



**PUBLIC NOTICE: Public Hearing, June 9, 2020, in Council Chambers to hear public comments on Ordinance #20-0223 to set the fiscal year 2020-2021 Tax Millage and to hold the first reading of Ordinance # 20-0223.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE: Surfside Beach Town Council will hold a workshop on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 10:00 am to discuss the proposed the fiscal year 2020-2021 Municipal Budget.**

**TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, May 26, 2020 • 6:30 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Hellyer called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Hellyer, Mayor Pro Tempore Scoles, Councilmembers Pellegrino, Drake, Dietrich, Holder, and Keating were in attendance. Others present Town Attorney Crosby, Town Administrator Pieper, and Town Clerk Sheri Medina.

2. **INVOCATION; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. Invocation: Rev. Kirk Lawton, of Ocean Lakes Campground, gave the invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hellyer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING - THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF LAND LISTED AS 10' ALLEY SITUATED BETWEEN PIN # 461-03-01-0042 AND PIN # 461-03-01-0043.** Councilmember Drake asked if the Public hearing was published. Mr. Pieper stated it was and that a public hearing has to be held before final action can be taken, so everything was legal. Councilmember Keating stated she had received an email questioning if a proper appraisal had been done on this parcel. Initially, there was a discussion that this parcel is only valuable to the landowner that owns on both sides of this parcel. Mayor Hellyer stated that there was an appraisal done by a certified appraiser, and it was found to be worth nothing because it was not usable by anyone other than the adjacent property owners. Council gave the Town Administrator the ability to negotiate with the purchaser.

**Public Comment.** - Mayor Hellyer read an email being submitted. Dear Mayor and Council, my name is Bill Kinken @ 1312 Dogwood Dr. I would like to address 2 Business Items, A and B. Item A: The selling of the 10 ft. alleyway sets a very bad precedent considering how many of these there are in Surfside Beach. When this came up on June 25, 2018, as a business item, it died for the lack of a motion. What is the appraisal value of this patch of land? Should we not have an appraised value before we take less than it is worth? I have always thought these alley ways could be used to install underground electrical service or maybe even natural gas lines without having to tear up our roads. The petitioner can use the alley way as long as they do not build a permanent structure such as a swimming pool or condo on the land. I ask you to please defeat this Ordinance or at least delay until there is an appraised value.

4. **MOTIONS RELATING TO AGENDA – None**

5. **MINUTES APPROVAL** - Councilmember Keating made a motion to approve the May 7, 2020, May 11, 2020, and May 12, 2020 minutes as presented. Councilmember Pellegrino seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only**

A. Mayor Hellyer read the second item from Mr. Kinken: I am a dog lover but am opposed to allowing tourists' dogs on our beach during the summer. These are the same people who allow underage kids to drive golf carts on our roads, set off fireworks most nights on our beach, and leave beer cans and bottles and cigarette butts on the beach. Do you really think all of them will pick up after their dogs on the beach when they do not pick up after themselves on our sidewalks and yards? I used to walk my Irish Setter at least two times per day and never saw dog poop on our roads, sidewalks and yards until the tourists returned. During the winter we walked our beach and did not see a problem until after Easter. During the summer I would walk him north of the Holiday Inn and could see some of the messes that were deposited on their beach by dogs. I carried extra bags

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58 and would pick up as I went. I ask you to please NOT approve this Ordinance. If you insist then please amend  
59 the ordinance 20-0221 with a phone number and a person's name responsible for cleaning up the mess and keep  
60 track of how often it occurs. There is a reason this has not been approved in the past. WE OWE OURSELVES  
61 AND OUR VISITORS A CLEAN BEACH. Thank you for listening, Bill Kinken.  
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63 B. My husband and I love Surfside Beach! We always visit in early May and August every year! I'm so glad that  
64 Surfside has rules and regulations, especially when it comes to allowing dogs on the beach. However, we did notice last  
65 week, and several people had their dogs on the beach other than the designated hours. Some of these dogs are huge,  
66 and yes, the owners let them use the bathroom in the ocean! Also, we were walking on the sidewalk one morning, and  
67 two dogs got into a fight as we were approaching, and this was very frightening! Please continue to enforce the  
68 regulations regarding dogs on the beach and owners who do to have control of their pets. After visiting Surfside for over  
69 20 years, there was definitely an increase in dogs on the beach and streets. Thanks for your understanding, Eloise and  
70 Talmadge Wade

