



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

November 23, 2010 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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8 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro
10 Tem Childs and councilmembers Blair, Smith, Dodge and Johnson were present.
11 Councilmember Samples was absent. Staff present: Appointed Interim
12 Administrator, Fellner; Clerk, Pinnell; Interim Police Chief, Frederick; Public Works
13 Director Adair, Finance Treasurer Hursey and Events Coordinator Ellis. Attorney
14 Mr. Moss was also present.
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16 **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

17 Ms. Dodge performed the invocation and lead public to moment of silence to honor
18 and thank troops serving our country and Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.
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20 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

21 Ms. Blair made a motion to amend the agenda and move item 10, Council Comments,
22 in front of item 9, Executive Session. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **All voted**
23 **in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as
24 amended. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION**
25 **CARRIED.**
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27 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL** – Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from
28 the special meeting on November 5th and the regular meeting held on November, 9th,
29 2010. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION**
30 **CARRIED.** Ms. Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the special
31 meeting held November 16, 2010. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in**
32 **favor. MOTION CARRIED.**
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34 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items only 3 minutes per speaker**

35 There were no public comments.
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37 **6. COMMUNICATIONS: Presented by Interim Administrator Micki Fellner**

38 **a. Service Award: Steve Brode, 5 Years Police Department**

39 Officer Brode was recognized for 5 years of service.
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41 **b. Finance Report**

42 Ms. Fellner reported that the real estate, personal property and vehicle tax
43 collections from Horry County for October 2010 were \$129,000. This is down
44 from last year's \$203,600, which is about 37%. Year-to-date for year 2010-2011
45 collections are down from last year by 35%. Business license and permits for
46 October 2010: there were 29 new accounts Business license revenue for October
47 2010 is \$7,300, up from \$6,100 last year. Business license revenue year-to-date
48 fiscal year 2010-2011 is \$65,400, down \$3,100 from last year a decrease of
49 approximately 4.5 %. Permit revenue is \$6,800 down from \$16,900 last year
50 during the same period. Permit revenue year-to-date fiscal year 2010-2011
51 revenue is \$23,400, down from \$43,200 last year, a decrease of \$19,800 or 46%.
52 Hospitality and local accommodations collected in August 2010: Hospitality and

53 local accommodations taxes collected in October 2010 were \$55,100 and
54 \$12,400, respectively. Hospitality was up 8% from last year's which was
55 \$50,900. Local accommodations were 11% different from last year's which was
56 \$11,200. State accommodations taxes received in October were \$285,100, up
57 from last year's \$225,200; an increase of \$59,900 or 21%. Banking and interest:
58 the Town earned an average of .43% interest on its cash investments for the
59 month of September; this was earning .01%, or about \$10 per month. The Town's
60 current interest rate yield going forward will be .6 % under the new plan. The
61 Town should then be earning approximately \$789 per month under new plan.
62 Enterprise fund revenues in October 2010, the sanitation fund collected \$83,500
63 in service charges compared to \$81,900 for same period last year which is a slight
64 increase of \$1,600 or 2%. Year-to-date FY2010-11 is \$404,700 compared to last
65 year's \$396,100 which is an up \$8,600 or 2%. The pier fund generated \$22,000
66 in income compared to \$13,900 in same period last year. Year-to-date FY2010-
67 11 fund is \$190,400 compared to \$171,400 last year which is up 19,000 or 10%
68 over last year. The increase is attributable to additional parking meter revenue.
69 The auditors' year-ending June 30, 2010 financial statements; the Town still
70 anticipates having a presentation of the financial statements sometime in late
71 November.

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73 **c. Public Works Report**

74 Ms. Fellner reported that in October the Town collected 342.59 tons of solid
75 waste which is up 9.35 tons from same month last year. Fiscal year to date solid
76 waste collection is up 79.53 tons over the same period last year which includes
77 July 1 through October 30, 2010. 29.07 tons of mixed debris was collected which
78 is up 4.17 tons from same month last year. Fiscal year to date mixed debris
79 collection is down 8.49 tons from the same period last year. 144.71 tons of yard
80 debris was collected which is up 55.9 tons for same month last year. Fiscal year
81 to date yard debris collection is up 58.23 tons over the same period last year.
82 36.14 tons of recyclables was collected which is down 5.86 tons for same month
83 last year. The fiscal year to date recyclables collection is up 17.70 tons over same
84 period last year. During America Recycles Day 7,580 pounds of hazardous
85 waste was dropped off for disposal at Public Works building. Mr. Childs stated
86 that he feels that everyone was thrilled about the hazardous drop off at Sandy
87 Lane and would like to continue doing this every year. Ms. Fellner stated that the
88 plan was to have it every year; the Town is also planning an electronic equipment
89 drop off as well.

