



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 11, 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; Director of Public Safety, Christenson; Lieutenant Miller; Detective Matyjasik and Finance Treasurer, Hursey.

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

Mayor Hyman asked for a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Ms. Hiatt said the invocation. Mayor Hyman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hyman welcomed all those in attendance including the police officers of Surfside Beach that were present.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mayor Hyman asked for approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2007 Regular Meeting. Mr. Samples moved to approve the August 28, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted. Mr. McKown seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

There were no public comments.

5. **COMMUNICATIONS**

A. **Proclamation #07-56 Beach Sweep/River Sweep Day-Saturday, September 15, 2007**

Clerk Pinnell read the proclamation that is on file.

B. **Proclamation #07-57 Sarah Goodwin Day-Saturday, September 22, 2007**

Clerk Pinnell read the proclamation that is on file.

C. **Proclamation #07-58 National POW/MIA Recognition Day-September 21, 2007**

Clerk Pinnell read the proclamation that is on file.

Mayor Hyman stated that these are three very worthwhile proclamations that he is proud to have the Town of Surfside Beach consider and asked for any questions or comments from Council.

Mr. McKown stated that proclamations are all good as we all know but the Beach Sweep has become contagious and it is amazing how many people are involved in this. Mr. McKown stated that he knows that the local Surfside Rotary Club will take part this weekend and that Director Christenson also has a group he got together that will be there as well and he urged all residents to participate stating that it is our source of livelihood in the community and it would be nice to see everyone out there. Mr. McKown stated that he also knows that Director Kirk will be out there early leading the event. Mr. Martin stated that he was very impressed by how many teachers and students from Socastee High School attended the beach sweep last year and he was sure that Saint James High School was planning on participating this year as well and thanked everyone for their participation.

Mayor Hyman declared the proclamations as written.

D. **Finance Report**

Ms. Hursey presented her report that was on file. Ms. Hursey stated that the business license collection has exceeded last year by \$24,000 and the budget of \$700,000 has already been met. Ms. Hursey stated that there are currently 34 new business accounts for July. Hospitality and local accommodations collections are also ahead of last year and they expect the rest of the season to be favorable as well. Ms. Hursey stated that the court fines have been recorded through July and that they are currently working on August. Ms. Hursey stated that she and Administrator Booth had their exit conference with the auditors the previous day and reported that it went very well; there were no material findings to report. This was the end of the finance report.

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61 **E. Public Safety Report**

62 Mr. Christenson presented the report that was on file. Mr. Christenson reported that Corporal
63 Chris King attended the DUI Detection training at the academy; Victim's Advocate Alaina Powers has
64 graduated with the limited duty officer capacity through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy;
65 the two openings that they had in his department have been filled with two officers, one having one
66 year experience and already certified through the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and the
67 other having to regain his Class I certification but already possesses eight years previous experience.
68 Mr. Christenson stated that the Chief Packard and the fire department have been working diligently for
69 the ISO (Insurance Services Organization) inspection and stated that we have not had one since
70 1988. Mr. Christenson stated that the better you do on an ISO inspection the better insurance rates
71 you get for the Town. Mr. Christenson stated that there are no guarantees that the rates will go down
72 but they could, so it was very important for us to get everything in order. Mr. Christenson stated that
73 few new procedures have been implemented and one of them is to allow Horry County to dispatch 9-
74 1-1 calls as opposed to them going through Conway as they previously had; there used to be the
75 possibility of a 30 to 90 second time lapse and this new call routing has put an end to this time lapse;
76 this implementation also helps with the ISO rating. Mr. Christenson stated that they have also been
77 busy getting ready for the new fire department; this has entailed moving various amounts of
78 equipment. Mr. Christenson stated that he wanted to recognize the parking meter staff next month for
79 all of their dedicated work during the summer. Mr. Christenson stated that he and Director Kirk have
80 been working on a plan that would keep the meter officials from crossing Route 17 in their golf carts;
81 they will move them into a building closer to the police department. Mr. Christenson stated that the
82 holding facility fee charge at the Police Department in Surfside Beach has been \$10 from the inception
83 of the facility for any prisoner that comes through this facility while Horry County has been charging
84 \$17.50 to hold one of Surfside's prisoners at J. Reuben Long so Mr. Christenson stated that he would
85 like to increase our fee to \$17.50 as well. Mr. Christenson stated that they have two new CAD
86 (Computer Aided Dispatch) Systems that were funded through Horry County Government and they are
87 currently up and running; it would just take some time to get everyone trained on the operation of
88 them. Mr. Christenson stated that this system was necessary; it allows his department to interface
89 directly through the records management system. Mr. Christenson stated that there was a meeting
90 with the A-Tax committee recently and he had presented a request for an additional speed trailer. Mr.
91 Christenson stated that he has also requested additional overtime funds, which he may revisit and ask
92 for a couple new employees to work the beach instead of spending the money in overtime; this would
93 allow his department to have a beach patrol officer on each of the four shifts and overtime would be
94 eliminated. Mr. Christenson stated that he feels that there is a need to have, for a majority portion of
95 the year, an officer posted on the beach at all times and with the beach re-nourishment planned he
96 sees a need for the beach patrol to police the equipment that will be left on the beach during this
97 process. Mr. Christenson stated that overtime would be used during the upcoming bike week with
98 officers posted by the Sundown and Beer-30. Mr. Christenson stated that he has also requested from
99 A-Tax funding for a pole camera system; he stated that he would like to see our Town to be the pilot
100 community in Horry County in the implementation of this system. Mr. Christenson stated that this
101 system would work similarly to the traffic cams on the DOT website; the cameras would provide a
102 more efficient way of providing safety to the community. Mr. Christenson stated that his department
103 has been overwhelmed with calls regarding homes and cars being broken into and this system would
104 control these issues; the system uses a digital recorder, which also works with infra red light to see
105 night time activity, and would allow his department to go back and view any reports of theft, etc at any
106 time. Mr. Christenson stated that he will be getting price quotes on this system but he is anticipating
107 that four cameras and a recorder would cost approximately 15,000 to 20,000 dollars. Mr. Christenson
108 passed out a statistic sheet related to the events of 9-11 and read them off to council and the
109 audience. This list is on file. Mr. Christenson then proceeded to give out certificates of recognition to
110 his officers stating that he thought it would be appropriate, on the anniversary of 9-11, to honor not
111 only the fallen heroes but the local ones as well.

