



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
March 24, 2009 ♦ 6:00 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING  
AND  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Deaton called the public hearing to order at 6:00 PM. The public hearing was held to hear public comments on the proposed budget for 2009/2010. There were no public comments.

Mr. Samples made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** Public hearing was closed at 6:02 PM.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deaton called the regular council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. stating that this was a business meeting and asked everyone in attendance to conduct themselves in that manner adding that council would do the same. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem Truett and Councilmembers Blair, Johnson, Martin, Samples and Childs were present. A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Booth; Clerk Pinnell, Finance Treasurer Hursey, Police Chief Christenson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Ellis. Attorney Mr. Smith was also present.

**2. INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Reverend Kendall Williams from the Grand Strand Community Church said the invocation and Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 10, 2009. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only**

*Mike Poston, 305 Gardner Lacey Road, Myrtle Beach, Santee Cooper:* “I am the manager of Distribution Services with Santee Cooper and would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity tonight to come and provide comments on the proposed amendment to tree trimming or tree ordinance, excuse me. One of Santee Cooper’s missions is to provide reliable electric service to our customers and our vegetation management or tree trimming program is a key part of providing that reliable service to our customers here in the town of Surfside as well as to our customers across our entire system. The town of Surfside has a franchise agreement with Santee Cooper that gives us the right to trim trees or remove trees in order to maintain our lines within the town’s limit and, therefore, we respectfully request that any amendments to the tree ordinance contain an exclusion for electric utilities and this exclusion would prevent any conflicts between the franchise agreement and the tree ordinance. You know trees coming into contact with power lines usually cause outages and or flickering lights and as a result we conduct our vegetation management program to prevent these tree related outages and

52 also to protect the public and provide for workers safety, and with the hurricane season  
53 coming, our vegetation management program helps reduce the number and severity of  
54 tree related outages due to wind storms and hurricanes. During our last trim cycle here  
55 in the town of Surfside 2008 we feel that the town's staff and Santee Cooper worked  
56 well together. It is our policy to notify the town in advance before we begin trimming  
57 within the towns limits and we would certainly continue to do that and again, due to the  
58 importance of our vegetation management program and providing reliable electric  
59 service to our customers here in the town of Surfside we ask that any proposed  
60 amendments to the tree ordinance include the exclusion for electric utilities.”

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62 Mayor Deaton stated that it was just pointed out to him that there is an amendment to the  
63 agenda. Mr. Truett made a motion to include special workshop meeting minutes on  
64 February 5, 2009. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION**  
65 **CARRIED.** Mayor Deaton stated that there is approval of those minutes as well.

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67 **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

68 **A. *Public Works Report***

69 Mr. Booth reported on town projects. Mr. Booth stated that the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South  
70 underground wiring project has been completed except for the sidewalks and they  
71 should go in within the next 30 days. Mr. Booth stated that this is the model for the  
72 town. There was a pre-construction meeting for Seaside Drive that should begin  
73 soon and then the town will move to the parking lot by the pier and then will  
74 continue on to Ocean Blvd and that it should be a 2-year project adding that this will  
75 better prepare the town for storms. Palmetto Lake is currently being dredged; the  
76 dirt is being stored in ponds until it dries up and reported that it is good topsoil.  
77 Yaupon parking lot should be completed in approximately 30 days; it will have  
78 pavers and vegetation and islands and the town will use a similar design to the lot  
79 across from the Sundown on Surfside Drive. It was confirmed that the Seaside Drive  
80 construction would be done through busy season and Mr. Booth would check with  
81 the rental agencies to see if the houses on Seaside Drive are rented.

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83 **B. *Recreation Report***

84 Mr. Booth reported that there would be a car show on Memorial Day Weekend with  
85 vendors being set up in Yaupon parking lot and that the town is looking at this event  
86 as being a positive one for the community. On July 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a large  
87 fireworks display adding that all of these events are new to the town and they will be  
88 learning from them; they will learn which areas to improve in the future. Mr. Booth  
89 reported that the town is getting donations in for the fireworks. Mr. Booth reported  
90 that the town is still in the process of repairing the pier. It was confirmed that Santee  
91 Cooper is contributing towards the fireworks. Mr. Booth reported that Mr. Blair  
92 would provide music for the fireworks. Mr. Truett asked if any other franchisees are  
93 contributing towards the fireworks and Mr. Booth stated that there were and the town  
94 is pushing for more. Mr. Booth stated that Time Warner has been approached but  
95 they have not received a response yet. Some franchises stated that they could not  
96 afford to contribute due to economic reasons. Mr. Booth stated that the fireworks are  
97 covered and he is not dependant on additional money coming in.

