



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019 ♦ 5:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Childs called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Dietrich, Johnson, Ott, Scoles, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Attorney Crosby; Town Administrator Pieper; Town Clerk Herrmann, and Finance Director King.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS. (3 minutes).

Ms. Mary Maruca, 7th Avenue South, and Ms. Eileen Glover, South Ocean Boulevard, both spoke against adopting the ordinances believing respectively that the ordinances would discourage business and there would be an increase to cost for ‘mom and pop’ landlords.

3. BUSINESS.

A. First Reading of Ordinance #19-0889 Hospitality Tax. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading as presented. Ms. Scoles second. Mr. Pieper presented the ordinances saying that both this ordinance and the accommodations tax ordinance would enable the town to collect the full amounts allowable by State Code. Until 2017, Horry County was allowed to collect part of the town’s portion to build infrastructure, but that agreement has expired. The same amount of tax will be collected as has been, but now all of the revenue will be sent to the town, which is good for Surfside Beach. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. First Reading of Ordinance #19-0890 Local Accommodations Tax. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #19-0890 as presented. Ms. Scoles second. Mr. Pieper reiterated the same reasoning as for the hospitality tax ordinance. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. Mr. Johnson second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared and submitted by,

Approved: March 12, 2019

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor

David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore

Bruce Dietrich, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Ron Ott, Town Council

Debbie Scoles, Town Council

Randle Stevens, Town Council

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