



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION JANUARY 8, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 8, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Executive Session – 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order. Mayor Childs called Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers, Johnson, Ott, Scoles, and Stevens were in attendance. Councilmember Dietrich was absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Attorney Crosby; Town Administrator Pieper, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

2. Executive Session. Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 30-4-70-(a)(2) receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a 2018-CP-26-05739. Mr. Stevens moved to enter executive session at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Scoles second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Stevens moved to reconvene regular session at 6:32 p.m. Mr. Pellegrino second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Childs said for the record that no action was taken during executive session. Any action will be taken during the regular meeting under item 7, Business.

3. Adjournment. Mayor Childs declared the session adjourned at 6:32 p.m. and immediately called the regular meeting to order.

Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Childs called the regular meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Johnson, Ott, Scoles, and Stevens were in attendance. Councilmember Dietrich was absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Attorney Crosby; Town Administrator Pieper; Town Clerk Herrmann; Planning, Building & Zoning Director Morris; Police Chief Hofmann, and Public Works Director Adair.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. A. Invocation: Reverend Kirk Lawton from Ocean Lakes Campground Ministries gave the invocation. **B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the agenda with an amendment to defer business item 7.B. until a later date. Ms. Scoles second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. Regular Meeting December 11, 2018. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the December 11, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Agenda Items Only.

Ms. Carrie Johnson, Harbor Lights Drive: I'm speaking on item C. There seems to be a rumor going around that the only reason Mr. Johnson asked for agenda item C to be added is so that he could correct a mistake that I made. I do know the two people that started the rumor, and of course, they know who they are. But, I would like the people of this town to know that is entirely untrue. First of all, Mr. Johnson was the only one that did not vote for the unethical and partly illegal amendment for the E district. By request of commission members, I called a special meeting after the second reading of the ordinance was passed in which you slid in the two-page amendment. The meeting was called to discuss

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54 the legality of the amendment and by unanimous decision, I was asked to find an attorney to get legal
55 advice regarding what you all had done. I did not do this on my own, but by direction of the commission.
56 Obviously, we cannot seek legal advice from the town attorney, because not only does she work for the
57 town and the council, but she sat right here the night it happened and said it was all legal, which we now
58 know it wasn't. There were several issues that were either illegal or would have been detrimental to our
59 town. Since time was of the essence, we had to work fast in order to prevent permits being pulled and
60 construction or demolition started. The fact that state, county, and town building codes were being
61 ignored was illegal, but more importantly was the fact that the town was going to lose our membership in
62 the NFIP, National Flood Insurance Program, jeopardizing the residents to be able to obtain flood
63 insurance through them. Furthermore, the amendments went against the town's comprehensive plan.
64 You can stay [sic] all you want that had we not hired the attorney, you were going to correct your
65 wrongs. If that is the case, why didn't you take time to read the amendments to the residents present at
66 the meeting; have discussion, as you should have, and maybe you would have realized the consequences
67 of your actions, or better yet, deferred the vote until the amendments could be studied by each council
68 person. I can tell you why. You were trying to shove it through for the benefit of developers with no
69 regard for the residents of this town. Mr. Player, our attorney, is going to sue the town to be paid, and
70 several residents of the town brought the complaint. If you want another lawsuit, then don't pay him,
71 and have the town be further embarrassed by your actions. As a side note, Carolina Forest homeowners
72 have sued Horry County for flooding caused the Hurricane Matthew, because they don't feel the county
73 was diligent enough in their stormwater plan to prevent the flooding. The same thing will happen in the E
74 district, if zero setbacks are allowed, which was included in your amendments making it difficult for
75 stormwater runoff to be managed properly.