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91 Ms. Fellner reported on beach and streets: Four dead palms still under warranty
92 were replaced today; 3 in median on Surfside Drive and one on Ocean Blvd.
93 Cleaning, preventive maintenance, and winterization of showers and shower
94 towers is ongoing. Swashes are being dug out as needed; beach cans are being
95 emptied at least once per week and faded stop signs are being replaced. The
96 Floral Lake enhancement project should be complete by the end of the following
97 week. The 50/50 ditch piping program has been reactivated and anyone
98 interested can check the website for details and can download the required form.
99 Benches have been fabricated and installed alongside the skate park so that
100 parents can sit by and supervise their children. A windscreen has also been
101 installed. Fleet Maintenance from October 20th through November 18th the Town

102 mechanic completed 56 repairs on Town vehicles and equipment. Mr. Smith
103 stated that he noticed in the report that the Public Works was going to submit an
104 application to 3M to replace some street signs and suggested the Town use large
105 letters and brackets that do not block the street name. Mr. Adair stated that the
106 Town no longer orders the brackets that Mr. Smith is referring to and the new
107 signs will include 6 inch height letters as opposed to the 4 inches they had in the
108 past. Ms. Blair asked about the holiday recycling schedule. Ms. Fellner reported
109 that it is listed on the website. Mr. Adair and Mr. Smith confirmed that the
110 pickup would be on Friday. Ms. Blair asked Mr. Adair if the sanitation has been
111 educated on risks on encountering bed bugs during garbage pickups of bedding,
112 cushions or soft good items. Bagging soft goods prior to pickup is recommended
113 to lower the risk of spreading infected goods. Ms. Blair stated that the bed bugs
114 are a current problem in the County. Mr. Adair stated that the Town has noted it
115 as a problem adding that there has not been training on the matter; most of the
116 bulk items in Town are picked up with the claw on the knuckleboom truck and the
117 employees do not come in direct contact with items. Mr. Adair stated that he
118 would look into this issue. Mr. Johnson stated that he appreciates the hazardous
119 material pickup adding that it is a great idea and asked if it would be possible to
120 look into having it every 6 months if staff felt the need was there. Mr. Adair
121 stated that those who took advantage of the drop off really appreciated it and he
122 was planning on making it an annual event but was thinking that the following
123 year he would like to have it in September when more homeowners are around.

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125 **d. Recreation Report**

126 Ms. Fellner reported on recreation. In athletics the 10 team adult softball fall
127 league is underway with games on Mondays and Thursday. The season will end
128 December 14th. Basketball has been cancelled for this year as only 12
129 participants had registered. Preparations have begun for the upcoming
130 baseball/softball season in March. Two outside softball tournaments were
131 conducted during this month and held at Huckabee Complex. Preparations are in
132 progress for the takeover of the concession stand in the spring at Huckabee
133 Complex. Special and upcoming events are: the Veterans service was held on
134 November 11th and was attended by approximately 100 people. Mike Frederick,
135 the interim Police Chief for Surfside Beach was the speaker and Molly Askins
136 with Sea Cruz performed the national anthem. Exterior holiday decoration of
137 Town Hall was started today and will take a few days to complete. The Town
138 tree will be lit on December 2nd at 7 PM. Applications are now being received
139 for the Christmas Parade which will take place on December 11th at 2 PM.
140 Arrangements for breakfast with Santa are being finalized; it will be held
141 December 18th at Ryan's Steakhouse from 9 AM – 10:30AM. The Turkey Trot
142 will be held Thursday, November 25th; it starts at 8:30 AM at the Pier on Ocean
143 Blvd. and currently there are over 350 people registered.
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e. Administrator's Report

