STORMWATER COMMITTEE MEETING
September 6, 2018 • 1:00 o’clock p.m.
Surfside Beach Town Council Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Mask called the meeting to order at 1:00 o’clock p.m. Members present: Chairman Mask, and members Beck, Lucas, Mabry and Mull were present. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Clerk Herrmann; Public Works Director Adair; Dr. Susan Libes, Coastal Carolina University Director Waccamaw Watershed Academy, and Lisa Swanger, Programs Coordinator Coastal Waccamaw Watershed Education.

Chairman Mask and the committee welcomed newly appointed member Carol Lucas. Each speaker gave a brief explanation of their particular expertise.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. Chairman Mask led the Pledge.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL. Ms. Mull moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mabry second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. Ms. Mull moved to approve the January 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Mabry second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

6. COMMUNICATION & EDUCATION.

A. Dr. Susan Libes, Coastal Carolina University. Dr. Susan Libes presented a quarterly water monitoring report and discussed presentation options for the upcoming family festival. A lengthy discussion was held regarding water quality monitoring, effects of low oxygen in water, lake capacity, and benefits of dredging, one of which is to remove E. coli that can live in sediment.

B. Ms. Lisa Swanger, CWSEC. Ms. Swanger said that two interns would attend the family festival, and a flyer would be sent to the clerk for distribution at the event.

C. Director Adair, Public Works. i. 2018 Stormwater Programs Update, and ii. Stormwater Capital Projects Update. Mr. Adair explained that the Myrtle Swash Culvert Bridge project was recently completed. A Rural Infrastructure Authority Grant funded $500,000 of the $700,000 plus cost. The next big project is the culvert bridge at Dogwood Lake for which he hopes to obtain another grant. Completion of the north side drainage projects, lake dredging, and ongoing maintenance are on the horizon. Mr. Adair explained that biodegradable bags are a misnomer; if they are not left out in the elements, they do not degrade. Therefore, the bags on the beach and dog bags will not be replaced.

7. BUSINESS

A. Town Council Stormwater Tour. After discussion, the committee agreed that the tour should be held in early October. Mr. Adair will make the arrangements.

B. October 6th Fall Festival – Strategy, Staffing Volunteers & Workshop. The members discussed the festival and decided that the same basic format used last year would work well. A workshop was not necessary. Members were asked to contact the chairman regarding times they were available to man the booth.

C. Stabilizing Funding for Stormwater Programs and Projects. Mr. Adair said the consultants were evaluating and updating the old reports. Once that was completed, a report would be presented to the commission to formulate a recommendation to Town Council.
D. Upgrade Stormwater Communications to Residents & Visitors. The commission discussed various ways to share educational information to the public, including more attendance at these meetings. Periodicals can be sent to the clerk for distribution via the town’s subscription service, and published on the website as a public service announcements.

8. DISCUSSION. Any items of interest to Committee Members. There was no other discussion.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS. There were no public comments.

10. COMMITTEE COMMENTS. Chairman Mask reminded everyone that the next meeting would be on October 16th and after discussion the time was changed to 10:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Ms. Mull moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. Mr. Mabry second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Prepared and submitted by,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: October 16, 2018

Ron Mask, Chairman

Alan Beck, Committee Member
Carol Lucas, Committee Member

P. L. Mabry, Committee Member
Tabitha Mull, Committee Member

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