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113 Mayor Hyman, Lieutenant Miller and Detective Matyjasik assisted Public Safety Director
114 Christenson in handing out the certificates. Declaration of Recognition was given to Officer Steven
115 Brode and Beach Service Patrol Officer, Michael Franzi for a water rescue. Declaration of Recognition
116 was given to Officers Murey Black and James Bender for their assistance in an attempted suicide.
117 Declaration of Recognition was given to Officers Jerry Mckenzie and Heath Watford for their
118 apprehension of wanted criminals in Arkansas who were in the possession of illegal drugs and
119 firearms. There was applause in audience for these officers.

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121 Mr. Christenson ended his report and asked Council for comments for questions. Ms. Hiatt asked
122 Mr. Christenson if the Police Department received many complaint calls for activities at the Sundown
123 and Beer-30. Mr. Christenson stated these were the top places identified as having the largest crowds
124 and with HB Spokes having just burned down, many people who used to go there during bike week
125 will more than likely come to the south end. Mr. Christenson stated that the Sundown is open longer
126 hours than other establishments in the area so when those places close, people head over to the
127 Sundown; at 2:00AM the Sundown almost doubles in patrons. Mr. Samples stated that he is aware
128 that the City of Charleston had a similar situation and they went to court to set a time for these
129 establishments to close and he stated that he would like the Town to investigate and look into doing
130 this as well. Mr. McKown agreed that the Town should look into this restriction. Mr. Christenson
131 stated that they would look into this and continued to tell a story that related to the fact that the citizens
132 get more out of their tax dollars when they live in a municipality; the public service is there in numbers
133 to protect and service all of the residents. Mayor Hyman thanked Mr. Christenson for his report and
134 recognizing the Officers of the Town. (There was applause in the audience).
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136 **F. Building, Planning & Zoning Report**

137 Mr. Booth presented the report in the absence of Director Donevant. Mr. Booth stated that there
138 were 104 permits, which brought in \$14,000. Mr. Booth stated that they have been getting busier. Mr.
139 Samples stated that he had a question about the ordinance that was passed at the last meeting
140 regarding stormwater fees and asked for a summary of how this will work. Mr. Booth stated that a fee
141 of \$50 would be charged to anyone who came in for a stormwater permit; we would give them a
142 choice of either going out and paying for and using the engineer of their choice or they can allow us to
143 use our engineer and pay for their cost; either way they would have to pay for the cost of the engineer
144 and their certified stamp of approval must be filed with the Town. Mayor Hyman asked about the fee
145 on a PDD. Mr. Booth stated that it would cost \$50 per unit on a PDD. Ms. Hiatt asked if the Town was
146 losing money by adopting this new fee and Mr. Booth stated that we would not be losing money from
147 what our original fee schedule was but we would be getting less in relation to the other fee schedule
148 that was proposed at the last meeting. Mr. Booth stated that they did not want to lose developers with
149 a high fee schedule. Mr. McKown stated that the Town was losing money with the previous fees that
150 were in effect and then two new options were presented at the last meeting of which the one that was
151 chosen by Council presented the best choice for both sides; both the Town and the developer/builder.
152 Mr. McKown stated that he has a concern with the property brought up at the last meeting by Mr.
153 Samples regarding a deck that was built over the edge of a swash. Mr. Booth stated that there is
154 currently no easement there and an engineer certified the deck and Mr. Booth agreed that there
155 should be an easement there. Mr. McKown stated that we are here to protect the residents and
156 should look into this. Mr. Booth stated that you cannot take away the use of that property because a
157 ditch/outfall is there; you have to allow them to build if they choose to, the only way you can change
158 that is if the Town was to purchase that lot. Mr. McKown stated that this is the first time that this has
159 become an issue and that we should develop an ordinance where if your property is bordered by a
160 swash of water then your set back should be adjusted. Mayor Hyman stated that we should have our
161 attorney review this. Mr. Martin had a question and stated that this is part of Myrtle Basin and weren't
162 we looking at moving that swash and Mr. Booth stated that we are looking at moving it and then filling
163 that one in. Mr. Samples stated that he did not want the Town to assume a liability due to this
164 individual choosing to build on what he thought was a properly documented channel and since this is
165 not the case he stated that he would like the Town to consult the attorney in regards to liability issues
166 on situations like these. Mr. McKown agreed that the liability issue should be looked into.
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168 **G. Administrator's Report**

