



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 26, 2014 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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7 **1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples,
8 Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Childs, Johnson, Mabry, Magliette and Stevens
9 were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk
10 Herrmann; Finance Director King; Public Works Director Adair and Recreation Supervisor Ellis.

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

13 A. Invocation. Base Coordinator Jack Narvel of Youth on a Mission gave the invocation.

14 B. Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

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17 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL.** Ms. Mabry moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to
18 include an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Pellegrino seconded.

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21 Mr. Stevens objected to the amendment to enter executive session for a personnel matter. In his
22 opinion, the personnel manual did not meet the criteria set forth in State Code Section 30-4-70. He said
23 for the record, "This is inappropriate to go into executive session on a personnel manual. Also, the
24 Municipal Association of South Carolina states every meeting of, every meeting of all public bodies must
25 be open to the public unless one of the exceptions provided in 30-4-70 permits (**) executive session.
26 Exceptions include discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion,
27 discipline, or release of an employee, or the appointment to a public body; discussion of negotiations
28 incident to proposed contractual arrangements, discussion of a proposed sale or purchase of property;
29 receipt of legal advice, settlement of legal claim, discussion of public agency positions in a advisory [sic]
30 situations, discussion about development of security personnel or devices, investigative proceedings
31 regarding allegations of criminal misconduct, discussion of matters concerning the proposed location,
32 expansion, or other provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other
33 businesses in this, in the area of the public. This item was discussed; some of the items that were
34 discussed in this personnel manual were discussed in previous council, mainly 11/13/2012 and
35 11/27/2012. This was all discussed in public, total transparency to everybody in town. There are some
36 things in this personnel manual that I have read [sic] and looked at and I have a problem with it. So, I
37 believe that it would be inappropriate for this body to go into executive session on something that does
38 not meet the guidelines of section, Freedom of Information Act 30-4-70."

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40 Ms. Mabry said personnel compensation fell within the Freedom of Information guidelines.

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42 Mayor Samples said an attorney was not present, and suggested that the matter be deferred until
43 a legal opinion could be obtained. Ms. Fellner said, "We've had this come up before, and because of the
44 compensation issue, this involves financial and contractual things with specific employees in the town,
45 and that is definitely not open. It should never be done in public. So, because we are a small town and
46 I've talked to the MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina) on this before. If you want me to go
47 back and talk to them again, I would be happy to." Mayor Samples personally wanted Ms. Fellner to
48 check again because he had a conversation with Mr. Stevens yesterday, but Mr. Stevens did not express
49 any concerns. For the good of the town and the council, he asked for a motion to direct the administrator
50 to determine whether personnel compensation satisfied the Freedom of Information criteria for executive
51 session.

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53 Ms. Mabry and Mr. Pellegrino withdrew the primary motion and second, respectively. Ms. Mabry
54 moved to direct the town administrator to get a legal opinion from the town attorney to determine whether
55 the compensation discussion could be held in executive session and bring it back to Town Council. Ms.
56 Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

57 Mr. Johnson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in
58 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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60 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL.** Mr. Pellegrino moved to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014
61 meeting as submitted. Mr. Magliette seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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63 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items (3 minutes.)** There were no public comments on
64 agenda items.

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66 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**

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68 **A. Proclamation #14-93 Constitution Week, September 17-23, 2014, Ms. Jean Courtney, 1st**
69 **Vice Regent of Theodosia Burr Chapter DAR.** Mayor Samples presented the proclamation to Ms.
70 Courtney and thanked the Chapter for its work recognizing and promoting the Constitution. Ms. Courtney
71 distributed certificates of appreciation and information about the Constitution to Town Council.

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73 **B. Employee Service Award: Eric Simpson, 15-years.** Mayor Samples presented Mr.
74 Simpson with a plaque, anniversary pin, and award check for his service. Mr. Simpson received a
75 standing ovation.

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77 **C. Department Reports.**

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79 **i. Finance.** Ms. King presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made
80 a part hereof by reference.

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82 Mr. Stevens asked if the percentage of parking revenue were determined for Ocean Boulevard.

