



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 10, 2017 ♦ 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, Samples, and Stevens were in attendance. Councilmembers Johnson and Pellegrino were absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann; Deputy Administrator Harrah; Finance Director King; Fire Chief Otte; Police Chief Hofmann; Public Works Director Adair, and Events Supervisor Ellis.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. A. Invocation:** Pastor Okie Landers from Pine Drive Gospel Church gave the invocation. **B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL.** Mr. Ott moved to adopt the agenda with an amendment to defer Business Items 7.D. Infrastructure Recommendations, and 8.B. §2-113 Town Administrator Duties until the next meeting. Mr. Courtney second. Mr. Stevens moved to amend 8.A. to add the word "Not" before the word "Removing." Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor of the amendment. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.** All members voted in favor of the agenda as amended. **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.**

**4. MINUTES APPROVAL. Emergency Meeting September 9, 2017; Workshop September 12, 2017; Executive Session and Regular Meeting September 26, 2017.** Ms. Samples moved to adopt the minutes of the Emergency Meeting September 9, 2017; Workshop September 12, 2017; Executive Session and Regular Meeting September 26, 2017 as presented. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Ms. Ann Wescott, Cedar Drive North: Okay, I think I'm still on the agenda. Several weeks ago we discussed repaving our existing 40-year-old driveway, which is not in a flood area. We contacted a local company you would all recognize to request an estimate. There was no return call. After attending the last council meeting, I understood why. I contacted them a second time. They informed they would not come out to give us an estimate until we had a permit. They knew all too well how expensive and time-consuming getting one would be. Our current ordinance makes it prohibitively expensive and difficult for homeowners in the non-flood zone to maintain their existing driveways. I'm not assuming that they can find a company willing to do it at all. Thank you.

Ms. Holly Watson, Oak Drive North: I want to ask you again to immediately reinstate Ms. Morris our planning, building and zoning director, because of all the evidence I have given you, plus the leaked executive session tape reminds us that this was an illegal firing by our administrator and council did not approve it. You can amend the agenda at any time. I would also remind you that I requested that the employee handbook be reviewed. The administrator says in her report that the Municipal Association reviewed it. It's my understanding that she did not follow the recommendations given by them. Please see to it that we mirror and Muni [sic] Association's guidelines, since she also fired our human resources director. It's online. You can look at the handbook. The grievances is what I'm after. Please also remember that you asked her to look into taking the encumbrance of recreation only from Huckabee. You never directed her to go and block the residents with no trespassing tape from the property we paid for. Please immediately remove this tape. We bought it. We ought to be able to use it. Three of you remember the budget meeting and a \$35,000 payroll in January for an assistant. A couple of you are now saying you remember the doubled salary from some executive session. This can be solved easily. Tell me

54 which executive session. Also which executive session approved the \$10,000 Clemson check? I was in  
55 most of the meetings, so it wasn't in public. Please put an end to all these questions, and if you will not  
56 put an end to all these questions, please tell us you will not put an end to these questions. Thank you.  
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58 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**  
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60 **A. St. Michael's Church – 5K Walk/Run for Mission Trip.** Mr. Eddie Alvarez thanked Town  
61 Council for allowing them to present their request. He said I represent St. Michael's Mission Team. The  
62 team seeks permission to hold 5K Walk/Run on Sunday, April 8, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We  
63 also ask that on that day the Council wave legal parking enforcement in the area during the event to  
64 allow those who run to park near where the event will be taking place. We also ask that Town Council  
65 allow us to place banners and signs within the town limits to promote the event. We have coordinated  
66 with town personnel. Liability insurance for the day of the event will be submitted prior to the event date.  
67 The race proceeds will provide funds to purchase supplies to work with the Olancho Aid Foundation, Inc.  
68 a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, faith based organization to build a church, school, or water filtration system for the  
69 children and people of the very poor country Honduras. It also helps defray some of the cost of the 24  
70 team members from St. Michael's who will be traveling to Honduras next June. This is only one of the  
71 many fundraisers that we have to undertake to raise our goal of between \$35 and \$40 thousand. Mr.  
72 Courtney asked where the run would take place. Ms. Herrmann said there is a course laid out in the town  
73 that is used by the annual Turkey Trot. Mr. Courtney asked for a copy of the race path. Ms. Herrmann  
74 said that would be provided to all councilmembers. Ms. Samples said thank you so much for coming  
75 before this council and presenting your plan. Organizing a race in town is a challenge. What type of  
76 support are you looking for from the town? Mr. Alvarez said there would be some police officer  
77 assistance; we will pay off duty officers. We will also work with the Volunteer Ambulance Corp [sic], and  
78 there will be many, many other volunteers. Ms. Samples said I appreciate that. Those who have  
79 organized runs in town before have needed our police and public works assistance. There's a lot to it,  
80 and of course, we want to make sure that safety aspects are first and foremost. Mr. Alvarez said we will  
81 work with town personnel in whatever way necessary. Ms. Samples said if our police chief, public works  
82 director and events supervisor are great with the plan, then I'm great with it. Mr. Stevens said we've  
83 done the Turkey Trot for many years. That's been very successful, and brings many people into town  
84 who dine at our restaurants, and shop here. This is for a good cause. The mission team is helping people,  
85 and that's what America is about: helping people. I'm 100-percent in support. Mr. Ott asked if the race  
86 would last two hours. Mr. Alvarez said eight o'clock to 12 noon. Mr. Ott said you'll need parking for the  
87 participants and helpers. Mr. Alvarez said yes, that is requested so the workers and participants can park  
88 legally without paying the meter. Mr. Ott said I have no problem with this. Mayor Childs asked for  
89 consensus of council to allow the race. Mr. Courtney and Ms. Samples said absolutely. Mayor Childs you  
90 have a **CONCURRENCE of Town Council.**  
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92 **B. Administrator's Report, Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Fellner presented the written report,  
93 a copy of which is attached hereto.  
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95 *Comments regarding pier reconstruction:*  
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97 Mr. Ott said thank you for the report. Insofar as FEMA drawing a line in the sand; it has been  
98 drawn at \$5.6 million, but we need to look at \$7.8 million or more. Ms. Fellner thought one of the highest  
99 numbers exceeded \$9 million. FEMA would have to allow conversion to the 428 Project Plan to reach that  
100 amount. That plan allows for hazard mitigation items and components to be incorporated into the  
101 project. Otherwise, we will have a wood structure, which is likely to be destroyed during the next  
102 Category 1 storm, and then we would go back to FEMA and repeat this process. Mr. Ott asked if the state  
103 representatives were sent any photos. Ms. Fellner said they have photos of the pier and my  
104 understanding is that they have seen the drone footage. Mr. Ott said he wants our elected officials to  
105 know how badly the pier was damaged and how it is affecting our town's revenue.  
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107 Mr. Courtney asked if the town would have an answer from FEMA in 90 days. Ms. Fellner said  
108 since I am told that the Senator Graham's office and Congressman Rice's office are supportive, I'm  
109 hopeful that it will happen before then. I can't say that; there are no certainties dealing with FEMA. Mr.  
110 Courtney said the town needs a decision. We are losing revenue every month we wait. We have to make  
111 a very important decision about which direction we're moving. Ms. Fellner said if council has any other  
112 strategies other than everything I've done, please share them with me. Mr. Courtney asked what the  
113 hired consultants say. Ms. Fellner said the same; when you come to a point where FEMA draws a line  
114 that's when you engage the politicians, and we engaged them immediately. Mr. Courtney said it sounds  
115 like we have a decision. Your report is saying that they came out with a number. Ms. Fellner said that  
116 number is for a Category G project without any hazard mitigation, which is not allowed in a replacement  
117 project. FEMA has refused to collaborate at all on a 428 project. We had a phone meeting and the FEMA  
118 representative, and it was obvious that hadn't even read the documents. Mr. Courtney reiterated his  
119 comments and said council has to make a decision.  
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121 Mayor Childs said council has made a decision. We are working with FEMA. All is not lost yet. We  
122 are still working on it. We're waiting to hear from our congressman and senators, and at that point, we  
123 can do something. He asked Mr. Courtney what he would wanted do, because we are working with the  
124 federal government, and nobody can move the federal government. They are going to move at their own  
125 speed. We know we're losing money. They know were losing money; but, we are going to do it as quickly  
126 as we can. Ms. Fellner is working on this project daily. I can assure you that I personally will call you  
127 when we hear from our congressman and senators, and until they draw the line in the sand, we are still  
128 in fairly good shape. At least we have a fighting chance. Mr. Courtney said Ms. Fellner reported that  
129 FEMA drew a line in the sand and gave us an amount. Mayor Childs said we're going over the FEMA  
130 staff's head at this point.  
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132 Mr. Courtney believed the public had a right to know. He asked if the pier would be completed  
133 for the 2018 season. Ms. Fellner said the answer is no. Mr. Ott said if we need to have another meeting  
134 on this once we hear from our congressmen and senators then will, and make the real decision. Mayor  
135 Childs said after we hear from them, because they were just brought into the discussion. Mr. Courtney  
136 said we need to know where we stand, it's been over a year now. Ms. Fellner said I think I've been very  
137 forthright in where we are at any moment in time. Mr. Courtney said I appreciate that. I just wanted to  
138 bring this to council's attention.  
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140 Mr. Stevens said thank you for sending the letter to our Senators and Congressman about the  
141 problems with FEMA. That was a good action on your part.  
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143 *Comments regarding the Town Organization Chart:*  
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145 Mr. Ott said I believe the organizational chart is a function of Town Council, and council  
146 maintains those charts. Ms. Fellner said the organizational charts change all the time. For instance, the  
147 last change had to do with police functions to make the department more efficient. Sometimes things  
148 happen that require responsibilities to be changed. Mr. Ott reiterated that the organization charts were  
149 within council's responsibility and should be approved by Town Council. Ms. Fellner said only if the  
150 number of employees increases, which is the way it has always been done.  
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152 Mr. Stevens said I have to agree with Mr. Ott that the organizational chart is something that  
153 council should look at.  
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155 *Comments regarding rodent infestation:*  
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157 Mr. Stevens said [regarding] the letters that went to 65 residents, the problem I found after I  
158 read it very carefully, and discussing it with some of the people that got it is that this letter was  
159 informative, but it was also threatening. It threatened the citizens with a thousand-something dollars a