71 B. Mayor Hellyer read an email from Allyn Carlson: Dear Honorable Council Members, I am writing today to  
72 voice my concern regarding a motion to allow dogs on the beach year-round. During the last town council  
73 meeting, Council Woman Keating made a motion for the Town of Surfside Beach to become more like Horry  
74 County by allowing dogs on the Beach during tourist season. I understand that the hours would be restricted, but  
75 I am against fixing something that is not broken. I am not anti-dog, as a matter of fact, I love dogs. I understand  
76 that some people want to take their dog for a walk on the beach, but honestly, those people are a very small  
77 percentage of the 3,000 full-time residents. The residents that want to walk their dog on the Beach during tourist  
78 season can go to Garden City. The sand during the summer is blazing hot, too hot for their paws. I do believe  
79 that residents care about this Town and would clean up after their dog, but would tourists? Or would they just  
80 cover the dog waste covered up with sand? Why would we want to take a chance? If I had wanted to live in  
81 Garden City (Horry County), I would have purchased there. It would have been cheaper with lower taxes. I chose  
82 to live in the Town of Surfside Beach for a reason. I love this town, my neighbors, and a wonderful atmosphere.  
83 If this counsel wants to emulate Horry County, besides allowing the dogs on the Beach during tourist season, why  
84 not allow high rise condo's, allow smoking on the Beach, allow businesses to use plastic bags, allow fireworks  
85 year-round on the Beach and let's have free parking all up, and down Ocean Blvd just like Garden City (that was  
86 a current council member plan when she was running for Council, free parking for all), I can tell you why... We  
87 ARE Surfside Beach!!! and we don't want to be like the rest of Horry county. So if you really need to walk your  
88 dog on the Beach, go to Garden City, park for free, walk your dog, smoke your cigarettes, enjoy the shade of the  
89 high rise and shoot off some fireworks. If you see any plastic bags blowing around, you can pick them up too.  
90 This is a major change and if we want to consider this, why not put a referendum on the next ballot and ask the  
91 residents what they want. Not the 50 or so vocal alleged residents on Facebook, but all the residents. Thank  
92 you for your time and consideration. Respectfully, Mr. Allyn Carlson.  
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94 D. Mayor read an email from Judy Henion: Mayor and Council, I am dismayed that not only was the Second  
95 Reading scheduled to sell town property but a public hearing scheduled to ascertain whether or not to proceed  
96 with the sale of the property. Who is responsible for compliance with the laws and statutes of South Carolina? I  
97 believe that there someone got the cart before the horse once more. The Council needs to address this  
98 inadequate administrator. Regards, Judy Henion  
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101 **7. COMMUNICATIONS –**  
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103 A. Financial Report – Financial Report for April was read by Director King  
104 Councilmember Keating asked Mrs. King to elaborate on the Pier expenses that make up the \$312,000. Mr. King  
105 stated insurance, engineering, and depreciation.  
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107 **8. BUSINESS**  
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109 A. SECOND READING-ORDINANCE #20-0220 - AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF LAND LISTED AS  
110 10' ALLEY SITUATED BETWEEN PIN # 461-03-01-0042 AND PIN # 461-03-01-0043. Councilmember Keating  
111 made a motion to accept ORDINANCE #20-0220 for the sale of the parcel on Dogwood Dr. Councilmember  
112 Dietrich seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**  
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114 B. SECOND READING – ORDINANCE #20-0221 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH TO  
115 AMEND SECTION 12-69 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 12, BEACHES, Councilmember Keating, made a motion

