



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2016 ♦ 12:00 Noon**

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8 **1. CALL TO ORDER.**
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10 Mayor Childs called the special meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore
11 Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino, and Stevens were in attendance. One seat is
12 vacant. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner and Town Clerk Herrmann.
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14 **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS.** (3 minutes).
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16 Ms. Betty Lowery, 4th Avenue North. You're going to be going into executive session. It is my
17 understanding that executive session is so that you can meet on confidential items having to do with
18 personnel, or finances, or legal matters so that you can discuss openly and privately what may be going
19 on, and that what is discussed in executive session should not be discussed [outside of] executive
20 session; should not be shared outside of that. It took me probably 30 minutes after the last executive
21 session to know what had happened and what had been said. Now, I know when rumors are spread that
22 the people who share them usually want to prove that they are insiders; that they know things that other
23 people don't know, and they are trying to prove that to the person they share it with. The objective of
24 what I'm saying right now is that we've had a lot of executive sessions lately. I just want to remind
25 those of you have been sitting for a while that this is a private thing. If everything is going to be shared,
26 there's no point in executive session. You can do it right up there [on the dais.] If you're going to share
27 it, then you're breaking confidentiality that should not have happened. If you're here for the personal
28 power and it makes you feel good to share this kind of stuff, you know, nobody can stop you. But, it
29 makes you look bad. It makes you look bad [sic.] If personal power is what it's all about, you don't
30 really have any business [on council.] Thank you.
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32 **3. BUSINESS.**
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34 **A. Executive Session pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA): i. §30-4-
35 70(a)(1) to discuss employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion,
36 discipline, or release of an employee or employees; ii. §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the
37 appointment of a person or persons to a public body, and iii. §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss an
38 employment contract and a professional services contract.**
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40 Mayor Childs explained that the special meeting was called pursuant to the Freedom of
41 Information Act (FOIA), Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss employment, appointment, compensation,
42 promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee or employees; ii. Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to
43 discuss the appointment of a person or persons to a public body, and iii. Section 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss
44 an employment contract and a professional services contract.
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46 Mr. Stevens moved to enter executive session at 12:03 p.m. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor.
47 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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49 Mr. Johnson moved to end executive session at 1:18 p.m. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in
50 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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52 Mayor Childs said for the record, "No action was taken during executive session."

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B. Motions and/or directions to Town Administrator from Executive Session

i. Employee or Employees. There were no motions or directions to the town administrator on employee matters.

ii. Contractual Matters. There were no motions or directions to the town administrator on contractual matters.

iii. Appointments to Planning & Zoning Commission Volunteers: Ms. Sandra Elliott, and Ms. Carrie Johnson

Mr. Ott moved to appoint Ms. Sandra Elliott and Ms. Carrie Johnson to the planning and zoning commission for four year terms. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:20 p.m. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared and submitted by,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: July 26, 2016

Robert F. Childs, Mayor

Ron Ott, Mayor Pro Tempore

Timothy T. Courtney, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

David L. Pellegrino, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Vacant Seat

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