Mayor Samples closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m.

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63 **4. AGENDA APPROVAL.**

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65 Ms. Mabry moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to allow the Surfside Rotary Club to
66 make a presentation first in communications before departmental reports. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted
67 in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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69 **5. MINUTES APPROVAL.**

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71 Mr. Smith moved to approve the special meeting minutes of February 28, 2014 meeting as
72 submitted. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers
73 Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Dodge voted against. **MOTION**
74 **CARRIED.**

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76 Mr. Smith moved to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 11, 2014 meeting as
77 submitted. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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79 **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items (3 minutes.)**

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81 “My name’s Alan Beck, 626 10th Avenue North. I gave y’all a picture earlier that I took this
82 morning when I was down doing water testing at Myrtle Lake at 4th Avenue that showed all the feces from
83 ducks, geese, whatever that was on the deck there gradually getting washed off in the water, our pond.
84 This is what got the stormwater committee concerned in the first place. It’s why we took it up at our 21st
85 of January meeting. At that meeting, we looked at what you could do for controlling geese, and
86 everywhere we went, the state, the federal they say harass them so they won’t nest. We looked at our
87 Surfside code and found out that it was illegal in Surfside to harass a goose, and, or any bird. It had a
88 bird protection thing for any bird in Surfside, and we said what we really want to do is to change this from
89 not being allowed to harass ‘em to encourage harassing the Canadian geese that are resident and any
90 other water fowl that’s not, you know, protected from that, and so we ought to go back and revisit that. So
91 we recommended taking the 3-151 [sic] out; putting in something called water fowl control. I see the
92 agenda now no longer says water fowl, it just says geese. So, you want to think about that. The attorney
93 hit it though when he said you really have a choice. You can throw out 3-51 as it is, totally, and then
94 there wouldn’t be any requirement in anymore about harassing or not harassing a goose or a bird. Did
95 you ever go eat at River City and have a bird land on your table and come up and want to peck on your
96 hamburger? Surfside code says you can’t slap ‘em off the table. You can get fined. You can get
97 arrested. Last week we were down at the Surf Diner and when we got ready to leave, there was a big
98 pelican right behind the glass door, and the people said don’t go out right now. He’ll peck at you. So we
99 waited, and pretty soon, I got the door out this far (*indicating about 18 inches*) and I said Sarah go run
100 down the pier and I’ll follow you. He’s got a beak that long (*indicating about 12 inches*) and he looks like
101 he could peck pretty hard. Probably people have been feeding him. Maybe he’s rabid; I don’t know. But,
102 I’d like to be able to say **BOO!** to the bird. (*Speaker’s emphasis-laughter*) In Surfside I could get a \$200
103 penalty. We’re proposing changing the Surfside word from illegal to harass to illegal to molest. Look
104 those up in the dictionary, and they’re almost the same, except molest says irritate in any manner or
105 obstruct in any manner, meaning if my car is coming out of my driveway and there’s [sic] geese there, I’ve
106 got to wait until the geese leave the driveway. I can’t drive slowly towards them, because then I’m
107 molesting them. If I’m driving down Cedar Drive in a Surfside fire department vehicle, and there’s a
108 goose on the road, I have to stop and wait until the goose decides to move. I think we’ve given too much
109 right to the animal and too little right to the citizens and I hope you’ll get it right and follow that suggestion
110 of the attorney to just get rid of that, that protection thing and allow us to harass the geese as the federal
111 government and the state government recommends for goose control. They recommend that (**) kind of

112 addle eggs and do something to the nests or whatever. (*Time ended.*) I'd just like to be able to scare 'em
113 off my steps, my deck, my yard, or whatever. I'd like to run and yell at 'em."
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115 "Mayor, Councilmembers, I'm Bill McKown. I live at 116 North Dogwood. I wanted to talk about
116 the parking proposals on the R-3 district where we live. The ten plus years that I've lived off of Dogwood,
117 we've never experienced any parking problems or issues on our road or the side roads. I've heard much
118 talk about putting signs up in front of the people's, people's residences along Dogwood there. Myself,
119 particularly, this body governs what happens in Surfside, and you represent us, and on my particular
120 street there's [sic] five permanent residents. We don't feel there's a parking issue, and, and I know it's
121 the right-of-way and you guys have the right to do whatever you want with it, put signs, meters or
122 whatever. I'm telling you from my point of view and some of the other residents on that street, we don't
123 have a parking issue, nor do we feel that it's appropriate for the town to spend extra money that we really
124 don't have on the signs, and you know, clutter up that area again. But, you know, it's just my opinion."
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126 "My name's Mary Jo Doggett. My husband and I live at 121 North Pinewood Drive, and I
127 addressed the council last month, also. I agree with Mr. McKomp [sic], Mr. McKown. I'm also one of
128 those five neighbors. Since the parking meters have been put up, the only time anyone has ever parked
129 behind our house was on the 4th of July. They're not coming back to the back streets for parking. So, I, I,
130 too, see no reason for us to have these signs put up. The extent that you're using to put those signs,
131 you're not gonna get the people parking there and get the permit money that you're gonna charge. So, I
132 also am not in favor of them. Thank you."
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134 "I'm Neil Johnson. I have a property on 115 North Pinewood Drive. The property does face
135 Dogwood, as well. I'm in the same block as Mr. McKown. I have not seen any issues with parking on
136 that street. I would be concerned about adding signage and/or meters would affect our property values.
137 So, I would ask that the council vote against that. Thank you."
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139 "I'm Lamar Duncan, and live at 214 North Dogwood. I'd like to date myself. In September 1952, I
140 was in a work crew that laid the first foundation for north boulevard, North Ocean Boulevard, and from
141 that date, that was the start of the development of Floral Beach, which evolved to Surfside Beach. But,
142 the issue that I, I take is the way you're gonna expand the parking. There seems to me like there's some
143 environmental issues involved with that also, which concerns me. If I could give you a picture of what the
144 ocean looked like in 1952, you wouldn't believe the difference. So, that's, that's my position. I hope you
145 would consider those things; safety issues, I think, if I can get out in traffic and those kinds of things, and
146 cars are parked there that you would give serious consideration to the residents that live there,
147 particularly that have to deal with that situation. Thank you so very much."
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149 **7. COMMUNICATIONS.**

150 **Surfside Rotary Club.**

151 Surfside Rotary Club President Verlon Wulf, and Secretary & President-elect Scott Johnson
152 presented Mayor Samples with a proceeds check in the amount of \$5,000 from the 2013 Turkey Trot.
153 The funds will support the town's special events and recreation department. (*Applause.*)
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155 **A. Department Reports.**