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77 Ms. Mary Mabry, 15th Avenue North: On October 9th council passed an ordinance that would
78 remove the town from the National Flood Insurance Program. This removal from the NFIP would start
79 within 30 days of the ordinance. On October 11, planning and zoning held a special meeting to discuss
80 actions and correct actions taken by council. A motion was made to seek legal council on behalf of the
81 homeowners and the businesses, as well as all property owners. There was at least one member of
82 council in the audience and council was never in the dark regarding action taken by the planning and
83 zoning. The meeting was recorded by the [permit-flood coordinator]. On October 16th, five days after the
84 special meeting by planning and zoning a motion was filed asking for a restraining order. Time was of the
85 essence as the law was already in place and council had not asked for a special meeting to repeal any
86 amended [sic] or to ask for a temporary moratorium. On October 17 Maria Cox sent email via Sabrina
87 Morris to council of the intent of FEMA to remove the town from the NFIP. Still council did nothing. On
88 October 18th the judge signed a restraining order. On October 19, a posted agenda to review the
89 ordinance. On October 22, the town was served. On October 23, council meeting was held and the
90 language was changed to comply with the restraining order. From October 10th through 16 council had
91 every opportunity to hold a special meeting, and if nothing else, place a moratorium on any building in
92 the E district, but chose not to knowing permits were available. The council was never in the dark as
93 emails were sent by many commission members and ignored. Because town council refused to place the
94 safety of its homeowners, businesses above its own agenda legal action was necessary. Because of legal
95 action by an attorney, council was forced to review, reverse its language, and fulfill its legal obligation to
96 the homeowners and business owners. They have invested in the Town of Surfside Beach. Town council
97 is solely responsible for the payment of an outside attorney. It is their action; not that of a rouge
98 planning commission that has brought us to this point. Facts back this up. This council has full access to
99 their own attorney; the Municipal Association attorney; (*time ended*) an experienced town administrator,
100 and many other resources needed. And I'll leave, but I have more. Thank you.

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102 Ms. Terri Lauer, Harbor Lights Drive: I would like to remind everyone that the planning
103 commission did us all a favor by getting legal advice and having the lawyer they hired urge the court to
104 place a temporary restraining order on town council's amended version of the E district. The fact is the
105 council's wording and intent would have required the National Flood Insurance Program, NFIP, to cancel
106 the flood insurance of each and every town resident. It bothers me that the council had its own attorney

107 present as the amendments were proposed and passed. The attorney should have known the content of
108 the amendment would be, would've been a disastrous [sic] to the residents of town. Imagine a town
109 without flood insurance. A beach town. What would our homes be worth with us not being able to have
110 flood insurance? I am concerned that the town's attorney does not have the experience or the knowledge
111 to give wise counsel. Now we have another situation. The proposed, Mayor Childs proposed the
112 amendments, and the amendments were simply wrong. Possibly illegal, and surely taking the town into
113 the wrong direction. Doesn't he want Surfside to pay for the planning commission? No, he doesn't want
114 the attorney for them to be paid. Let me remind you that the mayor is not in charge. We have a weak
115 mayor government in Surfside Beach. It is up to you all town councilmembers individually to make a wise
116 decision for the town. The mayor obviously did not. The planning commission saw the disaster in the
117 amendments. They hired the; they hired a lawyer [**] then the disaster from happening. It is time you
118 all thank the planning commission. We all live in this town, why wouldn't we for doing the job and will
119 need to pay the attorney. Surfside Beach does not need another lawsuit based on council's lack of
120 preparation, information, or simply, mistakes. Let's pay the lawyer and move on. Thank you.

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122 **6. COMMUNICATIONS. Administrator's Report.** Mr. Pieper said staff were very busy
123 preparing for the upcoming accommodations tax meeting; preparing the town's request for
124 accommodations tax funding, and also reviewing all the grant requests for this coming year. He was
125 meeting with citizens on a regular basis to deal with issues and discuss citizens' concerns and complaints.
126 His door always open and anybody is welcome to come talk to me at any time. It's just really been busy
127 on working on all the other issues that arise from day-to-day operations. We should have on an
128 agreement that the next meeting to consider for approval to send to the County Election Commission that
129 will begin the process of moving the town elections to county control. Mr. Johnson asked if there was an
130 update on the FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Environmental Impact Study for the pier.
131 Mr. Pieper said Senator Graham's office is trying to determine if the process can be expedited. He would
132 keep council informed.

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134 **7. BUSINESS.**

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136 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #18-0881 to Repeal §17-209 Complaints filed with**
137 **PB&Z Department, Director Morris.** Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #18-
138 0881 as presented. Mr. Johnson second. Ms. Morris presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies
139 of which are on file. Mr. Ott believed complainants should identify themselves, which in his opinion,
140 would stop frivolous complaints. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino and Councilmembers
141 Johnson, Scoles and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Ott voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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143 **B. First Reading Ordinance #19-0882, §13-47 General Provisions for Permits,**
144 **Reviews, and Approvals, Director Morris.** This item was deferred until a later date by approved
145 motion. See Agenda Approval on page one.