116 to enter into discussion on Ordinance 20-0221. Councilmember Dietrich seconded. Councilmember Drake  
117 asked if the Sunset Clause has been added to this Ordinance. This does need to be monitored and addressed  
118 if there are any problems. Councilmember Pellegrino stated that he agreed with Councilmember Drake that  
119 we do need to monitor this in September after the summer. Councilmember Scoles asked how the Town will  
120 be able to monitor this? She also stated that she has seen people allow their dogs to use the bathroom in the  
121 ocean and also dogs that were not cleaned up after. Mayor Hellyer stated that the beach ambassadors had  
122 told residents to keep their dogs off the beach because the Ordinance had not been passed at that time. The  
123 Mayor recommended the sunset clause be re-evaluated in September. Councilmember Pellegrino stated that  
124 the Council would hear if there is a problem. Councilmember Holder, Pellegrino, Keating, Mayor Hellyer, and  
125 Drake voted in favor. Councilmember Dietrich and Scoles voted against. **Motion carried.**

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127 C. FIRST READING – ORDINANCE #20-0222 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH TO AMEND  
128 THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 MUNICIPAL BUDGET. Councilmember Scoles made a motion to approve  
129 Ordinance 20-0222. Councilmember Holder seconded. Director King stated all of these items, except for one,  
130 came before Council in January of 2020, and they are all A Tax and Hospitality funds, the purchase of the  
131 Kubota for the Beach, equipment for the firetruck, a new bathroom at the beach and the repaving of the  
132 streets. The Pier was not brought to you because the previous Council did not know how to budget for the  
133 Pier. The decision was that the Pier would close in September. The expenditures for the Pier are the things  
134 that have happened since the approval of the budget. The purchase of the Kubota was \$10,000, the new  
135 restroom was \$74,000, the paving contract exceeded the budget by \$70,000, and the Pier expenditures due  
136 to parking, utilities, insurance, and depreciation were \$141,700. Pier reimbursement from FEMA and meter  
137 revenues were \$359,000. There was also an Amendment done for the revenue. Because of some of the  
138 unusual expenses, this amendment will leave us in good shape. Both A-tax and Hospitality have decreased by  
139 half because we have to defer the other half to the County. Councilmember Keating asked what was  
140 reimbursed by FEMA. Director King stated we got reimbursed for Haggerty and Collins for the Pier. All  
141 expenditures are sent Haggerty, and they submit them to FEMA. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

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143 D. MONTHLY REPORTS – Councilmember Keating stated she had requested monthly reports to be presented by  
144 department heads at Council meetings. Councilmember Keating made a motion to add Monthly reports to the  
145 agenda in chapter 2 to add the department heads to give their monthly reports at Council meetings. Half on  
146 the first meeting and half on the second as to not take up too much time at meetings. From a discussion with  
147 a few department heads, they indicated they liked the opportunity to verbalize their department  
148 accomplishments and answer questions. Councilmember Drake seconded. Mayor Hellyer stated the monthly  
149 reports are found on the Towns website. Would there be a problem with adding the links to the reports?  
150 Councilmember Scoles stated she feels adding these reports to the meetings are redundant. I don't think this  
151 is advantageous for these to be done at the meeting. Councilmember Pellegrino agreed that the links are a  
152 good idea. Probably the most important at this time is finance due to loss of revenue due to the Corona Virus  
153 and the Pier. I am not sure we got a lot out of it when the department heads gave their report in person.  
154 Councilmember Scoles agreed with the links so that the residents can look at it. Councilmember Keating  
155 stated it is a valuable resource for the residents and believes it should be brought back. Councilmember  
156 Holder stated the employees work long days, with having to come to the meeting puts more of a burden on  
157 them at least 1 day a month. Councilmember Drake stated he does not understand why people would not  
158 want to communicate with the residents; it's part of their job. The residents should be able to have an open  
159 dialog with the department heads. Most towns have this. Councilmember Dietrich stated he agreed with the  
160 links. Councilmember Keating, Drake, and Mayor Hellyer voted in favor. Councilmembers Scoles, Pellegrino,  
161 Dietrich, and Holder voted against. **Motion denied.** Mr. Pieper stated the links could be on the second  
162 agenda of the month. That way, you will get a snapshot of what has occurred throughout the month.

