



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18, 2019 AT 10:00 A.M.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Childs called the regular meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Dietrich, Ott, Scoles, and Stevens were in attendance. Councilmember Johnson was absent. 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. Cindy Keating, Cherry Drive, commented that the meeting was called with one day's notice, and no information was provided to the public about the pier change order. In her opinion, the public should be better informed of restaurant lease negotiations and the pier design. A standard meeting is on Tuesday. She asked what was so urgent that this meeting was necessary.

Ms. Judy Hanyon, 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, offered to give a copy of the 2011 Attorney General's opinion on leasing of the pier to councilmembers. The opinion remains law today; any lease has to be bid publicly otherwise it is not valid. Mayor Childs told her to give it to the administrator.

**3. BUSINESS.**

**A. Proposed change order to pier building.**

Mr. Pieper explained that approving the change order would allow the engineer to design the changes, which would be forthcoming. After a discussion during which it was stated that the change order will eliminate an elevator and expand floor space that will increase rental income, Mr. Stevens moved to approve the change order. Mr. Dietrich second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Executive Session. Pursuant to Freedom of Information Act §30-4-70(a)(2) discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements, specifically Atlantic Restaurant Group, LLC.**

Mr. Stevens moved to enter executive session at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Dietrich second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Dietrich moved to reconvene regular session at 11:47 a.m. Mr. Stevens second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Childs stated for the record that no action was taken during executive session.

**C. Motions or directions resulting from executive session.**

Mr. Stevens moved to authorize the town administrator and town attorney to prepare an amended lease for council's consideration and engage such legal professionals as necessary. Ms. Scoles second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**4. ADJOURNMENT.**

Mr. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. Mr. Dietrich second. All voted in favor.  
**MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared and submitted by:

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Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: October 22, 2019

**Surfside Beach Town Council**

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Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor

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David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council

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Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

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Ron Ott, Town Council

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Debbie Scoles, Town Council

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Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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