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147 **C. Payment of legal fees to plaintiffs' attorney in 2018-CP-26-05739, Councilmember**
148 **Johnson.**

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150 Mr. Johnson: You obviously don't have a paper on this, but we've discussed it often. I would like
151 to make a motion that we make payment of legal fees to the plaintiff's attorney, which includes the
152 planning and zoning commission, for the restraining order and lawsuit against the town.

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154 Mr. Ott: I'll have a second on that. Thank you.

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156 Mr. Johnson: Yeah, I, I, like I said previously, this entire thing came up last fall simply because,
157 you know, we, we worked on the E district for a long time, and we were ready to, you know, go full bore
158 ahead and then suddenly this Exhibit A shows up on the dais, which totally changes our ordinances
159 completely, and there was no explanation; no discussion on these, and it was voted on 6:1. And, it just

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160 flabbergasted me. I, maybe I was left out of the loop, and didn't know what was going on but that is not
161 fair either. So, you know, I, I, I, I feel like the planning and zoning commission hiring an attorney for
162 trying to stop what could've happened is, is good, because the very next day after that ordinance passed
163 they could've started; they could've pulled a permit and started building like crazy in the E district
164 residential homes, which doesn't make sense. It's an entertainment district. Why would you want homes
165 in an entertainment district?
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167 Mr. Ott: I gave this a second, and I didn't think anybody else was going to do it, but I believe
168 this should be discussed in public. Do I have the expertise and all the knowledge to make an accurate
169 decision for the Town of Surfside Beach? I don't believe I do. I hear exactly what's happened. I'm not an
170 attorney. We do have an attorney that attempted to actually tell us exactly how this lawsuit is, was
171 started; where it is today, but I, as for the law in itself, I don't have that expertise and I, I'm sorry that I
172 have to say that that I'm not an attorney, and I would have to ask the courts to make this decision on it.
173 I would feel a lot better to make it that way, and I think it would be fair for all the people of the Town of
174 Surfside Beach.
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176 Mr. Stevens: I have gone over the court papers with the a; that are listed. They're public
177 information at 15th Judicial Circuit. You go to that site; look up actions. You can read every individual
178 court case. Every paper. Everything that's written down, and this is a legal matter. I'm not a lawyer, and
179 I'm not gonna pretend to be a lawyer. In my opinion, this should; this; all these issues that are handled
180 in this pending case should be sent to a court of law and let a judge; he has the authority to decide the
181 matters in this case. So, I'm going to defer any vote on this, because I don't think that I have the legal
182 background to even do this.
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184 Mr. Pellegrino: As far as some of the comments made in public comments just a few minutes
185 ago, the, we did, some of us on council did start the next day, and that the first few days actually
186 working through some of the issues with that; with the ordinance that was passed and the, so we didn't
187 wait for the lawsuit to try to figure out what that what the result would be, what the cause [sic] would be
188 to the to the citizens with respect to the flood insurance, and we worked through those, and we would've
189 worked through those if the planning commission people, the people who put the lawsuit in came and
190 talked to us. We are already on top of it before that. So, and to me, being that the planning commission
191 plus some, some citizens or actual planning commission is, is on the lawsuit, there is a conflict of interest
192 far as I'm concerned. But it's still pending. This is not a dismissed case. It's still pending. So we have one
193 invoice that was already submitted that that Mr. Johnson put a motion to ask to be paid for, but there
194 may be; that was a long time ago. There will be more invoices that will come in. So we don't even know
195 what we're committing to as far payment here, because we don't know what the final cost for the lawyer
196 is gonna be. So there is; I have a lot of issues with this right now. That's basically all I have.
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198 Mayor Childs: Mr. Johnson, do you have anything else?
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200 Mr. Johnson: No.
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202 Mayor Childs: All those in favor of the motion, say aye.
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204 Mr. Johnson: Aye.
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206 Mayor Childs: All those opposed say no.
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208 Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Ott, Scoles and Stevens: No.
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210 Mayor Childs: Opinion of the chair, the no [votes] have it. The motion is denied.
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212 **D. Expenditure of Accommodations Tax Fund Balance FY18, Director Adair.** Mr. Adair
213 presented the decision paper. Ms. Scoles and Mr. Ott suggested that the bathroom at the 13th Avenue
214 South beach access be replaced before 3rd North, because that is where the surfing events are held and
215 the new improved handicapped access was installed. Council **CONCURRED**. Mr. Stevens moved to
216 approve using FY18 Accommodations Tax Fund revenue to replace two beach bathrooms. Mr. Ott second.
217 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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219 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION.** There was no discussion.