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**C. Administrator's Report**

Mr. Booth reported on the pay stations. Mr. Booth stated that the town is adding additional signs to the parking lot since this is all new to the community they need to be made more aware of the paid parking and pay stations. There are many signs posted but people need to be further educated on the pay stations. Mr. Childs stated that he spoke to Mr. Booth about Myrtle Beach and where they have the pay stations they have a green dot painted on the back of each parking space that reads "pay" with a white arrow pointing in the direction of the pay stations adding that he is sure Myrtle Beach has gone through what Surfside is currently going through and more than likely worked out the "kinks". Mr. Childs added that people just do not read signs; there are so many sometimes that they "become a blank". Mr. Booth stated that pay stations are becoming more popular and once people get used to them they should work better.

Mr. Booth reported that the selling of topsoil is going well. The town has already sold approximately 40 loads of it and they still have much more to deliver. Mr. Booth reported that it is very good soil.

Mr. Samples confirmed the price of soil which is \$40 and that it was a break-even price with Mr. Booth. Mr. Booth stated that it pays for the overtime for staff and pays for the truck. The town makes a little profit on out of town soil purchases.

**7. BUSINESS**

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**A. First Reading: #09-0662 Business License Ordinance**

Mr. Booth stated that this ordinance does not increase the rates. There were many errors in the ordinance with one being technical and having to do with the NAICS code. The town was following the FIC codes and should be following the NAICS codes. This came about due to a lawsuit. There was some ambiguity that needed to be addressed and added that has been reviewed by the attorney. Mr. Truett made a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading as presented. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that in the past the town council has served as the appeals board and asked why the town is now setting up another board. Mr. Smith stated that it is the separation of powers issue with those who pass and those who render judgment. The terms of serving were addressed and it was confirmed that it would be changed to a 4-year term from a 2 year term. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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**B. First Reading: #09-0663 Authorize Town Administrator to Execute a Quit Claim Deed for Real Property-Expansion of Library**

Mr. Booth stated that the town would like to give the current parking lot over to the county for their maintenance and for the possibility of some extension. It is a limited amount of area that is being conveyed to the county. It was confirmed that it would also include a small portion of land to the south. Mr. Samples made a motion to approve the staff recommendation. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked for Mr. Booth to explain what is involved to the public. Mr. Booth stated that if this land is not used as a library it is reverted back to the town. Attorney Durant is working on this adding that the rest of the library land was conveyed the same way. Mr. Booth confirmed that the deeding of the property does not include any of the

146 tennis court property and that some of the property in the deed is delegated for  
147 recreation use only and none of the land being deeded is involved in this recreation  
148 property adding that it does not include the park or tennis courts and that it includes  
149 the parking lot and some land to the south that is parallel. **All voted in favor.**  
150 **MOTION CARRIED.**

151 **C. *Second Reading: #09-044 Animal Ordinance***

152 Mr. Booth reported that this is an ordinance originally recommended by the  
153 stormwater committee. Mr. Booth reported that there has been an increase in dog  
154 registrations in town. There is a grant the town received for the dog park and added  
155 that if the town is going to limit where dogs can be that it should give them a place to  
156 go adding that some of the housing in town does not have yards for people to take  
157 their dogs. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Mr. Martin  
158 seconded the motion. Mr. Booth confirmed that the grant was for approximately  
159 \$5,000. The grant is for fencing and the town already owns the land. Mr. Childs  
160 stated that the Holiday Inn in Surfside allows pets and many guests do not pick up  
161 after their dogs and asked if the Town Administrator can notify the Holiday Inn to  
162 have their guests to pick up after their pets. Mr. Booth stated that the town would  
163 install a pet bag receptacle in the area. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