156 **i. Finance**

157 Ms. King presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Property tax collections exceed
158 year-to-date by \$278,000 due to the additional millage reflected in general fund. February collections
159 were \$40,000, which are slightly more than last February. Business licenses and permit fees collected
160 year to date exceed last year. There were 28 new business license accounts opened in February and
161 permit revenue exceeded last year due to the increase in construction. General fund expenditures year-
162 to-date are higher than last year's. The additional expenses are higher due to parking now being included
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167 in general fund. Additional expenses due to the storm clean up will increase salaries over budget by year
168 end. Capital projects fund expenditures year-to-date totaled \$81,000 for water quality testing and various
169 drainage projects. Special revenue funds, local A-tax and hospitality fee collections are ahead of last
170 year. Overall, hospitality revenue is down due to parking now being reported in general fund. The
171 expenditures for all special revenue funds are in line with the budget. Enterprise funds revenues in
172 sanitation and pier funds are higher than last year. Revenue in sanitation increased \$137,000 year-to-
173 date over last year. The pier reopened in February. Monthly admissions and fishing licenses totaled
174 \$2,000. An increase in expenses to sanitation is expected in March due to an increase in tipping fees
175 from the storm clean up. Lanier parking citation revenue totaled \$4,000 for the months of January and
176 February combined. Expenses for the month of January totaled \$5,142. As of the date of this report, the
177 invoice for February's expenses has not been received. January and February totals will be included in
178 the March report. The finance staff is working on budget preparation, fixed asset project and business
179 license renewals, which will be mailed April 8, 2014. The Town's accounts payable register has been
180 posted online and a link has been added to the State Comptroller General's office website. Visit the
181 following websites for information. Town of Surfside Beach <http://surfsidebeach.org>; SC Comptroller
182 General <http://ww.cg.state.sc.us/transparency>. If you have any questions regarding this report, please
183 contact the Finance Department at 843.913.9336.

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185 Mayor Samples asked Mrs. King to characterize this year's revenue and expenditures compared
186 to last year. Mrs. King said this year the town was doing relatively well, but she believed most of that was
187 because of the \$185,000 collected back from Santee Cooper for underground wiring reimbursement.

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189 **ii. Public Works.**

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191 Mr. Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Sanitation Residential Service
192 crews delivered six carts; four when certificates of occupancy were issued, and two per owner request.
193 One cart was replaced. One cart was removed from a location where the house was demolished. The
194 sanitation supervisor responded to five calls regarding ordinance enforcement; eight calls regarding late
195 put outs and/or questions about bulk/yard debris pick up, one call involving a billing question, two calls
196 concerning winter roll-out service, five miscellaneous calls, and forty-three calls concerning storm debris
197 removal. The commercial service routes continue to be updated based on business needs. Budget
198 Bedding added dumpster service. Seven accounts required extra pick-up services due to overflow.
199 Original Benjamin's restaurant resumed its service. The supervisor explained commercial collection
200 schedules to four new businesses: Surfside Golf Cart Rentals, The Waffle House, Tanning Made
201 Fabulous, and Fussaro, CPA. The Golden Egg restaurant replaced its dumpster. The supervisor
202 responded to two calls regarding ordinance enforcement, one call involving billing questions, and one
203 complaint. Seven new recycling carts were delivered to town residents upon request. Two carts were
204 replaced. The supervisor responded to two miscellaneous calls with questions about recycling. The next
205 scheduled Household Hazardous/E-Waste Drop Off drop-off event will take place from Friday, April 25th
206 through Sunday, April 27th at the Public Works yard. The summer service exemption letters are being
207 prepared and are expected to be mailed out the week of March 24th. Three times a week roll out service
208 begins on Sunday, May 11th. Bids for the front-end loader trash truck were opened on February 28th.
209 Bid award recommendations will be made to Council at the March 25th meeting. To date, beginning
210 February 12th, we have transported 463.41 tons of storm debris to the landfill. We are pursuing FEMA
211 reimbursement for storm-related costs, now that a formal presidential disaster declaration has been
212 made. In February we collected 247.56 tons of solid waste, 13.58 tons of mixed debris, 249.07 tons of
213 yard debris (222.22 tons was considered storm debris), and 33.80 tons of recyclables. Streets and
214 drainage crews continue to dig out swash outlets at the beach as needed to ensure proper water flow.
215 Beach trash and recycle cans are being checked and serviced as needed. Trash and recycle receptacles
216 are being repaired/replaced during the off-season as time and weather permits. Storm Clean-Up
217 continues throughout town. Crews are working daily to remove debris and clean out ditches and storm
218 drains. Work is nearly completed on the rebuild/repair on the 12th Avenue North Beach Access. New HIP
219 reflective speed limit signs, as required by law, are being installed throughout town. The 50/50 Ditch
220 Piping program has been suspended for the season. Letters were sent out to the remaining applicants
221 advising them their applications will be kept on file and reactivated when the program resumes in the fall.