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160 day fine without having any evidence whatsoever of them having rats or anything. It should not have  
161 been a blanket letter. The problem should have been identified, and the letter sent to those people. It  
162 was handled wrong, because there are people that have beautiful homes and well-manicured yards that  
163 don't have any rats. Sending the letter threatening a fine of \$1,000 plus per day is a "little bit hard." Ms.  
164 Fellner said that probably would not have been the letter that I would have chosen to send out. Mr.  
165 Stevens said I suggest you speak with staff so other letters like this are not sent. Ms. Fellner said that  
166 discussion has already been held.

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168 Mr. Ott asked if the rats were gone. Has the town done anything? My friend here [*indicated Mr.*  
169 *Stevens*] saw about 80 rats. Mr. Stevens said I only saw about 30 rats. Mr. Ott said that was an  
170 infestation, and thought the town would have done something. Ms. Fellner said there are challenges.  
171 They are feeding in a stormwater drain. According to our NPDES permit we are not allowed to bait the  
172 drain. We're considering many different strategies. Staff just completed a brochure that's going to be  
173 distributed with regard to rodent infestation to help the public identify these types of things more easily.  
174 We are looking at everything possible. The 'highways' [rat travel paths] have to be identified to properly  
175 configure trapping locations. Mr. Ott asked if a report of 'no rats' could be made at the next meeting. Ms.  
176 Fellner said staff is still working on that.

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178 Mr. Stevens said his friend paid about \$400 for professional extermination. There are no rats  
179 there now. I'll be glad to share his name, if you want to speak with him.

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181 Mr. Courtney said we've had a rodent problem on the south end of town, and I'm sure the north  
182 end. We've had it at Ocean Pines I and II, and down by the shoreline. The town needs take action on  
183 this, because we do have an issue. I spoke to the HOA's of Ocean Pines I and II. Lanes Pest Elimination  
184 has been setting traps in Ocean Pines. So, we really have to work on this. Ms. Fellner said we are.

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186 *Comments on Design Overlay Review:*

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188 Mr. Courtney asked Mr. Harrah why the planning commission stopped working on the overlay  
189 ordinance as he heard at the recent meeting. Mr. Harrah said the planning commission continues to work  
190 on the overlay ordinance. A question was raised about 'access management' and the commission  
191 concurred to review that section after the upgrades are completed to Highway 17. Mr. Courtney said  
192 access management was travelling from parking lot to parking lot. It has nothing to do with the Highway  
193 17 improvements. Mr. Harrah said Mr. Courtney was absolutely right, but 'access management' is part of  
194 the Horry County model the commission is working from. It shows parking lot to parking lot, but also has  
195 access on the frontage road and any property in front of it. Mr. Courtney said that was not the message  
196 he got from attending the meeting. Direction was given by Town Council to the planning commission,  
197 because the town is losing business opportunities that would create tax revenue, because corporate  
198 businesses do not want to open in a town without an overlay that would protect investments. Mr. Harrah  
199 assured council that the planning commission continued its work on the overlay ordinance, and only the  
200 access management section is being deferred.