169 Mr. Booth reported that he and Mr. Christenson lost the Chili contest to Mr. Kirk and stated that
170 they will plan a rematch with possibly additional entries. Mayor Hyman presented Mr. Kirk the chili
171 trophy for winning the contest.

172 Mr. Booth stated that at the second meeting in October would be the Town Administrator and
173 Clerk verbal reviews from Council. Mr. Booth stated that the auditors would be presenting the audit to
174 Council at the last meeting in October. Mr. Booth stated that they are looking into moving capital
175 funds back into the general fund without showing a deficit as currently shown on our financial since we
176 have a zero budget. Mr. McKown asked what line item he is referring to and Mr. Booth stated that it
177 has to do with the Myrtle Basin; money was put aside for this project and was moved to the general
178 fund so it could be spent and it ended up showing that more money was being spent than actually
179 was. Mr. Booth stated that they are working on showing true dollars. Mr. Booth stated that the fire

180 department layout presented is an unconstrained layout. Mr. Booth stated that Council would need to
181 look at how much money they are willing to spend on this project and this will determine some of the
182 parameters. Mr. Booth stated that he was looking at the possibility of using parking meter funds,
183 which is approximately 100,000 to 140,000 dollars, for the project and a 15 year bond would cover up
184 to a 2 million dollar project; payments could be extended to 30 years and the budget for the project
185 could then go up as well. Mr. Booth stated that we currently owe very little money and we need the
186 reserve money that we have for emergencies. Mr. McKown asked Mr. Booth if he has been speaking
187 with bonding companies that will take the parking meter funds and put the parameters around a 15
188 year bond for approximately 2 million dollars and Mr. Booth stated that he has discussed taking out 1
189 ½ million and taking out a ½ million in reserve. Mr. Booth stated that a letter has gone out to three
190 bonding agents to get some feedback and then when it comes time, Council will select one. Mr.
191 McKown stated that the bonding agencies are secure in loaning to municipalities and towns because
192 taxes could be raised to pay off any default on the bond. Mr. Booth stated that he wants to use a
193 revenue bond versus a tax bond since he can identify revenue that will pay for it. Mr. Samples and
194 Mr. McKown stated that the rates are higher on these types of bonds and you would have to
195 guarantee it. Mr. Booth stated that this is one of those items that will be discussed at the budget
196 retreat. Mr. Samples stated that he would like to know if dredging would be in the budget for next year
197 and Mr. Booth stated that he would be including stormwater in next years budget. Mr. Samples stated
198 that a number of high dollar projects have been discussed and he does not believe that borrowing up
199 to the limit is the way to maintain a small town. Mr. Samples stated that he is very interested in finding
200 out how these very expensive projects are going to be financed with borrowing as minimally as
201 possible. It was decided that this would be discussed at the budget meeting. Mr. Booth stated that he
202 is currently working on the budget and the budget meeting is scheduled for October 25th and 26th. Ms.
203 Tuttle stated that it is her understanding that the parking meter fund is designated to property
204 purchase and Mr. Booth stated that this is correct and Council can direct it to anywhere they would like
205 it to go. Mr. Booth stated that the property purchased on Surfside Drive would be paid off entirely. Mr.
206 McKown stated that he is concerned with the fact that we have so many capital projects that we are
207 talking about and wanted to discuss what our plans are for the fire department and would like more of
208 a future plan for the complex. There was some additional discussion on the possibility of a future plan
209 for the complex. Mr. Truett stated that he would like to see a complete overlay of the entire municipal
210 area property to include a plan for the future.

