



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
August 28, 2007 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hyman, Mayor Pro Tem Truett and Councilmembers Hiatt, McKown, Samples, Martin and Tuttle were present. A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Booth; Clerk Pinnell; Public Works Director, Kirk, Planning & Zoning Director, Donevant; Director of Public Safety, Christenson; and Finance Treasurer, Hursey.

2. **INVOCATION and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Mr. Truett said the invocation. Mayor Hyman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hyman then welcomed and thanked everyone in attendance for being there.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mayor Hyman asked for approval of the minutes from the August 14, 2007 Executive Session and the Regular Meeting. Mr. McKown moved to approve the August 14, 2007 Executive Session and the Regular Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. Samples seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only** – 3 minutes

There were no public comments.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **Presentation of Dixie League All Stars**

Mr. Kirk stated that he wanted to acknowledge the Dixie League Minors All Star players and their coaches for the great job they performed this year. Mr. Kirk stated that the team made it into the finals and play-offs in Florence and although they did not continue from there he wanted to commend them all for a very successful playing year. Mr. Kirk thanked all of the coaches, Ms. Ellis and Ms. Stalnaker in the Recreation Department for all their help in bringing everything together. (There was applause in the audience). Mayor Hyman stated that they would be passing out certificates to each player and that he knows that each player should be proud of their accomplishments and thanked them for representing Surfside Beach. The Head Coach, Mr. Bacot made a small speech of how proud he was of this group of young players and how wonderful it was to get the support from the Recreation Department. Mr. Bacot then presented the names of all of the players and Mayor Hyman passed out certificates to each player.

B. **Presentation – Mr. Raymond Fontaine-Senior Center Update**

Mr. Fontaine passed out a data sheet to Council, which is on file. Mr. Fontaine stated that Horry County Council on Aging runs the program at the Senior Center at 1032 10th Avenue North in Surfside Beach. Mr. Fontaine stated that they are a private non-profit organization and are not a County agency and the State Federal Government and the County fund them, they do receive millage and are also a United Way agency and have received several grants. Mr. Fontaine stated that they have a budget of a little over two million dollars to run 10 Senior Centers throughout the County. Mr. Fontaine stated that they are currently serving over 2,500 senior citizens in the County and that that there are over 10,000 seniors in Horry County, if those with temporary addresses here are included. Mr. Fontaine stated that a route has recently been added to bring in two, fifteen passenger vans Monday through Friday to provide services for these seniors. Mr. Fontaine reported that the emphasis on this program is socialization and recreation and they also provide a group meal each day as well. Mr. Fontaine stated that they provide a home delivered meal for residents who are unable to get out of their home for various medical reasons. Mr. Fontaine stated that they have various programs that they offer to seniors. Mr. Fontaine reported that their current location in Surfside Beach is getting small and they are looking, down the road, to put in a new facility in Surfside Beach. Mr. Fontaine stated that he does not have the exact location or time frame yet but it would be done after the center at Vereen Gardens in Little River is completed and that is getting close to receiving funding so the Surfside Beach facility would be done right after that one is completed. Mr. Fontaine stated that the current Senior Center location in Surfside Beach has very limited parking and they are looking to improve this

63 situation in the future and would be in contact with Mr. Booth to discuss options. Mr. Fontaine
64 reported that they currently have many happy seniors that come to their center and that he wishes
65 more would come. Mr. Fontaine stated that there are no restrictions and that it is open to all senior
66 citizens. Mr. Fontaine stated that he would, at some point in time, like to discuss the future plans for a
67 new center with the Town.
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69 **C. Public Works Report**