164 **D. *Second Reading: #09-0653 Tree Ordinance***

165 Mr. Booth reported that the Planning & Zoning Commission voted unanimously to  
166 not approve the proposed changes to the ordinance presented by council and also  
167 made a motion and recommendation to end the tree moratorium. Mr. Truett made a  
168 motion to approve second reading of the proposed changes to the tree ordinance.  
169 Mr. Martin seconded the motion. Mr. Samples confirmed with Mr. Booth that the  
170 ordinance under consideration does not include a footprint. It was confirmed that  
171 any new construction or any addition to a home within the footprint would currently  
172 be subject to replacement or mitigation. Mr. Samples confirmed with Mr. Smith that  
173 the current ordinance allows for the removal of dead or diseased trees and that the  
174 entire tree can be taken down and a dead branch could be removed if more than a  
175 certain caliper and a permit would be required. A permit to remove a dead tree  
176 would be required but there would be no cost and a dead tree would not need to be  
177 replaced. Mr. Martin asked for confirmation of the intent of the town. Mr. Martin  
178 read the first paragraph in section 17-367.4 tree replacement policy. It was  
179 confirmed that an individual would not need to replace a tree or pay into the  
180 mitigation fund if they were over their minimum requirement needed in their district.  
181 Mr. Smith confirmed that the code enforcement official is the nomenclature used that  
182 is in the best interest of a municipality. There are inspectors and there are code  
183 enforcement officials and the code enforcement officials would have the authority  
184 under the town administrator to write violations where an inspector may not have  
185 that authority. Mr. Booth stated that he is currently using the building department  
186 staff for code enforcement and they are working weekends as well. Mr. Truett  
187 brought up the \$75 charge used for an arborist and asked if this was still necessary.  
188 It was confirmed that this charge was removed from this ordinance revision. There  
189 was some additional discussion regarding delegating code enforcement to various  
190 staff members. It was confirmed that the grounds foreman is currently going for his  
191 arborist designation and that the maintenance schedule of the grounds foreman was  
192 deleted from this version. Mr. Smith stated that he feels that a maintenance schedule

193 is an intricate part of a tree ordinance but it could be brought back at a later date.  
194 Ms. Blair stated that section 17-363 guidelines for tree removal requires a need for a  
195 licensed arborist or registered forester or landscape architect to determine tree  
196 problems and added that once Mr. Newell is certified he could be utilized and until  
197 then he should not be a part of this determination. Mr. Booth stated that someone  
198 would be contracted to determine tree problems and it would not be at a cost to the  
199 homeowner. Mr. Smith stated that costs passed along to homeowner are not in this  
200 current ordinance and would prefer not to include it. Mr. Smith stated that in section  
201 17-367.3 “professional engineer” was added to make decisions. It was clarified that  
202 section 17-367.2 guidelines for tree removal that a tree that causes a hazard must be  
203 within 10 feet of a structure or it would be a part of the tree replacement or  
204 mitigation. An arborist would be required to note if tree is healthy or unhealthy.  
205 Mr. Samples made a motion to amend the ordinance to exclude the footprint. Mr.  
206 Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr.  
207 Samples made a motion to amend the ordinance to exclude the electric utilities. Mr.  
208 Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Smith stated that Santee Cooper had sent  
209 information that they wished us to include in the ordinance; after review it was  
210 decided that it was not in the best interest of the town to agree to it. Modifications  
211 were made and included in the version presented. Mr. Smith stated that the wording  
212 presented would be their opinion to determine what interferes with their power  
213 reliability and Mr. Smith stated that this was a red flag. The new version would not  
214 invade on what the town considers to be a good partner. Clerk Pinnell read the  
215 version presented by Santee Cooper “electric utilities shall be exempt from the  
216 permitting process for the pruning or removal of trees provided that the pruning or  
217 removal of the tree is necessary to correct a hazardous situation or to eliminate a  
218 tree/wire conflict that has the potential to interfere with power reliability”. Mr.  
219 Smith read his revision presented in section 17-367.4 “unless otherwise determined  
220 to not be in the best interest of the town” adding that he made it incumbent upon  
221 Santee Cooper coming to the building official for approval and the town would have  
222 the final say. Mr. Samples withdrew his motion to exclude the electric utilities. Mr.  
223 Johnson removed his second. Mr. Samples made a motion to amend the ordinance to  
224 include that electric utilities shall be exempt from the permitting process for the  
225 pruning and or removal of trees provided that the pruning or removal of a tree is  
226 necessary to correct a hazardous situation or to eliminate a tree/wire conflict that has  
227 the potential to interfere with power reliability upon notification and approval of the  
228 town enforcement official. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**  
229 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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231 Mr. Samples stated that he would like to make a motion for clarification purposes on  
232 section 17-367 c to exclude dead or diseased limbs over 4 inches being subject to the  
233 fees enumerated in sections 13-48. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in**  
234 **favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Childs made a motion to strike a paragraph and  
235 insert new language in section 17-367.2 guidelines for tree removal excluding  
236 protected trees and specimen trees to strike the paragraph to read “any tree or root  
237 system that poses a hazard to a building or utilities foundation or driveway may be  
238 removed with the approval of the enforcement official.” Mr. Childs stated that the  
239 paragraph kind of contradicts itself throughout “it says in one place you can remove  
240 pine trees or Bradford pear trees and then the next couple of words it says ‘or any  
241 tree’ so you really didn’t need to specify those trees and the ten foot, there’s a perfect