i. Air Quality Issues at Town Hall

Ms. Fellner reported that the project to address the mold issue at Town Hall will cost under \$5,000 but it will be brought back to Council because it was not a budgeted expenditure. Healthy Homes gave the Town the lowest quote for cleaning the ducts in the middle and rear of the building, cleaning all the carpeting and retesting the mold count is included. Ms. Fellner stated that they were the only ones that agreed to retest of the mold count. If on retest the count is still high in rear of building the Town can replace ducts at that time. A & I was the only company that thought the ducts in the rear of the building needed to be replaced; the cost for that was estimated to be around \$750. Ms. Fellner reported that Healthy Homes has been scheduled to proceed with the work but would like approval from council prior to moving forward on this unbudgeted item. Mr. Smith asked if the budget needs to be amended. Ms. Fellner answered "we will". Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the \$3,271.18 to be paid to Healthy Homes to clean the ducts and amend the budget. Mr. Childs seconded the budget. Mr. Johnson stated that the issue paper noted that the third company would also retest for mold. Ms. Fellner noted that this information may have been added later but noted that Healthy Homes is still \$900 less than other contractors listed. Ms. Dodge stated that she has also received good results with Healthy Homes and would feel confident in using them. Ms. Blair stated that mold and mildew are usually the result of some type of condensation or leak and asked if the Town had located the source. Ms. Fellner stated that the old systems that have since been replaced had caused the issue. Ms. Fellner added that the building is very old and this is not to say that this will absolutely solve the problem. Ms. Blair stated that currently there are no federal guidelines on actual limits of mold which are harmful to everyone; since there are no federal guidelines there are no state guidelines either adding that "we have to trust that the people that come in and test and give us their opinions on what is a level that can be harmful to most people and what the level that is livable is". Ms. Blair stated that it is very important that the mold count gets retested. Mr. Smith asked if Ms. Fellner has looked into installing UV lights in the duct work which would help to control mold. Ms. Fellner stated that the Town has not looked at this but would look into the costs involved. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. Construction Site Safety Issues

Ms. Fellner reported on construction site safety issues. It has come to the attention of the Town that some individuals are walking on the library construction site at night and Ms. Fellner wanted to remind the public that this area is currently closed to the public because it is not safe and presents opportunities for tripping and other hazards. This is just a reminder that the site is currently closed to the public 24/7, not just when workmen are present.

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iii. *Holiday Home Decorating Contest*

Ms. Fellner reported that the Events Coordinator, Debbie Ellis, is now taking applications for the home decorating contest that begins December 1, 2010. Applicants must be registered by Friday, December 10th. Registration fee will be a new unwrapped toy that will turn over to the Toys for Tots program; something in the \$10 price range. Decorations will be judged in two categories: Lighting/Design and Originality/Creativity. A prize will be awarded to the winners of each category. Voting will take place from December 13th to the 17th. Residents should keep their lights on from 7 PM until 10 PM on those days to be considered. The winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 22nd. Everyone can read more specifics on the website at www.surfsidebeach.org

7. BUSINESS

a. *Decision Paper: Scipio Lane Property*

Larry Hamilton from Horry County was in attendance. Ms. Fellner reported that the subcommittee looked at the site and met with the County regarding this property. Mr. Hamilton presented a photo of the proposed new recreation complex location on PowerPoint and the proposed property Horry County would like to acquire. Mr. Hamilton stated that the County would like to extend the existing right of way, install some box culverts and work on the drainage in that area. The request is for an easement for a road right of way from the Town of Surfside. Mr. Hamilton was asked to describe what would be included at the new complex. Mr. Hamilton stated that it would be similar to the North Strand Complex; it would include gymnasium, jogging track, exercise room, climbing wall, multi-purpose meeting rooms and a wide range of programs for adults, youths and seniors. Ms. Fellner stated that the Surfside Beach property that the County is requesting consists partly of wetlands. Mr. Childs stated that the transportation subcommittee reviewed the piece of property and are in agreement on the proposed use. Ms. Fellner added that this piece of property is currently not being used and there are no plans for its use; a creek runs right through the middle of the property. Mr. Smith stated that the decision paper state to grant an easement but asked if it would be better to transfer the property. Mr. Hamilton stated that the County would prefer a transfer of property. Ms. Fellner stated that she had received an e-mail from the County requesting an easement. Mr. Johnson asked how this would benefit the Town. Mr. Hamilton stated that he recreational complex is open to all Horry County residents including Surfside Beach. Mr. Johnson stated that the Town currently has their own. Mr. Smith stated that he feels that the new complex will be heavily used by the residents of Surfside and he feels that it would be a good idea to transfer the property rather than grant an easement. Mr. Smith stated that since the Town does not currently use the property and has no future use for it that it would be better to transfer the property rather than get involved in mitigation. Mr. Hamilton stated that as long as the County was the applicant there would be no liability whether it is an easement or right of way. Mr. Moss stated that if council chose to grant the property to the County it would require an ordinance; conveyance or as an easement would require an ordinance. Mr. Moss stated that he does not have a recommendation adding that the decision would be up to council. Mr. Smith made a motion to