211 Mr. Booth stated that he has been working with Planning & Zoning on a plan for Surfside Drive.
212 Mr. Booth presented photos he has taken showing various other mixed use buildings in other areas.
213 Mr. Truett stated that he had a business on Surfside Drive for over 20 years and it was a constant
214 battle for parking spaces. Mr. Truett stated that if the Town were to expand the business district on
215 Surfside Drive, then the parking issue would need to be addressed first. Mr. Martin stated that a
216 master plan is not a sketch and a firm similar to the firms that presented at the workshop should
217 design it. Mr. Booth stated that a firm that does visionary design is expensive and it may cost the
218 Town a lot of money to do a master plan. Mr. Martin stated that until we know what we want we won't
219 know what it will cost and what he is hearing is that there is a desire for a master plan for the Town
220 complex. Mr. Booth stated that he would have a line item in the budget process, which will include an
221 estimate, on what that cost would be. Ms. Hiatt stated that she agrees that we need a master plan but
222 she does not want to hold up the fire station project. Ms. Hiatt stated that she is concerned with the
223 Surfside Drive redevelopment and the houses that will be behind this development; the parking
224 situation needs to be addressed; the width of the lots are only 60 feet and that there is not much that
225 can be done with those; do they need emergency vehicle access and how many full time residents
226 currently reside on Surfside Drive? Ms. Hiatt stated that there were many things that needed to be
227 addressed. Mr. Truett stated that there is a 20-foot easement between 1st Avenue and Surfside Drive.
228 Mr. Booth stated that they are in the very beginning stages of Surfside Drive and these issues will be
229 addressed once we get further on. Mr. Booth stated that visioning is very important and brought up
230 the example of Greenville and how they began with a vision and made that vision into a reality. Mr.
231 Samples commended Mr. Booth for presenting some ideas and stated that a parking plan was done
232 awhile back that Mr. Booth may want to revisit. Mr. Samples stated that Georgetown has the same
233 problem with parking that they are addressing and they have also done some mixed use. Mayor
234 Hyman thanked Mr. Booth for his report.
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6. BUSINESS

A. Ordinance-First Reading – #07-0633 – Amend A-Tax Budget 06/07

Mr. Booth stated that the Town gave more money than they anticipated to the Chamber of Commerce in Myrtle Beach; more money was received in A-Tax and 30% must be given to the Chamber and all of the towns have done this and to make our audit right we need to do an amendment. Ms. Hursey stated that this is just the detail justification for the adjustment. Ms. Hursey stated that the actual ordinance shows the original budget was \$617,000 and the proposed budget is \$661,000 with a total change of \$44,000. Ms. Hursey stated that this is so the budget will match the expenditures. Mr. Martin moved to approve the first reading of ordinance #07-0633 as presented. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. Mr. Samples stated that he knows that by law we need to move the money but asked if we know if the Chamber has actually spent that money on Surfside Beach. Mr. Booth stated that they didn't. Mr. Martin wanted to clear this up for the residents in the audience and clarified to them that this was for the previous fiscal year and not the current fiscal year; it is a clean-up item. Mr. Booth stated that they are on a different budget year than the Town and at the next A-Tax meeting next years budget will be discussed so that these items can be discussed at the Council budget meeting. Mr. Samples asked why we go through the formality of placing it in printing and advertising; and materials and supplies when in fact it is money that goes to the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Hursey stated that the requirement is that the money has to go for advertising and promotion and we chose to give it to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Samples stated that his point was that increases are being made to a line called printing and advertising; and materials and supplies, two different line items, two different numbers. Ms. Hursey stated that this is where it is budgeted to go. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Ordinance- Second Reading

i. #07-0631- Sanitation

Mr. Booth stated that they are going to become stricter in protecting the town property and if residents damage garbage cans then they will be paying for the replacements. Mr. Booth stated that this ordinance puts in line what is being done in sanitation. Mr. Truett moved to accept the second reading of this ordinance as submitted. Mr. Samples seconded. Mr. McKown asked why the locks were taken off of the garbage cans; the wind is blowing the lids off and garbage is all over the roads. Mr. Kirk stated that they had to make adjustments with the original moby carts and eventually new moby carts are being introduced in as the old ones get replaced. Mr. Kirk stated that the new mobys are sturdier and this situation will no longer be a problem in the future. Mr. Kirk stated that the mobys would need to be placed outside in a certain way to make the garbage pick up more efficient. Mr. Kirk stated that the residents would be given three notices to set them up properly. Mr. Booth stated that he has not received any complaints regarding the mobys. Ms. Tuttle stated that once sanitation picked up the garbage, they would need to put the moby back off the road. Ms. Tuttle stated that she has had to pick her moby up out of the street on more than one occasion. Ms. Tuttle stated that she has seen "no dumping" signs posted around town and asked what has prompted this. Mr. Booth stated that certain lots that have not been taken care of have become dumping areas; people have been placing their yard debris in front of them. Mr. Booth stated that the lots that have been cleaned and cleared out have no problem with debris begin left in front of them. Mr. Booth stated that it is also mixed debris as well with old lawn chairs being thrown in with leaves and grass; it takes too much time and energy for Public Works to sort through this. Ms. Tuttle asked if there was another way to handle this stating that the signs are unsightly and devalue the neighborhood. Mr. Booths stated that they could look into using better-looking signs. Ms. Tuttle stated that she would like to find another way to take care of this situation without posting these tacky looking signs since most of the debris being left is mostly yard debris which is seen all over town. Mr. Kirk stated that they have been putting the signs up in the areas that have been a problem and then they move them to use in another area once that area cleans up. Mr. Kirk stated that they have been working. Mr. Truett stated that he agrees with Ms. Tuttle in that the debris being left is mostly yard debris and bagged leaves and then stated that what prompts people to leave it in front of the vacant lots is that when that knuckle boom drops and pulls up their sod they feel they have no choice but to move it away from their property. Mr. Kirk stated that it starts out this way and then people start putting old chairs, cardboard and Styrofoam and then the Public Works Department is left to sort through everything and get rid of it. Ms. Tuttle stated that she