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202 *Comments regarding Clemson University Foundation Check:*

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204 Mr. Courtney asked if the Clemson payment was a contract or a donation. Let's clear this up. I'm  
205 tired of hearing about it. Ms. Fellner explained again that it was part of the a.LINE.ments Studio project.  
206 The municipality requesting assistance has to bear some cost in the project. The individual that  
207 continually brings this up during public comments has never submitted a FOIA request. If she really  
208 wants that information, all she has to do is call me and ask. I probably wouldn't even charge her.

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210 Mr. Ott said that council wants to know, too, so send the information to councilmembers. Ms.  
211 Fellner said I have that information, and it's clearly written in the email chain.

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213 Mayor Childs said anyone could meet with Ms. Fellner about this. Ms. Fellner said anybody can  
214 meet with me and get this; absolutely.  
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216 Mr. Stevens said asked if the emails could be sent to councilmembers. Ms. Fellner said Mr. Ott  
217 just requested that.  
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219 Mr. Courtney said the public has a right to know whether this was a donation or a contract. Ms.  
220 Fellner said that Dr. Padua is finishing off the consolidation of the new project to look at landscaping on  
221 Ocean Boulevard. That should be coming, hopefully, within the next three to four weeks.  
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## 223 7. BUSINESS.

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225 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #17-0852 Budget Amendments FY2016-2017,**  
226 **Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Samples moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #17-0852 as  
227 presented. Mr. Ott second. Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are  
228 on file. Mr. Stevens wanted to know what the \$10,000 decrease in professional service in the capital  
229 projects fund was for. Ms. Fellner said I wish councilmembers would have called in advance, because I  
230 am not prepared to answer that question. Mr. Ott believed he asked that question at the last meeting,  
231 and it was logical. However, he did not want to guess. Ms. Samples said Ms. King did answer questions at  
232 first reading, and no changes were made. Councilmembers could have asked Ms. King prior to the  
233 meeting, if they had questions. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmember Samples  
234 voted in favor. Councilmembers Courtney and Stevens voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Childs  
235 asked Ms. Fellner to have Ms. King respond to the question. Ms. Fellner said she would.  
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237 **B. Second Reading Ordinance #17-0853 Budget Amendments FY2017-2018,**  
238 **Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Samples moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #17-0853 as  
239 presented. Mr. Ott second. Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are  
240 on file. Mr. Stevens asked about the \$38,900 increase change order to complete road paving, and asked  
241 if there was a contract with a set amount. Ms. Fellner said there were a number of things including that  
242 state roads require side trim line painting, and she believed Mr. Adair mentioned that in a previous  
243 meeting. The \$10,000 increase in professional services represents the decrease to last year's budget,  
244 because the project will be done during this fiscal year. Mr. Ott said it was for engineering on the road  
245 project and a change order for road surfacing material. Mr. Stevens asked who authorized the change  
246 order. Ms. Fellner said believed Mr. Adair presented it to council, but would ask the clerk to look into the  
247 records for that. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tem Ott, and Councilmembers Johnson and Samples voted in  
248 favor. Councilmember Stevens voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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250 **C. Resolution #17-186 Work Place Safety, Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Samples moved to  
251 adopt Resolution #17-186 as presented. Mr. Courtney second. Ms. Fellner explained the resolution is to  
252 promote work place safety. The Municipal Association requires that we adopt the resolution as it is one of  
253 the components to determine the reduction in the premium for workers comp. Mr. Courtney asked if the  
254 town performed random drug testing. Ms. Fellner said yes for the CDL drivers (commercial drivers  
255 licenses). Mr. Courtney asked if the rate would be reduced if all employees were randomly tested,  
256 because every municipality he worked for had random drug testing. Ms. Fellner said no, the rate is  
257 already discounted. She did not know whether other area municipalities performed random drug testing;  
258 she would look into it. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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260 **D. Infrastructure Committee Recommendations, Administrator Fellner.** This item  
261 deferred by approved motion. See Agenda Item 3.  
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## 263 8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION.

264 **A. Not Removing Deed Restrictions at Huckabee Complex, Councilmember Stevens.**  
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266 Mayor Childs reminded everyone that Mr. Stevens made a modification to the agenda to put the  
267 word 'not' before the word 'removing' the restrictions at Huckabee (added by approved motion, see Item  
268 3.) Mr. Stevens said I have looked at the deed restrictions and the situation at Huckabee Complex. I  
269 feel like it's not advantageous for us to remove the deed restrictions and tried to do a land swap, because  
270 we're not gonna get what the land is worth. A developer would love to have it because half of the land is  
271 lakefront. Anybody knows that if you're on the lakefront your property value goes up. The other half is  
272 worth a lot of money; put \$250,000 houses on it, I figure that that property if a developer had it would  
273 be worth about \$17-\$20 million. So, it's worth at least \$2 million. I heard talk about doing a land swap,  
274 for what, I don't know what. The value of \$400,000 for ten acres of land. That is worth a lot more than  
275 that. I don't want it to go to a developer. We owe it to the people of Surfside to keep that property.  
276 That's property that was given a long time ago. The reason it is called Huckabee Park is it is named after  
277 Mayor Blue Huckabee [who served from 1977 to 1986 when he passed away]. We should keep that land.  
278 No sense in getting rid of it. We should unencumber the land on 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South so people can use  
279 that, as well. Take the tape off of it. There are a lot of people that would get a lot of benefits. Children  
280 play baseball. They get out there and they do what's necessary. They enjoy themselves. This was given  
281 to the town. To get rid of it; we're just opening up a hornets' nest. I don't think we should remove the  
282 deed restrictions. Leave it just as is. We should instruct the administrator to forget about doing anything  
283 with it and keep the property. There's a lot of other ways we can handle this and still benefit from it.  
284 That's the way I feel on it.  
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286 Mr. Courtney said I think that we had originally decided that we would get with the County to see  
287 if they would absorb some of these cost. I believe that was what council had directed staff to do. I think  
288 it's overdue on our part to get with our County Councilmember Servant and other councilmembers to see  
289 what they're willing to put in regards to this park.  
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291 Mr. Ott said the problem I see from the deed restrictions is part of it was given to us, part of it  
292 was bought. For some reason the two parcels were combined and we didn't have to do that for a  
293 \$19,000 that was given to us by the government to take up some of the costs. The deed restriction says  
294 that in this development an existing park will consist of the baseball-softball field. That really just jams us  
295 right in there. They are going to build houses all around this ballpark. I'm gonna tell you someday the  
296 [residents there] are going to say we don't want ballparks here. I want a ballpark there, and I want a  
297 ballpark there right now, but when they build houses on the other side, it's going to be jammed in. If you  
298 can take a look at it in the future and the town's gonna say were going to continue to play ball there. I  
299 would like to see a recreational center there, and maybe an indoor basketball court, maybe a pool.  
300 Something for the people to join like they have in North Myrtle Beach. At this time, we cannot change  
301 that. It must be a ball field, but we can unencumber Huckabee by using the property at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Willow.  
302 Then we need another property to [equal the Yellow Book value upon which to transfer the  
303 encumbrance.] We can keep a deed restriction on the Huckabee property, but I believe we could change  
304 it from ballfield to recreation and it will never be sold to a developer. It will be owned [by the town] and  
305 we could still play ball, but if they complain over there and they say we don't want to have ballfields in  
306 our back yard, we could go into something else; we would have that option. Am I right in assuming this?  
307 Is that what I see in this deed? Ms. Fellner said once it was unencumbered, the town would be able to  
308 use it for any kind of recreation. You would be able to put any stipulation on the property that you want.  
309 Mr. Ott asked if legal documentation could be filed that would never allow this property to be sold,  
310 because the people want this. Ms. Fellner said I would have to consult with the attorney to see how  
311 ironclad that is. Mr. Ott said that's what I want you to do. I want to keep it as a recreational center, but I  
312 don't; I'm trying to look forward into the future and say we might have 50,000 people over there yelling  
313 we don't want a ballfield. Maybe, if we can we can change this, and make it into a recreational center. As  
314 a recreational center you can still use it as a ballfield. Right now we can't we can play hockey on it. It has  
315 to be baseball or softball. Mr. Ott asked Ms. Fellner to please bring this information to the next meeting.  
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317 Mr. Stevens said houses are already being built in a new subdivision on the east side of  
318 Huckabee. Huckabee is surrounded by homes in every direction, except where the lake is situated. The

