



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 11, 2016 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Childs called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino, Samples, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

- A. Invocation: Pastor Tom Hanks from LC3 Community Church gave the invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Ott moved to adopt the agenda with one amendment to delete Business Item 7.B. Pier Inspection. Mr. Stevens second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

A. Regular Meeting September 27, 2016 and B. Emergency Meeting October 4, 2016. Mr. Courtney moved to adopt the September 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes and the October 4, 2016 emergency meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Stevens second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only. (3-minutes per speaker)

There were no comments on agenda items.

Mayor Childs took a moment to thank Ms. Fellner prior to her report. He said she, fire staff, police staff, and Ms. Ellis and all other staff who came to work during the hurricane all did a great job. I know you, Ms. Fellner, spent two or three nights in your office. Police and fire were there around the clock. Public Works has done a remarkable job. I've had about a half-dozen people in the last three hours say they cannot believe how much they have done. They have really, really done a great job. *(Applause)*

6. COMMUNICATIONS – Administrator's Report.

Ms. Fellner presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. She added the following:

- The Health Fair is Friday, October 14, for town residents and friends. The fair is open from 7:00 to 8:30 for staff, and then from 8:30 to 10:00 for the public. If you want to have blood work done, you need to fast 10 to 12 hours.
- The Famers Market was cancelled today, and will have to be cancelled next week, October 18th, as well. The park will not be in a condition to have the market.

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- 53 • The water has stopped rising in the lakes, so weir adjustments were started today to
54 bring the lakes back to normal levels.
- 55 • The Scipio Lane property is currently being used as a debris staging area. DHEC (South
56 Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) has approved this.
- 57 • Two contractors were hired: one to clear pier debris from the beach and haul it to the
58 landfill, and the second to haul the vegetative debris from Scipio Lane to the land fill.
- 59 • Hurricane Matthew field assessments to date from Planning, Building & Zoning, are:
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| 61 | 1. | 158 Large tree damages and/or fallen | 68 | 8. | 13 Properties having structural damage |
| 62 | 2. | 21 Sidings on structures | 69 | 9. | 1 Vehicle damaged by fallen tree |
| 63 | 3. | 11 Trees fallen on structures | 70 | 10. | 5 Storage buildings damaged or |
| 64 | 4. | 3 Flooding | 71 | | destroyed |
| 65 | 5. | 11 Signs | 72 | 11. | 3 Beach walk overs and Melody Lane |
| 66 | 6. | 3 Electrical services | 73 | | ramp damaged |
| 67 | 7. | 1 Commercial property visibly damaged | | | |

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75 These numbers are not complete for the town assessment. The department has 20-percent of the town
76 left to assess. They continue to receive calls about damage that was not found during the first round of
77 assessments, or was not visible when viewing property from the road. Staff expects to complete the first
78 round of inspections by Friday of this week. They are also working to determine the dollar loss, and hope
79 to report that amount at the next council meeting.

80 • The town pier had in excess of 50-percent value loss, without the inclusion of any hazard
81 mitigation components, she reached out to the Horry County FEMA (Federal Emergency Management
82 Agency) Agent, and spent considerable time on the phone with Mr. Hagerty, the county's FEMA project
83 development consultant. She will speak with a FEMA expert who dealt with a number of pier
84 replacements after hurricanes, most recently Hurricane Sandy. It was Ms. Fellner's intention to apply for
85 a 75-percent reimbursement grant for replacement cost. Much more detail and information should be
86 available for Town Council and the public by the next meeting. She needed to ensure the town is eligible
87 in all categories, and a lot of other research to be performed before the next council meeting.

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89 Ms. Samples told Ms. Fellner that she was a "Rock Star!" She did not have words to express how
90 grateful she and many others were for all of the hard work she and staff did during Hurricane Matthew.
91 Everyone went above and beyond expectations. Ms. Samples asked if trash pickup would be done on the
92 regular schedule beginning tomorrow. Ms. Fellner said yes. Ms. Samples perceived debris pickup to be a
93 priority, and asked if an outside contractor would be hired. Ms. Fellner said contractors at times like this
94 charge exorbitant fees. She said that Mr. Adair believes that all debris can be removed within four to six
95 weeks using staff, without activating the emergency debris contract, which will save the town a large
96 amount of money. At this time, the two contractors already mentioned are the only ones she planned to
97 hire. Yard debris is a priority after trash collection is completed.

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99 Mr. Ott thanked Ms. Fellner for the written report. He was able to research it and understand it
100 before hearing it verbally. Ms. Fellner said he was very welcome.

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102 **7. BUSINESS**

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104 **A. Resolution #16-173 Work Place Safety, Administrator Fellner.**

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106 Ms. Fellner presented the resolution, a copy of which is on file.

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108 Mr. Ott asked Ms. Fellner to distribute the resolution to department directors and ask them to
109 report at the next meeting how the resolution was utilized in their departments to ensure safety
110 measures were taken. Ms. Fellner said there is a method; that would be done.

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112 Mr. Johnson moved to adopt Resolution #16-173 as presented. Mr. Ott second. All voted in
113 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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115 **B. Pier Inspection – Chao and Associates Fee Proposal, Administrator Fellner.** This
116 item deleted from the agenda by approved motion, see Item 3. Agenda Approval, above.

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118 **C. Myrtle Swash Expense, Administrator Fellner.**

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120 Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper, a copy of which is on file, which is to authorize an
121 additional \$11,750 for supplies because the scope of the project increased to build an additional 360-
122 square feet on the retaining wall. Ms. Fellner said this was presented for approval, because her authority
123 was limited to \$10,000.

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125 Mr. Courtney said council held a special meeting for this expenditure on September 15th when a
126 quote was presented for the emergency project. He said nothing was done for several weeks and he did
127 not understand how things had changed. Ms. Fellner said staff acted on the project right away; building
128 supplies are already staged at the 4th Avenue parking lot. When the engineer performed the geo-
129 technical survey, he found the wall needed to extend another 40-feet. Mr. Courtney asked if that survey
130 had been done prior to the September 15th meeting. Ms. Fellner said no; it had not been completed,
131 because this was an emergency they wanted to get the materials and complete the project as soon as
132 possible. Right now, when you look at the swash, Sea Cloisters to the north side of the swash lost a
133 significant amount more property during Hurricane Matthew. During the hurricane, the site was checked
134 six or eight times a day to see what was happening. She was afraid the wash out would extend to the
135 heating/air condition system or even into the house. But, thankfully, it did not.