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84 Mr. Johnson suggested that parking revenue totals for all areas be distributed to councilmembers.
85 Ms. King said the information would be sent to councilmembers and/or presented at the next meeting.

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87 **ii. Public Works.** Mr. Adair presented the written report, a copy of is attached hereto and made
88 a part hereof by reference.

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90 Mr. Stevens asked Mr. Adair to explain the beach drainage identification project. Mr. Adair said
91 this was in conjunction with the Community Rating Service (CRS) program. The town will receive points
92 for identifying the entire drainage infrastructure and performing annual inspections, which will ultimately
93 create a master drainage plan that documents maintenance can be presented to FEMA (Federal
94 Emergency Management Agency.) As many as 400 points can be awarded for the effort, which is close
95 to a whole level jump. Mr. Stevens believed the next CRS meeting was on September 8th at one o'clock.
96 He encouraged every to attend the meetings to learn how the town was working to reduce flood
97 insurance premiums. Mr. Stevens asked how many reports were received of rats on the sand dunes. He
98 personally saw an animal that appeared to be a rat, but could not take its picture. Mr. Adair said three
99 calls were received, but there were no pictures.

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101 Mayor Samples asked what planning was being done for the infrastructure committee. Mr. Adair
102 said during the next two fiscal years, the Grand Strand Transportation Authority (GSATS) has funds
103 designated for Surfside Beach to make improvements to Highway 17. The first monies will be available in
104 November 2014 when its fiscal year begins, and will be used to perform preliminary planning and
105 engineering for part of a much larger total project that includes some additional traffic lights, meeting
106 closures, curbs, and other improvements to make Highway 17 look as good as possible. Ten-foot maps
107 are now being made of Highway 17 that will be presented to Town Council to develop a unified plan. If
108 the town does not have a plan when the money is award, the town will be moved off the list. Mayor
109 Samples said the town is one of several stakeholders; but is the primary sponsor under GSATS for funds
110 that were approved in the state plan. It was critical that the town have a united position when funding
111 starts or it would lose that money.

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113 Mr. Adair reported that the north side drainage project was started. The preconstruction meeting
114 was held last week. September 15 through December 15 are the construction dates. The project
115 includes Poplar Drive North from 2nd to 5th Avenues; 3rd Avenue North from Poplar to Myrtle Drives; 16th
116 Avenue North from Cedar to Magnolia Drives, and a couple of side streets. Flyers will be sent to the
117 affected residents. The contractors have already started marking utilities and placing constructions flags.
118 Driveways and sod will be restored to original conditions by the contractor; however, decorations in rights-
119 of-way will not be replaced.

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121 Mr. Childs asked when the infrastructure committee could meet. Mr. Adair anticipated a meeting
122 within two weeks. Mayor Samples said to make sure the meeting was advertised properly; he believed it
123 would be beneficial for all members to be present.

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125 **iii. Special Events and Recreation.** Ms. Ellis presented the written report, a copy of is attached
126 hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

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128 Mr. Childs said between 60 and 80 people were attending the Sunday Serenades. Mr. Hanson
129 was asked to continue the serenades through September, but he was unable to do so.

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131 Mr. Stevens asked what it cost, how many vendors signed up and how many spaces were
132 available at the Family Festival. Ms. Ellis said about 30 arts and crafts and information booths were
133 reserved. There were 12 food vendors so far. There are 142 total spaces; most food vendors take two or
134 three spaces. Arts and crafts booths cost \$50; food vendors pay \$60, plus an additional \$5 if electricity
135 was provided.

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137 Mayor Samples asked Ms. Ellis to send the fall schedule and pertinent information along with
138 contact information for the Youth Association board members to Town Council, and Will Rabon's
139 information.

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141 **C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events.**

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143 **i. Update on Current Events.** Ms. Fellner reported that:

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145 a. Two of the property owners on Ocean Boulevard that own vacant lots contacted her. Both
146 expressed interest in the calculation of liquidated damages, should they wish to terminate the
147 agreement prior to the expiration of the 5-year term. In an effort to assist in the calculation of that
148 number, she asked Mr. Adair to estimate the cost of readying those respective lots for parking and
149 also for maintaining them on an annual basis. The zoning in that area calls for a 50/50 pervious/
150 impervious ratio. She has those numbers and will begin calculating the cost of liquidated damages
151 out. Ms. Mabry was asked to assist with this, because of her background, and John Draughn will also
152 be asked to assist.