241 convey the property to the County. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Moss
242 stated that all County roads are not public roads and he recommended that council
243 makes sure that the new proposed County road would be open to the public and
244 have it included in the land conveyance. Mr. Hamilton stated that all of the roads
245 that the County maintains are public roads. Mr. Moss disagreed with Mr.
246 Hamilton's statement. Mr. Johnson stated that he would like to confer with
247 County council adding that he would not like to convey property without further
248 information. Ms. Blair stated that she is familiar with the piece of proposed
249 property. Several years ago there was a request brought to the council at that time
250 for the construction of a South Strand animal shelter; there are no public utilities
251 extended down that road and would be quite costly to do so for any type of
252 building in the future. The soil was examined in that location; the area consists of
253 residue and trash that was taken there from Hurricane Hugo; the soil has become
254 compacted and it would be very difficult to dig or build anything else in that
255 location. Mr. Childs suggested council member conduct a field trip to the
256 proposed land. The motions were withdrawn. Mr. Childs made a motion to
257 suspend the rules. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr.
258 Childs stated that this could all be resolved with a council visit to the property.
259 Ms. Fellner was directed to set up a meeting with council at the site location.

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261 *b. Decision Paper: Budget Retreat Location*

262 Ms. Fellner reported that the budget retreat has been held at Santee Cooper
263 Wampee Facility in Pinopolis for the last two years. Ms. Dodge stated that she
264 feels the facility is a beautiful place but that it would be in the Towns' best
265 interest, financially, to be held publicly at Town Hall. Ms. Dodge made a motion
266 to have the budget retreat in council chambers open to the public. There was no
267 second. Ms. Blair made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Smith seconded the
268 motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Blair stated that she
269 wanted to stress clarity on the fact that the budget retreat has always been open to
270 the public; it is not as accessible for people to travel to but it is open to the public.
271 Ms. Blair stated that she has no problem holding the budget meeting locally. It
272 was reported last year that the budget retreat is an affordable trip but she feels that
273 "\$4,000 is \$4,000" and if the Town is cutting costs to the point of taking away
274 from the staff and denying them raises and bonuses then she feels that the council
275 should not spend \$4,000 for a weekend in Pinopolis and agrees that having the
276 budget retreat locally makes it more accessible for the public. In support of the
277 budget retreat she disagrees with the statement made in the decision paper that the
278 schedule allowed for significant blocks of time for councilmembers to bond and
279 socially interact with staff. Ms. Blair stated that she pulled the agenda from the
280 previous year and the agenda only allowed an hour for lunch and dinner and a few
281 15 minute breaks adding that she did not see significant blocks of time allotted for
282 socializing. The council was there working the entire time. Mr. Childs stated that
283 he feels the budget retreat were very productive; there was no down time and very
284 few breaks. Ms. Fellner stated that she was referring to the evening hours
285 regarding socializing. Mr. Childs stated that he felt council did have a chance to
286 bond and had time to discuss their accomplishments from the meeting. Mr. Smith
287 stated that he has never been on a Town retreat but he has been on retreats with
288 other organizations and he always found them very productive at Pinopolis and
289 agreed to have the Town budget retreat in Pinopolis. Mr. Johnson stated that he