242 example right down here on Cedar a fellow had some pine trees that were over ten  
243 feet from his house and it actually, if you went down and looked at it there was a  
244 crack running all the way from the foundation to the roof and for this ten foot all I  
245 did was remove the ten foot” and added the above mentioned wording. Mr. Samples  
246 seconded the motion. Ms. Blair stated that there is a comma in the wording and  
247 wondered if the wrong intent was being read. It should read “pine trees and  
248 Bradford pear trees whether they’re within the ten feet or not if they pose a hazard  
249 but then any other tree within the ten feet” can be removed if they cause a hazard. It  
250 was confirmed by Mr. Johnson and Ms. Blair who were previously on the Planning  
251 Commission when this was reviewed along with attorney Mr. Smith that the comma  
252 stresses that pine and Bradford pears can be removed at any distance from the house  
253 if they cause a hazard and all other trees which include specimen trees must be  
254 within ten feet. There was additional discussion regarding any tree causing a hazard  
255 should be considered. Mayor Deaton stated that the intent was to protect large  
256 specimen or landmark trees that are not posing threats to homes. **All voted in favor.**  
257 **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Deaton confirmed that this ordinance has just had 4  
258 amendments to the original motion. **All voted in favor to original amended**  
259 **motion. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Truett made a motion to lift the tree  
260 moratorium. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION**  
261 **CARRIED.** Mayor Deaton stated that this council has the opportunity to go back to  
262 the Planning Commission to get their input on this ordinance stressing that everyone  
263 needs to get educated on this issue and this may take a year to review adding that the  
264 town is looking to improve the ordinance and has the best interests of the community  
265 in mind.

266 E. *Second Reading: #09-0659 Adopt 2009/2010 Fiscal Year Municipal Budget*  
267 Mr. Truett made a motion to approve second reading. Mr. Childs seconded the  
268 motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

269 F. *Second Reading: #09-0660 Adopt Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Tax Millage*  
270 Mr. Samples made a motion to approve second reading. Mr. Truett seconded the  
271 notion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

272 G. *Second Reading: #09-0661 Establish New Fiscal Year for the Town*  
273 Mr. Truett made a motion to approve second reading. Mr. Martin seconded the  
274 motion. Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Martin, Mr. Truett, Mr. Childs and Mayor  
275 Deaton voted for. Mr. Samples voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

276 H. *Resolution: #09-082 Establish Recreation, Special Events Committee*  
277 Clerk Pinnell read the resolution. Mr. Samples made a motion to suspend the rules  
278 to discuss the item. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that this  
279 is an excellent opportunity to put together a group that will provide a long range  
280 benefit to the town. Mr. Samples stated that he would like to include the Myrtle  
281 Beach Chamber of Commerce as an ex officio non voting member of this committee  
282 and feels that it would go a long ways in improving communications. Mr. Samples  
283 added that staff has done a great job in putting together improvements but really  
284 feels that the town needs the professionals to help promote the town events. Mr.  
285 Childs stated that Mr. Truett was placed on the committee and stated that he would