222 Additional new blue street name signs are being installed as time permits. Street sweeping is being done
223 on Mondays and Fridays, weather and time permitting. Dirt is still available free of charge to town
224 residents who come to Scipio Lane and load up the dirt themselves between the hours of 8:00am until
225 3:00pm on the third Saturday of each month. Those requesting delivery must have the public works
226 director or street supervisor inspect the delivery site and issue an inspection ticket confirming proper
227 usage of the dirt prior to placing an order at Town Hall. The inspection will insure that the dirt is not being
228 used to fill in ditches and/or swales that would interfere with our storm water drainage. An appointment
229 can be made to pick up dirt other days by calling public works at (843) 913-6360. Thirty-two reports were
230 sent to Santee Cooper identifying street lights that were not functioning properly. From February 20th
231 through March 19th Public Works assistant answered 261 incoming calls; 149 of those calls dealt with
232 sanitation questions/concerns, primarily questions about storm debris removal; 3 calls were from vendors
233 providing product information and/or quotes; 56 calls dealt with street related issue – street/drainage
234 issues, streetlights, and questions about driveway inspections and dirt delivery; 14 calls dealt with
235 parks/grounds issues; 9 were internal calls dealing with department and/or personnel issues and/or
236 questions; 17 calls were received for the public works director; 13 calls dealt with miscellaneous
237 questions, wrong departments and/or telemarketers. The grounds division is preparing the ball fields for
238 the season. Fresh mulch and playground cushion are being installed throughout parks and playgrounds.
239 Four new lights were installed in Passive Park. This is consistent with CPTED (Crime Prevention through
240 Environmental Design) recommendations for public safety. Repairs and/or replacements were made to
241 several of the beach bathroom roofs throughout town. Repairs and/or replacements are being made to
242 fountains & lights in town lakes. Debris clean up and spraying of lakes will begin in the near future.
243 Several crews assisted with the BBQ Festival on March 8th. From February 20th through March 19th our
244 fleet mechanics completed 75 repairs on town vehicles and equipment. Four vehicles had flats repaired,
245 and four vehicles had tires replaced. Bi-weekly fleet tires checks and fire extinguisher inspections were
246 completed on all public works vehicles and/or equipment. “Preventive” and “Scheduled” maintenance
247 (consisting of lube, oil & filter changes, brake inspections, tire rotations and fluid checks) along with
248 “winterization” were performed on 32 town vehicles and/or equipment. Annual inspection of fire
249 extinguishers in all buildings and vehicles was completed. The facilities crew accepted bids to replace
250 the council chambers roof, which were opened on March 7th. This work should be awarded and
251 completed prior to the end of April. Repairs/renovations to the Planning, Building & Zoning offices, as
252 well as the restroom, in Town Hall have been completed. Two new benches were installed in the
253 breezeway outside council chambers.

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255 Mr. Smith asked what cost would FEMA reimburse. Mr. Adair said a declaration was made for
256 the initial response during the first couple of days so roads could be blocked to secure power lines
257 perform other life saving measures. A declaration was not made for Category A, which is debris removal
258 that we wanted. Staff had a preliminary meeting in February with Horry County Emergency Management
259 where estimates of damage were submitted. Those estimates were sent back to FEMA, and the
260 President signed the declaration on March 14th, so the town received a declaration for debris removal,
261 which is the bulk of the expense related to the ice storms. Reimbursement will be made for equipment
262 usage based on various equipment hourly rates; personnel overtime, and tipping cost for the
263 extraordinary debris. Mr. Adair expects to get 85-percent reimbursement for at least three-quarters of the
264 expense, and the remainder one-quarter at 80-percent reimbursement. He expected that everything
265 would be completed before 90 days. If work occurs after 90 days, reimbursement is 75-percent.

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267 Ms. Kohlmann asked what the cost was for the HIP reflective signs. Were grant funds or other
268 funds offsetting that expense? Mr. Adair said the signs were budgeted, and over the past few years the
269 line items was a litter larger than average so the town could comply with the new regulations. Prior to the
270 last three and half years, not many signs were replaced. January 2015 is the deadline for the stop and
271 speed limit signs; street name signs must be replaced by January 2018. Ms. Kohlmann asked if all the
272 street signs were purchased. Mr. Adair said about 50 sets a year were ordered and replaced so there
273 was not too much impact to any one budget. Ms. Kohlmann asked if the project would be completed on
274 time. Mr. Adair said absolutely. Ms. Kohlmann asked what the cost was for the signs. Mr. Adair said
275 several thousand dollars; it was a little different every year. He budgeted between \$8 and \$9 thousand
276 for signs, striping, materials and supplies for that type maintenance in one line item.

277 Ms. Dodge said the lights at Passive Park look very nice, and they dress up the area. She liked
278 making the town look nicer.
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280 Mayor Samples asked if council wished to see a breakout of the sign expenses in the 2014-2015
281 Budget. Several councilmembers indicated agreement. Mr. Adair said that would be done. Mayor
282 Samples expressed appreciation for all the hard work the staff was doing. Mr. Adair said thank you.
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284 **iii. Special Events and Recreation** 285

286 Ms. Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. The BBQ Festival was held on
287 March 8th. Entertainment was provided by Sawgrass and Josh Brannon Band. There were 30 vendors
288 in attendance this year compared to 25 last year. Conversations with these vendors during the event
289 were extremely positive. SAFER (Surfside Area Fire & Emergency Responders) prepared, cooked and
290 sold barbeque and hot dogs. Gross sales were \$10,900 with a net profit of \$6,710. SAFER did an
291 excellent job with plenty of staff on hand and only positive comments were heard. The town's 50th
292 Anniversary Ceremony was held at the Surfside Beach Library on March 14th. Approximately 130 people
293 attended, including invited guests influential in the town's history, past mayors and council, current council
294 and spouses, as well as the public. Cake and punch were served. Commemorative books were
295 presented to the invited guest and staff is currently considering the cost of reproduction to purchase
296 additional books for sale to the public. The annual St. Patrick's Day Dance was held March 15th with a
297 total attendance of 60 people. Ed and Irene Brown were the DJs and light refreshments were served.
298 Life Line Screening conducted various health screenings at the Civic Center on Wednesday, March 19th.
299 A total of 64 people participated in these screenings. The 50th Focus Group has scheduled a "Town of
300 Surfside Beach" night at the Myrtle Beach Pelicans game on Saturday, April 19th. Game time is 7:05 p.m.
301 Tickets are available for \$9.00 each with \$4.00 of each ticket sold going to South Strand Helping Hand.
302 Please contact Debbie Ellis at 650-9548 or dellis@surfsidebeach.org for ticket purchases. The Town is
303 working in conjunction with Ark Animal Hospital again this year for our annual rabies clinic to be held on
304 Saturday, April 12th beginning at 9 a.m. Local animal rescue groups will be on site with pets for adoption.
305 Also the Easter Egg Hunt is back due to popular demand, and will be held Saturday April 19th at 2 p.m. at
306 Huckabee Complex. The Surfside Beach Youth Association is conducting background checks on
307 coaches who wish to participate in the baseball program. The only update on current registration is 410
308 children have registered per Dan Flood, president of the Association. There are five boy teams in the 9-
309 10 years old bracket; 5 teams in 11-12; 3 in 13-14. Girls teams include 3 teams in 8-10; 2 teams in 11-
310 12; and age 4 T-ball has three teams; coach pitch, ages 5-6, has eight teams. Machine pitch, 8 years old,
311 has 5 teams. Upcoming events are (1) **PET FAIR (Rabies Clinic)** – Saturday, April 12th – 9:00 a.m. –
312 12:00 p.m., Surfside Beach Dog Park; (2) **EASTER EGG HUNT** – Saturday, April 19th – 2:00 p.m.,
313 Huckabee Complex; (3) **TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH NIGHT/PELICAN GAMES** – Saturday, April 19th
314 – 7:05 p.m. game time, Myrtle Beach Pelican Field.
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316 Mr. Johnson asked if Ms. Ellis knew how the number of teams compared to Horry County
317 Recreation's leagues. Ms. Ellis said Horry County did not have a baseball program. The County is
318 allowing the Youth Association to use its fields at Scipio Lane for T-ball, machine pitch, and coach pitch.
319 The Association will have to maintain the County fields itself.
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321 Mayor Samples asked if Ms. Ellis was keeping of list of people that wanted a commemorative
322 book. Ms. Ellis said she was keeping a record with phone numbers and how many books they want.
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324 **C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events.** 325