290 has attended two budget retreats in Pinopolis and has attended budget retreats
291 locally when not on council and he feels the time spent in Pinopolis with council
292 and staff in invaluable adding that the Town will have a new Town administrator
293 and a new department head and feels it is imperative to meet in Pinopolis. Mr.
294 Johnson stated that there is \$4,000 in expenditures listed adding that he did not
295 put in any expenses for the last budget retreat because he felt so strongly in
296 having a full weekend to discuss the budget. Mr. Johnson stated that he feels it is
297 impossible to discuss a budget in one day. Mayor Deaton stated that the
298 expenditures for council to go to Pinopolis are minimal adding that a good portion
299 of the \$4,000 consists of staff expenditures. Mayor Deaton stated that Santee
300 Cooper provides the budget location at a minimal cost adding that he has attended
301 5 years of meetings with the City of Myrtle Beach, 4 years with the Higher
302 Education Commission for the State of South Carolina and 4 years with the
303 Council of Surfside Beach. Mayor Deaton stated that he feels that the work
304 environment at Pinopolis is very productive and is second to none and will
305 outweigh the expenditure; there is time to focus and concentrate adding that it is
306 not about staff it is about “the council being able to do its job”. Ms. Blair asked if
307 the budget schedule could be adapted to reduce some costs to include a one night
308 stay of Saturday night instead of Friday and Saturday night. Ms. Fellner stated
309 that the cost could also be mitigated by making it a Friday and Saturday meeting
310 rather than Saturday and Sunday; staff would not have to take an extra day off the
311 following week or accumulate comp time so this would cut staff time in half.
312 **There was a consensus of council to go to Pinopolis. Ms. Dodge voted against**
313 **going away; other councilmembers voted for going to Pinopolis.** Mayor
314 Deaton asked staff to bring back some options to council.
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316 *c. Decision Paper: Approval to Add Additional Mechanic*

317 Ms. Fellner stated that the Town had originally employed two mechanics but
318 since February 2008 when a mechanic was discharged only one remained staffed.
319 Ms. Fellner stated that the current Town mechanic is excellent but he cannot keep
320 over 200 pieces of Town equipment serviced to the capacity that it should be kept.
321 Ms. Fellner stated that very little work is contracted out which saves the Town a
322 lot of money. Ms. Fellner presented justification on the request. Other
323 surrounding communities average 100 pieces of equipment to one mechanic; the
324 Town of Surfside Beach has a ration of 216 pieces of equipment to one mechanic.
325 Mr. Childs stated that this request would include hiring someone for \$12 or \$13
326 per hour and if the Town had to contract any of the work out it could cost the
327 Town anywhere from \$75 to \$100 per hour. Mr. Childs made a motion to
328 approve the additional mechanic. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. It was
329 confirmed that this would be an hourly paid position. Mr. Adair confirmed that
330 the salary would come to approximately \$24,000 to \$25,000 per year; \$12 to \$13
331 per hour. Ms. Blair stated that the current mechanic also works on wiring of
332 cameras a radios and other communication equipment while other neighboring
333 communities outsource this. Ms. Dodge asked for confirmation that the Town is
334 currently under a hiring freeze. Mayor Deaton stated that hiring can be brought
335 to council. Mr. Smith stated that the hiring freeze stated that all positions that
336 were not filled should come before council to be voted on rather than have the
337 administrator just hire and fill a position; it is not a total hiring freeze. Mr.
338 Johnson asked if funds were available in the budget for this position. Ms. Fellner

339 stated that she believes that the Town has saved enough funds in certain other
340 unstaffed positions to fill this position. Ms. Hursey confirmed that funds were
341 available. Mr. Smith stated that there was a significant amount of money saved in
342 the police and fire split as well. Mr. Childs stated that he cannot think of a better
343 way for the Town to save money then to hire a second mechanic adding that
344 outsourcing work would cost the Town a lot more. **Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnson, Mr.**
345 **Smith, Mr. Childs and Mayor Deaton voted for the second mechanic. Ms.**
346 **Dodge voted against. MOTION CARRIED.**
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348 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 5 minutes per speaker**

349 *John Wright, 710 S. Hollywood Dr:* “I’m a member of Solid Rock Baptist Church
350 and we are here tonight, or I’m here tonight, for the sign ordinance. I was told it
351 would soon be coming before a committee and the committee would be making a
352 presentation to you. I certainly hope the temporary signs that are put out will not be
353 under the jurisdiction. Special church . . . churches are tax exempt to start with, they
354 are special and it’s good to have rules and regulations for our little Town; for us all to
355 follow but when there’s so many, they all cannot be followed and I’d just like to
356 remind the Town that we need some help with this and I’d also like to encourage the
357 Town that there’s a lot of residents in this little two mile by two mile square that are
358 struggling to pay bills. I know Thursday is Thanksgiving and we all have a lot to be
359 thankful for and it’s good to have a little piece of land sitting somewhere, that’s good
360 for something. I just want to encourage you there’s some people on fixed income,
361 might not be having turkey or ham Thursday, we need to consider everyone; it’s not
362 an easy task that you have called yourselves out for, to be mayor, to be a councilman,
363 to work in this Town but I want to encourage you to think of everyone carefully;
364 some of us vote. Thank you.”
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366 **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