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137 Mr. Johnson called *point of order*, before discussion is held a motion had to be made, according
138 to *Robert's Rules of Order*. Mr. Johnson moved to approve an additional \$11,750 to complete the Myrtle
139 swash improvements. Ms. Samples second.

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141 Mr. Courtney continued asking why this was not checked sooner, and why the swash was not
142 braced, since we knew a hurricane was coming. Now, there is an additional \$11,750 requested. He has
143 seen the materials and equipment at 4th Avenue, but he has not seen any work being done during that
144 time. Ms. Fellner said the work cannot begin until she authorizes the contract, and she would not
145 authorize the contract if it was \$11,750 more than what council authorized, because it was over her
146 \$10,000 authorization limit. Mr. Courtney asked why the project was not let for bids. Ms. Fellner said it
147 would have taken two to four weeks to develop the bid package, because an engineer would have to
148 write specifications, and the bid would have to be let for 30 or 60 days. The bid process is a long
149 procedure, and we need to get this project done as soon as possible.

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151 Mr. Pellegrino referenced the October 7th quote and said the amount is \$154,250. Ms. Fellner
152 said that amount did not include the engineering quote that she did not provide again. Mr. Pellegrino
153 asked if between the two inspections, the engineer figured out an additional 40 feet was needed. Ms.
154 Fellner said yes, when the engineer did the final inspection. That is common; the same thing happened
155 at the 3rd Avenue South swash. Mr. Pellegrino asked if the \$154,250 was an estimate or a quote. Ms.
156 Fellner said it was a quote. The construction quote and engineering came to \$155,000. Now, because
157 the scope of the project increased for an additional 40 feet, the cost has increased by \$11,750. Mr.
158 Pellegrino understood, but the contractor actually gave a quote. Ms. Fellner said once the town's
159 engineer changed the scope of the work, the contractor is allowed to alter his pricing.

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161 Mr. Ott said the town does not have an engineer. Ms. Fellner said we do for this project, it is
162 DDC Engineers. Mr. Ott asked if councilmembers could be given a tour of the project so they can
163 understand exactly what is being paid for. The price was just raised, and we did not know that the
164 engineering was not included in the quote. Ms. Fellner said the engineering was in the quote. Once the

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165 engineer started working on the project, he found that an additional 360 square feet was necessary to
166 complete the project correctly. Those extra 360 square feet increased the fee for materials by \$11,750.
167 Mr. Ott said that was their mistake. Ms. Fellner, said no. It was a change by the town's engineer to
168 lengthen the swash, and the contractor has to amend the price. Mr. Ott was confused by "our engineer"
169 since he is employed by DDC. Ms. Fellner reiterated that he is the town's engineer for the purposes of
170 this project.

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172 Mr. Pellegrino had no interest in being involved with what staff is supposed to be doing. But,
173 regardless, this is our contracted engineer. They made a mistake, obviously, and Ms. Fellner seemed to
174 act like that was a common occurrence. Ms. Fellner said it is a common occurrence in this type project.
175 Mr. Pellegrino understood that things changed in the field, but we need to hold them accountable to
176 make sure the town gets the right estimate the first time. There were probably details that he did not
177 know, and he understood that, but just because we are contracting with them, we need to hold them to
178 the fire to make sure we get the best results so we do not have unknown expenses come up. Ms. Fellner
179 said she heard him.

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181 Mr. Courtney said it was important that the town watch its money. This project is going to be
182 \$12,000 more. Our engineers need to be more careful when giving prices. The council held a special
183 meeting to authorize the repair. It was a little concerning to him, and he agreed with Mr. Pellegrino.

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185 Mr. Stevens did not agree with any of this project. He had a private company bid for the same
186 job for a 190 foot wall June 2014. The material cost was \$30,121.40; the total price was \$59,990. He
187 had a copy of the quote, if anyone wanted to see it. He asked why the town was paying nearly two-and-
188 half times the amount for a Redi Rock wall was beyond him. The \$59,990 price included engineering,
189 and Earthworks Group was the company. His personal opinion was that the taxpayers were being
190 [bilked,] to say the least. He realized that two years had passed, but that product has not increased that
191 much. He could not vote for another \$12,000 for this project that was already overpriced. He asked if
192 bids were let on this project. Ms. Fellner said no, this was an emergency procurement.

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194 Mr. Ott asked whether Ms. Fellner had the cost for the 3rd Avenue South swash. Ms. Fellner did
195 not, but would provide that information to him. Mr. Ott said that was similar to this project. Ms. Fellner
196 said it was. Mr. Ott said he could understand the project better with a visual inspection, and reiterated
197 he and some other councilmembers would tour the project. Ms. Fellner suggested that councilmembers
198 come in smaller groups to view the project. Mr. Ott asked if there would be a charge for the tour. Ms.
199 Fellner said no.

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201 Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino, and
202 Samples voted in favor. Councilmember Stevens voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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204 **D. Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) Reappointment: Ms. Holly Watson.** Mr. Ott moved
205 to reappoint Ms. Holly Watson to the BZA for a four-year term. Mr. Courtney second.

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207 Mr. Ott said Ms. Watson has served on the BZA for about eight years, while he was serving as
208 chairman of that board. Ms. Watson helped greatly in a lot of different issues with the town residents.

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210 Mr. Courtney said he, too, served on the BZA along with Ms. Watson for two years. She is a very
211 valuable asset to the BZA. She is very knowledgeable and very good for the board.