70 Mr. Kirk presented the report that was on file. Mr. Kirk reported that the summer roll-out service
71 would end on September 9th and the winter roll-out will begin the following Wednesday, which would
72 be the 12th. Mr. Kirk stated that the automated garbage truck is continuing to expand its pick-up areas
73 and they are very pleased with its capabilities. Mr. Kirk stated that the off-season beach raking and
74 maintenance schedule would be in effect after Labor Day weekend. Mr. Kirk stated that Myrtle Basin
75 is going well and they have completed 6, 5A, 5B and the weir at 7th Avenue, which is a portion of
76 Phase 2 and they have also started Phase 3 along the library. Mr. Kirk stated that there will be a
77 water shut down at the library due to the fact that there is a 12-inch AC line that is in the way. Mr. Kirk
78 stated that Grand Strand will be doing the shut down on September 11th from 9:00 AM to 3:00PM, this
79 will allow them the time to reroute the line so that the pipe can go in. Mr. Kirk stated that they are
80 planning on replacing the planted flowers in town with fall flowers and should be done before the Fall
81 Festival. Mr. Kirk stated that the dredging project has been delayed due to permitting and Mr. Booth
82 will explain more about that in his report. Mr. Kirk stated that they will be continuing the 50/50 projects
83 by the beginning of October and currently have approximately sixteen applicants waiting for them to
84 begin. Mr. Kirk stated that the covered shelter on 3rd Avenue North is close to being completed and
85 they plan on installing a shower tower there as soon as it comes in. Mr. Kirk stated that the upcoming
86 events are the employee cook-off; the end of summer celebration, which will be held Saturday
87 September 1st, and September 8th will be the Skyhoundz Disc Championship at the Huckabee
88 Complex. Mr. Kirk reported that the Sea Grant Beach Sweep will be held Saturday, September 15th at
89 9:00AM. Mr. Kirk thanked Council on behalf of his staff for the pay increases and stated that it was
90 greatly appreciated.

91 Mr. Kirk stated that he also submitted a list of items he would like to add to Gov Deals to auction
92 off and asked if Council had any questions regarding any of the items. Mr. Samples stated that he had
93 a question regarding the Tack Machine, which was never used. Mr. Kirk stated that it is a seal coat
94 machine for parking lots and was purchased back in 2002 or 2003 and has never been used. Mr. Kirk
95 stated that it may do well on Gov Deals and he does not foresee the use for this item in the future.
96 Ms. Tuttle asked what the purchase price was on this item. Mr. Kirk stated that the cost was
97 approximately \$7,500 at that time and today, the same machine could be purchased for \$5,800. Mr.
98 Kirk stated that since it is of no use to the Town right now it would be in the best interest of the Town
99 to get the money for it to utilize in other ways. Mr. McKown stated that seasonally we pull back the
100 second moby cart and also the beach sweep and asked Mr. Kirk where we shift our resources to
101 during the off-season. Mr. Kirk stated that a full crew would be used on the 50/50 program and other
102 various Town maintenance projects, which they have had to put off during the busy season.
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104 **D. Administrator's Report**

105 Mr. Booth presented the report that was on file. Mr. Booth stated that we now have a new video
106 screen and will next move forward to have PowerPoint presentations. Mr. Booth stated that there are
107 three items not on his report and he went on to state them. Mr. Booth stated that they would be going
108 back out for the RFP's for cleaning out the lakes and the reason they need to go back out was due to
109 the fact that Earthworks failed to get the permits in order on time. Mr. Booth stated that he had a
110 request from a Councilmember to continue the process on the RFQ for an architect for the fire station.
111 Mr. Booth stated that we currently have four proposals, three of which are in the area. Mr. Booth
112 asked for thoughts from Council on this. Mr. Booth stated that there was no deadline with an RFQ and
113 stated that the search process could continue. Mr. Booth stated that they did post through the sources
114 required under our policies and State policies, which include advertising through the State engineering
115 group, it was advertised on the Web and it was also advertised in the newspaper. Mr. Booth stated
116 that there are some architectural organizations they did not go through, which they could now follow
117 up on. Mr. McKown asked Mr. Booth if the request from the Councilmember he was referring to was
118 due to the area that he proposed this RFQ to. Mr. Booth stated that it was thought that the request
119 could be wider spread and we could get more responses. Mr. Samples asked if we were permitted,
120 through the RFQ, to directly contact an architect? Mr. Booth stated that we could and we did also go
121 this route. Mr. Samples stated that a number of fire stations have been built along the coast in South
122 Carolina and it might be feasible to find out who these particular architects were and we could contact