319 people buying those homes know there is a recreation park near their property. So, that is not really a  
320 good argument [for removing the encumbrance.] I've seen government too many times remove  
321 something, and then oh, we're not going to do anything, and the next thing it's gone like a bird flying out  
322 of a tree. (\*\*)  
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324 Ms. Samples said I agree with Mr. Ott completely. It seems to me that the scope that is written  
325 for the deed is what confuses things. The scope is very limited, because the scope of the deed says that  
326 can only be ballfields, where the deed talks about it being a recreational facility, which is what we want it  
327 to be. It seems to me that without violating the spirit of the encumbrance that we could expand the  
328 scope to include other recreational opportunities. That may be something that our attorney can look at;  
329 not to change the deed, but to expand the scope within the deed that limits us to ballfield. Months ago  
330 when this council charged the administrator with removing the encumbrance, we were all pretty much in  
331 agreement that we wanted the encumbrance removed so we could do more recreational activities at  
332 Huckabee outside of just ballfields. Obviously, some of us still think that's a good idea. Some of us don't.  
333 My question again is that without affecting the spirit of the encumbrance, and without changing the  
334 deed, can we look at expanding the scope as it is written. I asked if the administrator can speak with the  
335 attorney to determine whether there is a simple fix.  
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337 Mr. Courtney said I would like to see a recreation center there to provide opportunities for all of  
338 our citizens. Councilmembers all received an email message from Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas and Ms.  
339 Elizabeth Huckabee in which they refer to this property as the Huckabee Recreational Center. They were  
340 very disappointed that the town would do such a thing. If I'm correct, the sign on the gate says  
341 Huckabee Recreation Center, Huckabee Baseball Fields. I think there is little confusion. So again, I would  
342 ask that we do research this very carefully. I think we're all on board with this and the direction we want  
343 to move.  
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345 Mr. Ott said not to be redundant, there's an agreement with the Land and Water Conservation  
346 Fund and that's where we got that \$19,000 and that's what caused this. It says the development of this  
347 existing park in the Town of Surfside Beach by the Town of Surfside Beach is to consist of the baseball  
348 field and softball field and dugouts and fencing and lighting. Right now, we can't do anything else but  
349 that. I would think that if we were logical, and we could call it a recreational center then we could play  
350 other sports there. Right now, we can't even play football there. I don't want to sell it, and I want this  
351 agreement, whatever it says, it will not be sold, it belongs to the Town of Surfside Beach, the people of  
352 Surfside Beach and will remain there for sports and recreation forever.  
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354 Mayor Childs said I think everybody agrees that it should be a recreation center. I think it could  
355 be used for other activities. It would be nice to be able to have other activities there.  
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357 Mr. Stevens said sports tourism could benefit the town; when teams come to play tournaments,  
358 they fill up hotels; eat at town restaurants, and shop in our stores bringing accommodations and  
359 hospitality tax revenue into town. Mt. Pleasant hosts tournaments four or five times a year and generates  
360 a lot of money. The town should consider sports tournaments to produce revenue.  
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362 Mayor Childs asked that after Ms. Fellner speaks with the attorney that this discussion be  
363 continued at a future meeting.  
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365 **B. §2-113 Town Administrator Duties, Councilmember Johnson.** This item deferred by  
366 approved motion. See Agenda Item 3.  
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368 **C. Chapter 7, Nuisances, Deputy Administrator Harrah.** Mr. Harrah presented the  
369 discussion paper and proposed ordinance, copies of which are on file. Mr. Ott said I reviewed this and  
370 there are quite a few things that we need to really scratch out in here so the ordinance is applicable for  
371 this town. The fact that we can have the administrator appoint a person that she deems appropriate and

372 that person can actually hold court over a resident is not going to fly in this town at all. Town Council will  
373 hold hearings on the residence when we deem that their dwelling is inhabited [sic.] Maybe we should  
374 have workshop. Mr. Harrah said yes, this is an item that we really need to dig through item by item in a  
375 workshop. I just wanted council to get familiar with what other municipalities are doing. The workshop  
376 could be helpful, because it will give time to point out where state law requires some of these actions.  
377 Mr. Ott agreed.

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379 Mr. Stevens said I read this and I think this is unconstitutional. I think this needs to go to an  
380 attorney, because you are violating Amendments IV, V, VI, VII and XIV. This council cannot be a court.  
381 Judge Arakas holds our court, and the courts have to handle this; not the administrator. I will not stand  
382 for any law that appoints an administrator and tells the Town Council to hold a hearing. We're not a court  
383 of law and we're not judges. There is nowhere that states the citizens has a right to trial by jury. I can't  
384 vote for anything that says you're going to have the administrator authorized to do a lot of different  
385 things. Due process is what is guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. I believe in that and  
386 this does not give due process. After stating his qualifications of having studied the Constitution; working  
387 in business; working for the State House, and working for an attorney, Mr. Stevens said in my opinion as  
388 a layperson, this does not meet the Constitutional muster.