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

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218 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION** – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.
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220 Mr. Ott asked Ms. Fellner to have staff place on the next meeting agenda to move the town clerk
221 directly under Town Council as it was for many, many years. As one of the liaisons, he thought that
222 change could be made and work directly with the town administrator so everything would be done
223 appropriately.
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225 Mayor Childs asked if that should be discussed in executive session, because it was a personnel
226 matter. Ms. Fellner said it is a personnel matter. Mayor Childs said it could be on the agenda for
227 executive session next meeting.
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229 Mr. Ott said he was not afraid of speaking out to the people. Mayor Childs said it was policy,
230 because it was a personnel matter. Mr. Ott said it did not include any cost or salary or anything.
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232 Mr. Courtney said he also was a liaison for the town clerk. He thought it would be beneficial to
233 council to have her moved under council at this time. In the past the position was under council, and he
234 did not know why the position was moved under the administrator. He agreed with Mr. Ott that the clerk
235 should report to council only.
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237 Mr. Ott reiterated that he wanted the discussion held in front of the town. Mayor Childs said
238 once executive session was over, it could still be discussed in public. Mr. Ott said that then everyone
239 could say what they wanted in public so everyone could hear it.
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241 Mr. Stevens concurred with Mr. Ott and Mr. Courtney. He thought this was a wise move to bring
242 the clerk back under the council. That was the way it was when he was first elected, and somehow it got
243 changed. I think it is a good step in the right direction and would work to benefit the council.
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245 Mr. Fellner said she did not have "a dog in this fight," if council wants to do this, that would be
246 fine. The reason it would be discussed in executive session is because when you discuss one person who
247 works for the town in public, there is the potential for things to be said that could be a liability for the
248 town. Ms. Fellner said, "I strongly would like my objection to this noted, if you want to do it in public and
249 not in executive session."
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251 Mr. Johnson agreed with Ms. Fellner. It is a personnel matter. If council so wishes to make
252 comments in open discussion, they can do that. But as a sitting body, it is a personnel matter and our
253 bylaws indicate that we need to discuss personnel matters in executive session. You can say whatever
254 you want to in public after the executive is held, but you must go into executive session.
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256 Mr. Ott said he totally did not believe in that. If he cannot say it in front of the people in town,
257 then it should not be said.
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259 Mr. Johnson reiterated that council can go into executive session to discuss anything you want
260 to, and then come out and say anything you want during regular session. As a personnel matter, he was
261 pretty sure this was a state law, at least our bylaws indicate that we need to discuss personnel matters in
262 executive session. He did not care what was said when the executive session was over. He was totally
263 for discussing it in executive session. This did not indicate what his decision would be, and you would
264 probably be surprised.
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266 Mr. Courtney asked if someone would find out if this is state law to clarify this.
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268 Mr. Ott said he would not attend the executive session.
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270 Ms. Samples wanted to bring the tree ordinance for discussion prior to the storm. She wanted
271 council to revisit the tree ordinance. (*Applause*) She hoped that council would support doing so. She has
272 been very upfront about the fact that the town is overregulated. The ordinance is too restrictive. If
273 anything, the storm showed us that people who come into town and wanted to remove a tree because
274 they felt it was hanging over their home, or driveway, or shed, and were concerned that it would fall and
275 the town would not allow it to be taken down, and sure enough, those trees fell. She did not like the
276 tree ordinance as a member of the public, and she still did not like it now. She asked Ms. Fellner if the
277 tree ordinance could be brought back. She thought a workshop would be helpful. Ms. Samples said she
278 knew council had "beat the tree ordinance to death," but we need to seriously look at making it a little
279 easier for our residents to maintain their property, not just for their safety, but also for their neighbors'
280 safety. She hoped council would concur at this time to bring the tree ordinance back.

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282 Mr. Stevens concurred.

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284 Mr. Courtney agreed with Ms. Samples saying the tree ordinance has always been too strict.
285 We've been overregulating this too long. He had heard this from his neighbors. He personally saw trees
286 go down during the storm. There was one at [5th] Avenue North across from the CVS that was
287 completely hollow. It took out a beautiful historical building. It is a shame. We have discussed this in
288 the past. An Ocean Pines I resident had an almost two month battle to take down a tree. It was
289 ridiculous what went on. The ordinance is definitely too strict and needs to be reviewed.

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291 Mayor Childs said if councilmembers agreed, a workshop should be held about the tree
292 ordinance. Town Council **CONCURRED**.

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294 Mr. Courtney thought council should go into a budget workshop, because there was a lot of
295 damage from the storm, and assessments were still on-going. It is a learning process. We made it
296 through, but some communities did not do as well as the town. He believed the department directors
297 should attend to answer questions about councilmembers' concerns. Other than some communication
298 issues, staff did a great job. He was very impressed with the difference with drainage at 14th Avenue
299 South after it was cleaned. Overall, the town did well, and we will wait until the assessments come back.
300 We need to very careful with our finances; it is very important to watch what is going on, because the
301 recovery will be costly.

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303 Ms. Samples added that she thought it was important to have a workshop about the town's pier
304 and what would happen with it. Whether we are going to rebuild the pier, and if so, how would it be
305 built? What is our town's vision for what the pier needs to be? It's been a fishing pier. It's publicly
306 owned, unlike other piers that are privately owned. She not only thought council needed to discuss
307 financing, but she really wanted public input on the vision for the pier area. (*Applause*) Will it be built
308 shorter; wider; she thought it was important that before plans were made, council have a workshop and
309 let the public speak. She did not know what the best use was at this point. She wanted public input
310 about the pier area and how it would be rebuilt, if it was rebuilt.

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312 Mayor Childs said Ms. Fellner spoke earlier about having a workshop once some information was
313 compiled about the pier. Before anything is done, he thought three public meetings should be held to
314 allow as many people as possible to attend. That will be a fairly involved subject. He asked if council
315 agreed.

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317 Mr. Stevens agreed.