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164 E. WORKSHOP MEETING CHAPTERS 2 AND 17 (SET DATES). Mayor Hellyer stated Chapter 17 was tabled in  
165 January. Mayor Hellyer mentions previously as the Chairman of the Planning Commission, and he was always  
166 told that a joint meeting would be inappropriate. Do we need the Planning Commission to attend?  
167 Councilmember Holder stated it would be a great idea to have them and work together to talk about ideas.  
168 What was deferred is what was already approved by the Planning Commission and was presented in January.  
169 Councilmember Holder said that the current Planning Commission members had not seen this amendment.  
170 Councilmember Pellegrino stated that many items need to be reviewed, not just what was submitted in  
171 January. Councilmember Scoles stated that she thought it would be advantageous to have the Planning  
172 Commission attend to hear their thoughts, especially the new members since January. Mayor Hellyer stated

173 the Planning Commission recommended that all storage units be placed on Sandy Lane in the September  
174 meeting. After that Planning Commission meeting, I resigned because I was elected Mayor. Councilmember  
175 Scoles stated she did not defer the Ordinance because of the storage building, but because of some of the  
176 verbiage, change of responsibilities, and whom they belong to that would not have been reviewed by the  
177 Planning Commission. Mayor Hellyer as Planning Commission Chair, there was not a recommendation of an  
178 Ordinance.

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180 Councilmember Pellegrino recommended that the Council meet with the Planning Commission Chairman to  
181 get his ideas. Councilmember Scoles stated it was recommended that what was submitted in January be  
182 reviewed. Councilmember Keating stated Ms. Morris brought these changes, and since she is no longer with  
183 the town, who is the person to answer these questions. Is the Planning Commission Chair well versed to be  
184 able to answer these questions? Councilmember Holder stated he found approximately a hundred things that  
185 he did not like with the grid that was submitted. The workshop meeting for Chapter 17 will be on June 16,  
186 2020, at 10:00 am and invite the Chairman of the Planning Commission to attend.

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188 Chapter 2 workshop will be held on July 20, 2020, at 10:00 am.

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190 F. GOLF CART PARKING/ BEACH ACCESS, AND C-2 DISTRICT ON SURFSIDE DRIVE. Mayor Hellyer stated there  
191 had been ongoing complaints from some businesses in the C-2 district that the more significant business  
192 employees are taking up all the parking spaces. The retail does not have room for their customers. The  
193 previous parking committee addressed the issue with 2-hour parking signs, but that is not being enforced. We  
194 need to try and get them to work together to resolve this problem and have their employees park elsewhere  
195 so that people who want to come to town and spend money have a place to park. Mayor Hellyer stated that  
196 there should be a parking committee. Councilmember Pellegrino stated he agrees with a parking committee;  
197 we need someone to talk to the businesses since they know who the employees are that are taking up the  
198 parking and violating the 2-hour limit. Mayor Hellyer restated that the parking committee can also address the  
199 beach access parking as well. Councilmember Drake stated that we need to get the Parking committee on the  
200 website and start getting the applications. Councilmember Scoles stated some time ago the administrator  
201 worked on it, and the Council denied it. Mr. Pieper stated he worked on that for about a month, and it was  
202 exhausting. Mayor Hellyer stated the research was on more than just beach parking and was an exhaustive  
203 change to all parking, but when this was turned down, the whole thing was thrown out. Councilmember  
204 Keating stated that Mr. Shilling had a great idea of implementing a fee for parking stickers for rental golf carts  
205 when renting properties in Surfside. We would have to speak to all golf cart rental companies. If we initiate  
206 the parking committee with a few members, all these avenues can be discussed. Councilmember Scoles stated  
207 she would work with the parking committee. Mayor Hellyer stated that the task of the parking committee  
208 would be the beach accesses golf cart parking and the C-2 district (employee parking). Councilmember Drake  
209 asked if a letter could be sent to all the businesses for them to work together on the parking issues.  
210 Councilmember Keating stated it is a good idea to drop a courtesy letter to the business to notify their  
211 employee about not parking on Surfside Drive.
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213 G. SUNDAY SERENADES – Mayor Hellyer stated Hound Dog no longer coordinates the Sunday Serenades. He  
214 recommended that Acoustic Johnny may be interested in taking over the coordination of the program. Mayor  
215 Hellyer stated he spoke with him at length. Mayor Hellyer wanted to discuss keeping the program.  
216 Councilmember Holder stated he had gone to watch Hound dog, but it was really hot at 2:00 in the  
217 afternoon. Councilmember Holder recommended that it should be more toward the fall. Mayor Hellyer stated  
218 he understood there is a budget of \$3,500. Acoustic Johnny said he could work out all the details and  
219 thought it could be done for about \$200.00 per performance. Councilmember Drake stated he agreed with  
220 Mr. Holder stated that it could be a little warm. It should be at a different time when it may be cooler. As a  
221 small town, it was a great thing. It needs more beach music. If it were later, probably more people would  
222 come. People come to Surfside for these family time things. Councilmember Pellegrino stated Council should  
223 wait till July before making any kind of commitment to see how the revenues are in June. Councilmember  
224 Keating stated it could be researched in the interim. Mr. Pieper agreed to have Debbie Ellis to look into the  
225 particulars.
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227 H. COMMUNICATIONS, BRANDING, AND MARKETING – Councilmember Keating stated this was discussed early  
228 in the year. There was a presentation by other Municipalities on how they brand themselves. We talk about  
229 being the Family Beach, but what do we point to that sets us apart as being the Family Beach? I think