326 Ms. Fellner reported that:
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- 328 • The town received five bids for the front loading refuse truck. All were reviewed by both the
329 mechanic and the public works director for specification compliance. The bid was not awarded to
330 the lowest bidder for the following reasons:
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- 332 1. Mack/New Way Mammoth - \$222,987 – was the lowest bid but was determined to be an
333 inferior design and there were no local references or demonstrators available.
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- 335 2. Mack/McNeillus- \$229,800 – was also determined to be an inferior design.
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- 337 3. Mack/Heil - \$235,410 – was found to be a good combination, but there was a 6-month
338 delivery wait, so the town would have to make needed repairs to truck 308-1 to last
339 through the summer, which would be a considerable expense.
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- 341 4. Mack/Heil - \$237,280 – Was found to be a good combination with only a 2-month delivery
342 wait, so no repairs would need to be made to truck 308-1. The bid was awarded for this
343 vehicle.
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- 345 5. Autocar/Heil - \$263,638 – Bid exceeds what was budgeted by \$13,638 (\$250,000).
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347 Mayor Samples asked if this was a budgeted item. Ms. Fellner said it was. Mayor Samples said
348 Town Council received the bid results via email about a week ago. Ms. Fellner said the information was
349 sent to Town Council, because she was supposed to notify council writing of bid awards. Mayor Samples
350 asked if there were any objections to the bid awards. **There were no objections.**

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352 Ms. Kohlmann asked what would happen to the excess funds, since the bid was less than the
353 budgeted amount. Ms. Fellner said those monies would remain in the fund.

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- 355 • Since the League of Cities dinner was not a budgeted expenditure, Ms. Fellner thought it would
356 be more cost effective to hold the meeting at the firehouse in the training room. I just wanted to
357 make sure that council was okay with this idea. A BBQ style dinner with steaks, chicken or some
358 other upscale food could be prepared, or the Piggly Wiggly would cater foods for a buffet, which
359 would be about half the cost of dining out.
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361 Mayor Samples said this was for the League of Cities dinner scheduled for May 8th, and asked if
362 there were any comments. It was the town's turn to host the meeting and dinner.

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364 Mr. Smith asked how much the expected cost was to hold it at the fire house compared to a
365 restaurant. Ms. Fellner said when staff is fed at the fire house, the cost is about \$700; at a restaurant it
366 would probably be a couple of thousand dollars. She contacted a restaurant, and was waiting for a
367 response. One hotel charges about \$1,800 - \$2,000. A BBQ would cost between \$500 and \$700. Many
368 other municipalities hold the meeting and dinner in their facilities.

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370 Mayor Samples said the municipalities that have huge debt take the group to real nice
371 restaurants. *(Laughter.)* The other municipalities hold the meetings in their fire houses, like Loris and
372 Briarcliffe held it on its veranda. It was up to council. Personally, Mayor Samples believed the fire house
373 was fine.

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375 Ms. Kohlmann thought the town had a beautiful fire house and would be proud to share the fire
376 house with the League. The fire house was *very clean (speaker's emphasis.)*

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378 Mr. Johnson and Ms. Dodge agreed.

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380 Mr. Smith thought it was a good idea, too, but wanted to know who would do the cooking. He
381 asked if the councilmembers had to cook. Ms. Fellner said she still needed to determine whether the fire
382 staff would cook, or whether it would be catered. Mr. Smith asked if Ms. Fellner would determine that.
383 Ms. Fellner said she would work out all the details.

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385 **There were no objections to using the fire house for the League of Cities meeting and**
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- Ms. Fellner reported to Council that the meters came in slightly under estimated cost. We had anticipated the price to be \$20,615.08 and it was actually \$18,741.94, which is \$1,873.14 less than estimated.

There were no consensus items.

8. BUSINESS

A. Second Reading Ordinance #14-0772 to amend §§9-7, et seq. Parking, Administrator Fellner.

Mr. Smith asked to delay the administrator's report for a few minutes and offered a motion to approve second reading of Ordinance #14-0772 to amend Section 9-7, et seq. Mr. Stevens seconded.

Mr. Smith moved to amend the motion to omit Section 9-7, paragraph (8) No parking except with permit, in its entirety. Mr. Stevens seconded.

Mayor Samples said the amendment would delete regulated parking between Ocean Boulevard and Dogwood.

Mr. Smith said that was correct, Dogwood and all the side streets between Ocean Boulevard.

Mayor Samples asked if signs were put under procurement. Ms. Fellner said the bid was let, but it had not been awarded.

Mr. Smith said they had listened to the public and that was why they were making this amendment.

Mr. Stevens said he had spoken with people in the area from one end of the beach to the other. He wanted to do what the people wanted, and they do not want this, so he was not going to do it.

Mayor Samples said, "I told you so!" (*Laughter.*) He was glad the council was listening. He said, in fact, if council listened a little more clearly, he thought things would be rolled back quite a bit.

All voted in favor of the amendment. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**

Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens voted in favor of the primary motion as amended. Councilmember Johnson voted against.

MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Fellner to explain what was adopted. Ms. Fellner said the ordinance was to codify the parking committee recommendations regarding permit only restricted parking, parking fee amounts, and stipulating merchant validation program. The permit only restricted parking was deleted by the approved amendment. After the amendment, the ordinance now addresses changes to the parking fee amount increasing from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per hour, adding daily rates of \$8, and weekly rates of \$40 that were not previously codified and are now available to the public using the machines as well as merchants, and stipulating the merchant validation program in the ordinance.