123 them directly. Mr. Booth agreed and stated that this allows a lot of leeway since we are looking for
124 qualifications as opposed to price at this point. There was discussion amongst Council as to whether
125 the workshop with architect presentations, originally scheduled for next meeting, should be postponed.
126 Mr. Samples stated that he does not want to delay the process but since only one of the three
127 architects scheduled is actually from South Carolina he believed that there must be more than one firm
128 from South Carolina that would be interested in giving a presentation. Mr. Martin agreed and did not
129 want to delay this process but wanted to try to contact additional architects from South Carolina. Mr.
130 Truett stated that he agrees to not delay and would like to keep the three scheduled and keep the
131 search going. Ms. Tuttle stated that seeking out an architect that would meet our requirements
132 financially is not the same as delay; it is a gathering of information. Mr. Booth stated that we are
133 looking more for requirements at this point in time. Ms. Hiatt stated that we should keep the scheduled
134 workshop and if any additional architects are contacted and interested in the meantime, then we
135 should include them, but she would like to keep moving forward. It was consensus of Council to keep
136 the workshop as scheduled and to try to contact additional local architects to join the workshop with
137 their presentations. Mr. Booth stated that the mid-year financial review would be done the second
138 Council meeting of September. Mr. Booth stated that he had just reviewed the last four months and
139 we are well on track and well under the budget. Mr. Booth asked Council where they would prefer to
140 have the budget retreat in October. Mayor Hyman stated that as far as he was concerned "there's no
141 place like home" and suggested that it take place during the week; on a Thursday and Friday rather
142 than take up everyone's weekend. Mr. Martin agreed with the Mayor and would prefer to have the
143 meeting in the Council Chambers. It was consensus of Council that it would be held Thursday,
144 October 25th and Friday the 26th in the Council Chambers. Mr. Samples asked if capital projects would
145 be a large portion of discussion for this budget. Mr. Booth agreed that it would be. Mr. Samples
146 asked staff if they thought that the Phase One Myrtle Basin project, which deals with the bulkhead is a
147 concern, which should be addressed. Mr. Booth stated that they are getting ready to write a grant
148 which is a million dollar plus project and he agrees that the bulkhead is beginning to deteriorate and
149 will not stand a storm and it is a concern. Mr. Samples and Mr. Booth both agreed that this would be a
150 very expensive project. Mr. Booth stated that this will be brought up at the budget meeting as an
151 option. Mr. Booth stated that they will discuss all the needs of the Town versus revenues versus what
152 we can actually do. Mayor Hyman stated that this is the first time, to his knowledge, that Surfside
153 Beach has had a zero budget and Council is looking forward to this meeting and receiving the
154 recommendations from staff.

155 Mr. Booth stated that the agreement with Horry County would need to be addressed. Mr. Booth
156 stated that he will be scheduling a meeting with Horry County and that the Town will need to follow up
157 on the maintenance check-off lists and that we will also need to decide what the capital projects are
158 going to be and then we will need to submit it. Mr. Booth stated that it will probably be done next year;
159 the agreement is that they will pay 70 percent and we will pay 30 percent, so this is something we
160 need to consider. Mr. Booth stated that he will need to look at the lakes and calculate depths. Mr.
161 Booth stated that the Deerfield Plantation plans submitted are not acceptable; they need to follow
162 County laws and they need to do a subdivision and show their stormwater, which they had not done.
163 Mr. Booth stated that they would continue to follow-up on this. Mr. Booth stated that the North
164 Plantation has been put on hold and they are looking at coming back with a subdivision; the
165 homeowners have obtained a lawyer and a lot of this is currently in litigation. Mr. Samples had a
166 question relating to the Horry County contract, which was signed back in 2001 and the projected
167 development Mr. Booth was referring to in Deerfield, and asked when the baseline study would be
168 conducted. Mr. Booth stated that a baseline study was done back in 2000 and another one needs to
169 be done since there has been additional run-off that has occurred. Mr. Samples stated that the
170 agreement was signed in 2001 and it stated that a baseline study would be conducted and it currently
171 has not been conducted. Mr. Booth stated that the only thing that has been done is the testing, which
172 was done in 2001 and he has the results of that but a baseline has not been conducted. Mr. Samples
173 asked Mr. Booth again when the baseline study would be conducted and Mr. Booth stated that it
174 would be done as soon as possible. There was discussion regarding the 30 percent to be paid and
175 Mr. Samples asked if anyone has read this agreement carefully and Mr. Booth stated that it was
176 presently in the hands of the attorney. Mr. Samples stated that the 70/30 percent split was in
177 reference to a storm event and asked if regular maintenance was included and Mr. Booth stated that
178 he read this as it stating that it would include capital improvement projects. Mayor Hyman stated that
179 when this agreement was signed, an eighteen-hole golf course was located at Deerfield and when you
180 change a golf course into a housing project this would change the picture totally. Mr. Samples agreed
181 and stated that this is why it is very important to establish what the baseline is. It would help to
182 prepare for future development. Mr. Booth stated that in paragraph D it states a 70/30 split for all