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154 b. At the last meeting Ms. Fellner reported that the town's conversion from Standard
155 Industrial Classification (SIC) codes to North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes
156 was progressing. The MASC reviewed the town's data and has begun the conversion process. They
157 expect the timeframe for completion to be late September. MASC representatives will be asked to
158 make a presentation October to discuss the conversion and which businesses are most impacted and
159 how, etc.

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161 c. At the last meeting Mayor Samples asked if we budgeted the reimbursement revenue we
162 received from FEMA (\$147,058.97.) Those funds were not budgeted in the last fiscal year, because
163 there was no way to know there would be a storm. The money was not budgeted in this fiscal year as
164 we did not know when we would receive the funds. Since the books are still open, however, it is being
165 booked in the prior fiscal year, because that is when the event occurred.

166 d. Ms. Fellner reminded everyone that the workshop on the parking committee
167 recommendations to council would be held Monday, September 8th at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.
168 The public is invited.

169 e. Ms. Fellner mentioned to both council and the public that the clerk will be out from
170 September 2nd until September 23rd. If you need something that cannot wait until after her return,
171 please contact either her or Ann Messall at the main town hall number.
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173 f. Although council was informed via email already, Ms. Fellner said for the public's benefit
174 that the new Rescue Squad lease was finalized and executed. The term of tenancy ends October 30,
175 2015; there is no provision for an extension or renewal.
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177 g. Of the 11 fire chief finalists, four have withdrawn for various reasons. The seven finalists
178 will be interviewed tomorrow and vetted by our expert panel of fire personnel. The interviews with the
179 finalists are scheduled for Thursday. Candidate or candidates for council's consideration will be
180 presented at the next meeting during executive session. The panel consists of:
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- 182 • Chief Joe Palmer; Executive Director of the SC Firefighters Association which represents all
- 183 firefighters in SC and manages our 1% Fund.
- 184 • Chief Pat Wilson; President of the Southeastern Association of Fire Chiefs and Deputy Chief
- 185 of Operations for the Charleston Fire Department.
- 186 • Chief Greg Bulanow; Chief of the North Charleston Fire Department
- 187 • Chief Fred Crosby; Horry County Fire Rescue Chief. Just as a point of reference, Horry
- 188 County is the largest Combination Fire Department East of the Mississippi and is they are
- 189 also our Auto-Aid partner.
- 190 • Chief Alvin Payne; Myrtle Beach Fire Department Chief whose department supports us with
- 191 Mutual Aid.