Mayor Samples referred to two sample permits that were delivered with the package and asked what they were. Ms. Fellner said since restricted parking was removed from the ordinance, the permit would not apply. Mayor Samples asked if the intent for the "special event temporary parking permit" was to establish guidelines for event parking. At the BBQ Festival there were 29 tickets issued, and asked if a plan would be presented for event parking. In his opinion, it made no sense to advertise special events and then ticket the visitors that come to the event. The town worked hard to expand its calendar to offer special events. The parking issue was not finished yet, there are still problems and issues. Ms. Fellner

442 said Town Council had not discussed special event parking; but she would investigate the cost of allowing
443 free parking on special event days and bring a recommendation to Town Council, if council so desired.
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445 Ms. Mabry said she brought this up a few meetings back saying that council needed to address
446 that. One reason was because people would get ticketed and they would not come back to the town.
447 Nothing says welcome to Surfside Beach like a \$25 ticket. She made a motion at that meeting that
448 meters be shut down beginning the hour before, during, and until an hour after each event, but the motion
449 died for lack of a second.
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451 Mr. Stevens said Ms. Mabry's proposal sounded like a possible solution, and that was what
452 council was looking for, solutions. He hated to see people getting tickets when they came to any town
453 event. He thought this should be looked into so festival participants would enjoy their day and not get
454 ticketed.
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456 Ms. Kohlmann asked how that would affect with the Lanier Solutions parking contract. Ms.
457 Fellner said there would be a point that Lanier says the town was interfering with its revenue
458 contractually. She did not expect a problem, if a few small things were done, but it depended on what
459 council wished to do. Ms. Kohlmann asked if Lanier could be contacted, because it was a contractual
460 matter. She felt sure they would be willing to work with the town. Ms. Fellner said Lanier would, but it
461 depended on the scope of what council wants.
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463 Mayor Samples said this was clearly a policy matter, and council must provide Ms. Fellner with a
464 definite suggestion in order for her to question Lanier, and entertain the impact. Up to this point, Ms.
465 Mabry is the only one that suggested a specific policy. Mr. Stevens said he agreed with the concept.
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467 Mr. Johnson agreed, and would not have a problem with Ms. Mabry's suggestion of one hour
468 prior, during, and until one hour after events allowing free parking.
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470 Mayor Samples said he supported that concept also in terms of a starting point so Ms. Fellner
471 could approach Lanier. Ms. Fellner asked if this would apply to all events. Mayor Samples and Ms.
472 Kohlmann said yes. The point was that people who come for events really are not happy when they get
473 ticketed. It chases people away and gives the town a bad name.
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475 Mr. Smith said he thought before a decision was made that council needed to know the cost for
476 each individual event. Ms. Fellner said it would take a while, but she could determine that amount. Mr.
477 Smith said that would be a good foundation upon which council could decide whether free parking should
478 be allowed for all or individual events.
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480 Ms. Mabry said the town did not have to advertise that it was free parking for the events; they just
481 didn't have to ticket vehicles during the event times. What she was suggesting was if the visitors fed the
482 meters, they certainly would not stop them, but she did not want anyone getting a ticket afterwards,
483 unless it was more than an hour after the event. She was trying to say not to ticket people who come to
484 the town to have a good time at an event. An hour after the event ends normal parking enforcement
485 could resume. Ms. Fellner said there was a difference between suspending enforcement and free
486 parking. Ms. Mabry was talking about suspending enforcement. Ms. Mabry said that was exactly what
487 she was talking about. She was sure some people would know the parking was free during events, but
488 others would be glad to pay. She just did not want parking enforced during events.
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490 Mr. Stevens said there are always solutions and sometimes compromise. Most events are held
491 on Surfside Drive. Ms. Fellner said the Surf-Off is held on the south end, and some events are in the pier
492 parking lot. Most events are on Surfside Drive. Mr. Stevens said if he was Lanier, he would probably
493 suggest that parking not be enforced at the event area, instead of the entire town. He lives one block off
494 Surfside Drive, and finds that most people park along 1st and 2nd Avenues North and all the side streets
495 first then move towards the beach to park.
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497 Ms. Kohlmann suggested that Ms. Fellner ask Lanier how events are handled in other
498 municipalities, because they may already have addressed the issue with other towns.
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500 Mayor Samples said he believed the administrator had enough information to move forward, and
501 asked for any other comment on the matter.
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503 Mr. Smith said since the restricted parking was eliminated, he moved to direct the administrator to
504 cancel the purchase 163 restricted parking signs. Mr. Stevens seconded. Mayor Samples assumed the
505 administrator would cancel the purchase, but just for the record, "All in favor say aye." All voted in favor.
506 Mr. Smith said for the record, "She said that we needed it." Ms. Fellner said because it was a motion to
507 purchase; a motion was required to cancel. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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509 **B. First Reading Ordinance #14-0774 to amend §3-23 Registration of Dogs. Administrator**
510 **Fellner.**

511 Ms. Fellner explained that the ordinance is to amend the required registration date to the off
512 season when it was less busy and to make the registration process less problematic for the public.
513 Currently, when seasonal owners and guests buy a dog licenses between January and May, they have to
514 purchase another license by June 1st. The ordinance simply changes the month from June to January.
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517 Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #14-0774. Ms. Mabry and Mr. Stevens
518 seconded.
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520 Mr. Smith thought this was a real good idea, and along with that he suggested that the parking
521 decals be available for the next year in December so that when dog licenses were being purchased,
522 people could get their parking decals at the same time. One stop shopping for parking decals and dog
523 registration.
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525 Mr. Stevens agreed with Mr. Smith and added the pier passes should also be available in
526 December.
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528 Ms. Fellner said that certainly could be done, if council so desired.
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530 Mayor Samples asked if there were any objections to the suggestions. **There were no**
531 **objections. COUNCIL CONCURRED.**
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533 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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535 **C. Amend Lanier Parking Solutions Budget, Administrator Fellner.**
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537 Ms. Fellner explained that the budget was corrected to reflect hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and
538 a parking rate at \$1.25 per hour for pay stations and parking meters. Those are the only differences from
539 the adopted budget, and are reflected on the information distributed in the package.
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541 Mr. Smith moved to approve the amended Lanier Parking Solutions Budget. Mr. Stevens
542 seconded.
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544 Mayor Samples asked how much the increase cost was for adding two hours. Ms. Fellner did not
545 have that information with her, but would email it to Town Council.
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547 Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens voted
548 in favor. Mayor Samples and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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8. DISCUSSION

A. Festival Promotions – Surfside Rotary Club 2014 Turkey Trot, Mr. Mike Shank.

Mr. Shank could not attend the meeting, so there was no discussion on this topic.