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390 Ms. Samples said I agree with Mr. Ott. We definitely need a workshop. I want to say that I  
391 appreciate that you gave us all of these options to consider, because the nuisance ordinance is an  
392 important one. I actually enjoyed reading through all of the options and opportunities provided, but it  
393 was clear that we need a workshop to review the specifics and how it relates to the Town of Surfside  
394 Beach. Specifically for me, I had questions about the abatement process. We've talked in the past about  
395 community policing, and offering community planning, building, and zoning efforts, and community with  
396 everything so we can tell the people what they can do, instead of just saying no. I see us heading in that  
397 direction with this. I appreciate that. Yes, if we could go line by line, we would have a number of  
398 changes. I like the idea of a workshop and I think that all councilmembers will bring their  
399 recommendations.

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401 Mayor Childs asked for concurrence to hold a workshop. **Council CONCURRED.** Mr. Stevens  
402 said as long as an attorney reviews the code, he had no problem with it. Mr. Ott said it would be sent for  
403 the attorney's review when it was done.

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405 Mr. Courtney thanked Mr. Harrah saying I appreciate all the hard work you put into this. I think  
406 the objective of council was to lighten-up on the nuisance ordinance, and not go after our people like we  
407 live in an HOA (homeowner's association.) There are 36 pages; it is pretty heavy. You put a lot of hard  
408 work in it, but I have to say it definitely needs a workshop.

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410 Mayor Childs asked Ms. Herrmann to schedule a workshop for the nuisance ordinance. Mr. Ott  
411 said I want the nuisance ordinance less vindictive. I don't want the government going after the people,  
412 and that's what we're going to do. I'm sure that's what you want, too. It's all in here, we've just gotta  
413 take out words to come up with a good ordinance. Mr. Harrah said absolutely.

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415 **D. Chapter 14, Flood Damage Prevention, Deputy Administrator Harrah.** Mr. Harrah  
416 presented the discussion paper, a copy of which is on file. Simply put, amending §14-50 to state "This  
417 Article does not apply to the simple resurfacing of existing driveways outside of special flood hazard  
418 areas," would eliminate ambiguity, and relieve homeowners and contractors from the burden of paying  
419 for engineered plans and a survey when the property is outside special flood hazard areas. Ms. Samples  
420 said thank you, Mr. Harrah, for bringing this forward as we discussed at the last meeting. The concern  
421 was that Chapter 14 contradicted itself between Article 1, and Article 3. It basically said that if you do not  
422 live in a flood zone and you want to resurface your existing driveway, the town requires you to get  
423 engineering drawings and a survey. Just to resurface what you have. This creates an unnecessary  
424 hardship for residents and contractors. I like the recommended changes; it takes a hardship off the



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425 resident. My only question is could we take it a step further and allow people who are in a flood zone that  
426 have an existing driveway. What is the implication to the town, if we allow them with a permit to  
427 resurface their driveway, as long as the pervious/impervious doesn't change? Mr. Harrah said I'm waiting  
428 for a response from DHEC and CRS. I had a conversation with NFIP (National Flood Insurance Protection)  
429 and learned that this does not affect the NFIP. There are some state requirements in stormwater  
430 management. I'm still waiting on a response back from them. I can bring that information to you as  
431 soon as I get it. Ms. Samples said if council agreed to bring us forward as a business item at the next  
432 meeting, and if you determine that information will not be not a problem, we could make an amendment  
433 at that time. So, we could if this council agrees to move forward and brings the matter to business we  
434 can consider it.

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436 Mr. Stevens said you're basically talking about impervious surfaces. If I wanted to replace my  
437 concrete driveway with pervious pavers, do I have to have a permit? Mr. Harrah said under the current  
438 ordinance, you have to have a survey and an engineered drawings just to replace in-kind, i.e. same size,  
439 shape and sitting in the same footprint. Mr. Stevens said I've been told I don't have to have a permit to  
440 put down pavers. Mr. Harrah referred to Article 3, and said you do have to have an engineered plan for  
441 stormwater management, which is required by redevelopment. Mr. Stevens said we need to clarify that  
442 because I know a man here in town that put down pavers for his driveway, because he had too much  
443 impervious coverage. He did not have to have a permit. Mr. Harrah said under the current ordinance, he  
444 would be required to have a permit. Mr. Stevens said I want to make sure we get clarification on that;  
445 give us all the laws on that, because I want to be fully aware.

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447 Mr. Courtney said I'm a little lost with this, because I know we discussed this. For example, a  
448 constituent called me in regards to a woman that just bought a new home. She put a back deck on the  
449 house that was almost new. She was required to get an engineer's report and survey done on the  
450 property. I can understand the engineer's report, because of the structure being added onto the house. I  
451 don't understand why she needed to have a survey done. There was a survey on file. The house is not  
452 even close to year old, she was directed to get a survey done at a cost of \$650. I think that's wrong. I  
453 don't know how this council feels about it, but I sure couldn't afford \$650 all to get a survey done, and  
454 then an engineer's report so I can do a \$3,000 project. Mr. Harrah, said if you don't mind, with reference  
455 to that in 14-14 of this section and this is just an example, if you look at the line development, permit,  
456 and certification requirements, a certified survey providing the following information, (a) right off the bat,  
457 it states a certified survey is required. Going down to (l), it states the permit includes new buildings and  
458 expansions of existing buildings, the plot plan or survey. These codes are where we have conflicts. One is  
459 done by survey that is a Tier B licensed person, and the plot plan is done by a designer. So we have two  
460 conflicting things in the same law. Mr. Courtney asked if these properties do have surveys. Mr. Harrah  
461 said a survey has to be provided when they pull a building permit. Mr. Courtney said so there is one on  
462 file, so why would have to pull another one to do a project a year later. Mr. Harrah said as far as the time  
463 frame of what's required, I'd have to research. If there's a stipulation in the code that says it's exceeding  
464 a certain date, it's required. But, it states right here for this permit, a survey is required. This is an  
465 existing ordinance. Mr. Courtney asked if Mr. Harrah understood where he was coming from. We're  
466 beating these people up when they do a small project on their home. Before you can even start building  
467 they're into a thousand dollars between the survey and an engineer's report. Mr. Harrah said absolutely.  
468 These are things that, as Mr. Ott brought up, we need to bring back for revisions on ordinances.

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470 Mr. Ott said could this situation be that you need the survey done when you're putting an  
471 addition on to make sure it stays within your property; to make sure that it stays within the setbacks. Mr.  
472 Harrah said the difference between a plot plan and survey is going get us down, because the subdivision  
473 of the lots is getting so tight that we're talking about half inches between a structure and the setback,  
474 and if you really look at a survey, that's going give us the actual measurements as to where that as-built  
475 building sits on the property. A plot plan just shows where the building is. Mr. Ott said I hope we're not  
476 fighting over half-inches.