192 ii. **Consensus Items.** Ms. Fellner had four consensus items:
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194 a. Santee Cooper is assigning a project number to the next phase of the town's underground
195 conversion project and they will begin their portion of the design phase. At this point the town needs
196 to contract with an engineering firm almost immediately to handle the joint utility conduit design. Ms.
197 Fellner believed it would be in the best interest of the town to use DDC Engineers again as they are
198 very familiar with these projects and have excellent project oversight. She did, however, want a
199 consensus from council on this. The town paid DDC approximately \$130,000 and was reimbursed by
200 Santee Cooper for 85-percent of cost. The actual cost for engineering to the town was slightly over
201 \$19,500. After several comments, Town Council **CONCURRED to hire DDC Engineers to work**
202 **with Santee Cooper on the next phase of underground wiring.**
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204 b. Resolution #14-144 provides for the formation of a formal committee to help the CRS
205 Coordinator with implementation of the Community Rating System Program pursuant to FEMA
206 regulations. I would like a consensus of council to bring back to the next meeting a new resolution
207 which formally creates that committee. I have spoken with the Coordinator and she is amenable to
208 this being the "appropriate time", in accordance with the current resolution, to change from a focus
209 group to a formal committee. Mayor Samples said membership would not change; the existing focus
210 group would form the committee. Ms. Fellner said that was correct. Ms. Mabry said to clarify any
211 misunderstanding that the Community Rating Service Committee was a FEMA directed committee.
212 FEMA was very specific about who had to be on the committee. It was not a town *ad hoc* committee
213 and did not want councilmembers to misunderstand. **COUNCIL CONCURRED to having the**
214 **administrator bring a resolution to formalize the FEMA Community Rating Service Committee.**
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216 c. Instead of presenting the flood ordinance at a regular meeting, Ms. Fellner recommended
217 a workshop on Wednesday, September 24th at 5:00 p.m. to go over the proposed ordinance and take
218 questions from council and the public. That date and time works for both all of the Focus Group
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221 members and staff. Mayor Samples asked if the ordinance was approved by FEMA. Ms. Mabry said
222 verbal approval was received, but written approval had not arrived. **COUNCIL CONCURRED to the**
223 **workshop on September 24th at 5:00 p.m.**
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225 d. Since the ordinance says parking extends until October 31st at 7:00 p.m. and that falls on
226 a Friday this year, Ms. Fellner asked council's permission to begin the take down of outlying meters
227 not generating revenue on Thursday, the 30th and continue through Friday the 31st. Pay stations
228 would remain up, but they would be bagged or signage at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Lanier would
229 dismantle and store them Monday. This would minimize added personnel costs because Lanier
230 wouldn't need to pay staff for two additional days of takedown and storage work. The overall cost
231 savings to the town would be \$491.19. **COUNCIL CONCURRED TO THE SCHEDULE.**
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233 Responses to public comments made at August 12 Town Council meeting:

234 **Concern:** a resident asked what defines a resident group at the civic center.

235 **Response:** This was answered at the meeting, but in case anyone did not hear the response
236 everyone in the group must be a town resident.
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238 **Concern:** a resident commented that a good job was done patching the water main but
239 wondered when the permanent repair would be done.

240 **Response:** The paving company will be back in a few weeks to complete more paving. They
241 preferred that it be left open to compact the base in the meanwhile. When they return the entire
242 intersection will be replaced.
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244 **Concern:** a citizen asked that council please consider waiting to approve the ordinance on
245 new flood damage requirements until FEMA finalizes its guidelines in 2015. He did not think it would
246 be fair if contractors had to comply with changes that might not be required by FEMA.

247 **Response:** Councilmember Johnson answered this during the meeting. He stated that
248 council will only act once FEMA finalizes their guidelines.
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250 **Concern:** a resident stated that there are rats in the dunes and wondered who they should
251 call when they see one?

252 **Response:** Public Works has been keeping a log of sightings by week. Citizens can call
253 843-913-6361 to report a rat. More than 4 sightings in a 7 day time span will necessitate bringing in
254 an exterminator. Public Works Director and crews have also walked the dunes between Melody Lane
255 and 15th South, and polled several renters if they have noticed any wildlife, but none were noted or
256 found. Public Works will continue to be diligent in their inspections.
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258 **Concern:** as a result of the comments on the recycle containers, council recommended that
259 we move more quickly on the transition from the small to large containers in the rental zone and
260 asked for an update.
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262 **Response:** Public Works has taken the lead on this problem, and for the last 3 fiscal years
263 has been gradually replacing the original 33-gallon roll carts with 65-gallon carts in the rental areas. In
264 the past 3 years staff changed-out approximately 100 cans per year and this year we budgeted
265 \$10,000 and ordered 172 of the larger containers. This works to increase our recycling diversion rate,
266 reduce the overflow problem, and reduce the need to add trash roll out carts for an extra charge to
267 customers who have overflow. As the numbers of larger recycling carts have been distributed, based
268 on need, these peripheral problems have gone down considerably. Ms. Fellner personally rode with
269 the Public Works Director on Ocean Boulevard from one end of town to the other late in the afternoon
270 on the day before recycling pickup and did not observe an overflow problem. Four cans on the entire
271 stretch had lids not totally closed and two had cardboard stacked next to the can. Public Works will,
272 however, continue to be diligent in policing this and distributing the larger cans when and where they
273 are needed.
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275 Mr. Pellegrino asked if Chief Cimini would assist with interviews for the new fire chief. Ms. Feller
276 said he did the initial paring down. He will sit in on all the interviews. Chief Cimini also helped formulate
277 the questions along with the other chiefs that are involved. Mr. Pellegrino said insofar as the recycling
278 overflow, he thought there were fewer tourists in town last weekend, but it was a huge problem the
279 previous weeks. He saw over 50-percent of cans overflowing. He thanked staff for moving forward to
280 purchase bigger bins.