183 improvements. It was clarified that it actually includes one half of the baseline study. Mr. McKown
184 asked why Councilman Barnard was not involved in any of these negotiations. Mr. McKown stated
185 that Councilman Barnard lives within the town limits and he would assume that we would have a
186 closer relationship with him than we do and he believes that most of these questions would have been
187 answered if meetings had been set up with him. Mayor Hyman stated that Mr. Booth has just received
188 this information within the last week. Mr. McKown stated that we have been discussing this for a
189 month now and he is just surprised that Mr. Barnard has not been included. Mr. Booth stated that
190 once we get ourselves organized and do what we need to do we can then contact the County and get
191 everyone together to discuss this. This concluded the Administrator's report.

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193 **6. BUSINESS**

194 **A. Ordinance-Second Reading – #07-0629 – Stormwater Plan – NPDES Revision**

195 Mayor Hyman asked for a motion to accept the second reading as written. Mr. Samples made a
196 motion to accept the second reading as written. Ms. Hiatt seconded the motion. Mr. Martin stated that
197 he had provided some questions on the first reading and wanted to make sure that, the hydraulic
198 design section 14-80, which mentions a 100 year storm design and does not coincide with the Town
199 which has been done on a 25 year storm, was something different. Ms. Donevant stated that the
200 Town designs to the 25 year and we check it by the 100-year as a reference point. Mr. Samples
201 stated that there was a reference to South Carolina Water and this needed to be corrected. Ms.
202 Donevant stated that this would be changed to reference the correct resource. **All voted in favor.**

203 **MOTION CARRIED.**

204 **Fee Structure**

205 Mr. Booth stated that there were two philosophies we can consider, one would include the Town
206 making money off of stormwater, and the other would be to encourage redevelopment and economic
207 development. Mr. Booth stated that he feels that Business 17 and Surfside Drive both need to be
208 redeveloped. Mr. Booth stated that in Florida and many other communities a small administrative fee
209 is charged and then all costs that are associated with a permit was charged back to the owner or
210 developer. Mr. Booth stated that he would recommend the development side and stated that he would
211 like to get the developers back on the side of Surfside Beach. Mr. Booth stated that he is aware that
212 many developers currently do not want to do business in Surfside Beach and he would like to change
213 our image. Clarification was made that the Town would get the \$50.00 administrative fee and then the
214 builder, or developer would pay their own engineering fees. Mr. McKown moved to adopt the second
215 recommendation of staff for the pass through fee with an administrative fee. Mr. Martin seconded the
216 motion. Mr. Booth stated that Ms. Donevant would soon be able to review the stormwater for specific
217 homes and her labor charge would be \$75.00 per hour. Mr. Booth stated that the engineer would not
218 be reviewing these homes, Ms. Donevant would be. Mr. McKown went on to clarify these new fees to
219 the public stating that previously the engineers fees would be over and above the fees the Town
220 charged for commercial projects; the staff then renegotiated fees with the Town engineer where the
221 Town would oversee the project and then come out ahead with the new fees being charged. Mr.
222 McKown stated that with development slowing down along the coast we need to be proactive in
223 encouraging developers and redevelopment on Business 17 and Surfside Drive. Mr. McKown stated
224 that we need long term goals for redevelopment and we need to send out a message to developers
225 that Surfside Beach is willing to work with them. Mr. McKown stated that when we do a pass through
226 then Surfside Beach will get their money and then the developer would absorb the engineering costs.
227 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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229 **B. Ordinance- First Reading**

230 **i. #07-0631- Sanitation**

231 Mr. Booth stated that this ordinance would bring our current ordinance up to date. Mr.
232 Samples moved to accept the first reading of this ordinance as submitted. Mr. Martin
233 seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