230 overall, going into the next ten-year plan, we need a strategic vision. We need goals and objectives in each  
231 area, and how are we going to improve. It starts with communication and marketing. What does Myrtle  
232 Beach Area Chamber of Commerce do for us? I don't see too much. There are things we can do on our own.  
233 We can improve our webpage and Facebook page, newsletters, and emails. We need to see what our vision  
234 is and how to work towards that vision. We had a strategic vision project done in 2016 (?) by Clemson.  
235 They gave a beautiful presentation. We need to create that again! Councilmember Drake stated that the  
236 presentations we saw worked for those towns and their web pages. Their website makes you want to visit  
237 those towns.  
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239 Mayor Hellyer stated that the work being done on Business 17 is going to be beautiful when it's done. I would  
240 like residents to know when they enter our town and when they leave. He feels we need to brand our Town.  
241 The visioning for the 10-year plan is the task in front of the Planning Commission. He thinks the phone  
242 meetings are great, that people do not have to come, and it improves communications. They can sit in their  
243 home and listen. Mr. Pieper stated that he agreed with Mrs. Keating about the webpage, but it all comes  
244 down to money. It will cost approximately \$60,000 to rework the website. We need to narrow down the list  
245 and prioritize it. Councilmember Keating stated we need to get a group of people together as a committee to  
246 strategize, brainstorming ideas on how to brand the town. That part is free. Once you have a strategy and a  
247 plan, you set your objectives, and then you can work with the department's tasks that support that vision.  
248 Councilmember Holder stated that the Council needs to sit down and brainstorm on what we want this town  
249 to be, and incumbent on Council to set the direction. Councilmember Keating stated the residents need to be  
250 able to have input. Council decided to have a workshop on June 29, 2020, at 10:00 am.  
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- 253 G. INDEPENDENT PIER COMMITTEE – Councilmember Drake stated there needs to be an independent Pier  
254 committee started so we can get some answers because we are not designers nor engineers. Councilmember  
255 Keating stated she has reached out to a few people and received some recommendations for certified marine  
256 contractors. This committee will review the bids, and we will have recommendations from the engineers and  
257 architects that have put the bid packages together. It never hurts to have checks and balances. This way,  
258 each option in the bids can be reviewed for cost and quality. How do we prioritize cost, quality, and time? We  
259 need to establish the evaluation criteria; this is not an insignificant project. We need people experienced in  
260 this field. We are talking about significant investment, and it's not all FEMA money. If these bids come in  
261 much more significant than what is budgeted, what are we going to do? We need to ensure we are making  
262 the right decisions.  
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264 Councilmember Pellegrino stated we pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to our engineers and architects.  
265 These people do this for a living. I would be stunned if we found a committee that knew more than them.  
266 Councilmember Pellegrino felt we should rely on Haggerty to do the evaluations and present the best  
267 recommendations. Mr. Pieper stated that the bidders knew an addendum was coming and was discussed  
268 earlier. These contractors did ask for an extension, which we did not grant. Mayor Hellyer reminded everyone  
269 that we agreed to establish this pier committee at the last meeting. Councilmember Pellegrino stated that if  
270 we create a committee, they need to have specific credentials. Councilmember Scoles stated that the town  
271 had spent much money on our professionals. I feel the money we have spent has been spent wisely, and we  
272 need to continue on that path.  
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274 Councilmember Keating stated we also need to get someone to oversee the project. Mr. Pieper stated the  
275 engineers oversee the project along with the construction management. We inspect the project also, and the  
276 Council would have to approve any change orders. Councilmember Drake stated we need some dual controls.  
277 Councilmember Scoles stated there was a conference call with Haggerty and that there would be different bid  
278 costs, and they would explain the differences to us. I think we are underestimating this team and micro-  
279 managing whom we have already paid an astronomical amount of money. Mayor Hellyer said he has no  
280 problem with having a second set of eyes. Finding people qualified will be a challenge.  
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- 282 H. KEEP SURFSIDE BEACH BEAUTIFUL – Mayor Hellyer stated he has spoken to KSBB, and they are questioning  
283 how much money is in their budget. Director King said any money they needed would come out of John  
284 Adair's budget. KSBB has done a lot for Surfside Beach and how they would continue with no money.  
285 Councilmember Keating stated that the committee has been paying for things and not being reimbursed. I  
286 think they can do so much more in Town's activities and events. They are considering if it would be better