367 *Ms. Blair:* “First my thanks to Ms. Ellis, the Veterans Day service was great; the
368 memorial was beautiful; the weather couldn’t have been better and I think that
369 everyone that was there, certainly, appreciated the effort that went into planning it
370 and certainly celebrated the reason that we were there. The other thing that I want to
371 share with you is recently the council had approved for horses to be on the beach for
372 the one day for the Heart Association ride, obviously that did not end quite the way
373 that we had been promised that it would and there were many people disturbed and
374 upset with that. In passing, since that meeting, I happened to come into contact with
375 Mr. Ryan Hannon who was the Director of the Heart Association and I don’t think
376 there’s anyone in this room that would not agree that the Heart Association is a
377 wonderful non-profit association and if you’ve ever had anyone in your family, as I
378 have, who has dealt with heart problems you certainly understand and appreciate their
379 support and their help and their attempts to be there for any families that need them,
380 however, that does not underscore the fact that we had a mess, so, when he
381 approached me about ‘did it go well?’ I let him know that, ‘no, it did not go well and
382 it did not go as we had been promised or expected’ and he did not know that and, so,
383 with the organizers I guess here from Lakewood and down that worked out the route
384 and worked out the technicalities of that day had not shared that with him and the fact
385 that we had to have our own staff out there on Monday to clean up so I sat him down
386 and went over everything with him and he was quite disturbed and I just wanted to
387 share that with you because I do think they are a good organization and I don’t think

388 that they . . . I mean I think they were led to believe something as well and so he
389 asked ‘what can I do, what can I do’ and I encouraged him to, first of all, get in
390 contact with the County, I think there definitely was a miscommunication or a drop in
391 communication, a lack of communication somewhere and to straighten out where that
392 went wrong; why they were told and promised what they were told and promised and
393 it didn’t happen obviously and secondly to apologize, to apologize to the Town and to
394 the residents and to the people who were so upset and so this letter was sent and I just
395 wanted to share it with you because I did tell him there were . . . not everyone on
396 council was supportive of that request from the Heart Association and so I stressed to
397 him very strongly that for those that weren’t in favor of it to begin with, he probably
398 was not going to talk them into it again in light of what had happened so this is what
399 we received:

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401 *Dear councilmembers:*

402 *It has come to my attention that the clean up from our horse ride event did not*
403 *fully meet expectations. On behalf of the American Heart Association I would like*
404 *to sincerely apologize to you and the residents of Surfside Beach. We are very*
405 *thankful for having had the opportunity to ride through Surfside Beach this year*
406 *and believed that arrangements were in order to ensure that your beach would be*
407 *left in excellent condition. I believe that a communication line was broken in*
408 *some capacity and we are currently working on identifying what happened and*
409 *why it happened. I would like to thank you again for having had the opportunity*
410 *to ride into Surfside for the first time. For some riders at the event this was their*
411 *first time seeing Surfside Beach and all had excellent comments on your Town*
412 *and beach. I hope that these individuals will return to further enjoy your Town.*
413 *Again, I am very sorry for not returning your beach to its condition before the*
414 *beach ride. I’m working on getting a better understanding as to why it happened*
415 *and what we could have done better to prevent this from happening.*

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417 *Sincerely,*

418 *Ryan Hannon, Senior Director Corporate Relations*

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420 “So I feel that they were somewhat duped in the promise made to them as well and I
421 just didn’t want residents to hold any negativity in their heart, no pun intended,
422 toward the heart association because I do think they meant well. Thank you all for
423 coming tonight. What Mr. Wright said should stick with us throughout the week, no
424 matter how much we might have been through or how many bad things we think have
425 happened to us we can all certainly find something to be thankful for and we should
426 certainly strive to do that and remember that, not on Thursday, but throughout the
427 year. Thank you and I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.”