294 believes that there are other ways to resolve this than to post these signs. **All voted in favor.**
295 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

298 Mr. Booth stated that this ordinance is requesting that the tents and cabanas be taken
299 up at night because it prevents the Town from being able to clean the beaches properly. Mr.
300 Samples moved to adopt the second reading of ordinance #07-0632. Mr. Truett seconded the
301 motion. Ms. Tuttle asked what equipment Surfside Beach is leaving on the beach. Mr. Booth
302 stated that it pertains to the beach rake and tractor and Mr. Kirk stated that it is also for special
303 events. Mr. Kirk stated that during the hours stated in the ordinance, the Town would be out
304 with their equipment so they had to include that. Ms. Tuttle stated that she has never known
305 the Town to have an ordinance that gives the Town an exemption. **All voted in favor.**
306 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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308 **C. Issue Paper-A-Tax**

309 Mr. Booth stated that staff had attended an A-Tax meeting the previous week and they have found
310 that they have 100,000 dollars more than they had previously budgeted for. Mr. Booth stated that this
311 money would need to be budgeted. Mr. Booth stated that this has been split between beach projects
312 and security. Mr. Booth stated that they would like to finish the crossovers to the beach, which would
313 cost \$25,000; this would include the showers and bike racks. Mr. Booth stated that they have also
314 requested that A-Tax pay for one half of the beach-cleaning machine, which picks up smaller items
315 like cigarette butts. Mr. Booth stated that another item they had requested from A-Tax funds was the
316 speed trailer. Mr. Samples made a motion to amend the request to state that A-Tax would pay for 100
317 percent of the beach cleaner. Ms. Tuttle seconded the motion. Mr. McKown stated that there is
318 always an issue of compliance with the State regarding the definition of tourism and wanted to make
319 sure that we are doing the right thing by requesting A-Tax to pay 100 percent of this item. Mr. Booth
320 stated that he has been in contact with and actually met with A-Tax in Columbia and assured Council
321 that this request is proper and is within the rules. Mr. Truett stated that where the Town ran into
322 problems in the past was when we tried to add personnel; equipment that the Town has applied for
323 has never been an issue. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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325 **D. Issue Paper-Beach Processor**

326 It was decided by Council that A-Tax should fund 100% of the beach processor. This issue is
327 voided and closed.

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329 **7. DISCUSSION-Fire Station**

330 Mr. Booth stated that the first group that made their presentation at the Workshop was more of a
331 visionary firm; they would come up with a plan and then assist the Town in acquiring an architect. Mr.
332 Booth stated that there were two very good groups that he thought would be a good choice for the
333 Town and continued to state that the Town needs to have a firm who has experience in building fire
334 stations. Mr. Booth stated that he had an experience in North Carolina where the firm did not have
335 this experience and he had many issues he had to address; in Florida he made sure the architect had
336 this experience. Mr. Booth stated that fire stations are unique buildings and they have unique
337 requirements. Mr. Truett stated that he agrees with Ms. Hiatt in that the fire station is a necessity at
338 this point and would like to move on the project. Mr. Truett stated that we currently have a fire station
339 that will not withstand 70 mile per hour winds and it will not pass many OSHA requirements that we
340 have. Mr. Truett stated that in designing a new fire station we could also work on coming up with a
341 design for the entire complex and that we would need to know the cost on designing this complex.
342 There was additional discussion regarding whether to obtain the information as soon as possible or
343 wait to make a decision at the budget meeting and how long it would take to get an architectural
344 rendering. Mr. McKown stated that we would first need to decide which firm to use and asked if
345 Council could make this decision tonight. There was discussion from Mr. Samples to possibly add this
346 discussion to the Executive Session. There was discussion from Mr. McKown to make a decision in
347 open forum. Ms. Tuttle stated that she believes that we need a master plan. Ms. Hiatt stated that the
348 Town purchased the land next to the fire station with the anticipation of using it for the fire station;
349 there was some disagreement from Ms. Tuttle and Mr. Samples as to this lot being a decided upon
350 use for the fire station. Mr. Truett stated that there were five presentations earlier and he believes that
351 most of Council probably has it narrowed down to two and he would like to suggest that Council make
352 a decision on choosing a firm this evening. Mr. Samples stated that all of these points are good; we
353 need a plan and it would be a mistake to not consider the long-term plan of the municipal complex.