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282 Mr. Stevens asked how many square feet are in the rescue squad building. Ms. Fellner would let
283 council know that information. Mr. Stevens asked if the building would need to be refurbished, and if yes,
284 were funds budgeted. Ms. Fellner said the building needed to be refurbished. Mayor Samples said Mr.
285 Stevens may recall that \$200,000 was removed from the budget. Mr. Stevens said he did remember. He
286 asked if Ms. Fellner had identified the vacant lots for parking. Ms. Fellner said negotiations were ongoing
287 for those properties and she did not believe it would be proper. Mayor Samples said that was an
288 executive session matter.

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290 Ms. Mabry said even four rodent sightings on the beach were too many. The heavy rains have
291 displaced many types of wildlife. She asked staff, without any objection of Town Council, to be double-
292 diligent in looking at that problem. Is she were here on vacation, that is the last thing she would want to
293 see. **There were no objections by Town Council.** Ms. Fellner said public works staff was instructed to
294 really look for nuisance wildlife.

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296 Mr. Johnson asked if the parking committee's recommendations would be delivered prior to the
297 workshop. Ms. Fellner said the recommendations were delivered to her. She expected to distribute a
298 PowerPoint presentation by this Friday.

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300 Mayor Samples asked how long it would take for the road repair at Lakeside and 14th Avenue
301 South where the water main broke. Mr. Adair said one to two weeks; Grand Strand Water & Sewer is
302 paying for the repair. Mayor Samples asked when the water tower would be completed. Ms. Fellner
303 would check and let councilmembers know at the next meeting.

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305 **7. BUSINESS.**

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307 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #14-0783 to amend Section 8-38, Failure to Aid Police and**
308 **to Correct Code Index, remove "public safety director" replace with "chief of police,"**
309 **Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Fellner presented the consideration paper, a copy of which is on file. She
310 explained that first reading was adopted at the August 12, 2014 meeting without change. This is a
311 housekeeping correction to remove any reference to public safety department and public safety director.
312 Mr. Stevens moved to approve second reading of Ordinance #14-0783 as presented. Mr. Johnson
313 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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315 **B. First Reading Ordinance #14-0784 to establish Funds and Balance Guidelines, Director**
316 **King.** Mayor Samples said the ordinance was presented for discuss at the last meeting, and has since
317 been reviewed by the finance focus group and suggested changes resulting in the ordinance presented at
318 this meeting. He asked Director King to present the decision paper, a copy of which is on file. She
319 explained that codifying the policy clearly sets forth the purposes and intent of each fund, while stipulating
320 minimum fund balances that will provide for ongoing town operations, emergency events, and long range
321 projects. Mr. Stevens moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #14-0784 as presented. Mr. Childs
322 seconded. Mr. Stevens said the ordinance was reviewed by the finance focus group. He suggested that
323 Town Council adopt first reading and before the next meeting contact the administrator with any
324 questions. He believed the ordinance was a step in the right direction. Mayor Samples agreed that there
325 was no rush to adopt. There were two items in particular he wanted councilmembers to consider. First,
326 the reserves set aside for road money, which is listed as a restricted fund in the audit. He could not find
327 where the ordinance addressed road money. Ms. King said street funds were addressed in Section 2-
328 187(d)ii. Second, historically the accommodations tax committee would hear staff recommendations for
329 the next year's budget and then those recommendations would be presented to Town Council. In his