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221 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS. General Comments.**

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223 Ms. Meg Perrino, North Cedar Drive said I just want to say that our Police Department is amazing
224 and I appreciate them so much. I think they've done so much to inhibit issues that would hinder our
225 community, which you know how I feel on that. I really appreciate how much they do for us. Thank you.

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227 Mr. Al Lauer, Harbor Lights Drive: I'd like to just tell you a little story. When I would just a little
228 kid growing up in the backwoods of Philadelphia my Pappy called aside and he said, son, sometime in
229 your life you're going to make a mistake. Now, I have. I have. He said, son, when you make a mistake
230 they're a couple things you have to do. First of all you have to own it. You gotta fess up to it. You got to
231 admit that you made the mistake, and then you have to apologize the people who might have been hurt
232 by that mistake, and only then can you walk ahead with your head held high. I can tell you after this
233 meeting there's only one person on this council who can leave the building with their head held high.
234 Thank you, Mr. Johnson.

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236 Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South said he has asked questions of the administrator during
237 meetings in November and December, and is asking again tonight that he be directed to answer those
238 questions. The town's people deserve to hear answers, and it should be done at the meeting like the
239 former administrator did. Mayor Childs said the administrator already stated he has an open door policy.
240 Mr. Dodge was not satisfied with that answer and continued demanding that answers be given. Ms.
241 Crosby called *point of order* saying Mr. Dodge was attacking the administrator personally. Mr. Dodge
242 complained that golf carts are being driven on the beach. Ms. Scoles called *point of order* saying she
243 cannot hear the speaker when people in the audience were speaking. Mayor Childs called time and said
244 the administrator was available by phone any time of the day Mr. Dodge wished to call him.

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246 Ms. Carrie Johnson, Harbor Lights Drive: I would just like to comment on some of the comments
247 that you all made. If you are so interested in doing something right, why did you do something so wrong
248 to start with? Why did you put something up on the dais ten minutes before a meeting two pages long
249 and didn't give anybody any chance to read it, and you all just passed it through? If nothing else, that
250 was totally unethical, and if y'all don't realize that then you're dumb as dirt. That was very unethical for
251 what you did and how you did it. You didn't read it to the people. There was no discussion on it or
252 anything, and for you to say that you were trying to correct it the next day, why didn't you put a
253 moratorium on it then, if you are so interested in correcting it? No, it was just let go, and you don't want
254 to pay the attorney. Well, that's fine, because it wasn't for the planning commission; it's for the citizens
255 of this town who are named on the complaint. He won it and you're gonna end up paying him, and by
256 denying it to pay it tonight, you're gonna end up paying more, because he's gonna sue you and you're
257 gonna have more cost incurred than you have now, not only for the embarrassment of the town and how
258 bad that is going to be. Thank you.

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260 Ms. Mary Mabry, 15th Avenue North: I was hoping we start the New Year with less drama,
261 renewed friendships, and that we could start over with a clean slate, and I still have that hope. I still
262 want that for our town. If you look at Loris, Aynor, Briarcliff, and I was reminded with a phone call on
263 this, Pawleys Island you look at all the towns up and down, you never hear anything but positive remarks
264 about their town. We are the most drama filled town on the east coast bar none. We can have our

