



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

June 22, 2010 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM. Mayor Deaton and councilmembers Johnson, Blair, Dodge, Smith, Childs and Samples were present. Staff present: Appointed Interim Administrator, Fellner; Clerk Pinnell; Special Events Supervisor, Ellis; Building Director Donevant; Finance Treasurer, Hursey; Public Works Director Adair and Fire Chief Packard. Attorneys Mr. Smith and Mr. Moss and Waccamaw Regional Council of Government consultant Mr. Britton were also present.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Chaplin Don Turner gave the invocation and Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. Mr. Smith abstained from voting; he was not on council at that time and did not attend those meetings. **All others present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the public hearing and regular meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Tom Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar Drive:* “I’ve looked over the budget and under General Funds, Grounds, General Expenditures, there’s an item for Tree City; \$13,000. Seems like a total waste of money. How is this going to help Surfside Beach? Especially when we’re not bringing in a lot of taxes and it’s a down year for us. If we’re going to spend this money it should be spent on the skateboard park, at the firestation, for our children. This should cover the park costs and that of a restroom. What is more important to this council, trees or our children? I see we have a resolution for a tree moratorium that’s beyond thinking. We just do not need a tree moratorium. Thank you.”

*Carolyn Raines-Harbin, 322 S. Willow Drive:* “I had to write everything down you all; I get rather emotional. Not that I can’t be heard. I’m really kind of in a quandary after the last meeting, actually a couple of months back, we the citizens of Surfside Beach were told we would have no tax millage increase; the town was in great financial shape. This is a good thing. Then, all of a sudden, last meeting, we had this discussion about the County helping to develop the park, quite frankly I call it ‘what ever we can get by with park’ across from the Sundowner. The comment was made that \$100,000 in the grand scheme of things was not a big deal, well, we all felt pretty good about that; less than five minutes it was stated that because things are so tight

53 with the budget that we needed to do away with the Director of Public Safety. This  
54 would save the town \$88,000 in a year with his vehicle being used elsewhere.  
55 \$100,000 was not a big deal but suddenly \$88,000 was. This is not personal; I heard  
56 that. I'm sorry, you decided to do what you did to humiliate another human being;  
57 this was unforgiveable. If you needed to eliminate the position then why not call the  
58 Director of Public Safety in ahead of time; offer him the Police Chief position at a  
59 lower rate given the option. I am ashamed of the way this was done and you should  
60 be too. I honestly think that all of the people here were in a state of shock after what  
61 was done that we were totally dumbfounded. I know I was. It has taken me two  
62 weeks and I still can't stomach the way this was done. Andy may not have been a  
63 friend to everybody but you can bet your bottom dollar he would protect each and  
64 every one of you and us in this town to the best of his ability. If I were an employee  
65 of the Town of Surfside I'd be wondering who's next. You all might want to know.  
66 Council, I am rarely at a loss for words and those who know me will quickly tell you  
67 that, but you actually had me speechless after this last meeting. I just feel like you  
68 need to know how people feel and I would normally prefer to do this one on one but I  
69 feel like it needed to be said publicly. I am totally ashamed of the way this  
70 happened.”

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72 ***Dave McLaughlin, Ocean Pines I, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.***: “We have recently and are in the  
73 process of losing approximately 30 pine trees on our street as a result of our HOA  
74 board decision to thin trees from our planned development. Ocean Pines One, and I  
75 stress ‘pines’ now has one pine tree on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue facing the street. I had the  
76 opportunity to sit down and discuss this process with the Interim City Manager Micki  
77 Fellner, first let me compliment Ms. Fellner for making the time for me and for her  
78 courteous and professional attitude during our meeting. I asked several questions  
79 regarding the tree removal; the ordinance applying to the removal and how it was  
80 carried out. What I learned is that as a Planned Development we do not fall under the  
81 guidelines of any ordinance as they pertain to tree removal and the city regarded us as  
82 commercial property because no guidelines applied to us as a Planned Development.  
83 I was told that according to the ordinance there was a tree count; the trees removed  
84 fell within the 20 percent allowed by the code. I was told the city verified the count  
85 and agreed with the selection of the trees to be removed. We now have a street that is  
86 almost void of trees in a large section of that street. We have lost any wind buffer we  
87 might have had when we have the next big storm. O.P. One went through Hugo with  
88 minimal damage; the pine trees did not fall on the units and none of the units lost  
89 their roofs. Some experts agree that a tree buffer will help diffuse the effects of high  
90 winds; I understand that you risk damage from a fallen tree but the alternative is the  
91 risk of losing your entire home. On May 26<sup>th</sup> before any of these trees were cut I left  
92 a letter addressed to the members of council and the members of the Planning and  
93 Zoning Board and was told it would be copied to you and to them. When I asked Ms.  
94 Fellner about this letter she stated that she had not seen the letter and a member of the  
95 Planning and Zoning Board told me that they had not received it. That concerns me.  
96 I have a copy of that letter for you tonight. I urge this council to pass the moratorium  
97 on any further tree removal being considered tonight until there are real and concrete  
98 guidelines to be followed. Guidelines that consider good tree farming practices;  
99 practices that remove unhealthy, deformed or hazardous trees, not nuisance trees that  
100 drop needles on our patio that we don't want to clean up. Please, please pass this  
101 moratorium before we lose any more of our tree canopy. My second point about this

102 concern is the fact that we are not required by the city to have an approved  
103 landscaping plan. I was told that because of our age as a Planned Development we  
104 are one of one or two PD's that are not required to have such a plan. I, for one, would  
105 welcome a required plan done by a professional landscaper that determines what and  
106 where we need landscaping in our common areas to maintain our value and to  
107 enhance the beauty of our City. I have suggested that this can be accomplished with  
108 little cost if the services of the Horry County branch of the Clemson Agricultural  
109 Extension Services are asked to help. Lastly, I thank you for the time you have given  
110 to our City and to the people of Surfside."