330 opinion, Town Council should be informed of staff's proposals prior to making recommendations to the
331 accommodations tax committee. Ms. Mabry said the state law may address that. Mr. Magliette
332 suggested a workshop on the proposed ordinance before second reading as he had many questions and
333 would also like to hear public input. Mr. Pellegrino agreed; he supported the ordinance and a workshop.
334 **There were no objections to holding a workshop prior to second reading.** Mayor Samples said a
335 workshop to discuss this ordinance should be scheduled. Ms. Fellner suggested early October. All voted
336 in favor to adopt first reading. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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338 **C. Resolution #14-147, Ad Hoc Committees to Communicate with Town Council and Town**
339 **Administrator via Council Liaison, if one appointed, Administrator Fellner.** Mr. Stevens moved to
340 adopt Resolution #14-174 as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mr. Stevens moved to amend the
341 resolution by adding "that the Town Council Liaison may defer to the committee chairman or spokesman
342 for that committee, if desired." Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor of the motion to amend. **MOTION**
343 **TO AMEND CARRIED.** All voted in favor of the primary motion as amended. **PRIMARY MOTION**
344 **CARRIED AS AMENDED.**

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346 **8. DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town**
347 **Council.**

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349 **A. Beach Renourishment Ordinance, Councilmember Mabry.** Ms. Mabry said adopting a
350 beach renourishment ordinance would support the Community Rating System flood plain management.
351 The ordinance would basically ensure that the town would continue to be a good steward and reserve at
352 least \$50,000 or more every year per the ordinance just adopted that establishes funds. The FEMA
353 Community Rating System will be bringing various ordinances to Town Council, many of which will be
354 housekeeping issues. The ordinance will commit that the town recognizes the beach is the lifeblood of
355 Surfside Beach and the town has an obligation to take care of it; the beach developed a huge tax base,
356 and the town would do its due diligence. Mr. Stevens supported the ordinance and said that the three
357 recently seated councilmembers all campaigned on the need for beach renourishment. **COUNCIL**
358 **CONCURRED to direct the administrator to bring an ordinance for beach renourishment.**

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360 **B. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.** There were no
361 other matters to be discussed.

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363 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments (5 minutes.)**

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365 Ms. Wanda Burgess, 15th Avenue South, asked Ms. Fellner when the state would eliminate the
366 vibrator problem on Glens Bay Road. Ms. Fellner said she would find out. Ms. Burgess said there are
367 multiple speed limits all over town. She liked consistency, and asked if there was a reason the town
368 could not decide how slow it wants traffic to go.

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370 Mr. Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North, said it was amazing that the President of the United States
371 wanted to support the Constitution when there has never been a President that as opposed to the
372 Constitution and who has done everything in his power to evade the Constitution than he [President
373 Obama] has. He is a disgrace. He hoped that no Surfside Beach taxpayer money be spent on Highway
374 17. Town residents taxes paid to the state include money to maintain Highway 17. He had seen rats at
375 Melody Lane and the beach. The people of Ferguson, Missouri are exercising their First Amendment
376 rights to protest and say things. He did not believe any of them were thrown out of town for voicing their
377 opinions or facts, as is done here.

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379 Mr. Bill Dargan, North Pinewood, when the roads were being paved a few weeks ago a piece of
380 equipment broke down and the contractor allowed about 30 gallons of hydraulic fluid to spill on the road.
381 The clean up was simply to pile sand on top of it. He expected the contractor to shovel it and haul it off,
382 because it was contaminated, but the sand was swept into the yards. He could not believe that was
383 considered a clean-up. He did not believe the town had someone on site to inspect work. He called

