



**SURFSIDE BEACH PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MARCH 6, 2018 ♦ 6:00 P.M.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER. Vice Chairman Lauer called the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Commission members present: Vice Chairman Lauer, and members Gambino, Mastrosante and McKeen. Chairman Johnson was absent. A quorum was present. Two seats are vacant. Others present: Town Clerk Herrmann and Planning, Building & Zoning Director Morris.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chairman Lauer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL. Ms. Mastrosante moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Gambino second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. Ms. Mastrosante moved to approve the February 15, 2018 meeting minutes as submitted. Ms. Gambino second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. PUBLIC HEARING. Chairman Lauer opened the public hearing for comments on the Design Overlay District at 6:01 p.m. There were no comments from the public. Chairman Lauer closed the public hearing at 6:02 p.m.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORT. Mr. Morris presented the report, a copy of which is on file.

7. BUSINESS. Design Overlay District. Ms. Morris went through the ordinance, a copy of which is on file, page by page. Pages 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 were unchanged.

Page 4, §17-906, (4) the words “land through” on the second line were omitted
Pages 7 and 8, §17-908, (3) traffic study was deleted in its entirety
Page 15 §17-912 Add “(9) Existing properties having pavement and/or concrete where landscaping is required shall remove the existing pavement/concrete in order to meet the requirements herein.”
Standardize façade and facade.

After the review was completed, the commission **CONCURRED to the changes.**

Ms. Mastrosante moved to recommend the design overlay ordinance to Town Council. Ms. Gambino second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS. Any other matters of concern or information to be discussed by Planning Commission.

Mr. McKeen suggested that the town develop a map that shows physical location of all parking areas, including rights-of-way that can be used for parking, especially close to the beach. This would help everyone understand parking, even visitors. Ms. Morris said the map could be prepared for the commission’s review, and would be presented with the entertainment district ordinance.

Mr. Lauer said that Atlantic City is successful transporting visitors via tram cars, and said the town might want to consider a similar service on a trial basis during the busiest times of the day. That might alleviate some problems for visitors renting here or who have parked a little farther away from the pier. Ms. Gambino said that was a good thought, but it would cost. Golf carts might serve the same purpose. Mr. Lauer said he also thought about golf carts, but even the big ones don’t carry many people. Mr. McKeen said it might be a good business opportunity for someone. Several members agreed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS - General. There were no public comments.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS.

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58 Ms. Mastrosante said thank you everyone for coming out. I'm really excited about the design overlay, and
59 hope that council, residents, and business owners are happy with it. I am also concerned about parking, and I hope
60 there can be a solution. Another item we need to think about is the bicycle traffic. There is no parking for those
61 beach cruiser bicycles. That would create incentive to us an alternative form of transportation.
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63 Ms. Gambino said thank you everyone for coming out. We appreciate it. I'm so excited about the overlay.
64 We have needed this. I've had so many folks comment to me 'what's going on in Surfside', not locals, of course,
65 that have commented that the buildings and so forth have declined. So, I think all of this will help Surfside. So, I'm
66 excited. I certainly hope that council goes with it, too, instead of watering it down.
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68 Mr. McKeen said thanks for coming. I'm glad to get this design overlay. Hopefully, it won't come back
69 with too much work to do. I'm looking forward to doing the entertainment district to see what might become of that.
70 I would image we'll need an overlay for that area, also.
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72 Mr. Lauer said I'd like to thank my wife for coming in late and throwing me off my game. *(Laughter.)* I'm
73 very happy that the overlay has made it to council again. I think it's a great thing. What I'm most happy about is that
74 basically, the business community is on our side. They want this as much as we do, and that's going to be the big
75 thing for the town. Thank you all for coming.
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77 **12. ADJOURNMENT.** Ms. Mastrosante moved to adjourn at 6:19 p.m. Ms. Gambino second. All voted in
78 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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80 Prepared and submitted by,

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Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

84 Approved: April 5, 2018

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87 Carrie Johnson, Chairman

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