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319 Mr. Pellegrino said Mr. Courtney and Ms. Samples both made suggestions about workshops,
320 which he thought were needed. Nothing can come before the budget workshop, because the town just
321 spent money on beach renourishment, and the swash expenditure. Now, the pier also needs funding,
322 which will probably cost \$1 million plus. Council needs to understand where the money will come from

323 before we can talk to the public or think about rebuilding. Mr. Pellegrino thought the budget workshop
324 was a priority; sooner than later, because there were three huge expenditures all at one time.
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326 Ms. Fellner said when the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Statement) is completed, which
327 she hoped would be in December, then a workshop could be scheduled. Holding it prior to the CAFR
328 presentation would be premature. She understood Mr. Pellegrino's comment, but thought "budget"
329 might not be the right word. A meeting about the big expenditures could certainly be held, but the
330 figures would not be ready for a "budget" meeting.
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332 Mr. Pellegrino said he was basically looking at what money would be spent on. If the town
333 decides to have a pier, some services may have to be cut. Council did not need to know details to adopt
334 a budget; the budget is already in place. The existing budget can be reviewed to determine priorities as
335 Ms. Samples said, and determine what is necessary to fund. He personally did not want to take on debt,
336 but that was a possibility. Increasing taxes was another possibility. He would not vote for either of those
337 options. That workshop needs to take place before December.
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339 Mr. Ott agreed with Mr. Pellegrino. We have to see how much money we have left to keep this
340 town running for another year. Do not think that the pier will cost any less than \$2 million. We have to
341 have ideas from the people, because he would not do anything with the pier without a referendum from
342 the people. He did not see money anywhere to rebuild right now. Probably the only way to do it is to
343 float bonds. There just is not enough money, because we have a lot of infrastructure that has to be
344 done, and we have to be wise with the way we spend our money. We always like to see that pier out
345 there, but it will cost a lot of money. He thought it would be a waste of time to bring in architects at this
346 point, because we do not know how the budget will come out this year. We will work hand-in-hand on
347 that and then we will look at rebuilding the pier and making it substantial once we do it.
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349 Mr. Courtney wanted to be clear. We have been looking at the pier. He and Ms. Fellner met
350 under the pier prior to the storm. The pier has been neglected for quite some time. It has not been
351 maintained. It is very important that the public has a lot of input about what will happen with the pier.
352 It is severely damaged and before the town pumps more money into, we really need to know all the facts
353 on costs. He agreed with Mr. Ott and all other councilmembers that the public will need to decide what
354 we will do. The cost could be from \$2 million to \$4 million. He did not support floating a bond or for
355 raising taxes at this point, because it was a really hard decision.
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357 Mr. Stevens was glad that Ms. Samples brought up a workshop on the pier. He liked Mr.
358 Pellegrino's comments. The reality is if we decide to rebuild the pier, it has to be paid for. That is money
359 the town does not have. Beach renourishment is costing \$1 million plus. He was glad the project did not
360 start before the storm. We have to consider that and get public input to see if this what the public wants
361 to do. If the public wants a pier, and the town wants a pier, then maybe a public referendum as Mr. Ott
362 suggested would be needed. The pier is one of the town's main parks. Maybe some other things could
363 be done around the pier, as well. The taxpayers are the only people who can pay for it. The question is
364 how much more money in taxes do you want to pay? Bring your comments to Town Council. Let us
365 make sure we do everything the right way and it is the right thing for the town.
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367 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)
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369 Mr. Ken Laukhuff, 7th Avenue North. I'm glad Ms. Samples brought up the trees. That's been a
370 bone in my [behind] for a long time. If I want to cut down a tree, I want to cut down a tree. The
371 reason I want to cut down a tree is because it is going to do harm either to my home or a neighbor's
372 home. Trim a tree; same thing. If I want to trim my tree, let me trim my tree. Why do I have to get
373 someone to come out and tell me I need a tree arborist? Then I have to wait and then I have to get a
374 permit. The cost of that is crazy. Two of my neighbors just had to go through the same thing; wait for
375 the tree arborist appointment, and it took four to five weeks. Then they had to get a permit, and then

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376 they had to find someone to cut the tree. It is ridiculous; it is just ridiculous. Too much money for the
377 permit. Too much time for a tree arborist. I never heard of such a thing. [Regarding] the pier, I've
378 been here since 1988. That pier has been a problem for a long time. Shorten it up. Don't keep building
379 it out. God doesn't want it out there or he wouldn't keep knocking it down. That's my thought on the
380 pier. Thank you.

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382 Ms. Linda Chrisman, 10th Avenue North. I'd like to thank council and the city for all their efforts
383 that the put forth, plus Santee Cooper, even though they are not here. I appreciate them getting us
384 back online. One thing I would like is to make a request is when you discuss the tree ordinance, could
385 you also please bring up the liability issue or the ownership of the treed lots? I have one next to me that
386 is causing me great stress. I had one of their large pines come down in my back yard. There's also four
387 that have been pushed sideways. I don't own this lot, so could you please also include that in your
388 discussion as to how we can get these lot owners to step up, take responsibility or do some maintenance,
389 something? Thank you.

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391 Mr. David Goodall, 12th Avenue North. I actually have a tree resting on the house right now that
392 the town said could not be removed. So, it is a big problem. It's going to be more costly to remove it at
393 this point, because now there is a fence around the back yard and it's going to be hard to get equipment
394 in there, and of course, I can't get anybody to return phone calls at this point. So, it's still resting on the
395 house, and it's something the town said we could not remove.