384 OSHA (Occupational Safety & Health Administration), and then OSHA contacted the town. The town
385 sent the street sweeper; the water from the street sweeper just pushed the fluid into the ground.
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387 Lieutenant Richard Loskill, Surfside Beach Fire Department, 2013 Firefighter of the Year, and
388 president of the Surfside Area Fire and Emergency Responders (SAFER) reported on behalf of SAFER
389 that the July 4th concession sales totaled about \$4,600. The supplies cost \$3,100, which netted \$1,500
390 profit, of which \$100 was donated to the Shriners, who allowed SAFER to use their grill, and \$1,250 was
391 donated to the American Red Cross. The net proceeds to SAFER were about \$50. Lt. Loskill offered to
392 answer any questions about the program, which is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation
393 registered with the Secretary of State. Surfside Beach Fire Department is not SAFER, but SAFER is
394 Surfside Beach Fire Department.
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396 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**
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398 Mr. Johnson thanked everyone for attending, be blessed and have a good evening.
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400 Mr. Pellegrino thanked everyone for attending, and he appreciated the public comments. They
401 would follow up.
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403 Mr. Magliette thanked everyone for attending, and said August is the South Strand Helping Hand
404 food drive. About 650 cans of food have been collected. Many wonderful people have donated at the
405 various locations. Children are in school and need sneakers, jackets, and school supplies. Helping Hand
406 also accepts clothing for adults. Flyers were distributed about the American Red Cross campaign. The
407 South Strand Senior Center pamphlet was completed and available at the library, town hall, and other
408 locations. Center membership is \$20 a year and includes free lunch and free transportation to the center.
409 He said it was a blessing to live in this town, and it did his heart good to see the selflessness shown. It
410 was by the grace of God and Devine Providence that he and Patti were here. They love the town. He
411 thanked everyone for accepting them even though they were from New Jersey. They love everyone, and
412 thanks them for all they do. God bless you.
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414 Ms. Mabry thanked everyone for attending. This was serious; neither the mayor nor one
415 councilmember has any authority to circumvent any ordinance in town. Councilmembers cannot go to the
416 zoning official and ask that they overlook something, because it is their friend. Councilmembers have no
417 authority to do that. She asked everyone to please make sure that if you need anything that you call the
418 proper directors. They are the ones in charge. Actually, it is against the law for any councilmember to
419 ask for favors. So, she will not do it. Be careful, because sometimes councilmembers are asked if they
420 can help someone. She, personally, would help by giving out the right telephone number or getting you in
421 touch with the right official. It was very important for the public to know that Town Council had a "certain
422 box" that it had to stay in. She intended to stay in that box. Thank you for attending tonight.
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424 Mr. Stevens thanked everyone for attending. It was good to see everyone, and he wished the
425 entire room was filled with citizens so they could learn more about the town was doing to help them. He
426 agreed that sometime too many speed limits were confusing. It was easy to go too fast, if you were not
427 paying attention. He suggested police check the area at the south end of town where people customarily
428 speed when entering town. He personally saw what he believed to be a rat; he did not get a picture, but
429 would continue his research. A picture would provide concrete evidence. The contractor dumping oil on
430 the road should never have happened. The town needs to be more diligent in patrolling contractors
431 dumping trash in town. Taxpayers should not have to pay to have contractor's trash picked up. It was
432 refreshing to see the Daughters of the American Revolution promote the Constitution. He believes in that
433 document; freedom of speech is why the town has public comments on agenda items and general items.
434 The government in Washington, DC does not believe in the Constitution, and he was really dissatisfied
435 with it. Thank everyone for attending; have a good week.
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437 Mr. Childs thanked everyone for attending.
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439 Mayor Samples thanked everyone for attending. Since this council was seated, he believed the
440 level of rancor was down; they are focused on important long-term issues, and the fact that council was
441 considering codifying the fund policy to state how the taxpayers' money should be used showed the
442 commitment to the town and its residents. Every administrator and probably every mayor had a different
443 philosophy about budgeting. One reason the town had survived for 50 years was that there has been
444 good leadership in the past. One reason residents live here is that there are no high-rise buildings.
445 There is a good group of people that were working together to do what they believe is right, although they
446 would not always agree. He was very proud that SAFER made a donation to the American Red Cross.
447 You never know when you might need the American Red Cross. There but for the grace of God...
448 Thank you all for attending.

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450 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

451 Ms. Mabry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor.
452 **MOTION CARRIED.**

453 Prepared and submitted by,

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455 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

456 Approved: September 9, 2014

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458 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

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460 David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore

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462 Robert F. Childs, Town Council

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464 Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

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466 Mary M. Mabry, Town Council

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468 Ralph J. Magliette, Town Council

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470 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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