286 also like to be placed on the committee as well. Mayor Deaton asked Mr. Smith if an  
287 appointment process has been established for this committee. Mr. Smith stated this  
288 process is why the resolution was necessary adding that he was approached some  
289 time ago to prepare an ordinance for this committee. Mr. Smith stated that this is a  
290 complicated and involved process and would need to discuss the details in more  
291 depth. It was decided that the structure would not need to be decided this evening.  
292 Mr. Samples stated that the town has 9 committees with two of them having been  
293 codified and feels that holding up the process while waiting for an ordinance is  
294 “backwards” adding that he is all for structure but would like to move forward with  
295 establishing this committee. Ms. Blair stated that this new committee would have  
296 added responsibilities and would be more involved than previous recreation  
297 committees. Mr. Johnson stated that this committee’s responsibilities have grown  
298 with the newly purchased pier and added that council will need to consider this when  
299 structuring this committee. Mr. Samples made a motion to go back under Roberts  
300 rules. Mr. Johnson seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr.  
301 Johnson made a motion to accept the resolution. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.  
302 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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304 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

305 *Ron Ott, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North:* “I’ve been glancing over your new additions to your animal  
306 ordinance and I have a problem, I’ve got nuisance animals and I’ve been trying to figure  
307 out who they belong to but I know they’ve always been there but they just got a lot  
308 worse and they’re the raccoons. They’ve always been there but I just had my full of  
309 them and I thought what’s going on here maybe it’s the fact that we removed the locks  
310 from the mobys and they’re able to get in there and dine every night, so I called up the  
311 Horry County animal control and they came out and this officer taught me how to set the  
312 trap and put my sardines in there and they really like the sardines with mustard, I’ll tell  
313 you, but anyhow, I put them in there and in a period of a little over a week I caught six  
314 of them. I thought there was maybe one or two but six, so now they’ve taken the trap  
315 somewhere else. I don’t have a trap anymore and they’re still ripping . . . they’re all  
316 over the place, I said ‘Holy smokes’ there’s a herd of them out there. There is an awful  
317 lot of them. Now, do they belong to the town? I mean, you took ownership of the  
318 ducks, I figured you’re going to take ownership of these raccoons because they can bring  
319 us some nasty things; fleas, ticks, rabies or what not and does the town have any traps?”

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321 It was confirmed that the town does not have an animal control officer.

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323 *Mr. Ott:* “Now I’m back in line waiting for the Horry County trap to come back. It’s  
324 gotten a lot worse in the last year. I just had my full of it. Every morning I got to come  
325 out there and I got to clean up from the raccoons. The tree ordinance, boy that is a  
326 monster, I mean I can see myself out there on a Saturday morning looking and saying  
327 ‘what if’, do we get the veneer calipers out? Do we measure this? Is it 4 inches this  
328 way? Is it 3 inches that way? How are we going to control that? That is something.  
329 That’s it. Thank you.”

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331 *Mary Crowley, 1013 South Hollywood Drive:* “I’m concerned about the signage at 5<sup>th</sup>  
332 Avenue North about ‘no right turn’ that is posted up by the red light. I’m involved in a  
333 retail business with Owl O Rest Furniture which, that is the direct access for our people

334 coming from the Myrtle Beach area to take to get to our store, and I was present in a car  
335 this past week when someone with a California drivers license was stopped for making  
336 the right turn on red and neither myself nor anyone in my small circle of friends and  
337 people that I run into have been aware of that sign that says 'no right on red' there and  
338 when the officer ticketed the lady who was driving without a state license I asked him 'is  
339 that not a small sign?' and he said that that was a matter with the Department of  
340 Transportation, that if there was a problem with that, that it should be taken up with  
341 them and this is a major access to our building. We've been blessed to be in business a  
342 while and I would like to see if Mr. Booth or someone would tell me the appropriate way  
343 to go about maybe getting a sign at eye level because very few people are aware of that  
344 'no right turn on red'. I certainly was not and I know a lot of people who would have  
345 gotten a ticket as well."