287 to become a non-profit. KSBB originally has been a beautification group. Councilmember Scoles, they are in  
288 charge of planting flowers and beach sweeps. They are not charged with doing social events.  
289 Councilmember Drake stated that we need to support the KSBB Committee. Mayor Hellyer stated he is willing  
290 to be the liaison with the committee and see what can be done to help them.  
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- 292 I. TOWN ACTIVITIES AND FESTIVALS - Mayor Hellyer said he spoke to Debbie Ellis regarding the Fourth of  
293 July. She wanted to know if the Council wished to move forward with it. Councilmember Drake stated that he  
294 was in favor of doing anything we can to get people to come to our Town. Councilmember Pellegrino  
295 confirmed that we have \$10K - \$15K in the budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration but stated that Council  
296 should not commit to anything until we get through what we are dealing with now. Mayor Hellyer said he  
297 would like to promote to encourage people to come to our town for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Councilmember Scoles  
298 said that we are not likely to have a problem getting people here for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July because of the areas  
299 around us, but feels we need to pull in the reigns and be conscious about spending. Councilmember Dietrich  
300 made a motion not to hold a Fourth of July event. Councilmember Pellegrino seconded. Councilmember  
301 Holder, Dietrich, Scoles, and Pellegrino voted in favor. Councilmember Keating, Drake, and Mayor Hellyer  
302 voted against. **Motion carried.**  
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### 304 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Town Services or Business Conducted

305 A. Tom Dodge, 8<sup>th</sup> Ave South. Sell the Pier. It is going to break the town. In the last 5 to 6 years, the town has  
306 been going in the wrong direction. The E district proposal was the spark that started that fire. It will only be a  
307 benefit to some developers, not the town. We, the taxpayers, have been the victim of paying \$600,000 for a  
308 parking lot for the E district because they were told they didn't need any parking. I do not want to keep lining the  
309 developer's pockets. I think we need to go back to the way things were. It was also a waste of assets to have  
310 three police officers when there was a rally in front of Town Hall. People only rally when they are not happy. Four  
311 of you are not doing what the town wants. Sell the Pier.  
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313 B. Rod Shilling, Melody Lane. I think it is important that with all sitting here that we keep in mind that you can  
314 reach out to other successful Council members, administrators. I think we can see what they're doing right. We  
315 don't have to reinvent the wheel. I don't think we need a committee for every little thing. I think we have a great  
316 town and glad to be a part of this City.  
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### 318 10. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND/OR COMMENTS