354 Mr. Samples stated that if we are talking about spending this amount of money, which is high for the
355 Town of Surfside Beach, then we really need to address issues such as how we could best utilize this
356 new space; the police department may need to have input to incorporate their future growth. Mr.
357 Martin asked is we have \$25,000 for architectural fees in this year's budget and Mr. Booth stated that
358 we did have it; with some of this being used to tear down some of the fire station. Mr. Martin stated
359 that he would like a plan that sets the tone for the Town. Mr. Booth stated that he liked Stewart,
360 Cooper and Newell and DP3. Mr. Martin stated that he believes that Council is all in agreement that
361 they are ready to hire a firm. Mr. McKown made a motion to hire DP3 as the architecture firm for the
362 Town Complex conception. Mr. Samples seconded. There was some additional discussion from
363 Council on their choices and concern regarding availability of these firms. Mr. Martin amended the
364 motion to hire DP3 as the architecture firm for the Town Complex conception with the alternate being
365 Stewart, Cooper, and Newell. Mr. McKown seconded. **All voted in favor with the exception of Ms.**
366 **Hiatt who voted against. MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Hyman asked if there was any discussion on
367 the original motion. **All voted in favor of original motion. MOTION CARRIED.**
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369 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General. – 5 Minutes**

370 Buck Ricks 4th Avenue South: "I appreciate the opportunity to attend this meeting tonight, I've got
371 these little ash trays I want to talk to you in just a minute about, but I appreciate some of the things
372 you all do in the Town. I actually caught a couple of your employees working in Georgetown, I had to
373 carry my mother to an eye doctor there and Doug does have a real job, I saw him actually, in progress
374 down there and actually I saw the young ladies that were taking pictures of the different buildings, I'm
375 so proud of you all for doing this; Conway in our River Walk district are actually trying to vote this type
376 of thing away and we've met much resistance and they want to go back and do what we're supposed
377 to be doing but, they have a lot of building, old historical buildings in Conway being done that way.
378 When I was a child, the bakers they lived over the bakery, you know, that's what they did, that's what
379 this stuff is about. But anyway, getting onto the ashtray thing, the last time I came, I brought these
380 other ones that were sort of a two for one disposable ones, which is why they gave me a whole bag
381 full of them, but these are the decent ones with logos on them. I heard you talking extensively about
382 A-Tax stuff, I've spoken with (SIC) a couple of times about the old ashtrays, we used to have we'd run
383 out because people would steal them because they liked them so much and that would tell people that
384 they were staying here at the beach, so here's a couple, they hand out in Hanover County, so you can
385 kind of look at them, but they only gave me three, so you'll have to give them back to me after the
386 meeting." Mr. Ricks handed out the sample ashtrays with logos to Council.

387 Mr. Ricks: "But I don't know people, you know, that's, you know we're the first to do the smoking
388 ordinance and this is kind of a better thing to give them than a ticket, and you know possibly
389 something that can be used for tourism and, you all were talking about the A-Tax thing and one of the
390 things I heard about A-Tax is 'heads for beds' so if these are tourist down here, it would be kind of
391 good to give them something like this and they will say 'well, they got the smoking ban but at least
392 they're kind of positive about it', these things now, when you order them up, you have to, they come
393 from Canada, which I'm sure there's other sources, different places, you all can look into all that stuff
394 but if you have an interest into it I'd like to , I'd like to give to Mr. Booth, you can get these logos put
395 on, you could actually get some other businesses maybe to do it. Wrightsville Beach, they got the
396 Holiday Inn Sun Spree, bought like 500, the Surfrider Foundation bought like 500, so, perhaps some
397 businesses in Town may be interested in doing that also."

398 Mr. Truett asked what the cost for these were.

399 Mr. Ricks: "yeah, it's kind of written out here, if you get the 3,000, you end up, the cost per
400 ashtray is 60 dollars, but now that's not the shipping, that's not the logo, it's kind of. I mean, it's going
401 to be 60 cents. Excuse me on that one. (There was laughing in the audience). (SIC). A hundred in a
402 case is 60 dollars. 60 dollars is for 100 of them, but that's just the case price, you got shipping and
403 some kind of 300 dollar it comes over the board, I don't know what the deal is on it, it's kind of long
404 and drawn out but it's all, I've got all this kind of presented, if you would all be interested in it, I'd just
405 say roughly, you can get them for under one dollar a piece and that's not much to get somebody,
406 especially the smokers, they're going to get amongst themselves and trust me, they've been talking
407 kind of fire and brimstone about you all and it would be sort of nice to give them something a little bit
408 sweet. You know give them a little piece of candy on Halloween, you know, but anyway, if I can get
409 those ashtrays from you after the meeting, I'd appreciate it. I've got all this information and I'd be glad
410 to give Mr. Booth, and I do feel like A-Tax money would possibly follow it up, so if you'd like to do that,
411 that's kind of what I'm here about. Thank you so much for your time"

412 Bud Seibold 14th Avenue North: "Mr. Mayor, Councilmembers, with everything going on, I just
413 wanted to, at least this is one resident that really appreciates what you guys are doing, There's so

414 much going on, you're under a lot of criticism, I just wanted you to know that. The other thing I wanted
415 to mention was the Neighborhood Watch. Those meetings are great; I appreciate the opportunity, I
416 get a lot of information and I wish other residents would attend so that we can have the information to
417 help the Public Safety Department. One final thing I'd like to make and Brian isn't here, but, the other
418 day I was on the Boulevard and the highway guy, the cleaning guy was in the ditch, cleaning out the
419 garbage in the ditch, his truck was across the street on the east side, on the beach side, he was on
420 the west side, in the ditch, picking up garbage and I think that's really a tribute to the guys we have
421 working here. Thank you."