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429 **Mr. Johnson:** “Good evening ladies and gentleman. Thank you for coming out. In
430 regards to the Heart Association ride, I will have to say that a friend of mine who
431 frequents the beach every day; picks up hundreds of cigarette butts every day was
432 very pleased at the response and the pickup on the beach because there were a lot of
433 horses and a lot of riders and so there was a lot of stuff, but it did go fairly well from
434 what I understand. I was not there; I cannot speak from experience but some people
435 were pleased and, you know, there may have been some problems and some issues
436 and for that I personally would like to apologize to anyone who was offended or was

437 put off. I also would like to thank you for coming out again, happy Thanksgiving and
438 if I don't see you again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Thank you."
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440 **Ms. Dodge:** "I have several things. They brought out some good points. First of all I
441 want to say this Town has some really great and dedicated employees and they make
442 me proud. I thank them all for their efforts. Also I thought the annual hazardous
443 waste collection was a really good idea and urge that we continue it and our thanks to
444 Public Works for their efforts in that project. My thanks to Captain Arron Miller,
445 Sergeant Rodney Keziah, Detective Matt Prock, Corporal James Bender, Officers Al
446 Sanabria, Bob Walker and David Turbeville and Dispatcher Lynn Frick for their
447 actions on the job and also thank you to Officer Brode for his five years of service to
448 the Town. Another thing, I'm pleased that Coast RTA is putting up bus shelters in
449 Town; prior to this no one knew where to wait for the bus. I had no idea I would see
450 people walking all over and there was no place for them to get on the bus. Last, but
451 not least, thank you Mr. John Wright for your remarks at the last council meeting, you
452 brought out the need for council to strive for more unity as a group on various issues,
453 we need to pay attention to Mr. Wright, we need to get back to listening to the
454 citizens and working on the issues and problems they speak to us about; we work for
455 them. Also I wanted to wish everyone a happy, wonderful Thanksgiving and thank
456 you all."
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458 **Mr. Smith:** "I'd like to remind the public that there will be a public hearing on the
459 ordinances including the sign ordinance on Monday, November the 29th so make sure
460 you're there so you can voice your opinion and again to express to Public Works; we
461 really appreciated that household hazardous waste days and I participated. Happy
462 Thanksgiving."
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464 **Mr. Childs:** "I would like to tell the gentleman from the church that this Monday
465 coming we are going to have a workshop so I'd like for you to spread the word and
466 anybody in businesses that you know, other churches, six o'clock, this coming
467 Monday is the meeting you made reference to so be prompt when we start but we'd
468 like to have you there and anybody you can bring and also I'd like to thank John
469 Adair for that special collection on the hazardous waste; it really, really was a
470 success. Like I said before I finally got rid of my paint. Thanks."
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472 **Mayor Deaton:** "I'd like to wish everybody a very happy Thanksgiving; having
473 traveled outside the country to a communist nation; the rest of the world is not like
474 the United States; we are truly blessed. Please give thanks for all the things we
475 have."
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477 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**— FOIA 30-4-70(a) (1) Discussion Regarding Town
478 Administrator Position and other Personnel Matter and FOIA 30-4-70(a) (2) Legal
479 matter.

480 Mr. Smith made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Childs seconded the
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Mr. Tom O'Dare, reporter from the Myrtle Beach Herald addressed the council:
"Has the council narrowed the Administrator search down to finalists yet?"

Mayor Deaton: "We're down to four at this point in time."

Mr. O'Dare: "Once you're down to finalists the names need to be released before a decision is made on who is hired."

Mayor Deaton: "Ok, we'll do that when we come back out if any decisions are made they would be made after the executive session. There will be no decisions made in executive session."

Mr. O'Dare: "But when you get down to your actual finalists, the law is at least three finalists, the names have to be released before you even vote on who to hire and so forth."

All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Smith made a motion to enter into regular session. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Deaton stated that council discussed the administrator position. The Town received 160 resumes; council did eight interviews; there were four finalists. The Mayor named three of the finalists stating that one finalist has declined to be identified. The three finalists were: Jim Duckett, Robert Anderson and Walter Muncheimer. Information would be available upon request on the three individuals.

Mr. Childs made a motion to enter into negotiations with Mr. Jim Duckett for the position of Town Administrator for Surfside Beach. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Johnson made a motion to direct the interim Town Administrator to appoint Mike Frederick as the Surfside Beach Police Chief. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Childs, Mayor Deaton voted for. Ms. Dodge voted against. MOTION CARRIED.**

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11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Childs made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Approved: December 14, 2010

Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Douglas F. Samples, Town Council

Mark L Johnson, Town Council

Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor Pro Tempore

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