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112 **Jim Ellis, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., Ocean Pines I:** "I'm representing the Ocean Pines One  
113 Homeowners Association, currently treasurer. I just wanted to speak for a minute;  
114 not about Ocean Pines issues but concerning the tree moratorium and something  
115 about; I would not like for the decisions we made as a Homeowners Association to  
116 affect the whole town. We did make a decision, we decided . . . Ocean Pines One by  
117 the way is 23 years old, there's been a lot of growth in 23 years. We are concerned  
118 about issues which I spoke to council before; a couple of months ago and I won't  
119 repeat that, but we have several concerns about what trees were doing to our property  
120 or our utilities or sidewalks and parking lots. We went to the Town Council offices  
121 willing to work within the existing tree ordinance. Tonight is the first I hear that it  
122 didn't apply to us; we felt like we would like to work within that ordinance to  
123 eliminate some of the problems that have developed over the years. Our complex has  
124 had 226 trees; we did remove 32 pines, only one small section where there are not  
125 other trees; there's all clusters of trees, we still have 194 trees; I understand we only  
126 need 111 but beyond that, I guess, my concern is I felt like our decision as applied to  
127 Ocean Pine One was a particular decision and I feel badly that it's kind of escalated  
128 into a whole town issue and I think that the Homeowners Association which  
129 represents, I think an overwhelming majority of the homeowners, have felt like this  
130 was a good decision. Also I do want to complement the town employees, I think,  
131 were very professional working with us, brought in an outside person with knowledge  
132 to confirm what we had asked to be done and then we followed up on it but I just  
133 hope that our decision is not a decision that effects the whole community because I  
134 think it was individual and particular to Ocean Pines One. Thank you very much."

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136 **Cindy McLaughlin, 614 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. Ocean Pines I:** "I would like to share some  
137 information about Ocean Pines One that the council may not know. I have a list of  
138 the owners of the 104 units that make up Ocean Pines One; of these 104 owners only  
139 41 percent of us actually live here full time which means almost 60 percent of the  
140 owners of units in Ocean Pines One do not live, work or vote in the City of Surfside  
141 Beach. Our current board president, for instance, lives full time in North Carolina.  
142 Those of us in attendance and others, who were not able to attend the meeting tonight  
143 live, play and vote here in Surfside Beach. For the record, I love our pine trees and I  
144 don't event mind sweeping up pine needles; it's one of the things that attracted my  
145 husband and me to Ocean Pines One and Surfside Beach about 16 years ago. On  
146 behalf of the homeowners opposed to further tree removal I am asking our town  
147 council to please consider putting a moratorium in place to help us save the few pine  
148 trees in Ocean Pines that are left before we become Ocean Pineless. Thank you."

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150 **Bud Joynes 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. Ocean Pines:** “I appeal to all the councilmembers,  
151 Mayor and ladies and gentlemen. There is one pine tree on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and there are  
152 2 pine trees on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue that they had taken down before. These are hazardous  
153 trees; we don’t want to take down any trees and this, actually, is not about Ocean  
154 Pines, our job is done or finished. We are talking about a moratorium so that other  
155 communities don’t have the same problem that we had trying to get something done  
156 where you’re having pipes uprooted, sidewalks; people that live out of town like this  
157 young lady was talking about don’t know because they’re gone for the summer and  
158 then they get a foot of pine needles on the roof and they get all the mold and the  
159 mildew, then there’s a lot of older people who have a problem with the sidewalks all  
160 buckling up and that’s why we wanted them down; it’s not because we don’t like  
161 pine trees and at the last meeting Ms. Vicki Blair said that if we had 40 some  
162 signatures, well, we got 59 of them right here and we contacted people who were out  
163 of town and we got more signatures, there’s 59 and there’s 104 units and so I appeal  
164 to you councilmen, council lady, to ban this moratorium. I think it’s bad. I wouldn’t  
165 want to see other communities go through what we had to go through. Thank you  
166 very much.”

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168 **Leon Graf, owner of Bogata:** “While we’re on the subject of trees, I’d just like to  
169 bring up the aspect of the ordinance on trees in the town which we have a problem in  
170 the business district where the sidewalks are being lifted and trees can be removed  
171 even though they’re protected if it is a pedestrian or vehicle hazard. I’m looking to  
172 get those trees removed; the sidewalks are buckled over there; you cannot get  
173 handicapping into the building and in regards to handicap, I believe that the town is in  
174 violation of federal law for handicap parking also and I would like somebody to take  
175 a look at that. Thank you.”

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177 **Randle Stevens, 412 1st Avenue N.:** “I was listening to Mrs. Harbin speak to you all  
178 and I thought about the time that I worked for the gas and county health department  
179 and 5 . . . myself and 5 other fellows, they elected a new county commission and the  
180 head of the health department pulled us in there on June 15<sup>th</sup> and he said ‘I’m not  
181 sure, the county commission had to cut the budget, too much money going out and we  
182 don’t need your positions anymore, but I’m not sure but it may be a fact’ on June 25<sup>th</sup>  
183 the fellow said ‘ yes, it is a fact’. The county saved over \$140,000; I lost my job but I  
184 didn’t hold any ill bearing against the county commission because they were in  
185 financial straits just like this town is and I commend you for cutting the budget. If  
186 you’ve got a position that duplicates itself, you don’t need it. I’m sure you all don’t  
187 have any ill will towards the former public safety director; I thought he was a nice  
188 guy myself. The fact is there’s not a lot of people that believe like Ms. Harbin;  
189 there’s a lot of people that supported your movement and supported what you did.  
190 You need to be fiscally responsible because the taxpayers want to know that our  
191 money is being spent wisely. If we’re doing a job and it’s duplicating itself we don’t  
192 need that job anymore, so, you cut the budget, I don’t have any problem with it and I  
193 think you’ll find out if you walk around this city you’ll find out there’s a lot of other  
194 people who feel the same way I do. Thank you.”

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**6. COMMUNICATIONS: Presented by Interim Administrator Micki Fellner**

Finance Report

Ms. Fellner reported that business renewals for 2010 as of June 11<sup>th</sup> are \$525,000; last years' collections were \$614,000. This is down approximately 8.5 percent which was anticipated. The good news is that the number of accounts or businesses remains approximately the same; it's just that the license cost is based on gross sales generated from 2009 revenue which was down. Hospitality and local accommodations tax from May 2010 were \$41,200 and \$5,800 respectively. This is lower this year but it is early in the season and the good news is there are more accounts. Real estate personal property and vehicle tax collections from Horry County for May 2010 were \$31,200. Mr. Samples stated that he could not help but note that the town is projecting a very significant payment from the Municipal Association for business license. Ms. Hursey explained that the town gets close to \$300,000 from the Municipal Association in the month of June; the town has already received in \$125,000. Mr. Samples stated that the report ends May31st with one month remaining in the year and the total amount under licenses and permits year to date shows a collection of slightly over 2,049,000 and the town is projecting between now and the end of June that the town will receive \$650,000. Ms. Hursey asked where Mr. Samples was getting \$650,000 from. Mr. Samples stated he was getting it from the budget that council is being asked to adopt tonight. Mayor Deaton asked if this item could be addressed in the budget proceedings. Ms. Hursey stated that she was confused about the question. Mayor Deaton asked if it could be clarified during the budget proceedings. It was agreed.