265 disagreements, and we should. That's how you learn and grow. We don't have to agree with everything,
266 but we can have an open, fair and honest discussion. There are several councilmembers that I dearly
267 love with my heart. I don't agree with them all the time, but I does; that doesn't stop me from caring
268 about them as a person and knowing that the few differences we have does not define who we are. I am
269 asking you as a council to please reach out to your constituents; start over. Let us all work together for
270 the good of our community. We have an amazing place here. Nothing like it is on the east coast. It is
271 beautiful. That didn't come overnight. That came with the planning commission way back when and
272 councils way back when all working together. We can be those people. We can disagree. We can come
273 together and we can make this the most amazing town. It already is. But we can make it better, and we
274 can all do better. There's nobody up here that I have any animosity toward. Not one. We can disagree.
275 We don't have to be as [sic] disagreeable. We can stop the drama in our town, today. I'm disappointed
276 you didn't pay the attorney, but I'm going to sleep well tonight, and I'll see y'all on the 28th. That's fine.
277 That was your choice and I'm gonna respect that and we're gonna move forward. But please remember
278 we not your enemy, because we disagree with you. I am asking each and every one of you to stop the
279 drama on the dais and answer the questions and if someone disagrees with you, please don't take it
280 personal. It's just a little bit; politics, we can agree 98 percent of the times. We don't have to agree all
281 the time. So I want y'all to know that we hopefully have a great new year and this is a new start and
282 thank you so much.

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284 Ms. Lynn Livesay, 10th Avenue South, said if you haven't been through the new restrooms in the
285 Passive Park, you should. It's fabulous. Her concern was that we just said that we wanted to build one of
286 them at the pier. Since there will be construction at the pier, I suggest that you replace the restrooms at
287 3rd North and 13th Avenue South.

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289 Mr. Larry McKeen, 6th Avenue South, talked about the questions that are publicly put forth to the
290 council and the administrator. He believed those questions demand a public response, and said
291 respectfully he expected to see the practice to give answers continued.

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293 Ms. Linda Woodlief, Sparrow Drive, said I'm a member of that Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful
294 Committee, and I just want to thank everyone for their participation in It's a Wonderful Life this year.
295 We've had nothing but positive feedback for the town, and I'm just grateful for everyone's participation.

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297 Ms. Rose Marie Alcon, Oaks Drive South, said I believe I understood that there was questions
298 about planning and zoning with the E district. There were questions about how it would impact the
299 residents and flood insurance. So, an attorney was brought in. Although I Mr. Pellegrino said that we
300 were to make changes. The attorney did his job or her job, yet we're refusing to pay them. I think that's
301 a shame.

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303 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

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305 Mr. Pellegrino: Thank you very much for coming tonight. As far as the ordinance back last year,
306 you know, the way, the way we, the way we voted on that; pushed it through. It certainly wasn't the
307 perfect way to do it. But, we did afterwards; I mean I personally talked to Mr. Pieper and Ms. Morris
308 about how was gonna effect CRS and how is gonna affect flood insurance, and, and from that point move
309 forward to, to correct, try to correct the bad parts of that ordinance we passed. So, wasn't perfect by no
310 means, but we were moving forward to correct parts that we made mistakes on. So, that's basically all I
311 have to say. Have a great night.

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313 Ms. Scoles: I appreciate you coming out, and I'm sorry that I had to call point of order, but I
314 cannot hear the person at that podium speaking when people on this side and that side are talking. I
315 could not hear what Mr. Dodge was saying. *(Unknown speaker from audience interrupted.)* So, we don't
316 talk with someone at that podium. Going forward, I hope everyone will respect each other when
317 someone is speaking, whether it's someone up here on the dais, and the people out there please be