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397 Ms. Susan Clark, Juniper Drive. First of all, I want to thank everybody on the council, public
398 works, first responders, and everybody who was taking care of us during the storm. I also want to thank
399 all the citizens of Surfside Beach. It is a family beach, because your neighbors all became your family.
400 Everybody helped each other out. Everybody looked out for each other, and I just think it's a wonderful
401 thing and that is why our town is great. Now, you may not agree with everything, but I do agree about
402 the trees. You probably haven't seen somebody come to a council meeting before with snake boots, a
403 shovel, and a head lamp (*displayed the items*). When I moved here there were five homes on my block.
404 Now there are nine homes. The empty lots that were there and since constructed on were jungles. Well,
405 my nice little place with heavily damaged oak trees that Surfside Beach has continuously fought me on
406 every issue getting them trimmed, getting them anything. So, all the little critters called Copperheads
407 showed up in my yard this year. Now, I've had problems before. I had a dog bitten in the face before
408 that cost me \$600 to save her life. The day before the first election this year, my little dog "Puff" who
409 many of you may remember that came to the 2008 Christmas tree lighting dressed as Mrs. Santa, and
410 was almost a bigger hit than Santa. Puff is a mini long haired Dachshund. She was viciously attacked by
411 a raccoon. She is alive; blind in one eye; missing an ear; cost me a \$1,000 to save her life. Then, I start
412 dealing with the Copperheads. These snake boots and this shovel are all the protection I have. I threw
413 turpentine on the last snake because he was so big, he could hit me above the boots. The strike range is
414 two-thirds of the length when they are coiled. I could have been bitten by a Copperhead. From ten
415 o'clock at night when I usually start letting my dogs out, I have to leave them in the house and inspect
416 my yard head to toe. Smash any of the Copperheads I've seen; I have pictures on my phone if you
417 would like to see them. Then, there are the ones that get away. Now it is not a nest in my yard. It's
418 the disruption every time they build a house. Growth is necessary to any town. But, when you have
419 jungle lots that have been there since God created the earth, they need to be cleared out. It represents
420 a hazard. I had a raccoon (***) tear my dog apart. As the weather got cooler, and the Copperheads are
421 no longer nocturnal, then I had to start going out just after six o'clock at night. This is not what I want
422 to do: wear a head lamp, snake boots, and carry a shovel. I want to sit on my back porch, listen to the
423 ocean, and listen to the beautiful sounds, and not be in terror every single night. My house would not be
424 such a great habitat, if I were allowed to remove some of the trees. I don't want to clear-cut my lot.
425 However, when they did clear-cut the lots on Melody Lane the fine was \$10,000. If I wanted to willfully
426 break the law, since I only have one lot, that's \$5,000 I would have been fined would have saved me a
427 lot of money since 2002. Right now, with my wind and hail, everybody knows what we pay in premiums.
428 Deductibles are awful. My damage is not quite as much as my deductible. So, guess what? I have to