Public Works Report

Ms. Fellner reported that a bid for the knuckleboom truck is currently on-line and bids will be accepted until June 24<sup>th</sup>. Crews are spraying for mosquitoes throughout town on Tuesdays and Fridays. Surfside Beach was named a Tree City for 2009 by the Arbor Day Foundation and the town is currently awaiting a flag and designation materials. The Public Works Director and Grounds Supervisor are looking into the requirements necessary to perpetuate this status. The underground electrical conversion at the pier and on Seaside Drive North is now complete. The pressure in the pier standpipe was tested and it did pass; this is the pipe that runs along the side to fight fires on the pier. There is one portion of the standpipe at the end that needs completion of the deck before it is completed and then it would be tested. ADA compliant anodized aluminum rails will be placed at the pier ramp. It was reported that two people had fallen within the last few weeks so this installation should allow for people to hold onto something as they walked up the ramp rather than the wood railings. Ms. Dodge stated that she walks on the pier occasionally and noticed that the wood, while new, is bowing and asked if it was pressure treated. Ms. Fellner reported that the wood is pressure treated. Mr. Adair reported that many of the boards used to re-plank the pier had been stored in the public works yard for some time and with the dampness, drying and cooling many are cupping where they should not be cupping and these boards will be replaced or turned over; whatever needs to be done, to avoid any trip hazards. Ms. Fellner stated that the boards on the decking are sea sprayed boards and they will also need to be treated; they will be sealed this coming fall.

245 Recreation Report

246 Ms. Fellner reported that the Dixie League age 13-14, World Series Champions when  
247 they were ages 11 and 12, will automatically advance to the State tournament to be  
248 held in Sumter South Carolina beginning July 17. The over 30 adult softball  
249 registration began and there are currently over 12 teams registered; this will mean a  
250 full rotation at Huckabee and the season begins July 5<sup>th</sup>. Over 300 children attended  
251 the Kids Fair at Fuller Park on June 7<sup>th</sup> and it was a huge success. The Sun Fun Super  
252 Saturday Myrtle Beach Chamber event of June 12<sup>th</sup> was not a success for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year  
253 in a row and staff will be making some recommendations to council at a later date  
254 regarding this event and a few others. The Recreation Department received a check  
255 from the Surfside Area Rotary Club in the amount of \$2,000 as a donation from the  
256 10k/5k race held in January. Steve Fairchild's' band and friends will entertain from  
257 6PM until 10PM in the pier parking lot on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and the Fireworks will begin  
258 at 9:30PM.

260 Comprehensive Plan: Transportation Element: Mr. Britton, Waccamaw Regional  
261 Council of Governments

262 Ms. Donevant introduced planner Mr. Britton. Ms. Donevant stated that Mr. Dan  
263 Newquist is the individual who wrote the plan but was unable to attend the meeting;  
264 Mr. Britton would explain the plan in his place. Mr. Britton stated that the  
265 Comprehensive Plan elements being presented this evening are the inclusion of a  
266 transportation element which the Planning Commission had been working on for the  
267 last 4 to 5 months. Mr. Britton stated that Comprehensive Plan in South Carolina is a  
268 forward looking plan with the timeline of 10 to 20 years. In South Carolina a  
269 community having a comprehensive plan is a requirement in order for the town to  
270 have the zoning ordinance development regulations. It is important for the town to  
271 have and update a Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Britton stated in South Carolina the  
272 requirement is that every 5 years the Comprehensive Plan needs to be reviewed and  
273 every 10 years the Comprehensive Plan has to be updated. The Town of Surfside  
274 Beach adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2005 and is currently in compliance with the  
275 State statutes. In 2007 the General Assembly changed the law as to what is required  
276 for comprehensive plans. As a result of the amendment in order to have the plan in  
277 compliance as the town goes forward there is a requirement that two additional  
278 elements have to be added to the plan; one is the transportation element and the other  
279 is an investment element. The requirement for these two elements triggers at the 5  
280 year review which the town is currently at. The Town will need to adopt or amend  
281 the Comprehensive Plan by December of this year to maintain current with the State  
282 requirements. Mr. Britton stated that the first element they assisted the Planning  
283 Commission with was the transportation element which is currently being presented  
284 to council; in a few months council will be brought the investment element to review  
285 and make a decision on as well. From a standpoint of what is required for a  
286 transportation element; it requires an analysis of the existing transportation conditions  
287 as well as a projection of what those future conditions will be; it identifies potential  
288 anticipated projects as well as provides an implementation section so those projects  
289 would be achieved. The goal in working with the commission was three fold; first  
290 was to, at a minimum, meet requirements of the State codes which the draft includes;  
291 the second item was to take the existing plans and the work done by this council and  
292 previous councils regarding a long term transportation study including the 2005  
293 Comprehensive Plan and work recently done and make sure that they are all

294 referenced and addressed in the plan and thirdly was to include an implementation  
295 section which is not in some of the other elements which identifies a time process for  
296 getting some of the items in the plan accomplished. Mr. Britton stated that the  
297 Comprehensive Plan is a policy statement and it is not a straightjacket; there may be  
298 items or projects in the plan that at some point the council may decide not to pursue.  
299 This does not conflict with anything; it is a policy guide only. The councils'  
300 responsibility or action is to adopt the comprehensive plan elements in an ordinance  
301 form. A public hearing will be scheduled for the next month and at that time Mr. Dan  
302 Newquist will provide a presentation to council and the public and will discuss the  
303 specifics in the plan. Council will then consider the plan or make amendments and it  
304 could also be referred back to the Planning Commission for additional revisions.  
305 Once the plan is adopted it becomes effective as an ordinance and becomes a part of  
306 the Comprehensive Plan.