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318 quiet, and if you are up there speaking at the podium, I expect every councilmember to be quiet. That is
319 respect. This is a business meeting and we need to treat it as one. Everyone have a good evening.
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321 Mr. Stevens: Thank y'all for coming out. I hope all of you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New
322 Year. I want to speak about the beautification committee. They did a great job over the holidays with the
323 lights, and the, the showing of It's a Wonderful Life. There was [sic] quite a few people out even though
324 it was kind of cold. As far as the ordinance that was passed back in [sic] October 9th, and then was
325 changed on October 3rd, 23rd, according to an affidavit that's on public record, the Town Council October
326 23rd cured any defects in conflict with the town flood ordinance, FEMA, NPDES, and the National Flood
327 Insurance Program, and Mrs. Carol Lamb of the National, National Flood Insurance with DNR clear that
328 up that was changed and everything was, and everything was hunky-dory. So, that's in a public affidavit,
329 and you're welcome to look at that on the 15th Judicial Circuit, and I still believe that this is a [sic] item
330 for the legal system; the judges whoever the judge might be, I understand it's gonna be in front of Judge
331 Larry Hyman, so that will handle that. As far as the other things that happened great around here, I want
332 to congratulate all the Clemson Alumni. That y'all really took Alabama, took 'em to the mat, and they,
333 Alabama faced a monster defense that they could not tame, plus a quarterback who is destined for
334 superstardom. Again, Happy New Year and may all y'all; God bless you, and hopefully everything will
335 come out all right in everything we're doing. Thank you for coming out.
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337 Mr. Johnson: I want to correct Mr. Stevens. Alabama got taken to the woodshed! And, I do want
338 to agree with Mr. McKeen with the public questions. In the past, the administrator did; has come back
339 with answers to questions asked in public, and I think it was very informative and a good policy. I would
340 like to have the instituted, again if you don't mind, sir. Mr. Pieper: Can we get a council consensus on
341 that, because that is something we need to discuss, I think. Mayor Childs: I think you had some issues
342 with it. Mr. Pieper: Well, I'd like to discuss that with [council]. Mr. Johnson: We can do that a later date.
343 As far as hiring an attorney this council, no, not this council, some on council hired an attorney without
344 most of council knowing that we had hired an attorney in the past, and based on a legal matter so, you
345 know, there's kind of a little precedent that was set a while back when we didn't have a full-time
346 attorney, you know, so I just want to lay that out there for transparency sake. Thanks; have a great
347 evening.
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349 Mr. Ott: When I was elected, I stood at that podium and I raised my right hand and I took an
350 oath. I took that oath to keep the peace in this town. And that's necessary to be done. And that's one of
351 the things we need to do. I get, got many phone calls in favor of paying, and not in favor of paying. I'm
352 very; it's conflicting for me. I looked at the data that I do have. Can I make a decision? I don't think
353 anybody in here can make an accurate decision on this. There are many things that are not being
354 brought into this action that are written in there, and it wasn't that this happened or that happened, and
355 I'm not going to start a jury and a court here, because that's not where it's supposed to be. I believe the
356 court system will devise the correct methods on this. I know that Mr. Johnson's amendment; his motion
357 came up. It may not; it may have died right there, and I looked for transparency within this council to
358 bring that out and talk about it. And that's basically all we do is talk about things, and we, we, we can
359 actually, actually act on some of these actions, because it would, if they could be right for the 20 people
360 in here that want it done, and then the other 150 people outside that keep calling me saying don't do it; I
361 have to look at both. They're all, they're all neighbors. They're all here. They're are all in this town. Yes,
362 and it happens, and I know you only see one side. I have; I'm lucky. I get to see both sides and
363 sometimes it's, it's, it's a hard decision to make. It is, and I'm not going to sit here and say what was
364 right; what was wrong. We need to have legal people with, with, with the law knowledge to make that
365 decision, and then the peace will be kept. If we have to pay more; we're gonna pay more. We are, but
366 that's the only way it needs to be done. *(Unknown speaker from audience interrupted.)* Please, I have
367 the floor. You can come there and I'm not gonna talk, and I do believe in the; and everybody that comes
368 there to that microphone, you have the freedom of speech. and you can ask questions and those
369 questions in my opinion, must be answered. We are all residents of this town. Yes, and somewhere
370 within the next week I'm gonna talk; sit down and want to talk to our administrator and see how we can

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371 help this, and make this happen, because these are important things in transparency. You need to know.
372 And that's the only way we can do it in a peaceful manner. Thank you very much for coming out, and I
373 appreciate hearing everybody's opinions.
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375 Mayor Childs: I want to thank the beautification committee for everything they did during
376 Christmas. Everybody was really excited about it. You did great job. Thank you, everybody. for coming.
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378 **11. ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Mr. Johnson
379 second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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381 Prepared and submitted by:

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385 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
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387 Approved: January 22, 2018
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390 **Surfside Beach Town Council**
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393 Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor
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396 David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore
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396 Absent
397 Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council
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399 Mark L. Johnson, Town Council
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399 Ron Ott, Town Council
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402 Debbie Scoles, Town Council
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402 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council
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407 verbatim or as close to verbatim as possible. Appointments to hear recordings may be made with the
408 town clerk; a free copy of the audio will be given to you provided you bring a new, unopened flash drive.
409 In accordance with FOIA §30-4-80(A) and (E), meeting notice and the agenda were distributed to local
410 media and interested parties via the town's email subscription list. The agenda was posted on the entry
411 door at Town Council Chambers. Meeting notice was also posted on the town website at
412 www.surfsidebeach.org and the marquee.