319 A. Councilmember Holder Thanked everyone for coming out. It's great to be back in Town Hall. I'm glad that we  
320 can be here. The phone calls were frustrating. I'm glad that we are opening up. You can see the traffic getting  
321 heavier. Looking forward to the summer and making Surfside better.  
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323 B. Councilmember Keating also Thanked everyone for coming out and to those who attended the rally earlier to  
324 show support for your town. I am thankful we got a lot out this evening on the agenda and get some direction on  
325 some of the items. By no means are we out of the woods on many of them. I have many concerns over the  
326 direction of the Pier. I believe it is only prudent to do what is right for the residents, tourists, and their tax dollars.  
327 We need to do the checks and balances to ensure we are producing what we promised.  
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329 C. Councilmember Dietrich stated we covered a lot on the agenda. There is a lot that needs to be discussed.  
330 Thank you to the Police Chief and Captain. Thank you to Mr. Pieper for all you do. Have a great night.

331 D. Councilmember Pellegrino stated, thanks for coming out. A lot more people are listening. The day after  
332 Memorial day, even though I don't agree with it, there was a rally. I work for all the taxpayers, not just a few. I  
333 have had no problem with any of the Administration or directors getting information. I know there have been  
334 many comments. Surfside is a great place to live. I challenge anyone to find a place with all of our services for  
335 the taxes that we pay. We all moved here for the same reason. We have top-notch services I venture to say  
336 there is not one. We pay very little. Have a great night.

337 E. Councilmember Drake thanked everyone for coming out tonight and tuning in live. As far as the aspect of  
338 Surfside Beach, I think it's a great family place. I love it here. Chief Hofmann, you are doing a good job. There  
339 were issues with our park, and you took care of it. I appreciate that. I would like to see the Administration  
340 communicate better with the Council. We need to work on our image drastically. Thank you to everyone who  
341 came out to the rally, good or bad. It is the Council's job to listen. Thank you for coming out tonight.

342 F. Councilmember Scoles thanked everyone for coming out and listening and all the comments that were sent in  
343 voicing your opinion. I would like to give a special thank you to the Administration for all the hard work during  
the COVID and with a shortage of staff. Everyone have a good evening.

344 G. Mayor Hellyer thanked everyone for coming out. It is great to be back in Chambers. Hopefully, we will be  
345 able to add more chairs soon. I always put residents first, and I answer all emails. Even if you don't get the  
346 answer, you wanted I do reply. This past weekend was phenomenal. We had the Memorial Service and the Golf  
347 cart parade. Everyone was smiling and Social distancing.  
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349 Councilmember Keating made a motion to enter into Executive Session and, at the conclusion, re-entering into  
350 the regular session. Councilmember Drake seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion carried**  
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- 352 **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to South  
353 Carolina Code sections 30-4-70-(a)(1) and (2) to: discuss negotiations incident to proposed contractual  
354 arrangements with Atlantic Restaurant Group and receive related legal advice; discuss employment, appointment,  
355 compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee; and receive legal advice regarding  
356 potential or threatened claims related to town employees and town council members, and town Council's position  
357 on claims asserted.

358 **MOTIONS RELATED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION** Mayor Hellyer stated there was no action taken in executive  
359 session.  
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362 **12. ADJOURNMENT** Councilmember Keating made a motion to adjourn at 10:50. Councilmember Holder  
363 Seconded. Motion carried with a unanimous voice vote.  
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367 **Surfside Beach Town Council**

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**Robert Hellyer, Mayor**

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**David L. Pellegrino, Town Council**

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**Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council**

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**Cindy Keating, Town Council**

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**Michael Drake, Town Council**

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**Debbie Scoles, Mayor Pro Tempore**

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**Paul Holder, Town Council**

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**Sheri L Medina**  
392 **Town Clerk**  
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