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308 Mr. Smith asked if something could be added to the plan at a later time. Mr. Britton  
309 stated that the Comprehensive Plan can be amended at any time. It originates with  
310 the Planning Commission and explained that if a year from now the council wanted to  
311 add projects the plan could be revised and amended. Mr. Samples stated that  
312 Highway 17 Business is very important and asked if council wanted to give guidance  
313 to the Planning Commission to consider improvements to Highway 17 could this be  
314 done prior to it being adopted. Mr. Britton stated that any item could be referred back  
315 to the Commission for consideration. Mr. Samples stated that the grading scale of 17  
316 is projected to be a C and stated that he believes that this does not rank very high in  
317 some scoring systems in terms of priorities adding that a D and an F rating seems to  
318 get funding. There was some additional discussion regarding ratings and frontage  
319 roads. Mr. Britton stated that two projections were included for Business 17 within  
320 the plan; one is using a linear regression if one looks at the last 20 years and the other  
321 number is the GSATS model number which assumes the transportation improvements  
322 that are funded and implemented. The level of service linear regression is rated C and  
323 the GSATS model rates at an F for North of Surfside Drive and South of Surfside  
324 Drive is an F; two different models were used. Mr. Samples asked if the frontage  
325 roads are taken into account in the study because according to the study provided to  
326 council "traffic's going down". Mr. Britton stated that if you look at the distribution  
327 "the range is between 33,000 to 40,000 and if you look at the plot you'll have up  
328 years, down years, up years, down years; the last three years you had a slight decline  
329 but if you put that into a linear regression model it shows a slight dip for one and I  
330 think a slight increase for another leg of 17".

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332 Mr. Smith stated that on page 13 under Planned Transportation Improvements he  
333 does not see frontage road improvements mentioned and asked if this is not part of  
334 the plan. Mr. Britton stated that this is part of the plan and it is referenced in  
335 subsequent pages. Mr. Britton explained that Mr. Newquist plugged into this section  
336 projects that had been funded or had money set aside specifically for adding "and I  
337 don't know that the frontage roads met that criteria." Mr. Samples stated that it  
338 would then be appropriate for council to suggest that unfunded improvements be  
339 identified in the plan. Mr. Britton answered that he believes they are, adding that he  
340 will get with Mr. Newquist for clarification on this.

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Administrator's Report

Ms. Fellner reported that one of the air conditioners in council chambers went out. The town has a grant to replace three units at town hall; the town is currently waiting on the bid to come in. The bid opening is planned for this coming Thursday. The town would like to take one of the old units, saving \$5,000 and replace it in the council chambers; the tonnage is the same. Ms. Fellner asked if everyone could be patient it should be replaced within a couple of weeks. Court was postponed and cases scheduled this week were rescheduled; they will now be on the August roster and will be set for trial in October.

*i. Pier Deck and Decking Update*

Ms. Fellner reported that all pilings are in; the kiwi shades were ordered and will come in on time and should be installed by July 4<sup>th</sup>. The 6 by 12 girders will be arriving early the following morning and will be here in time to be installed. The timing for the town 4<sup>th</sup> of July event will be very, very close and the town is hoping that everything goes smoothly but no promise is being made that it will be completed by July 4<sup>th</sup>; the town is just hoping for the best.

*ii. Propose having one council meeting in July*

Ms. Fellner stated that there was some informal discussion between the former administrator and council regarding having only one meeting in July. Ms. Fellner stated that she is aware there is an MASC meeting for council in July and wanted to know what the desire of council was regarding this. Mr. Childs asked if council would consider having one meeting in July and one meeting in August. Mr. Childs made a motion to have one meeting in July and one meeting in August. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Childs stated that in the summer even the State and Federal legislators take time off and thought that if some council wanted to go away in July or August sees no reason why the council could not have just one meeting in these months. Mr. Johnson stated that the council has many things on its agenda and feels that council should try to have two meetings in August and added that if all council members are not able to attend then they would not attend. Mr. Samples stated that the agenda this evening had a number of items on it and he was just asked when the council would have a workshop on Surfside Drive and feels that there are many business items to discuss and would like to change the next council meeting to Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> and does not support having one meeting. **Mr. Smith and Mr. Childs voted for. Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Dodge, Mayor Deaton and Mr. Samples voted against. MOTION FAILED.** Mr. Smith made a motion to have one meeting in July. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that he does not support this either. Ms. Blair stated that she agrees the town has a lot going on and does not agree with decreasing the amounts of meetings but agrees to moving the first meeting in July to Monday to accommodate the council and their training session in Charleston.



391 **Mr. Childs and Mr. Smith voted for. Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnsons,**  
392 **Ms. Dodge, Mayor Deaton and Mr. Samples voted against.**  
393 **MOTION FAILED. Mr. Johnson made a motion to reschedule the**  
394 **council meeting scheduled for the same week as the Municipal**  
395 **Association event to Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> instead of Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>.**  
396 Ms. Blair seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION**  
397 **CARRIED.**  
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399 *iii. Fire on Surfside Drive Update*

400 Ms. Fellner stated that she wanted to commend both the fire and  
401 police department for the stellar job they performed during the recent  
402 fire on Surfside Drive; not only was the fire contained quickly but  
403 everything went according to incident protocol. There were no  
404 serious injuries and the needs for those displaced were met in a  
405 compassionate and time effective manner and the traffic and crowd  
406 control was handled impeccably without incident. Ms. Fellner also  
407 thanked the other town personnel who aided our staff and displaced  
408 family members with food and other items and stood ready to assist  
409 in any supportive capacity. Ms. Fellner thanked the public for  
410 responding to the direction from both the fire and police personnel.  
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412 *iv. Update on Firestation*