B. Stormwater Committee Recommendation re: Nuisance Geese, Administrator Fellner.

Ms. Fellner said the stormwater committee met to address the necessary steps to deal with the management of the resident Canadian geese population. At the committee's last meeting a motion was adopted to recommend to Town Council specific changes to the existing code to achieve this purpose. The attorney feels the following changes would better achieve the objectives set forth by the stormwater committee:

Amend Chapter 3, Birds and Water Fowl by

- a. Repealing Section 3-51 Bird Sanctuary in its entirety.
- b. Adding the words "Birds and Water Fowl" to Section 3-52 before the words, "Findings and determinations."
- c. Repealing Section 3-52, paragraph (a).
- d. Re-lettering all paragraphs in Section 3-52 to reflect the removal of paragraph (a).
- e. Adding the words "and federal" after the word "state" in the first line of Section 3-53, paragraph (a).

Mayor Samples asked if that was staff's recommendation. Ms. Fellner said it was, and the attorney discussed this with staff on two occasions. Mr. Battle feels this would achieve the objectives of the stormwater committee.

Ms. Kohlmann said considering that the stormwater committee put so much time and effort into this, she would like for everyone to consider adding to the lawyer's recommendation, in Section 3-52 to add "paragraph (h) and it state to allow residents harass water fowl within the town limits in accordance with state and federal law." She explained that this would make it perfectly clear what could be done pursuant to state and federal law. Other than that change, she was fine with the proposed language.

Ms. Mabry believed if the word harassed was used, the town would have to be very specific as to the definition. It means many things to different people. She would not want anyone to think they had the right to injure, maim or cause other harm to water fowl. Because harassment is such a broad word, if harassment is used there should be very specific definition.

Mr. Smith said because of the earlier public input, he thought it should say water fowl and nuisance birds. In other words, when the birds become a nuisance, we should be able to shoo them off the table. He suggest placing it in the sentence that Ms. Kohlmann suggested, reading something like, to allow residents to harass water fowl and nuisance birds within the town limits in accordance with state and federal law. Mayor Samples asked if he supported Ms. Kohlmann's suggestion with his additional verbiage. Mr. Smith said yes.

Mr. Johnson honestly did not think anyone would get ticketed or arrested if they were at a restaurant sitting outdoors shooing away birds. He said yet again, he felt like the council was sticking its nose into something that it did not need to be in. He understood the geese, and thought the ordinance should be focused on them. He personally abhorred geese, but he believed if the ordinance went past that might be it too much. Commonsense had to be used when dealing with other water fowl.

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608 Mayor Samples said it was unclear whether there was support for the ordinance. Obviously,
609 additional discussion was needed. He personally did not support the phrase harassment for the reasons
610 that Ms. Mabry made very clear.

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612 Ms. Kohlmann said the word harassment could be removed; it was simply used because that was
613 the way it was written before. Replace the word harass with the term used by state and federal law. The
614 town did not trump state and federal law. She agreed with Mr. Johnson, the town's problem is the geese.
615 She still liked her recommended sentence, because it made it very clear what people could do.

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617 Mayor Samples said he would still like to feed the birds, but that was illegal.

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619 Mr. Smith said that was not illegal; do not feed the water fowl, but you may feed birds in your own
620 back yard.

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622 Mayor Samples asked what Ms. Fellner needed to have clarified. Ms. Fellner said it was pretty
623 clear. She would bring it back bringing all the council comments into consideration, and also check the
624 Fish and Wildlife site for verbiage. Council could propose changes at first reading.

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626 **C. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.**

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628 Ms. Fellner said she would like to bring up adding to the next meeting agenda under business an
629 8-month trial of half price vouchers for the Surfside Beach Resort to market in their guest packages. In
630 essence the town would allow the hotel to purchase spectator passes for their guests at half price. This
631 past fall we conducted a 5-week test to make sure it was logistically feasible. The test was successful
632 and seemed to benefit both the town and pier businesses by increasing overall spectator traffic by over
633 20-percent. Since it would only be a trial period until December 1 of 2014, she would like to bring this
634 back in the form of a resolution at the next council meeting.

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636 Mayor Samples asked if everyone understood the proposal that the hotel customer could walk out
637 on the pier for free. It made sense to him.

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639 Mr. Smith thought the resort would purchase half-price admission for its guests so they could go
640 out on the pier at no fee. Ms. Fellner said Mr. Vasser was not present to explain the exact method.

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642 Mayor Samples said the point was that to the hotel customer, it would be invisible. He asked
643 what the town's compensation would be. Ms. Fellner said 50-percent. Mayor Samples said the idea was
644 to increase the number of heads-in-beds in the local hotel, and also support the local businesses at and
645 around the pier. It just made sense to him. He asked Ms. Fellner to work out something and Town
646 Council would consider it. **There were no objections.**

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

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650 "Good evening. My name is Ron Crouch. I live at 514 11th Avenue North in Surfside Beach.
651 Last Friday, I received a mailing from the "Surfside Residents for Conservative Principles Political Action
652 Committee," and I was appalled at what I read. Three candidates for Town Council have been
653 maliciously maligned, and the premise of a non-partisan town election on April 8th has been deliberately
654 destroyed. Further, willful defamation has been made of the town's mayor, and should he choose to run
655 for reelection would throw the next mayoral race into disrepute. This mailing and whoever prepared and
656 sent it, to me has no place in the Town of Surfside Beach or anywhere in civilized society. To restore
657 integrity to the election process, I ask the council to act quickly, and by roll call vote, to pass a resolution
658 abhorring this despicable act and holding those responsible accountable. And, so council has something
659 from which to work, I offer the following draft resolution as a starting point: Be it resolved: (1) That the
660 furtive and malicious mailing by the "Surfside Residents for Conservative Principle PAC" is contrary to
661 every principle of fair and ethical behavior and in no way represents our town or its citizens; and (2) That

662 the perpetrators of this mailing deserve to be named for their lack of civil decency and good
663 neighborliness; and (3) That the Municipal Election Commission will act to publically identify the persons
664 responsible prior to the Candidate's Debate on April 6th, 2014; , and (4) That the town shall cause the
665 perpetrators to be prosecuted for any violation of state or federal laws; and (5) That the town shall cause
666 the perpetrators to reimburse the town for any and all costs associated with the execution of this
667 resolution. Do you have any questions?" Mayor Samples explained that it was not appropriate for Town
668 Council to respond during public comments. Mr. Crouch. "To be questioned." Mayor Samples
669 appreciated Mr. Crouch's comments. Mr. Crouch: "And you have copies. Thank you very much."
670 (*Applause.*)