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478 Mr. Stevens wanted to know if there were times when a survey on file was acceptable because a  
479 long period of time had not expired. Mr. Harrah said absolutely.  
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481 Ms. Samples said as it relates to Chapter 14 and the driveway change, could we get consensus to  
482 bring it for business at the next meeting. **Council CONCURRED to bring §14-50 as discussed for**  
483 **first reading at the next meeting.**  
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485 **E. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.**  
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487 Mr. Stevens said I want to give the senior citizen committee, consisting of Mr. Steve Shore, Ms.  
488 Linda McKeen, Mr. Joe Buczek, and Mr. Shelby Smith, a big pat on the back, because they are going to  
489 have the Senior Fair on October 20<sup>th</sup>. There are flyers in the back for anybody wants to attend. You don't  
490 have to be a senior to attend. I think there are 38 vendors and sponsors that raised over \$1,800, so in  
491 essence, this fair is not costing the town one nickel. The senior citizen committee has done a fantastic  
492 job. My hat's off to them. So, if you see them, thank them for what they did.  
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494 Ms. Samples said Mr. Harrah, one of the disappointments for me at this meeting was that we did  
495 not have a business item on the planning commission reviewed at their last meeting about in-home  
496 businesses. I know you've got a lot on your plate, but this is really an important ordinance that we need  
497 to change. Could we have consensus that that come to the next meeting as a business item with the  
498 planning commission's recommendation. **Council CONCURRED.**  
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500 Mr. Ott said I have a suggestion that we put a different section onto our agenda with old  
501 business, and these things stay on there until we finished them. That way they don't go off to wherever  
502 these old decisions are.  
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504 Ms. Samples said well, if I may add, the town clerk provides us with an action index that show us  
505 everything we've discussed and what stage it's in. Mr. Ott said it is on the agenda, we have to do it. I  
506 know the action index is there, but we don't have to talk about it.  
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508 Mayor Childs said Mr. Ott is right. Sometimes we talk about things and get worked up; the next  
509 thing is it's gone.  
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511 Mr. Courtney said I don't know if this should have been discussed during the administrator's  
512 report, but the parking committee recommendations have not been moved forward as this council had  
513 made decisions to move forward with that. One being the decals for the employees; that did not happen  
514 this summer. The other thing is with signage and the removal of the electric car station. I know Mr. Adair  
515 had ordered signs for that parking recommendation. Ms. Fellner said he did, and said there is one issue  
516 that we realized and I went back and listened to the minutes. Council talked about a time on Surfside  
517 Drive for the two hour parking and expiration of that at the second reading, and kept referring to it, but  
518 not at the first reading. A time for the 2 hour enforcement was never voted on, so when Mr. Adair and  
519 asked if the times should be on signs, I was unclear. I think that needs to be addressed by Town Council.  
520 Council needs to make their intent known, because clearly council talked about time limits at the second  
521 reading. The other items that you mentioned are being addressed by Mr. Adair. Mr. Courtney said I  
522 would ask that it be brought back. It needs to be voted on again. **Council CONCURRED to bring an**  
523 **amendment to add time limits on 2-hour parking on Surfside Drive.**  
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525 Mayor Childs announced that the Vision Meeting would be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Budget  
526 Meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Councilmembers were asked to mark their calendars.  
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528 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS. General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)  
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530 Ms. Beth Kohlmann, Ocean Boulevard South: Good evening. I just wanted to comment about

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531 Huckabee. I don't know everything there is to know it, obviously, because you all have a little bit more  
532 information. I just want to remind everybody when it comes to sports and kids and the history of Surfside  
533 Beach, we had basketball courts; we lost those. We fought, and you were part of that fight. This isn't in a  
534 bad way, so I think I could just say that you were part of the recreation committee, Mr. Mayor, and we  
535 had to fight really hard to get a skate park. We had to move it from one location to another location, and  
536 we have. I understand that that's prime parking. Every time I see the kids out there, I worry that  
537 somebody's going to make the decision to take that park away from them, and that could happen. I  
538 mean, we all know that could happen. Before you start to think about swimming pools; we have the best  
539 swimming pool in the whole world right down the road, and also the town, it's [Huckabee Complex] out  
540 of town. It's over there. I'm big on keeping stuff as close as you can for the kids to be able to get to it,  
541 because a lot of the kids that live in the Town of Surfside Beach they don't have parents that can drive  
542 them to skate parks and you know, how fortunate enough to be driven up to the pools that are up in  
543 Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach, and we had to fight to get \$13,000, if you remember (\*\*) for  
544 something that the kids really needed. That they really wanted. Obviously, it's been a very successful  
545 thing. They use it. The Eternal Wave Surf Shop is involved with the kids. They have skate groups for the  
546 kids. So I just think; I think is great that you have a vision, but you have to really think about the history  
547 of Surfside Beach when it comes to money. We have a pier right now that it's a lot of money [sic] that is  
548 a whole lot of money, and we not sure what's going on with that. And you're all right. FEMA is a  
549 government, and I applaud you for wanting to get stuff done, but I know that FEMA is like a real tough  
550 one. It's not on you guys. You can't call anybody. It's on them. It's just like the beach renourishment. I  
551 know people were so upset about the beach renourishment, but you don't get to say when they're going  
552 to do it. They're just gonna do it. So, just want to remind you about that, and since my husband is not  
553 here, he's working, I have to say this, and I don't mean it in a bad way, but I'm not gonna say I'm not  
554 beating you up, because you've said that enough tonight, but those parking things; if you knew that  
555 those weren't done after the hard work they did, because it wasn't voted on, I think that you owed it to  
556 the town and the people to let them know that they didn't vote on it, and to bring it back, and vote on it  
557 and get it done, because those business people on Surfside Drive, they look to the committee and they  
558 look to all of you to help them with their business. So if we're gonna say we're business friendly and then  
559 we know something wasn't done correctly in a meeting, bring it right away, and re-do it, vote it again.  
560 Then nobody can say you're hiding anything. Nope, we made a mistake. We didn't vote. Okay, you made  
561 a mistake. Let's bring it back; vote on it, and get it done. Thank you very much, and I appreciate you  
562 bringing also both the flood area and the non-flood area, even if it doesn't go through. At least you're  
563 looking at it equally across the board, and I believe in equality across the board. Thank you all very  
564 much.