413 Ms. Fellner reported that she and staff met with Paul Mashburn and  
414 requested that there be a meeting with DP3 on Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>.  
415 Ms. Fellner reported that attorney Mr. Smith was in attendance at  
416 their previous meeting and she has requested he attend the next  
417 meeting as well. Ms. Fellner stated that the floor at the fire station is  
418 still an issue and she is not sure that their solution is viable and  
419 would like the town attorney be present so if it needs to be turned  
420 over to him he is prepared and will be aware of all of the facts.  
421 Attorney Mr. Smith stated that he is with the McGougan Law Firm  
422 and introduced the senior partner Attorney Ken Moss who was also  
423 in attendance. Mr. Smith reported that the town will have a “change  
424 of face here for a few short months” and Mr. Moss will be learning a  
425 little bit more about Surfside Beach and for Surfside Beach to learn a  
426 little more about the McGougan Law Firm. Mr. Smith stated that his  
427 firm is prepared to attend the meeting on Thursday regarding the fire  
428 station. Ms. Fellner stated that the town is still holding money on  
429 this project.  
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431 *v. New Website*

432 Ms. Fellner stated that the new website was rolled over the previous  
433 Monday; a Twitter account was posted on the site for emergency  
434 use. This will allow for posting of emergency messages such as  
435 weather, fire, blocked roads, etc. Ms. Fellner stated that she will turn  
436 over the emergency postings to the EOC or fire department. Ms.  
437 Fellner reported that there is currently RSS feeds on 5 of the pages of  
438 the new site which includes the home, the bids, the calendar of  
439 events, the employment and recent news and with one click one can

440 subscribe to the feed for that page and if there is any change to this  
441 page it will go directly to ones e-mail as soon as it is changed. Ms.  
442 Fellner reported that viewers can also sign up for e-mail updates  
443 which will be a service offered as soon as the town gets a dedicated  
444 employee to work on communications. Ms. Fellner stated that it  
445 currently is too time consuming for her to accomplish with all of the  
446 other recent added duties but added that it will happen. Ms. Fellner  
447 reported that she has asked the Finance Department to create a  
448 PayPal account which they are in the process of doing; this will be  
449 tied to the town store page so the town can sell its town merchandise  
450 on-line. Ms. Fellner reported that Google analytics came back and in  
451 just a short time, since the town rolled over the new site this page  
452 was the number 5 page in all of the hits the site has had so clearly the  
453 town needs to sell something on it. Ms. Fellner stated that she  
454 appreciates the patience from the public and council while she works  
455 on getting the site fully operational adding that with her doing two  
456 jobs she realizes that there were things that did not go up correctly  
457 during the rollover of the site.

## 459 7. BUSINESS

### 460 a. *First Reading Ordinance #10-0680: Committees*

461 Mr. Samples made a motion to send the ordinance back for a clean-up adding  
462 that there are a number of inconsistencies in it. Mr. Smith seconded the  
463 motion. Mr. Samples asked for the ordinance to go back to staff and that it is  
464 accompanied by an issue paper. Mr. Johnson stated that he agrees adding that  
465 there were also comments from councilmember's regarding the ordinance.  
466 Attorney Mr. Smith stated that approximately 9 months to a year ago counsel  
467 was asked to draw up a draft of an ordinance for discussion adding that this is  
468 a draft; there were 11 committees which were reduced down to 7 and from the  
469 7 there were 5 or 6 of them that were statutory committees. Attorney Mr.  
470 Smith stated that he assumed this was to be presented for council to give their  
471 input. Attorney Mr. Smith reiterated that this was intended to be a draft and  
472 was not ready for first reading. Mr. Samples suggested the clerk send the  
473 document to council for them to add their comments. Ms. Blair asked if a  
474 time frame could be placed on this. Ms. Fellner recommended the document  
475 be sent in a pdf version to council and council could then add sticky note  
476 comments. Mr. Samples asked about pages 10 through 13 and asked what  
477 committee is being referred to. Attorney Smith stated that each committee is  
478 looked at separately and all committees are being included in the ordinance  
479 and once the document is completed it would be renumbered. Mr. Samples  
480 asked about the Building Board of Appeals. Ms. Donevant stated that the  
481 drafted ordinance is referencing Chapter 14 which is the flood damage  
482 prevention ordinance and the Building Board of Appeals deals with codes. It  
483 was clarified that this was in the incorrect area. Attorney Mr. Smith stated  
484 that the ordinance is a draft version and various items will need to be placed in  
485 other sections of the ordinance. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

### 487 b. *Second Reading Ordinance #10-0686: Adopt 2010/2011 Fiscal Year Budget*

488 Mr. Samples made a motion to defer this item until the following Tuesday and  
489 have a special meeting to adopt the second reading. Mr. Childs seconded the  
490 motion. Ms. Blair stated that there have been some more suggestions for  
491 places that council may want to look and save some more money and "those  
492 original suggestions were somewhat made in a lump sum and I commend

493 Micki who has taken the time to look at those and break those out and explain  
494 it in more detail but, for me, I got my hands on that at 3:30 this afternoon so I  
495 have not really had time to look over that and really absorb all that she's taken  
496 the time to do for us and I'd like to sit down and just have a little bit more  
497 time to understand and pull out any questions that I have." Ms. Blair agreed  
498 to a special meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that he agreed to have a special  
499 meeting. Mr. Samples stated that he wanted to follow up on a specific number  
500 on page 3 referring to the monthly report containing current data. This was in  
501 reference to a very large payment from the Municipal Association. Mr.  
502 Samples stated that on page 3 of the budget, in the general fund budget  
503 summary, "if you look under the FY 10 projected, which I presume becomes  
504 the basis for our fund balances, your estimate for fund balances, if you look at  
505 licenses and permits the number projected is \$2,700,000." Ms. Hursey  
506 confirmed this projection. Mr. Samples stated that "if you go back to the  
507 finance report, that ends May 31<sup>st</sup>, right now we got about 2 million dollars  
508 and thus, we're expecting a very large payment." Ms. Hursey stated that the  
509 town is expecting a large payment adding that June is the largest month for  
510 business license collections from the Municipal Association. Mr. Samples  
511 stated that if the \$2,700,000 is correct then this is great. Ms. Hursey stated  
512 that the projected columns were not updated as of a few weeks ago. Mr.  
513 Samples confirmed the time of the special meeting to be 6:30 PM. Ms.  
514 Hursey asked what would be accomplished and when would there be a second  
515 reading since there would need to be time allotted to make changes and  
516 prepare for a meeting. Mr. Samples stated that he had e-mailed a number of  
517 specific items which he knows that the administrator has looked at and has  
518 made comments and would just ask that Ms. Hursey double check the  
519 revenues. Ms. Hursey stated that the only thing this would affect is the  
520 projected fund balances and would not affect the actual revenues and  
521 expenditures for next year. Mr. Johnson stated that he was out of town from  
522 Friday morning until last night and he did not receive his council packet  
523 where he was and added that he did not have internet access and no cell phone  
524 access and asked that he have another week to look over the changes. Mr.  
525 Johnson stated that "one change in particular that really concerns me is the  
526 fact that this council had voted to eliminate a position and I read in this letter  
527 from Kim and Micki that that position was added back into the budget."  
528 Mayor Deaton stated that the special meeting would include any items that  
529 need to be discussed regarding the budget. Ms. Fellner asked that council  
530 submit their questions to Ms. Fellner by Friday. **All voted in favor.**  
531 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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533 c. *Second Reading Ordinance #10-0685: Tax Millage Fiscal Year 2010-2011*  
534 Mr. Samples made a motion to adopt the tax millage as proposed with no tax  
535 increase remaining the same at 44 mils. Ms. Dodge seconded the motion.  
536 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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538 d. *Second Reading Ordinance #10-0683: Police and Fire Separation*  
539 Mr. Samples made a motion to defer second reading on the ordinance pending  
540 further action by council in the reorganization process. Mr. Johnson seconded  
541 the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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543 e. *Resolution #10-098: Temporary Sign at the Pier*  
544 Clerk Pinnell read the resolution on file. Mr. Johnson made a motion to pass  
545 resolution. Ms. Dodge seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION**  
546 **CARRIED.**