234 **ii. #07-0632 – Cabanas/Tents on the Beach**

235 Mr. Booth stated that many people are setting up cabanas and tents on the beach and
236 are leaving them there overnight to save their spot. Mr. Booth stated that it inhibits the beach
237 clean-up process. Mr. Booth stated that this ordinance would allow the Town to tag them and
238 give warnings to those leaving these on the beach. Mr. Truett motioned to accept the change
239 in the ordinance as presented. Ms. Hiatt seconded. Ms. Tuttle asked why the beach service
240 was stated as being exempt from the ordinance presented. Mr. Booth stated that the beach
241 service does not leave their equipment out at night. Ms. Tuttle stated that she would like to
242 see this portion deleted. Mr. Kirk stated that he would like to clear this matter up and

243 continued to explain that this was pertaining to the Town's service equipment and not the
244 other beach service provider and stated that he would make it more clear on the next reading.
245 Mr. McKown wanted to know if these cabanas and tents were not removed what would be
246 done with them. Mr. Kirk stated that at this time they would be issuing a few warning tags with
247 the last tag stating that if they did not remove them then they would be removed by the Town
248 and they could then be picked up at Public Works. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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250 **C. Issue Paper-Insurance-Presentation David Hayes-Hogan, Taylor and Miller**

251 Mr. Booth stated that approval was given by Council to go through Hogan, Taylor & Miller to get
252 quotes on insurance and the reason being was that the employees were dissatisfied with the current
253 insurance and the Town was paying a high fee. Mr. Booth stated that there are employees that
254 cannot afford to insure their spouse on the current policy and there are also employees who would
255 chose to discontinue coverage since they have coverage on a spouses insurance and the current plan
256 calls for 100 percent employee contribution. Mr. Booth stated that he included the Directors and some
257 other key employees to sit down with Hogan, Taylor & Miller and review the various plans presented
258 and they agreed upon one, which saved both the employee and the Town money.

259 David Hays from Hogan, Taylor & Miller then gave his presentation. Mr. Hays stated that Blue
260 Choice Health Plan was chosen as the health plan and Guardian was chosen for the dental plan and
261 they are both "excellent, top notch carriers". Mr. Hays went on to explain the plan and the savings to
262 both the employee and the Town.

263 Mr. Thomas Faulds from Blue Choice then gave his presentation. Mr. Faulds stated that his
264 company is trying to be a partner in health and what they are concentrating on is preventative care
265 and disease management. Mr. Faulds stated as an example if a woman became pregnant she would
266 automatically get enrolled into the Healthy Mom Program and she would receive mailings and phone
267 calls to make sure that she keeps her appointments, etc. and the disease management program works
268 in the same way; if a person was diabetic they would be contacted periodically to make sure they have
269 been keeping up with their appointments and receiving their medications. Mr. Faulds stated that Blue
270 Choice is one of the top health plans in the south and is number five in the country on quality of care.
271 Mr. Faulds stated that this plan has a national network. Mr. McKown asked why Blue Choice did not
272 solicit the municipality on its own rather than going through a broker. Mr. Faulds stated that 99
273 percent of their business is sold through brokers and consultants and they do not have the amount of
274 reps available and the overhead cost is less when brokers and consultants are used. Ms. Hiatt stated
275 that if it's less expensive for the employees and they're getting better coverage and if it's less
276 expensive for the Town then she is in favor of this. Mr. Samples stated that there is no one in his
277 agency, where he currently works that thinks that the coverage they have with the State now with Blue
278 Cross Blue Shield is equal to or better than what they previously had. Mr. Faulds stated that the State
279 plan is actually an ASO contract and they just pay the claims. Mr. Faulds went on to explain that the
280 state writes and mandates the benefits and his company just pays them. Mr. Samples stated that it
281 was important that staff did their due diligence on this choice to make sure that they know what they
282 are getting. It was confirmed that staff had contacted referrals prior to making final choice. Mr. Martin
283 stated that he was very pleased that the Directors were involved in this decision making process. Ms.
284 Hiatt made a motion to approve this plan as submitted. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in**
285 **favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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288 **D. Issue Paper-Budget Workshop**

289 This was previously discussed under the Administrator's report section.

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291 **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General. – 5 Minutes**