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347 Mayor Deaton suggested making an appointment with Mr. Booth.

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349 *MaCray Smith, Deerfield Plantation:* "I have some land available next to the city that  
350 I'm not using right now if you need some extra space during some of your events."

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352 **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

353 *Mr. Samples:* "Mary Crowley, you know when I read that letter to the editor my wife  
354 and I took, it was a nice day so we thought we'd take a walk up there and look and see  
355 about that 'no turn' sign ourselves because I didn't remember it being there either and,  
356 infact, I told her, there's no sign there, but sure enough there is, isn't there, and I agree  
357 with you, we need something closer to that corner I think is what we need right there in  
358 the right of way."

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360 *Mr. Childs:* "I'm glad you brought up the raccoons, you know, I brought that up one  
361 time here not long ago, Mr. Booth thought I was dizzy, you know, but I think maybe you  
362 have my raccoons because they were getting in my trash as well. So I'm glad that  
363 somebody else in town has that problem too. Thank you."

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365 *Mr. Truett:* "I've got two myself."

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367 *Mayor Deaton:* "I've got three."

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369 *Mr. Johnson:* "Ladies and gentlemen, thank you for coming out this evening. This is  
370 your town and if you have any concerns or comments see Mr. Booth or any of us and we  
371 appreciate you coming out and I also would like to recommend that this tree ordinance  
372 go back to the Planning and Zoning Commission as soon as possible for tweaking  
373 because we all know that it is not a perfect ordinance but it's better than what it was and  
374 with my experience on the Planning and Zoning Commission for many years it takes a  
375 long time and it's detailed. You can go through any page if you chose and find different  
376 items that need tweaking and I think that it should be a priority. Thank you."

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378 *Ms. Blair:* "Mr. Ott, I think quite a few years ago we did have some traps only because  
379 we had an officer on force who had previously worked for Horry County animal control  
380 and when he came to work for the town he brought some experience with him and we  
381 had some traps as well as some holding pens behind the department where animals could  
382 be kept awaiting animal control to come transport them to county. That went away quite



383 a few years ago and I actually questioned the police chief at the time about the traps and  
 384 you know, it might be nice to have, we certainly don't have enough for a full time  
 385 animal control officer, but have someone just trained in being able to at least respond to  
 386 calls and it went nowhere at the time, but yes, I actually found one in my trash can a  
 387 couple of months ago, scared the bajeebies out of me when I opened it and started to  
 388 drop in and the glowing eyes were looking back at me. I deal with them; I test them for  
 389 rabies and do all that stuff and it even shook me up to see one glaring back at me. I was  
 390 informed by a neighbor this morning that I have a fox that is coming out about eleven  
 391 o'clock every night which I had not seen a fox in the neighborhood in quite a while. In  
 392 support of that animal ordinance, just everyone be sure your pets are vaccinated because  
 393 they are a primary carrier of rabies in this county. To conclude, thank you all for coming  
 394 and if you haven't made a trip down to 14<sup>th</sup> South do so, it's worth your time to go down  
 395 there and see the new lights and see how good everything looks. Thank you to Mr.  
 396 Booth and staff for making that happen."

398 *Mayor Deaton:* I'd like to thank everyone for coming. It's an exciting time in Surfside.  
 399 I mean all you have to do is get out and walk around or ride around in your car a little  
 400 bit. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, our lakes are magnificent, the Palmetto project is going along  
 401 beautifully, our road paving's fantastic, our pier is unbelievable so far; it's just a great  
 402 time for this community and we appreciate your input and we appreciate you as  
 403 residents."

405 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

406 Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in**  
 407 **favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:52.

410 Approved: April 14, 2009

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 412 Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

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 414 K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

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 416 Joseph P. Martin, Town Council

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 420 James S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem

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 435 **Clerk's Note:** This document constitutes minutes of the meeting, which was audio taped. In accordance with FOIA, meeting notice and the  
 436 agenda were faxed and/or emailed to local media and interested parties. A complete list is on file in the clerk's office. The agenda was posted  
 437 on bulletin boards outside Council chambers and in the town hall reception area. Meeting notice was also posted on the town marquee.