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- f. *Resolution #10-097: Tree Moratorium*  
Clerk Pinnell read the resolution on file. No motion made. **Resolution failed by lack of motion.**
  
- g. *Decision Paper: Appoint subcommittee to pursue reorganization*  
Mayor Deaton stated that he would like to recommend appointing councilmembers Vicki Blair, Mark Johnson and Rod Smith to the subcommittee to pursue the reorganization of the police and fire departments relating to the split of the Public Safety Department. Mr. Childs made a motion that a three member subcommittee comprised of councilmembers Blair, Johnson and Smith be appointed to personally review the police and fire departments staffing and funding with the authority to solicit and engage professional input on any needed changes to our police and fire departments thereafter reporting back to full council their findings and any appropriate suggestions for council consideration. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Ms. Dodge stated that she would like to amend the motion stating that retired policemen should be on the committee adding that they would be very helpful and stated that she has had 3 volunteers with a total of 75 years experience in police work and they would have the experience to review the organization chart for the police department. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. Mr. Smith stated that the committee would probably interview these experts and derive the knowledge from them as compared to them being on the committee. Mr. Smith stated that he feels that the committee should remain comprised of councilmembers. Mr. Childs stated that he agreed with Mr. Smith that the subcommittee would call on the retirees that Ms. Dodge suggested and that it should remain as members of council. Mr. Samples and Ms. Dodge voted for the amendment. Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnsons, Mr. Smith, Mayor Deaton and Mr. Childs voted against. **Amendment failed.** Mr. Samples stated that he was glad that experienced residents from town offered their service. **Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Smith, Mayor Deaton, Mr. Childs and Mr. Samples voted for the original motion. Ms. Dodge voted against. MOTION CARRIED.**
  
- h. *Decision Paper: Hire full time sanitation laborer*  
Public Works Director Mr. Adair stated that the sanitation department is in very good shape. They had gone from 2 full time and one part-time employees less than a couple of years ago and in the same time period the recycling has gone up approximately 35 percent. The town has picked up about 160 plus accounts in the Caropines area and the town receives new requests for service all of the time including commercial and mobys. The department has plans to further enhance the recycling program in the month ahead. The season in tonnage is not as relevant as it once was; the recycling for October and December of 2009 were heavier than this past May. Mr. Adair stated that to provide the level of service the citizens have come to expect he requested the part time laborer be made into a full time employee at the laborer rate. Mr. Samples made a motion to transition the individual into a full time position. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked if there were funds available in the budget for this position. Ms. Fellner stated that funds were available and it was confirmed that it would come from the

597 sanitation funds. Mr. Adair confirmed that the sanitation fund is in very good  
598 shape. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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600 **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

601 • *Discuss Section 2-39 agenda and order of proceedings*

602 Mr. Smith stated that he feels it is very important to add “agenda approval” to  
603 the agenda and would like to make it a permanent item. There was no  
604 disagreement from other councilmembers regarding this.

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606 • *Conflict of Interest*

607 Ms. Dodge stated that in the interest of transparency the town should have a  
608 clear statement regarding conflict of interest on the part of councilmembers,  
609 staff, employees and volunteers. The policy would define what is or is not a  
610 conflict. Ms. Dodge stated that she researched the topic and utilized her  
611 findings and prepared some information (on file). Ms. Dodge stated that she  
612 would like to go over it and make changes as needed but would like it added  
613 as soon as possible. Mayor Deaton stated that this could be added as a  
614 decision paper to add to the personnel policy manual. Mr. Samples asked if  
615 Ms. Dodge would like council to review it and bring it back for discussion.  
616 Ms. Dodge agreed. It was confirmed that all of council would be involved in  
617 this issue.

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619 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 5 minutes per speaker**

620 *Kathy Goddard, 320 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South:* “Subject of replacing signs at owners’  
621 expense on the pier came up tonight. It is amazing and astounding to me that you  
622 ripped down a perfect beautiful Nibil’s sign and now, I don’t even know what  
623 happened to it, and now you’re going to make them buy another sign. It just doesn’t  
624 make sense. Where is the sign they had? Where did it go to? Why should they have  
625 to replace a temporary sign?”

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627 *Mayor Deaton:* “Usually I don’t clarify but I will clarify that. We’re talking about  
628 temporary sign. We’re allowing them to establish a temporary sign and we’re going  
629 to establish a permanent sign.”

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631 *Ms. Goddard:* “You are?”

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633 *Mayor Deaton:* “Yes ma’am. A nice, a very nice permanent sign that adheres to our  
634 ordinances but I don’t want to get into a discussion about this.”

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636 *Ms. Goddard:* “But still, they had their sign there. I don’t think that’s right, in my  
637 personal opinion and also when I worked and my employee asked me to do  
638 something or asked me questions I had very much respect and if I didn’t I would have  
639 been fired. Thank you.”