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429 come up with money from somewhere, somehow, and a tree that's going to fall on my neighbor's house.
430 [sic] I'll keep this brief, the neighbor on the other side of me has been fighting Surfside Beach to get a
431 tree down for I don't know how long. It, too, is still resting on their house today when it uprooted and
432 came down from the storm. I love trees. I love wildlife. I love birds. But, I still think I should have the
433 right to cut down dangerous trees and not wait for them to kill somebody or destroy my property, which
434 is a big inconvenience. Thank you. Thank you everybody for being here and what you do. *(Applause)*
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436 Mr. Michael Smith, 5th Avenue North. Like the nice lady before me, I also want to congratulate
437 you for the performance for everything you did during the storm. Mayor Childs: Mr. Smith, please state
438 your name and address for the record. Mr. Smith did so and continued: We couldn't ask for a better
439 council. Y'all just did the right thing at the right time for the right reason. Nobody can ever fault you for
440 that. I think even if the eleven o'clock news showed up, you can explain it. That's always been a motto
441 of mine. If I can't explain it on the eleven o'clock news, I don't do it. I think y'all are covered there as
442 well. Finally, I was sitting in the back not thinking very much about talking about the law tonight, but
443 this thing about the personnel matter came up. As a citizen, not speaking as an attorney, I think it would
444 be imprudent to discuss personnel matters outside of executive session in an open forum like this. When
445 we're talking, when I walked up here, I knew I was supposed to say my name and say where I live. But
446 I didn't. It could've gone the other way. I could've walked up here and had Joe DiMaggio on my mind or
447 something and decided that I was going to say that's who I was. It would have been an incorrect
448 statement. Sometimes things just slip out. I guess we could ask Donald Trump about that; things keep
449 slipping out there. If it slips out when I'm saying it, or one of you individually saying it, not sitting *en*
450 *banc*, *en banc* means together as a council, if you're just talking then you can be sued, and you can be
451 held liable for those derogatory remarks individually. But when you're sitting together *en banc*, and you
452 say something, whether you meant to or whether it's just an interpretation, because all of us have
453 different ways of interpreting different phrases, then it puts you as a group liable. It puts the all of us
454 *(indicated the audience with is hands)* liable, because if a suit comes out of it, guess who funds that? So
455 I would just ask that you keep those personnel matters in executive session. Again, that's not what I
456 came up to talk about. I came up here to say hey, you guys did a great job! *(Speaker's emphasis)* Every
457 one of you. Thank you.
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459 Mr. David Reed, North Myrtle Drive. To go along with the woman who spoke earlier, Cathy and I
460 do own one of those vacant lots. About six years ago, we went to the town to get a permit to cut some
461 trees. I had to go get a survey, and it had to locate all the trees, the diameter, and at the time you were
462 allowed to take down a percentage. I think it was 10-percent; maybe it was more. I did that. But it was
463 a large cost to get all that done. About three or four months ago, I went back to the town, because I
464 saw someone else clearing a lot. I thought maybe they changed the ordinance, and the town said no.
465 You cannot cut any trees on your lot unless you're building a house. So, for that woman who says clear
466 the lots, you can't as it sits right now, unless you people know more than I do about that. Two years
467 ago, I built a house on 12th Avenue North. Before construction, I went in, brought the survey and I was
468 told which trees I could cut and which ones I couldn't. There were several trees I wanted to cut down.
469 At that time, another house was being built out back. There was a large pine tree in the rear corner. I
470 went back to Ms. Morris and I said that it's going to cause trouble for that back house. No problem. I
471 got a chance to cut it down while I had a 44,000 pound excavator in there doing it. There were two
472 other trees I wanted down. Couldn't get those down. While the house was under construction, one of
473 the neighbors came over and said he would like to put a pool up. Those two trees I wanted down are
474 dropping stuff all over his side, and it's going to make a mess of his pool. I went to the town. The town
475 said you can cut down that gum tree, because the town does not like gum trees. The other gentleman
476 paid for that tree to come down. It cost a lot more money, because I now have a house under
477 construction and I couldn't take it down with a 44,000 pound machine. It had to be climbed, roped, cut,
478 and hauled away. I could not take down the other tree. It was a Hickory. It wasn't an endangered tree,
479 I don't believe. It wasn't dead, so we couldn't get an arborist to let us cut it down. That tree is now
480 sitting on that gentleman's house. It should've been cut down. Thank you.
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482 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**
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484 Ms. Samples: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Everyone has been incredibly patient the last few days
485 with getting the power on. Santee Cooper has been phenomenal, and we are so appreciative that they
486 got into town quickly. We are so sorry for those other streets that it took until, I guess, late this
487 afternoon to get power. I'm hoping everybody has power now. Santee Cooper was out on 13th Avenue
488 North and they were working on getting a tree untangled from the lines. So, I'm hopeful that you all
489 have power. If you don't, let us know, because Ms. Fellner has been harassing Santee Cooper, I'm sure.
490 I know a lot of us have been harassing Santee Cooper, and we have been met with smiles, and
491 absolutely, whatever we can do. They've been so kind, and you all have been so patient. We appreciate
492 that. But, again, if you have issues, let us know. The more you let us know, the more we can take care
493 of things. Staff, again, did a phenomenal job. They were here morning, noon, and night. Those of us
494 who stayed saw them out working. Family and friends were bringing them food to eat, while they were
495 out cleaning the streets. So, thank you, thank you, thank you. I can't thank you enough. As it relates to
496 the pier, I think we have a lot of options that we're going to need to discuss. Even if we do a
497 public/private partnership, which hasn't been discussed. Before we start talking about raising taxes and
498 floating bonds, and all those good things, I think we have a number of things we can look at. I'm hoping
499 that we're going to get some input from those of you who have some ideas. Thank you for coming out
500 tonight. It was an important night, I think, for you to be here. We like to hear what you have to say.
501 Those people who got up and spoke about the trees, I'm with you. I think we can do a lot to ease the
502 burden off our homeowners, and I'm going to be an advocate for that happening. Thank you, again.
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504 Mr. Stevens: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wasn't here during the storm. I actually went to my
505 hometown of Loris. But, I kept up with the town; what was going on. I want to commend Mr. Ott, Mr.
506 Courtney, and Ms. Samples who were always in touch with the administrator. There were texts being
507 exchanged continuously. They were discussing everything. I wasn't in a position to say anything,
508 because I didn't know what was going on here. I want to commend them for what they did. They
509 stepped up to the pumps and they were here for you. In mentioning the trees, I really think about the
510 people that I've seen like the man who was fined nearly \$5,000 for cutting Wax Myrtles one time, or the
511 lady on 7th Avenue who was fined \$4,000 for cutting some trees on a lot that were just a little bit over 4
512 inches. There are a lot of pine trees that are falling. They are dangerous to people. There's a lot of
513 trees. I don't think we need to go and hire an arborist to tell us a tree is dead, when plain common
514 sense will tell you it's dead. Those kind of laws don't make sense. I agree with Ms. Samples. We are
515 overregulated. We're very overregulated on trees, and I applaud her for bringing this up. As far as the
516 pier, I'd like to find out what the people want to do; if they want to spend the money or if they don't
517 want to spend the money. I want to find out what our options are. That's what we really need to do.
518 We need to do our due diligence and make sure that every step we do is [the correct one, and the
519 project] is done right. Thank y'all for coming out. It's good to see a good crowd here tonight. I hope
520 everybody who came through the storm didn't get any home damage. I didn't, but I will say that my
521 neighbor's lot put trees all over my driveway. There is a problem with the vacant lots who have trees all
522 over them. I was at a citizen's house today. Believe me, if the wind was right, he'd have about five pine
523 trees on his home. Thank you for coming out. Have a good evening.
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525 Mr. Ott: I also appreciate every comment and one of the things that would help many people
526 that spoke, Ms. Fellner, I believe there is something in our tree ordinance that we can ask people who
527 own wooded lots to clear the debris off them. That will take out the wild life that is living there. They
528 don't live in this town anymore. They don't pay any taxes. Maybe 20 years ago, we had them. We don't
529 have them. When I first moved here, we had a whole lot of wildlife. We had foxes, otters, and they're
530 just not here anymore. There's too many of us human beings here. But, we can ask those lot owners to
531 clear them off, and you won't have to worry about snakes. I have cotton mouth snakes. They're coming
532 out of the lake. I have never figured out a way to stop them. What Ms. Fellner and her staff did was
533 terrific. They did guide, and I have to commend them. It was a learning phase for all of us. We learned
534 how to communicate. We wanted to work as a team. The council here communicates with the people.

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535 We have to know from staff and the administration what way you're going; what you're doing, so we can
536 tell the people. We don't want to tell your staff anything. I don't want to be John Adair. I definitely
537 didn't want to be the fire chief during that. But, we have good people and they handled that very, very
538 well. Ms. Fellner was in the center. She has her little blow up mattress. She never left. She was here.
539 You've got to commend her for that. We can do something about the underbrush, I believe. And, the
540 tree ordinance, thank you, Ms. Samples. Yes, we should have gone after this a long time ago. I've seen
541 the problems with it, and that poor lady on 7th Avenue. She was just clearing a path to go to the lake so
542 she could see that lake in there. Then she put the evidence over by the street, and they saw it. It's not
543 the zoning department; it's not the administrator. It's the way we have these ordinances. They're not
544 logical in certain ways. That's what we need to erase a lot of it and rewrite it. The storm, I hope we all
545 realize...Wow. If we see a large storm out there, maybe we're not all going to stay next time. Maybe
546 this was a blessing that we all learned. I think I did. I'm going to grab the wife and the dog, and I'm
547 going to go to Loris, and see [Mr. Stevens'] house. Thank you for all your input. We need your input.
548 This is the only way we hear everything that happens; when you communicate with us. I'm sorry the
549 trees fell. But, you know, the Lord did that and we can tell him about in our prayers. We got rid of a lot
550 of old trees that weren't any good. They were bug infested. Thank you for coming out.