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566 Ms. Mary Ellen Abrams, 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North: I'm chairman of the town planning commission. Mr.  
567 Harrah's response regarding the design overlay this evening was exactly correct. I'm not trying to beat  
568 you up council, but I respectfully request that councilmembers who attend planning commission meetings  
569 do not bring misinformation back to the public about planning commission proceedings without checking  
570 their facts. Planning commission has been and will continue to work on a revision of the design overlay  
571 ordinance. Council directed us to mirror the county ordinance. The county ordinance has one section on  
572 access management. We agreed to defer that section so as not to provide any impediments to the  
573 [Highway] 17 business work that's being done. Any councilmembers [who] have trouble understanding  
574 the proceedings of the planning commission meeting are free to contact any number of people; any  
575 number of planning commission members, myself, the town clerk, the recording is available online.  
576 Before bringing misinformation into a public meeting, this could have been checked ahead of time. Again,  
577 please check your facts before you make statements at public meetings that have to be corrected by  
578 staff. Thank you.

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580 Ms. Carol Cook, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South: Before the infrastructure recommendations are added to an  
581 agenda, I would like council to review them, especially Section 3 the facts subsections two and three.  
582 Subsection 2 we'll do without, because funds are being expropriated for another project for Subsection 3  
583 for \$27,000 in the red, the taxpayers, i.e. the residents and voters would benefit daily from the sidewalk

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584 in Cedar Drive and that would be the project that was placed on hold. The taxpayers as well as our many  
585 visitors would benefit from restroom facilities in the Passive Park. Please explain to the residents why  
586 we're doing without, while according to WPDE, and that gentleman [pointing to WPDE Reporter Nick  
587 Papantonis] got his information from members of council, that we're spending \$45,000 to groom  
588 Huckabee baseball field so that the 92-percent nonresident children can play baseball. The parents have  
589 stated that they would do whatever it takes to keep the ballfields of Huckabee operational. Well, it's time  
590 for them to open their wallets; wash a car; have a bake sale, or just get out there and mow the grass.  
591 Our town projects should not be placed on hold and we should not incur debt for the benefit of Little  
592 League. Sidewalks and restrooms benefit both the residents and visitors. We the residents and the  
593 visitors who support us must come first. Tell us that you are spending your money wisely. Well, when this  
594 comes up on the agenda, I would like you to show is that you are doing just that. I'd like to thank [Mr.  
595 Zulanch] of Benjamin's Bagels and Chief Hoffman and the officers for great Coffee with a Cop. It was a  
596 great event. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet the police officers and to connect with other residents.  
597 At the last meeting, [County Councilmember] Tyler Servant gave a check for recreation funds, and I  
598 would like to see some of that money used on the bocce courts. The bocce courts are used seven days a  
599 week, multiple teams play on there. They're in gross need of repair. The wood needs to be replaced. The  
600 gravel needs to be replaced. We need a scoreboard on the small court. That would be using the money  
601 where the residents actually get benefit from it. I will also like to thank Mr. David Martin from the  
602 sanitation department for a timely response for dumped items on the street. That department is very  
603 efficient. His men are very friendly. They do a great job. If all the departments worked as well as his do it  
604 would be a great town to live in. Thank you.  
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606 Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South: At the last meeting, I asked about the weight limit allowed  
607 on the bridges on Surfside Drive. That was not answered by Ms. Fellner in the minutes, so I'll ask it  
608 again. Do we know how much weight is allowed on the bridges on Ocean Boulevard and other bridges in  
609 town? Houses move across those bridges, tractor-trailers drive across those bridges, and I think if we  
610 don't put signage on those bridges that say a gross weight limit allowable, and the truck goes through  
611 one of those bridges, we will once again be open to a lawsuit, and I'm the resident last meeting who said  
612 we should sell the pier. Ms. Fellner replied by saying four well attended public meetings were held and  
613 the public spoke unanimously in favor of reading of the town rebuilding the pier. Were costs to build the  
614 pier mentioned that those meetings? Were they told it could cost as much as \$10 million to replace it?  
615 Were they told a local businessman said his group would buy the pier and rebuild it? Folks, this pier is  
616 going to drive us to the poor house. We're making no money. Is the pier compromised? If it is, why are  
617 we allowing people to walk on the pier? If it is compromised, we should not be allowing people out there.  
618 Once again, this town is just so ripe for lawsuits, here's two more examples of them. I'll say it again, sell  
619 the pier.  
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621 Mr. Boyd Sadler, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue South: Well, I'm looking and listening to all this about Huckabee. If  
622 it does cost us \$45,000 a year to maintain, we're paying for people outside our community to enjoy the  
623 games. I mean, I love watching a baseball game. I used to love playing the game. But, as a town, we  
624 can't afford to support other communities. We cannot do it. We don't have the funds. We heard we're in  
625 the hole now. Looking around, every time we turn around we've got another expense, and we need to  
626 look at the ethical part of this. If we have something to gain by keeping the park going or setting it up  
627 with some type of recreation, what is the town going to get for that? It should be; our tax money should  
628 be spent to provide services and support for our community. A lot of is there, but not with \$45,000, get  
629 serious. Who's benefitting from it? Again, that's gotta be an ethics problem there. You might need to  
630 check into that. Elections are coming up pretty soon. I guess that's the only place we've got a real voice.  
631 But, y'all need to think about what's happening. Huckabee is not something for our town. It's not  
632 something we should be doing. Without county assistance, I mean it's county property; it's a county area  
633 out there. We're not getting into that battle. Thank you.  
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637 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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639 Mr. Ott: The a [sic,] Huckabee has been there for a long time. \$45,000. What we do? We mow  
640 the grass, and if those people weren't mowing that grass, we'd still be paying 'em. So I think that is not  
641 the right way to look at. I don't think we put much money at all into it, if we really want to look at it, and  
642 they were always playing baseball there. People want to play baseball. The only thing that I would see  
643 that we need to do is change what it's only used for. It can only be used for baseball or softball. We can't  
644 play soccer there. It doesn't say we can play soccer. Basically, this is a legal document that says baseball,  
645 softball. I want this property at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Willow that we paid 400 grand for to be open, and I don't see any  
646 other way to do it, because if we just open that we will never be able to change the wording on this  
647 encumbrance on this property. It will always be baseball and then we're just going to jam ourselves in  
648 there. A pool? That's so far in the future, it's ridiculous. All I want to do is open up 3<sup>rd</sup> and Willow and  
649 open up that ballfield, baseball field to do other things with it so we never get trapped in there. Because  
650 once this is open, we'll never be able to encumber, never, cause their won't be any property. People  
651 aren't going to offer you the amount of money that it's worth. The pier was a bad deal when we bought  
652 it. It was a bad deal from day one. We should've never done that. But we're more than; we're up to our  
653 shoulders in that pier. We just can't do anything else with it right now. I mean, you wouldn't get anything  
654 worth it, worth the value of it as it is now. We have to look forward to what we have in here. The pier is  
655 broke. If we build it again as wood, it will be the fifth time we've rebuilt it out of wood. Everybody knows  
656 the story about the three pigs. They don't want to build their houses out of wood. We don't want to build  
657 our piers out of wood. We need to do something with it, and hopefully maybe our senators will open that  
658 up for the amount of money that we need to make it in the cement. But then again, maybe we will have  
659 to build it out of wood, and we will sell it. I didn't know there was anybody that had an interest in buying  
660 it. Hopefully, these people would give us some profit in it, because government should not be in  
661 business. We should never be in business; in the restaurant business or anything. Thank you for coming  
662 out. I appreciate everybody's input. Thank you.  
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664 Mr. Courtney: Again, I'd like to thank staff again. You guys are lucky you get to go home. When  
665 you go to your homes you don't have to hear this. I live in town. I have to listen to it seven days a week.  
666 I can't go out in front of my house without listening. So, I want to thank you, and please know, I've said  
667 it enough to night, thank you very much for the hard work you do. Huckabee Park: it's very simple. It's a  
668 vision. Will it happen, the pool? Probably not my lifetime. Again, we've got to be very careful with it. I  
669 believe that we can reach out to the county, because that has not been done yet. We have not reached  
670 out to the county and said hey, we want money for this park, to operate this park. So, I will make an  
671 effort to reach out to the county and see what we can make happen. I think everybody agrees on this  
672 council that would be the best option to see what's going on. As far as the [planning commission]  
673 meeting, okay, I attended as a taxpayer, a homeowner and a resident, okay. The impression I got was  
674 they were not gonna move forward. I had spoken to many commission members when they came out.  
675 They were very confused. They said they didn't get their paperwork; they were very lost. That was the  
676 impression I got. That's my opinion. I'm taxpayer. I live here. I'm a resident. They're residents as a  
677 taxpayer. I'm gonna tell you something else, too. You know, with the business, businesses in the overlay,  
678 again, do you know you can either put the overlay move it forward, get town businesses, improve it or  
679 lose it. If you lose it, you know what's gonna happen: a tax increase. Every one of us attended a vision  
680 meeting back in 2016. We have \$7.5 million in capital projects that have gotta be done. Not happening.  
681 We've got a pier that's hanging off the edge. Not happening. This was in the 2016 vision meeting, and I  
682 don't know what else to say. I'd like to see businesses grow. I'm gonna keep on beating this, and maybe  
683 I'm wrong, come up and voice your opinion. I take it. I appreciate it. But I don't want a tax increase and  
684 I don't want to see you get one. But ride down [Highway] 17. Thank you very much. Have a good night.  
685 I thank staff for their hard work, and again I'd like this thank Chief Hofmann for the Coffee [with a Cop].  
686 It was fantastic. He made sure I was there. I really appreciate. I thank everybody here. Thank you. Have  
687 a good night, and God bless you. Thank you.  
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689 Ms. Samples: It's good to see everyone. Thank you for those who got up and spoke. We