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642 **Tom Dodge, 1415 North Poplar Drive:** “I think it’s unbelievable that we put three  
643 people of council who have zero hours of police work on a committee to talk about  
644 the police station and do not include on that committee 80 years of police work. How  
645 do you know what questions to ask? What are you looking for? I just think it’s a  
646 terrible decision to not include police officers that live in this town on that committee.  
647 Thank you”

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649 **Ron Ott, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North:** “Surfside Drive; the workshop for that. This has been  
650 going on forever, well, as long as I’ve been here. How about if we have workshops  
651 until it’s finished? How about getting this done? Stay at it until these businesses . . .  
652 these businesses there have been promised forever and I know a lot of the council  
653 people would like to see this end. Stay on it until it’s over. It takes a lot of guts to  
654 cancel town council meetings. You’re trying to ruin our life. This is, some of us, this  
655 is our only entertainment. You’re going to have it be a council subcommittee for  
656 police and fire, that’s good because you were elected, that’s the people we want in  
657 there but we also should have the input. Maybe they’re not on your subcommittee but  
658 you should bring these people in and talk to them. Not only the people that are retired  
659 from here but also the working group, they have to be included you just can’t leave  
660 out this valuable input that you’re going to get for absolutely nothing. You could end  
661 up paying thousands of dollars to bring somebody else in when you can get it for free.  
662 Ok, it’s been hot and it’s been hot for awhile and I happened to go out and walk late  
663 at night and guess who’s out there? Raccoons, it’s unbelievable, there has been an  
664 exponential increase in raccoons. Last fall I worked with the Horry County  
665 dispatcher and the animal disposal people, I got 8 of them, well, I’ll tell you what,  
666 there was 4 of them in my trashcan last night, 4. I mean, we need bigger moby’s if  
667 we’re going to keep all these raccoons. If you walk around the town you’d be  
668 amazed at how many raccoons are out there at night. I’m a city person, I lived in the  
669 city my life, I’ve never seen this many of them; it’s unbelievable. I know I called  
670 Horry County and they’re not sending the guy over anymore with the cage. I guess  
671 my 8 was it; that’s it for me but we have a lot of them. They’re out there every night.  
672 Take a walk and you’ll see them. They’re real friendly.”

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674 **Gene Maruca, 116 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S:** “I want to thank the council for the handrail going  
675 up at the pier but at the same time I want to caution the council that the pier . . . the  
676 ramp does not meet handicap criteria and before we spend any money on it we should  
677 be sure that the handicap ramp is legal to begin with. To give you an idea for every  
678 12 inches of distance you can only, by law, go up 1 inch, so what has to be done is  
679 measured from the height you’re wanting to go; converted back into inches and then  
680 allow yourself 12 inches for every inch of incline. The other thing you might  
681 consider is the specific distance you can go before the law requires you to have a 4 by  
682 4 landing area for a wheelchair to make a 360 radius. It could be 16, 18 or 20 feet;  
683 it’s been years since I’ve built one but there is a specific law stating you can only go  
684 so many feet before you have to have that turnaround for a wheelchair. Third, when  
685 you get to the area you want to rise to the same 4 feet as required for that handicap  
686 wheelchair to spin around, now, if you’re facing the pier head on to the left of it we’re  
687 building a stage for activity so to comply with the handicap regulation you’re not able  
688 to go to the left of that ramp, you may consider going to the right. In my mind that  
689 would be costly. The alternative that I would assume would best suit the town would  
690 be a handicap elevator, nothing fancy, just a wheelchair to take you up to that height

691 and bring you to a landing specified by law before you enter. Right now, what you  
692 have, doesn't meet any of that; something to consider. The other thing, we had talked  
693 about replacing the wood on the pier; it's curling. My 50 years in building tells me  
694 that if you look at a tree newly cut there are rings, when they cut lumber, at the end of  
695 each piece are the same rings, ok? Make a circle cut it in half, if those rings are  
696 pointing down and every carpenter, every contractor knows this, if they're pointing  
697 down it's impossible to curl. Can't curl up if the rings are down, so, obviously they  
698 were put in backwards. Any carpenter, any contractor would tell you that. Just a  
699 point, if we're going to replace what's curling; let's do it right. You know? Now you  
700 all know. Good night."

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702 **Dave McLaughlin, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.:** "Citizen of Tree City USA. The position that we  
703 find ourselves as a planned development is in limbo. At this point we beseech that  
704 you understand that; that you need to look at the position that we're in and realize that  
705 we are a part of the city, part of the town and that we need to be considered as far as  
706 the ordinances and the structure with which we are all abounded and at this point  
707 we're not. That's a situation that I don't know what will happen between now and  
708 the time that will occur but it has to occur. We appreciate your time and your  
709 energy."

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711 **Cindy Mclaughlin, 614 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S:** "With all due respect, to the members of council  
712 and to the mayor. I find it inexplicable that the members of this council chose to not  
713 act with regard to the resolution regarding the tree moratorium considering the fact  
714 that we are designated as Tree City USA and I understand that there are certain  
715 requirements that are coached around that designation I'd like for you to consider that  
716 in any future action. Thank you."

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718 **Carolyn Reins-Harbin, 322 S. Willow Drive:** "Just for the record I want people to  
719 understand. I have no problem with cutting the budget. I have no problem with  
720 dividing the fire department and the police department. I have a problem with the  
721 way it was done at our last meeting."

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## 723 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

724 **Ms. Blair:** "First thing is I just want to assure, from my standpoint that, and I'm only  
725 a third of the subcommittee but I feel certain we will interview appropriate people and  
726 we'll try to gain insight and information from as many resources as are made  
727 available or will give of their time to meet with us. I guess I'm somewhat insulted  
728 that I was told I'm not smart enough to know what questions to ask. I think I do. I'm  
729 not a banker but when I go to the bank I know what questions to ask and I'm not a  
730 builder but if I have something done at my house I know what questions to ask, so, I  
731 think I can ask questions and I'm a true believer that you don't have to be an expert in  
732 everything you just need to know where to go to get the answers and it helps that my  
733 dad is a retired police officer so I kind of grew up in that atmosphere, so, that will  
734 help guide some of those questions as well. Secondly to Mr. Ott, he's right; the  
735 raccoons are everywhere, met one up in my backyard last night as well. To step  
736 outside council and into professional shoes for just a second please be very careful  
737 and watchful, yes, they're cute and you may be tempted to feed them but we did just  
738 have a positive fox in Little River, positive for rabies, as well as a raccoon that  
739 attacked two dogs in North Myrtle Beach, so, just because they're in our little

740 community and we think they're cute doesn't mean . . . we don't know where they are  
741 the rest of the time so that's my soapbox for you tonight so just be very careful and  
742 watch from a distance and I just wanted to thank police and fire and the staff that  
743 assisted and any residents that assisted during the fire. Captain Miller and Chief  
744 Packard, I know that you guys did an absolutely wonderful job; your men are put in  
745 danger every day and I just wanted to thank you for all that you do."