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552 Mayor Childs: A few years ago, we had some fires, not in town, but out of town that were
553 caused by some of these vacant lots, and I had a motion at the time that people would have to do the
554 underbrush on these vacant lots. I was shot down. The reason was the wildlife had to have a place to
555 live. But, I did want to see the underbrush taken out. I think it's necessary. For one thing, it's a fire
556 hazard. We get hot summers around here. It's all dry. I have a lot next to me that half of the trees are
557 dead and it's just underbrush. You can't hardly walk through it. I think the people that own it should be
558 required to keep them up and get some of that underbrush out, and dead trees. I don't know what you
559 have to do to get them to get a tree off of it, if was leaning towards your house. You don't want to
560 spend any money to do this. So, I would hope council, maybe this round, would do something about the
561 underbrush on these vacant lots, because to me they have always been a problem. To follow up with
562 this young lady there with the snakes and all; people going by flick a cigarette out. It could happen very
563 easily. As far as the pier, I think we're going to get plenty of input before we go into this thing. We're
564 going to make sure that everybody is able to speak; everybody has the different options, and sees
565 everything that council sees. I'm sure the administrator is going to contact people that do build piers.
566 Get their ideas; get ideas on the length. The length of the pier has to be looked into. What is the reason
567 it's 300 foot? What is the reason it's 600 foot? [We have to consider] every little detail while we are
568 doing this. I would hope, and I'm pretty sure that even if we did do a new pier, let's say worst case
569 scenario that it would have concrete pylons, and it could have plank wood topping, which would look
570 good as opposed to a concrete walkway. I know that the pier planking has about a ten year life span.
571 I'm sure there would be a significant cost savings by doing that. I know the administrator is going to
572 make sure that she has plenty of options to look at and we'll have, as I said before, I'd like to have at
573 least three public meetings on this, because a lot of times you might be out of town, or you may not feel
574 well. I think if we had three meetings that would cover everybody and every opportunity that they might
575 have to get here. I can assure you that this will not be done very quickly, and everybody will have all the
576 input that is necessary. And, once again, Ms. Fellner, I want to thank you for what you did during this
577 last storm. I know you spent nights and days around here. Even our town clerk came in to make sure
578 we had our packets. Debbie Ellis who made sure that everybody who stayed around here did have three
579 meals. I know that. The fire department [was here.] The police department was doing a great job,
580 because a friend of mine got stopped coming in while I was on the phone with him at the time. The
581 police did stop him, as they were supposed to, because they didn't know who was driving the car and for
582 what reason. Although, he did live in town, and produced town credentials, and everything was okay.
583 They did do their job, and they did it well. So, again, I want to thank you. I want to thank the whole
584 staff. You couldn't have done a better job, even in hindsight, I think you covered everything. Thank
585 you.
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587 Mr. Courtney: I don't want to beat a dead horse, or a dead tree (*laughter*), but talking on the
588 trees, if anybody knows about trees, when I bought my house in 2008, I live on 15th and Poplar, and
589 there was nothing but woods on Block 25. I'll tell you. I've been through a lot. I've been through 9-11,
590 Hurricane Sandy, and now Hurricane Matthew. I never thought I would ever see the day I would look up
591 and see a pine tree snapping when there was ice on them, and coming down on my house. But, every
592 time I started my chainsaw I had the police rolling up on me, and I felt like a criminal, because I wanted
593 to cut down my tree. It got a little crazy, and yes, the tree ordinance is a little strict. As far as the
594 owners, I had to chase the people [that owned the property next to mine]. I had to get a lawyer and
595 send out legal notices to them to get them to try to cut back their trees. I absolutely got nowhere,
596 because they would not accept the certified letters that they were getting from my attorney. So, I was
597 actually blessed. They built some homes by me, and they took all those pine trees down. I thought I
598 had seen it all, but when you get an ice storm and you see those pine trees snap, I was like, oh my, I
599 couldn't believe what I was seeing. There were just coming down, and they cracked my driveway. I'm
600 glad this was brought up. We need to work on the tree ordinance. It's very important. I know there's
601 no one in this community that wants to take down trees unless it's absolutely necessary. So, I really do
602 understand that. I'm all in favor of changing the ordinance. I also sat on the BZA and some older people
603 who cut down trees came before the board, and they were fined pretty heavy for doing so. I thought it
604 was excessive for them to be fined that much money. I know in their hearts they did not mean to do
605 that. So, I do want to work on that ordinance. As far as the pier goes, yes, I'd love to see the pier
606 rebuilt. Again, I think the pier has been neglected for a long time. We've put a lot of money into the
607 pier. I think it's important that we make that decision as a community what we want to do with the pier.
608 Am I in favor of floating a bond? No, but if we do it will be up to the public to decide. It's something
609 that we really need to work on with the community to have their input. It is very important. As far as
610 Hurricane Matthew, I want to thank the staff. I want to thank Ms. Fellner. We did get our
611 communication straight. We councilmembers represent the people of this community. It was important
612 to get our message out to the staff and to the administrator about what we needed during this hurricane.
613 My wife, kids, and I stayed. We really had nowhere else to go at this point. As everybody knows, it was
614 very difficult to find a hotel room. When you have a family; two kids, and it's \$300 a night, plus you've
615 got to feed four people, you're talking about \$300 to \$500 a day to be out of town. It was very
616 expensive, so I hope the administrator understands that. There's a lot of people that did not leave,
617 because they didn't know what to expect. We came together as a community. We stayed together.
618 Worked together, and worked with Ms. Fellner and we got our communications across. We did very well.
619 If there is still anybody without power, I have a couple of generators. I have no problem letting you use
620 them. Please, let me know. We're all here to help each other. Thank you very much for coming out.