422 P.L. Mabry 15th Avenue North: "In reference to the master plan. The Town certainly needs a
423 master plan but one thing I want to caution you, when it comes to what I read in the paper and what
424 we were speaking about earlier, as far as the plan here in Town, when you start showing pictures of
425 mixed use (SIC), this particular district right here, on Surfside Drive, I think you need to count the
426 number of properties down there that fall into the business area and then I want you to look at the
427 number of properties, and we'll say you had a business on those properties where they developed into
428 a business and we'll say you had two employees in each business, only two, and you know they're not
429 going to walk to work and I want you to start counting the number of spaces or potential spaces that
430 you would have and tell me where are the customers going to park at, because you don't have enough
431 for the people that would live there, along Surfside drive, upstairs, businesses downstairs, it's just
432 impossible to work out. It's been looked at many times but I certainly want to make sure that you
433 understand and look at the potential businesses that could be along Surfside Drive and how you would
434 accommodate for parking, then there's also got to be for the sanitation and then the fact that you're
435 taking a business area and butting it back up against a residential area, the buffer that you would have
436 there, the fact that, you take a 60 foot lot, can you put a business on a 60 foot lot? Not and have any
437 off street parking for your employees, because you don't have any other parking space for them. It's
438 just a very hard thing to do, but when I see pictures flash up of the potential of what could be here in
439 Surfside it is a very nice concept but it just doesn't fit. I've been known to put ten pounds in a five
440 pound package but it just won't quite fit, some of these parking spaces, and those are the things that
441 need to be worked on first because it's almost, it's just real hard to accommodate the businesses and
442 then the areas that you want to have for your customers. Right now there's not enough spaces right,
443 today, for the businesses over there, for their employees much less having them for future growth,
444 future businesses and then customers. Everybody's not going to walk from out of town or from Island
445 Green over here to go to these businesses. It's just not going to happen. Those are the things I wish
446 you would look at before you hire an architect to make sure that any of those, what kind of hurdle he's
447 going to have to jump through or jump over to meet the requirements of what this has, requirements
448 would be, for them. I remember seeing the presentation several months back and they showed the
449 businesses that he was going to have the apartments above and the businesses below. Most
450 apartments, people have more than one car, they'll have two and sometime three and if anybody lived
451 in these apartments that had kids, they might even have a car also, so you're looking at a tremendous
452 amount of spaces that would be required in those areas, which, make sure those areas get looked at
453 and how many that you have now, and how many that you're short right now, on just businesses that
454 you have there now. Thank you."

455 Janet Gainey 8th Avenue South: "Mayor, Council, Council ladies as well. Thank you Mr. Mabry I
456 wish more people would get up and speak about the Surfside Beach redevelopment. I, for one, am in
457 favor of it; I think everybody's aware of that. I started my portion of it back in 2003 but I believe long
458 before that it had been in discussion with Surfside Beach so it's been brought up many times and we
459 always get stalled at the part of 'the plan'. I've been hearing that word a lot tonight, it's all about 'the
460 plan', we do have to come up with a plan and I'm in agreement with everybody else, if we're going to
461 do it, it needs to be done right. You're right, Mr. Booth, I think if I were to go, if you were to say okay
462 you can make it commercial and I put a little sign, my beauty salon or whatever and leave the home
463 like it is, it's not doing anything for Surfside. It's not making an improvement, it's not a positive impact
464 for Surfside, but I do believe Surfside needs more of a Town Center and more, I'm not saying we all
465 have the exact idea but I think if we get more from the public and more from you guys, and everybody
466 with some input and some professional input because I don't think it's going to be an easy, there's
467 going to be a lot of hurdles and it's probably not going to be tomorrow that we start this, but I don't
468 think we're exactly moving fast either, I mean, back from, probably as early as the year 2000, maybe
469 some of you remember even before that so, no I don't think we're moving fast but I think we need to
470 go somewhere, move somewhere towards a plan and take that into consideration. Some things that
471 we brought up tonight were discussions on the parking, that is an issue. What about the angle
472 parking? How much parking do we need? How big are the lots? They're 60 by 120 for the most part,
473 Surfside acre. What can you build on a 60 by 120 lot? There's a 20- foot easement that Surfside owns

474 behind our property. What type of buffer do we have between that property, that 20-foot easement
475 and the property behind us on 1st Avenue North? What can we do for the residents behind there if we
476 do make that area commercial? So, yeah, there's a lot of things out there, what about getting into the
477 aisle way making an aisle way for safety or for the Public Safety Officers to get behind there, there's a
478 lot of stuff out there but at least let's get talking about it. Let's have a public hearing, let's get people
479 involved and let's see where we can go with Surfside. I think all of us that are here tonight are
480 concerned about Surfside and they're probably excited that there's going to be positive improvement
481 for Surfside Fire station, definitely number one in my book as well, so let's keep it up, let's keep
482 looking forward and I urge everyone to come to the Public Hearing once they have it and let's talk
483 about it. Thank you."