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747 **Mr. Johnson:** "Thank you for coming out. I, too, as a member of the subcommittee  
748 feel like we will look at every aspect. We will try to get all the information from as  
749 many sources as we need to try to save the town money so we don't have to have  
750 somebody come in, so we would have to pay them to do a study. We have three  
751 competent people up here; we will do what we have to do to get the answers that we  
752 and you, as town residents, deserve. Secondly, I also want to commend the police  
753 department and the fire department. I was there, I drove by and I thought to myself  
754 'oh my, this building is going down' and the next thing I know I turned around and  
755 virtually the flames are out and you guys did a tremendous job and thank you and I  
756 hope you expressed my thanks to everyone else involved and thirdly, we're going to  
757 go to an executive session and I do not like executive sessions, I was a journalist for  
758 16 years and for those 16 years I hated executive sessions and I still hate executive  
759 sessions but we, you know, the town has some situations that as you well know we  
760 have gone through and are going through and it's going to take us some time to get  
761 through some things that have been done and I just would like to ask your patience  
762 while we go into these executive sessions. They're not secret meetings that some  
763 people call them but they are necessary and they are required by the law to have and  
764 so I would just like to ask your patience and we will try to get rid of these things as  
765 soon as possible."

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767 **Ms. Dodge:** "First of all I would like to say I think we should have included the  
768 volunteer policemen on that committee. They could work together with the council  
769 and expedite the whole situation but so be it; it was voted down. Two other things, I  
770 received an e-mail from David Howard, a citizen of town commending Brian Newell  
771 who's the Parks and Grounds Supervisor saying what a good job he had done. I  
772 know Brian and yes he does do a good job. A second e-mail I received was from a  
773 woman who got a parking ticket in town and paid it. She made some suggestions on  
774 making things better for people who are trying to park, particularly people who are  
775 from out of town. She suggested putting up, she put in an octopus, you can put in  
776 anything with information 'pay to park here', two things, 'park here and you're going  
777 to be paying' and a lot of people don't realize it if they're from out of town that they  
778 do have to pay to park so I hope we will take some of her suggestions to heart and get  
779 that taken care of too. Thank you."

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781 **Mr. Smith:** "As I make this statement I'm going to look at the other two members of  
782 the committee and I'm going to suggest that those retired policemen and other people  
783 who are interested in being interviewed by the committee give their name to the town  
784 clerk, address, telephone number so when we have committee meetings we can start  
785 with that list of people to interview and then that way no one will be left out and  
786 whether you have police experience or not if you want to state your piece give the  
787 town clerk your name and then we'll contact you. Thank you."

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789 **Mr. Samples:** “You know the town just built a fire station and it was built from  
790 reserves. It’s not a bad thing having reserves. We were able to pay cash for it. Past  
791 town councils have been conservative in their financial approach and the town has  
792 been able to remain a great place to live and I consider it still a small town. People  
793 who live here know a lot of people; we know one another. The longer you’re here the  
794 more people you know and it’s nice to see friendly faces. I know other governments  
795 and other people may think it’s ok to live on the edge financially or to think about  
796 having to borrow money, everybody else does, but I don’t believe that. I think one of  
797 the reasons the town is still such a great place to live is because the leadership has  
798 maintained a prudent financial approach and we all know that times have been tough,  
799 everywhere and we’re facing up to our responsibility, I truly believe. Thanks.”

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801 **Mr. Childs:** “I was down at Surfside Drive the other day at the fire and I, too, would  
802 like to commend the police and the fire for the excellent job they did.”  
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804 **Mayor Deaton:** “For one thing I’d like to clarify there’s been a lot of talk about the  
805 police department tonight, but folks, we’re actually creating 2 departments, one is a  
806 brand new fire department and I want to commend them for the job they did as well  
807 as the police department but these are going to be two equal departments in my mind.  
808 One doesn’t outweigh the other; they’re two extremely important departments of this  
809 town; of Surfside Beach; they’re very professional; were proud of both departments,  
810 we’re simply taking this opportunity to reorganize, streamline and get the best that we  
811 can possibly have for our community. I just wanted to say that so we are doing police  
812 and fire. We’re not just focusing on the police department. There’s been some  
813 misunderstanding about our budget. We do have . . . our operating budget is  
814 balanced; we’re actually in the black, finishing up the budget this year. There was  
815 some misunderstanding in the press and in other areas. We’re doing pretty well; our  
816 revenues are balanced with our expenditures; that’s not a problem. At this point in  
817 time we’re going to have to go back there and we’re going to have to talk about some  
818 very important issues; personnel matters for FOIA 30-4-70 (a) and then (2)  
819 contractual matters: pier lease and I’ll have a motion to go into executive session;  
820 you’re welcome to stay, we have no idea how long we’re going to be in there,  
821 sometimes it’s 30 minutes, sometimes it’s 2 hours. Mr. Johnson made a motion to go  
822 into executive session. Ms. Dodge seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**  
823 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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## 825 **11. EXECUTIVES SESSION**

826 *FOIA 30-4-70 (a) (1) Personnel Matters and FOIA 30-4-70 (a) (2) Contractual*  
827 *Matters: Pier Lease*  
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829 Mr. Smith made a motion to reconvene general session. Ms. Dodge seconded the  
830 motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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832 Mayor Deaton stated that there was no action taken in executive session. There was a  
833 long discussion regarding some issues.  
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**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 PM.

Approved: July 12, 2010

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Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

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K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

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Roderick R. Smith, Town Council

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Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

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Ann Dodge, Town Council

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Douglas F. Samples, Town Council

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Mark L Johnson, Town Council

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Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor Pro Tempore

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