292 Mr. Tom Dodge: "15th Avenue North Surfside Beach. (laughing in audience) They have a great
293 program here but they don't know where they are. It's Surfside Beach. If you people went to Myrtle
294 Beach would you call it Myrtle? No, you would not. If you went to Georgetown would you call it
295 George? No, you would not. This is Surfside Beach as it says right there and as it says right on your
296 paper there. OK, enough of that. Now we'll get back to what I really want to say. What is the status
297 of the following items that were discussed at prior Council meetings and an answer at the next
298 meeting would be appreciated. Months ago you talked about the beautification of Surfside Drive,
299 haven't heard another word about it, and number two was a fire department building, Mr. Booth read
300 my muddy mind, I won't ask about that one. I think we need to push the fire department building.
301 There was a suit filed by the rescue squad against both the Town and Councilmember Hiatt. I am to
302 believe, maybe I'm wrong, that the Town is paying Mrs. Hiatt's bill. If this is true, what is the amount

303 the taxpayers are paying. I think we have a right to know that and when you're talking with the
304 County, years ago, when we worked on Highway 17 and put that big pipe in, the County was
305 supposed to build retention ponds, years ago, haven't done squat, so I think we need to jump the
306 County and say 'do what you promised to do', nobody up here seems to be concerned about it
307 because, it too, has never been brought up to my knowledge. If we're going to have a Town Council
308 we shouldn't just talk about things, we should follow through. Thank you very much."

309 Jack Platt, Resides in Island Green Community off 707: "I'm the oldest one here so I got to get my
310 sleep early. I'm the one who started a campaign to send the World War II veterans to Washington DC
311 to see their memorial. After reading in the newspaper every day how these veterans are slowly
312 passing away, I felt the Grand Strand area could copy other cities around the country by giving them
313 their one day in the sun. They sure deserve it. They didn't fail us sixty odd years ago and I hope we
314 will not fail them now. I've asked the business community and civic organizations to fund this trip.
315 You all here, the Town Council of Surfside Beach was the very first ones to respond. I applaud you
316 (applause in audience). I hope others will follow your lead. You've shown the way. God bless you
317 and thank you all. Incidentally, I have fifty-one veterans, so far, that have called me up and are
318 enthusiastic to go. They can't walk very well, but they said, by golly, they'll make the trip. Five of them
319 are from Surfside Beach so far. Thank you again and God bless you. (applause in audience).

320 Mayor Hyman stated that he appreciated what Mr. Platt was doing for all the local veterans and
321 thanked him for coming and wished him well on his mission.

322 Richard Bennett 714 Lakeside Drive, Northwest corner of the intersection of 8th Avenue and
323 Surfside Drive: "Four years ago, in June of 2003 I had the opportunity to bring to Mr. Hyman, a
324 petition, signed by fourteen of the neighboring residents requesting, at that time, that the stop signs be
325 reinstated on 8th Avenue at Lakeside. Mr. Hyman assured me, and I'm sure he did his best to follow
326 through, but to this time of day neither I nor any one of the other fourteen petitioners have ever hear
327 word one from anyone associated with the Town regarding this request. There have been many
328 changes, as you all know, since then. Most of these single family beach type homes to the beach side
329 of Lakeside Drive have vanished; they've been replaced by high rise, high density condominiums.
330 This has resulted in increased vehicular traffic, increased golf cart traffic, which, many of the golf carts
331 are modified to travel at speeds that automobiles shouldn't be traveling in that area. We're seeing an
332 increase in the number of people walking pets, bicycling, using the park, which it's there for and we
333 certainly want to see that used. One significant change that I might mention, is that Mr. Hyman told
334 me at the time we submitted this request that our then Police Chief had an aversion to four way stop
335 signs, why? I don't know. This was never explained. We don't have that gentleman as Police Chief
336 anymore. 8th Avenue at Lakeside today is the only intersection on 8th Avenue that is not a stop sign.
337 Every other block has a stop sign. The 8th Avenue between Dogwood Drive and Willow has become a
338 virtual drag ship, particularly in the summer months when it has the heavy influx of renters in the area
339 where the condominiums have been developed. Also I might want to mention that vehicles traveling
340 west on 8th Avenue have gotten to the point where they don't want to slow down to turn onto Lakeside,
341 they are now starting to turn 8 ½ feet, I went out and measured it the other day, onto the grass and dirt
342 which is the boundary of the park, they're way off the pavement as they make that corner because
343 they don't want to slow down. We note that Willow and 8th Avenue was recently made a four way stop
344 and I am very happy to see that. Maple and 8th Avenue, which is the next intersection west is also a
345 four way stop. Neither Willow nor Maple carry a fraction of the vehicular traffic that Lakeside carries.
346 The roads that can't cross the park, everybody has to come down and use 8th Avenue which means
347 they cross lakeside to go to the beach. I again, implore you, to look at this situation, in the interest of
348 safety, which is what we tried to point out when we submitted that petition four years ago, and take a
349 hard look and hopefully see fit to reinstall the stop signs which were there on 8th Avenue at one time
350 but were removed. Thank you gentlemen."