484 Tom Dodge 15th Avenue North: "Surfside Beach. People that are on Town Council, the
485 Administrator, should know we live in Surfside Beach, we don't live in Surfside. It takes this Council
486 forever to do anything. All of a sudden now, the fire station seems to be going to be held up because
487 of a *master plan*. That's wrong, we need a fire station long before we need a master plan. When my
488 house is on fire that master plan is not going to put it out. When that hurricane comes through and our
489 fire trucks go to Socastee, my house is still going to burn, the master plan is not going to do a damn
490 thing for it, so I think this Council should build a fire station because you will never get anything done
491 on the master plan."

492 493 **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

494 Mr. McKown: "Reference, we've got a lot of talk about the Surfside Drive project and
495 development. I think we all agree that we need to do something there. I think if we control the density
496 and as Councilman Samples mentioned about the Georgetown example, that has been successful
497 and to address P.L.'s concerns about the parking; on a 60 foot lot under our current ordinances, Town
498 ordinances, you can park 8 ½ vehicles on a 60 foot lot, so I think there is going to be compromise for
499 us to make some type of project, if we go in there and try to put, split 60 foot lots and create those type
500 of volumes, you're right, we're not going to have adequate parking, but under the current ordinances
501 that we have in place, along Surfside Drive, again you have, just on the frontage, you'd have 8 ½
502 parking spots per location. You know, and if we're going to do a true concept of mixed use where the
503 residents own the business above and below, I could see the vision actually happening. The other
504 thing I wanted to find out at this point, of the Council comments, is to follow up on what Councilman
505 Samples said earlier reference a, if we could get a consensus of the Councilmembers here, to bring
506 back an ordinance or request staff to bring back information on this, to address this operating hours for
507 the Sundown, that particular club in Town. Would this be an appropriate time to get a consensus of
508 Council for staff to bring that back?"

509 Mr. Booths stated that he was going to do it anyway.

510 Mr. McKown: "As we all know a lot of this stuff falls through the cracks after we discuss it and we
511 (SIC). It was a good night tonight. I think we got a lot accomplished and let's move forward."

512 Ms. Hiatt: "I think we need to stay focused on the fire department. Keep moving forward with it.
513 Master plan, we do need one but I think it should be a separate issue, we also need a master plan for
514 Highway 17 with the business, we've got a lot we could do out there."

515 Ms. Tuttle: "After listening to Andy's Public Safety report, there was a lot of negative in there and
516 I'd like to share with the audience and to have this in the public records a letter that we received from
517 residents Carol and Tom Gorman." Ms. Tuttle read a thank you letter from the Gorman's addressed to
518 Officials and Workers, which is on file.

519 Mayor Hyman: "My comment is that we really need to not put this fire station on the back burner.
520 A master plan is fine but a fire station is more important, right now, to the Town of Surfside Beach and
521 its citizens and waiting a long, long time to get a master plan. We can get these architects to design
522 us something and give us a temporary of what we can do next and move forward and not sit this on
523 the back burner like this Council has always done during the years and wait ten more years, and then
524 bring it back up again, so while we're on the fast track, I think we can come up with the money, I think
525 we should build our fire station."

526 527 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

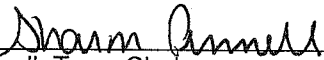
528 Mayor Hyman stated that council would be going into Executive Session to discuss a negotiation
529 matter. Mr. Truett made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Samples seconded. **All voted in**
530 **favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

531 Mayor Hyman stated that no action was taken in Executive session and asked for a motion to
532 reconvene into regular session. Mr. McKown moved to reconvene to regular session. Mr. Samples
533 seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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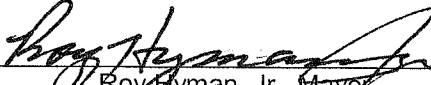
11. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McKown moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Mr. Samples seconded. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**



Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

Approved: September 25, 2007




Roy Hyman, Jr., Mayor



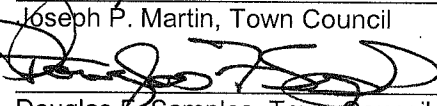
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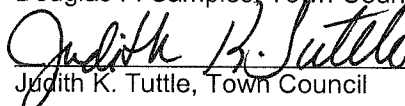
William M. McKown, Town Council



Douglas P. Samples, Town Council



James S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem



Judith K. Tuttle, Town Council

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