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672 "Tom Dodge. 14th Avenue North. The pier parking lot looks very nice with the plantings and
673 three handicapped parking spaces. I do, however, have a huge problem with the walking entry to the
674 beach. It looks more like a path to go up Mount Everest than to go on to the nicest beach in South
675 Carolina. In my opinion, why could we not make a 2 x 12 treated walkway, driveway over that entry to the
676 beach? What we now have totally detracts from the beauty of that area. It was suggested to me earlier
677 to give a free goose to anyone who gets a ticket. We the citizens of Surfside Beach sit in the audience
678 meeting after meeting watching and listening to a bully mayor in operation, when it is time for public
679 comments, it is to be only comments from the public about anything at all. You continually interrupt
680 citizens who are trying to express their ideas and concerns with your own remarks. That is not
681 appropriate behavior, and what you have to say is more important than what the citizens have to say. I
682 can talk about my Aunt Sophie's cat. It's not a time for the mayor to talk at all, and I can look at the
683 audience, out the window, or wherever. I do not have to look at bully mayor. The South Carolina Ethics
684 Commission and state law says I can look anywhere. At the 2/25 council meeting, as I was speaking
685 about citizens receiving information about all the impending lawsuits against the town, you, Mr. Mayor,
686 said I should talk to my wife about that. Your rudeness to citizens appalls me. It would have been
687 ethically wrong of me to ask my wife for a response, and also for her to tell me. It is this forum where we
688 the citizens have the opportunity to learn about situations affecting our town. You, sir, are a bully, and in
689 my opinion, unethical. You told the parking committee, 'get your four votes.' Well, guess what? We did.
690 Now your shorts are all tied in a knot. Get over, this is not a kingship. It's a council form of government
691 and your job as mayor, who only has one vote, is to accept the majority vote, and live with it. Stop being
692 a bully, and crying, if you don't get your way. I'm not the only citizen who speaks at public comments that
693 you are rude to. So, I ask you, Mr. Mayor, be a man and apologize to all the good taxpaying and voting
694 citizens who live in this great town." Mayor Samples said, "Mr. Dodge, I am very sorry you feel that way."
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696 Mr. Johnson and Ms. Kohlmann called "Mr. Mayor." Ms. Dodge called *point of order*.

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698 Mr. Ralph Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive: "I have three things to talk about, so we'll change
699 gears. Last time I was talking about South Strand Helping Hand, and I want to thank the number of
700 financial donations and food that was provided to South Strand Helping Hand. That just affirms what a
701 loving and caring town we have. We've been able to go back to provide food and financial assistance to
702 people as we had before, so again, I want to thank everyone who came forward and helped us with
703 monetary donations and food for South Strand Helping Hand. It's really, I'm humbled by the charity and
704 thoughtfulness and kindness of people in the town, and you're all to be commended for it. So, just one
705 more time, because it's important that we talk about South Strand Helping Hands; I know you've heard
706 me say it before, and I'd like to say something about the senior center [sic.] South Strand Helping Hand
707 is a crisis intervention center aiding families and individuals who are facing emergency. We provide food
708 and financial assistance to those in need in our area. If you would like to volunteer or your know
709 someone in need, please call us. Our number is 238.4594. We have real excitement going on at the
710 South Strand Senior Center. We've had renovations; we've had changes in the programming, and it's a
711 wonderful time to join the senior center. The membership is \$20 a year for anyone age 60 and older. If
712 you don't know where the senior center is, it's at 1032 10th Avenue North in Surfside Beach. The contact
713 number 238.3644. The manager's name is Jackie Willis. It's open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to
714 1:30 p.m. We have gotten a few people from Surfside Beach to join, which is very, very encouraging so
715 that people know where we are and we had a change in our activities and programs from 8:30 to 9:30 we
716 have coffee and chat. From 11 to 11:30 we have daily news reviews and conversation, and from 11:30 to

717 12:30 we have a hot lunch meal served. The important thing is that, what we need to do, especially for
718 many of the elderly, is that they are isolated and they need to make new friends and combat loneliness
719 and isolation, and the perfect way to do that is to join the senior center. We've spent a lot of time to get
720 renovations done to the senior center. It's a beautiful facility now. You can have free transportation to
721 the center. We have free lunches or if income is too high, the maximum expense would be \$2 for a hot
722 lunch. It would be wonderful to have more seniors go there to make new friends and we would also
723 encourage people, because a lot of people have volunteered, but I never get a chance to thank people,
724 so in one swoop I'm just gonna thank everybody and then I'm done. I want to thank all the volunteers
725 who come to the senior center and donate their times and talents. Specifically people who are invisible
726 but come there and provide things, for instance, they bring cream cheese, butter, jelly, peanut butter,
727 coffee, tea, popcorn, fresh fruits, and the volunteers that come there and freely give of their times and
728 talents for the senior centers [sic] who come there and help the seniors by playing games, puzzles, cards,
729 conversations, bingo, arts and crafts, and exercise classes. Thank you for volunteering to help the senior
730 center and making the world a little bit brighter for our seniors in town. Thank you very much."
731 *(Applause.)*