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622 Mr. Pellegrino: Since the storm ended, a lot of people have thanked me for my contributions.
623 Honestly, I want to say it was all the staff. I think the best thing I did was stay out of staff's way. So,
624 really, there's no need to thank me. But, please, do take the time to thank the staff, because they did an
625 excellent job. Basically, they covered all the bases. We've been through storms before. Probably not
626 the same as this storm. But, they have a process. They went through the process and they had good
627 leadership through the process, and we came out the other side pretty well. So, thank you, Ms. Fellner,
628 and please pass the thanks on to the rest of staff. Now, Ms. Fellner and Mr. Adair have a great strength
629 that they can use right now. That strength is getting FEMA grants for all these expenses we're incurring
630 on the cleanup. She mentioned that possibility and I do fully expect that they will go for that. I
631 remember when we had the ice storm a couple of years ago, they got about \$220,000 back from FEMA
632 to cover all our expenses. So, they are very skilled at that; that's another skill they have. We do look
633 forward to that. Ordinances, it's good that we're talking about ordinances. I'm glad that Ms. Samples
634 brought it up. Not just the tree ordinance, but I was in a business committee meeting and we went over
635 the sign ordinance. Our sign ordinance is over 20 pages. Pawleys Island's has a sign ordinance that is a
636 page and a half. A page and a half is really easy to understand on what you have to do. The 22 pages
637 are all lawyer talk and I have no idea what it means. We do need to focus, and did talk to Ms. Fellner
638 about that. We need to push forward on cleaning up, simplifying. A comment was made that we need
639 to rewrite sections, and do this. We don't need to rewrite sections. We need to throw it out and start

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640 over. That's the problem. We rewrite a certain section, and it is still complicated and it makes it more
641 complicated, not just for residents, or businesses owners, but for planning and zoning to enforce. I mean
642 it's very difficult. That is a huge project, but we do have the tree ordinance, the sign ordinance, we have
643 about five specific ordinances that are always hot topics. So that's where we need to start. As far as
644 the tree ordinance, I did vote yes for the current tree ordinance. In discussion I did say that I think it's
645 overregulation. I admit, I still voted yes for it. The comment was made that everyone's not going to cut
646 down their trees, but probably everyone will and we'll end up looking like Carolina Forest. That's a side
647 point. I still agree, it's overregulation and the property owner should make that decision. I'm kind of
648 concerned, because today I heard that the residents should be able to make decisions on what to do to
649 the trees, but then we should regulate more of the lots that aren't developed. I mean we have taken
650 regulation away from some and adding regulation to others. That's something we, obviously, need to
651 make sure the whole process is fair. That's fine; I'm glad Ms. Samples brought that up, and I agree we
652 can do better with that. The last thing I want to mention is the power of good neighbors. During this
653 cleanup process, it's really been great to see. We have a large older population in Surfside Beach, and
654 how people are just going over and helping other people; asking what they need, and running around
655 with their chainsaws, picking up branches, and helping the people who need to be helped. That's a great
656 thing to see. There are a lot of parts of the country where you don't see that. We have a nice small
657 town here where people know other people, and people check on their neighbors. Coming back from the
658 storm, people were going over and checking on their neighbors to make sure they were alright. That
659 was really positive to see. It was very nice. We have a loving community and that's a great thing.
660 Thank you for coming tonight, and I appreciate all the public comments.
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662 Mr. Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, and thank you Council. Thank you all for coming out
663 tonight. May God bless you. First of all, I want to thank Ms. Fellner and our wonderful staff. They did a
664 tremendous job. I hate to say I told you so, but I told you so that we were going to have a hurricane
665 sometime in the future. *(Laughter)* I didn't know the future was going to be so soon. It was a Category
666 1, but the tail winds, I think, a whole lot worse than a Category 1. Something went crazy somewhere
667 and I've been here for 32 years, and that was a storm to be remembered, for sure. I hope you all went
668 to the fire station and got your orange death wrist with your name on it. *(Laughter)* I did, and I make
669 light of it, but that was a good way to get in and out, if you did choose to stay. But then again, I just say
670 it was a death wrist if they find you floating in the ocean or wherever, or Steve Shore's back yard, or
671 something, not; I'm kidding. I'm not going to finger point, but there was a lot of emails going back and
672 forth and I feel like there was a lot of micromanaging going on with councilmembers. I don't know if it
673 was an insecurity issues or what. I have full faith in our staff. Our staff knows what they are doing, and
674 it's not only our staff that we have to deal with. It's the county; it's the state; it's the electrical
675 companies; it's the telephone companies, so if you want to lay blame on anybody, blame it on me,
676 because I had nothing to do with it. Okay, but again, I just really would like to thank staff. As far as
677 Resolution 16-173 to promote work place safety, that is an on-going issue. That is something that we do
678 every year. We do get some ... *(side conversations being held)* Point of Order, Mr. Mayor, I've got the
679 floor. This is something that we've always done and it's a no-brainer. As far as the stormwater
680 improvements at Myrtle swash goes, I saw an email a week or two ago about someone said that the cost
681 was less than what bids came in at, and I never received an email to that respect, so I cannot comment
682 on that. As far as the wind and hail deductibles, I feel your pain. But there are options out there besides
683 one particular wind and hail association company. With that company you can have 2- to 5-percent
684 deductibles, but then again, there are other options. As for the tree ordinance, I would not have a
685 problem with that, but just remember that everything that we decide has to go through planning and
686 zoning. For the workshop on the pier, I do not have a problem with that. I think there are many, many,
687 many options that we could take a look at, and I think we should. We would be remiss if we did not. As
688 far as the tree ordinance goes, again, that's always a touchy subject. I voted for the tree ordinance, and
689 I did so for a specific reason. This hurricane took a lot of the old trees out; the dilapidated and the
690 hollow trees, and there are some things you can't see until they fall over. You don't know that they are
691 hollow. It's like which way to do you go? Do you go this way or go that way. We've been all over the

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692 gamut in the past 20 to 30 years. Again, those are just my comments. Thank you for coming out. God
693 bless you.

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695 Mayor Childs asked Ms. Fellner to find out if Ms. Morris could visit the gentleman's house that has
696 the tree laying on it to see if there is anything that can be done.

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698 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

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700 Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. Mr. Pellegrino second. All voted
701 in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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703 Prepared and submitted by,

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706 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

707 Approved: October 25, 2016

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