351 Mayor Hyman stated that he takes full responsibility for this because he knows where he is talking
352 about and stated that he and Mr. Booth were just speaking about this situation last week. Mr. Hyman
353 stated that this complaint has also been brought up by the mail carriers and he apologized to Mr.
354 Bennett and stated that he passed it on to someone to take care of and forgot to follow up on it.

355 Mr. Bennett: "We all, as I get older, we all have our short comings and I can fully accept that but I
356 would urge all of you to take a consideration and again, slow the traffic down."

357 Mayor Hyman stated that he appreciated Mr. Bennett bringing this to their attention and it will be
358 addressed.

359 Janet Gainey 8th Avenue South: "Speaking again tonight just to keep up the visibilities on the
360 Surfside Drive discussions and the possible upcoming future for it, and possibly a mixed use area on
361 that road, so I'd like to keep that going. I think at the next Planning & Zoning meeting Mr. Booth has
362 some things to show us. I'm also, if you guys need any help, I get off at four o'clock, I'll be glad to help

363 in any discussions you have. I intend to keep it up, I started this back in 2003 and let it go off and on,
364 because of different things and of course there's been changes in staff and things, so I'd like to keep it
365 going for Surfside Drive and make that improvement in the future. Thank you."

366 Trudy Elliott 1411 Highway 17: "I'm here to ask you all for your support. I own Surfside Golf Cart
367 Rentals and I have called and already talked with the Recreation Department for the Town of Surfside,
368 also I've talked with your Event Planner. I wanted to sponsor a Halloween parade for the children on
369 the Saturday, which would be the 27th before, Halloween falls on Wednesday this year, the same type
370 of parade they have here the 4th of July for, Garden City has, that same type of thing, because I got to
371 thinking about we all have kids and these little children, dressed up in their little outfits on Halloween
372 night and they usually have their little Halloween outfits a week before Halloween night and they never
373 really get to wear them and I thought, what a great idea it would be, to let the parents all be in the
374 outfits and just have a Halloween parade on the same thing, I decided to have, I will organize it so it
375 will be done right, I had several other businesses in Surfside, Hamburger Joe's, is, you know, all for it
376 and they want to, let's do it too, you know, it's really for the children. The route would be to leave our
377 store parking lot, we're in the store where JerriBob's is, everybody knows where that is, in that little
378 shopping center, and go down 15th Avenue and come all the way up Waccamaw Drive and then it
379 would terminate at the Pier, and everybody could go home from there. That would give us a route
380 down Ocean Boulevard, hopefully we'll have a lot of people watching and I thought we could have it
381 about four o'clock in the afternoon, on Saturday, so everybody would have a chance to go out and see
382 and the kids would love it. Like I said, I already got permission, I don't even know if this is the right
383 way to go from the Recreation Department and from the Events Planner, but I thought it just really
384 would be swell if the Town Council would be behind it."

385 Mayor Hyman stated that they could be behind it but she would need to go through the
386 Administrator to get a parade permit.

387 Ms. Elliott: "But the Administrator's here." (laughing in audience)

388 Mayor Hyman stated that she could see him after the meeting or the following day but she would
389 need a permit.

390 Ms. Elliott: "OK, so, we can, pretty much done? Thank you."

391 Mr. Booth: "You need to come in and . . ."

392 Ms. Elliott: "I will, I'll come and see you and also that would include, because I know that Planning
393 and Zoning is (sic), we're going to have to put up some signs, you know, like they have at, again,
394 Garden City for that 4th of July parade, would it be possible to put a sign up in the meeting 'Surfside
395 Beach, Halloween Parade'?"