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733 "Carrie Johnson, Harbor Lights Drive. I would just like to make you aware that I had numerous
734 calls today from residents all over town that my signs had been taken out of their yards. I did file a
735 complaint with the police. We do have a description of the vehicle, so if anyone knows who this might
736 have been, it might be a good idea if they turn themselves in. They might be, have a less, conviction, I
737 guess, than if they get caught red handed. But, I just think it's a shame that in a town this size that people
738 stoop so low in an election. It's very, very disappointing. Thank you."
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740 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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742 Mr. Stevens: "Basically, thank you for coming out. Glad to hear all the people making your
743 comments that is your Constitutional right and we're glad to have you make your comments, and I hope
744 we satisfied some people tonight. Thank you."
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746 Ms. Dodge: "I just want to say we always tell the public you are free to come up here and speak.
747 I'm sorry, Mr. Mayor, but I don't think your actions carry that through. If you are pleased with what you
748 know they're going to say, it's okay for them to speak. But, if, if they do go against you, you get very
749 upset; riled, and I don't think that's appropriate. People need to be able to speak their minds without any
750 repercussions other than threatening somebody up here, without any repercussion, and I hope you will
751 remember that."
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753 Ms. Mabry: "Yes, I'm gonna change the subject for a little bit. We have had the Community
754 Rating System, and that has to do with FEMA, and your flood insurance, so I know, and I hope
755 everybody's paying attention. You know that there was a bill passed, and then to, well, we thought we
756 were gonna get a breathing room, because they were not gonna go up over 20- to 25-percent. They
757 lowered it to 18-percent a year. They're gonna go up on your rate. However, they're gonna continue to
758 go up. So, it's not gonna be the big thing that we thought it was gonna be. I wanna tell you that we have
759 three in town, certified, I can't even think, CRS certifications. We're working on this together. They've
760 started a committee. The regulations to get your flood insurance lowered, is, is what we're trying to do;
761 what the town is trying to do. It is, it is time consuming. It is, it's following the federal government, and I
762 don't need to say anymore than that, cause if they can make it difficult, they're gonna make it so difficult
763 you can't hardly even read what you're supposed to do, much less do it. It's on a point system. The
764 more points we get the lower your flood insurance will be. So, because we have so many, almost half the
765 town, at this time that's in the flood zone we don't know what the new maps are gonna show, so it is so
766 important that that you support the town on, on this and know that we're really working hard. Director
767 Adair, Director Morris is working on it night and day, and, and we hope to have good things from that
768 department coming through, so be patient. Know that it is a serious matter that they're taking up. There's
769 real work going on in the town. Unfortunately, there's always gonna, this is South Carolina. Our politics
770 could be a little bit a bloodbath for those that don't know. Don't get excited when you see something in
771 your mailbox. If you don't like it, throw it away. That's the best way to handle that. Take a good laugh.

772 You know something that was written by a third grader can't have too much real substance there, but kind
773 of move on and let's look at the big work that we're doing in town; the important things that we're doing in
774 town, and that's really what matters, is making this the best town that it can be. Thank everybody for
775 coming out. How much I do appreciate it. I think we all do."
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777 Mr. Smith: "I, too, have had a few of my candidate signs taken, so you're not alone back there.
778 The next thing I want to speak about is the tent ban that's going on in other parts of the county. Right
779 now I don't think that Surfside Beach should ban tents. We've got a good ordinance and if people follow
780 that ordinance, we shouldn't have any problems, and if a beach patrol ask you to move your tent,
781 because it's in the wrong spot, we should do that willingly, and if we, if our beach gets too crowded, some
782 people might not be able to put up a tent, but I think it's good right now for us to allow tents. I think it
783 might even help our tourists, more tourists will come to town, and so right now I don't think we should be
784 thinking about banning tents in Surfside Beach. The other thing I'd like to mention is the parking. I'm a
785 big supporter of the parking meters, and we've listened to the public tonight on the restricted parking, and
786 we didn't continue with that, and I appreciate the public letting us know when they disagree with us, and it
787 was, everybody who spoke tonight was very courteous about how they said they didn't agree with us, and
788 I really appreciate that. The parking meters, I think, are good for us, because it helps control the parking
789 on Ocean Boulevard, and if you noticed last year, we didn't have as many people parking on Ocean
790 Boulevard that's parked previously. They said if they've gotta pay, they might as well go to the lot, and
791 that's what they did. But, I think Surfside Beach as we go through the years, because of all the
792 development that's around us, we're gonna have more and more people from the neighborhoods coming
793 here. They need a place to park, and we should provide that, and that's why we have the parking meters
794 on Ocean Boulevard. Thank you very much."
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796 Ms. Kohlmann: "The parking, I thought maybe it would go away sooner or later. I agree with you,
797 Mr. Mayor, that we're not done with our parking, cause there's a lot more to do, but tonight reflected upon
798 the fact that we are willing to listen, so, and we've done it tonight. But, I'd like also to tell people that
799 when they do have those meetings, that the parking committee, or if they have, we have public
800 workshops and all, to come up *then (speaker's emphasis)* and tell us your thoughts and ideas about
801 things that are going, because that's the way learn what you want, and I find that, and I'm only here a
802 short term, time, but it's usually after something's put into effect that then everybody gets upset about it.
803 But, there are opportunities before we vote on issues to get that input to us, and you can email us, you
804 can call us. Everybody knows where we live. So, I would like to see people share a lot of that. As far as
805 the campaign goes, I've had way too many signs stolen. I've actually stopped putting them out, because
806 it's not worth it. Signs don't vote anyway; people vote, and I would like to think that the candidates, and
807 not all the candidates are being evil and nasty, we've some very good candidates. All of them have
808 something good to offer this town, and when they go out door to door, I would hope that they would just
809 present themselves as who they are and what they stand for, because you can find negative in
810 everything, and everybody, and it's much better to find the positive than the negative. So, hopefully, we
811 can move forward as a town, and I don't like the fact that it is a bloodbath, that's what the word was,
812 because I've never seen anything like that, and I would hope that the people of this town could pull
813 together and get through this two more weeks, and thank you all very much for coming."
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815 Mr. Johnson: "You all know that I don't like to hear myself speak, so I will just tell you three
816 words, 'Vote April 8th.'"
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818 Mayor Samples: "You know I talked to a neighbor today walking her dog. She's not with us
819 tonight, but she's been here many times, and she reminded me that, you know, we were all taught to treat
820 others, or should've been taught, to treat others they way you wish to be treated, and it's a pleasure and
821 an honor for each and every one of us who sit up here to do, to try to do what's right for the town. None
822 of us are perfect, but I know that everyone is trying the best they can. When we make mistakes, we
823 should be called for those. Really, personal attacks have no place in our town. It doesn't do any good;
824 it's a negative thing. It's bad. This election will pass and the people will speak, and so, I wish you the
825 best. I hope you were at the 50th Anniversary, it was, it was a wonderful celebration. When you start
826 naming names, you forget people. Not intentionally, but it's given me the opportunity to go see some old

827 friends who understand that it wasn't with malice that they were left off the list, and we all should be very,
828 very proud of the town that we call home, because it still pretty darn nice place to live. Alright, I need a
829 motion to enter into executive session."

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831 **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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833 **A. Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements (See**
834 **Business Item)**

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836 **B. Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person to a public**
837 **body (See Business Item)**

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839 Mr. Smith moved to enter executive session at 8:11 p.m. Ms. Mabry and Mr. Johnson seconded.
840 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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842 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session at 8:51p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in
843 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

844 Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session.

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846 **12. ADJOURNMENT.**

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848 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.
849 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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851 Prepared and submitted by,

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855 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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857 Approved: April 7, 2014

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863 Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

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875 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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