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690 appreciate your comments. Mr. Harrah, Ms. Fellner, Chief Hoffman, great job. Thank you for your hard  
691 work. Everyone have a great night.  
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693 Mr. Stevens: Going down some of things that people talk about, I remember when Ms. Kohlmann  
694 was working on recreation committee. She did a great job there. Far as Huckabee Park, I have a lot of  
695 feelings about that. I think if we used correctly, we can use it as a money making thing; have  
696 tournaments there. Bring in people from out of town, and possibly, if we do it right way, do it several  
697 times a year, make enough revenue that it'll pay for itself over and over again. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Willow, I spoke to  
698 [House District #106 Representative] Russell Fry about that. He told me there was a grant from the Parks  
699 and Recreation Department that we could of got [sic]. I don't know why we never got, why we never got  
700 it, but it's there. He told me that the money was there, and we did get things that the like. Things that a,  
701 like we were talking about the design overlay, I think we have a planning and zoning committee, and I  
702 like to find out what they've got planned. As you know, Highway 17 will be paved either 2018 or  
703 something like that; sometime in the near future. We should have an overlay ready when 2017 or  
704 whenever the Highway 17 is paved, we should have it ready to go, and we should be proactive, not  
705 reactive. We should have it ready, and so those, when it, we fix it up and it looks nice we've got a brand  
706 new road, brand-new curbing and everything, we can go ahead and start bringing businesses in this  
707 town. I keep asking this question. Name a major corporation that's come in this town the last 40 years.  
708 You can't name one. We need to take care of our town; take care of our citizens, and the do what's  
709 necessary. In closing, I'm gonna just say that I want to give, again, thank the senior citizen committee  
710 for what they did. They're holding a senior fair. Get; pick up a flyer, and they did it without costing the  
711 taxpayers anything. They did a great job. Thank y'all for coming out. Have a good week, and may God  
712 bless you.  
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714 Mayor Childs: I just have a couple of things to say. The planning board, and you work hard on  
715 everything you do, and I hope when you do come up with overlay this council doesn't start tearing it  
716 apart, and once you leave here you worked for nothing. That's happened before, so I do hope that  
717 council is; they say they're going to support you, and I hope they do support you, and support all the  
718 hard work you do. Going back to Huckabee, it keeps coming up. There is nobody up here that is anti-  
719 kids. There's nobody up here that's anti-baseball. The only thing we do is with 90-percent of the  
720 ballplayers there are county children. We don't want to see them lose out on baseball. All we've done is  
721 try to ask the county to help us with that facility. That's all. The county built big fields over there on the  
722 Scipio Lane, and I was told by then county councilman that he thanked us for recreating the county kids  
723 for so many years, referring to Huckabee, and he said now that we built these fields, were going to take  
724 that over and we're going to do it. Well, that hardly changed a bit. But the county says well, the reason  
725 we can't do it is we don't have lights on our fields, but you do. I agree with Mr. Courtney and Mr. Ott. We  
726 talked about this extensively. You know, if we could just get little help from the county on that, and I  
727 think most residents in town would agree with that. We don't want to cut anybody out from play. Just  
728 give us a little bit to help. As I understand, we're well over \$40,000 a year the town's coffer to pay for  
729 this recreational facility. Mr. Stevens had a good idea, maybe we can make some money. Maybe run it  
730 like a small business over there, and use it for soccer, and other activities, other sports activities, but  
731 certainly I would hope sooner or later we can finally put that the rest. This has been going around now  
732 forever.  
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734 **11. ADJOURNMENT.** Ms. Samples moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Mr.  
735 Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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737 Prepared and submitted by:

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739 Approved: October 24, 2017

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740 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk  
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