396 Mayor Hyman stated that she would need to work this out with the Administrator.

397 Ms. Elliott: "OK, and since I represent the golf cart community today, which is not one of the most
398 popular things, I would just like to say if the Surfside Beach Patrol Officers could be a little more
399 diligent about giving tickets to golf carts that are driven by children under sixteen and pay attention to
400 all these golf carts that do not have DMV stickers on them. Stickers are only five dollars, you know,
401 and it's a lifetime and I think if I've got to do it, people that live here ought to have to do it too. Thank
402 you for your time."

403 Bill Black 9th Avenue South: "Really for the Administrator. I'm just curious, in relation to the fire
404 department, first of all let me say, we appreciate the effort being put forward for the new fire
405 department. Out of curiosity, off the top of your head, how many packages were sent out, how many
406 people were you looking at making attempt to qualify for it, did we have ten, twenty, thirty or . . . ? I
407 know it was on the Internet, probably."

408 Mr. Booth stated that we sent out about a dozen letters and then advertised on the Web and we
409 also advertised in the newspaper.

410 Mr. Black: "and you got, just out of curiosity, how many?"

411 Mr. Booth stated that they received four that were interested.

412 Mr. Black: "Do you think that indicates that the other folks just aren't interested? I mean, if we're
413 going out beating the bushes again. . ."

414 Mayor Hyman stated that further questions should be made after the Council meeting.

415 Mr. Black: "OK, I can do that."

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417 **8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

418 Mr. Samples: "Ms. Trudy Elliott, I want to take the opportunity to mention a situation, I got a call
419 from a constituent who had a brother-in-law in Town and, I don't know if they rented from you or
420 another company in Town, but the long and short of it is, they were riding the golf cart at night and it
421 had lights so they kind of assumed that, since it had lights, that it was okay to drive the golf cart, in the
422 Town of Surfside Beach city limits, Town limits, at night, but it isn't, is it Judy? No, and that's

423 something that frankly, I didn't know, I didn't know and I just wanted to make others aware that, you
424 know, we should, we don't want to chase tourists away, and clearly, if they're here to spend their
425 money as these folks were, it would be nice to let them know that in the corporate limits, they can't
426 ride, drive those golf carts at night. I just wanted to make that comment clear because it was a pretty
427 stiff ticket and if my memory serves me correct, it was a 275, 250 dollar ticket, I believe. I don't know
428 that they rented from you (referring to Ms. Elliott)."

429 Mr. McKown: "Councilman Samples does bring up a good point, as we all know, in the last two
430 years it seems like the golf carts haven't doubled, they've tripled and quadrupled and I think that
431 Council is going to have to start putting some type of restrictions in place and now that he mentions
432 that about the lights, that there was now operable lights on golf carts, these renters would not know
433 they can not board them at night, because I know Ocean Lake has a bunch of restrictions on the way
434 they operate their golf carts, but I think it's something that we, as a town, would have to look into very
435 closely before the next season. Also, I noticed that, when we keep talking about the cook-off, it's
436 always about Brian and Ed, here, what about Andy? Andy, I thought you were in this deal?"

437 Mr. Christenson stated that he's the sleeper contestant and the talking will be in the bowl.
438 (laughter in audience)

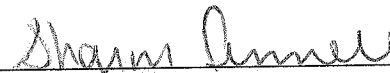
439 Mr. Martin: "I just wanted to thank Mr. Bennett. I appreciate you following up on the 8th Avenue
440 South. I live on 8th Avenue South and I understand the problem and I appreciate it and I'm glad that
441 we're going to do something."

442 Ms. Tuttle: "While we're reviewing the intersection safety, let's address the other intersections,
443 particularly those that the foliage is blocking the stop signs and I have, I think this is the third time that
444 I've mentioned, I've had two complaints regarding the 13th North and Cedar Drive intersections."

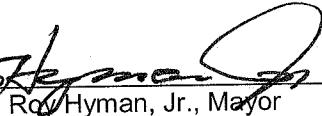
445 Mr. Booth stated that he, Mr. Kirk and Mr. Christenson would be driving around the following week
446 to look at various situations in Town that need to be addressed and this will be one of them.

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448 **9. ADJOURNMENT**

449 Mr. McKown moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Mr. Samples seconded. **All present**
450 **voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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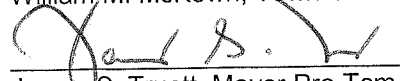
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460 Rebecca J. Hiatt, Town Council

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468 James S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem

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470 Judith K. Tuttle, Town Council

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