



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
November 13, 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 and Chief Packard.

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

Ms. Hiatt said the invocation. Mayor Hyman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hyman welcomed all in attendance.

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

David Litton, Sundown Restaurant 810 Surfside Drive: "I'm here on the ordinance 07-0634, there's a lot of attention to the Sundown, why we're open 24 hours a day. One thing is, we're busy, we have a lot of people working late at night and they are comfortable coming to the Sundown. We are also a hub for Cisco Food Service, which delivers food to all the small restaurants here in town and the big ones. We have a catering truck, we have to get up early in the morning and have it cooking and started very early in the morning, and there's another reason, is why does McDonalds' stay open 24 hours a day now? There must be a reason. Mr. Samples said 'nothing good happens at 3 AM in Surfside, well we have tourists coming in at all hours of the night. We have people stocking shelves at the stores; we have people cleaning offices, stores or restaurants. We have people cleaning the bowling alley; we have taxi drivers; your newspaper gets delivered late at night; we have hospital workers working 24 hours. You have policemen, firemen; you have maintenance people on call 24 hours a day. Who's manning the convenience stores? Who's manning the motels? We have people working at banks; we have truck drivers; we have warehouse people. All of the realty companies have maintenance people working 24 hours a day to keep the homes and stuff in shape for our tourists. All this started when Andy, Police Chief, brought up the budget for Bike Week. Apparently, there's overtime because it's the biker area, that one week and we are a biker bar that week, normally we're not, but that week everything's biker. Apparently, you don't want to pay the police overtime so you're cheating them out of their overtime plus you're cheating all these other people who have jobs bike week. That's a big week for all the businesses in town. Is it the overtime for Bike Week that this is all about or is it the general health and welfare of the citizens? You know, the people you want to keep safe and healthy you don't have to worry about because they're home in bed, anyway. The only people you're going to be hurting then are the people with jobs and especially Bike Week, so all I'm doing is, please don't steal our livelihood with your politics. I mean, have you had any complaints or is this something you guys brought up? That's all we need to know. Thank you." (Applause in audience).

Pam Stapleton, Neal & Pam's Pub, Surfside Beach: "As I said before and stated before, this is our livelihood, this is our business. We've been here for 25 years and I just wish you would go back over our records and look at the revenue and the taxes we pay to the Town. You gave us a license and you let us have a business and now, it seems, you're trying to tell us what to do with our business and I just don't understand how you people can just do that. I just don't understand without a vote that you can just change everything and change our lives because of what you think is right and I really think you all need to consider this, because sooner or later it's going to come to a lot of things, I mean, all right, is our house going to be white in Surfside or it's going to be white with red shutters. Are we going to put, like, a tollgate on Surfside, you have to pay so much

57 money to come through? Because it seems like that's what you're doing, you just don't
58 want anyone here but who you want here, and you have to take in consideration the
59 people that are taking this Town into their arms and paying you money back so we can
60 live and survive and I just wish you'd consider the fact that there's a lot of people here
61 that rely on certain businesses to make ends meet, and I just wish you would just
62 consider, like even a compromise, for bars. I mean, I can understand, I totally
63 understand restaurants and libraries and all that stuff, I truly do. I do not smoke but bars
64 have been for the, since the prohibition, you go there and you have a drink and you
65 smoke and you talk to your friends and if people don't want to come in, we'll put a sign,
66 this is a smoking place, don't come in and I know this has already been, you know, run
67 over and everything but also the 2 o'clock thing is, I just don't understand it at all because
68 we make most of our money in this period and we pay revenues to you to keep this town
69 going, and I just think you should really, really, think hard and long about what you're
70 doing to people that are in business here. We're not trying to hurt anybody; nobody, and
71 we're not trying to encourage smoking. It's just the fact that we have paid taxes and
72 licenses and we have a business here and this is how we make our livelihood. Please
73 consider that, please. Thank you." (Applause in audience).

74 *Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North:* "I don't smoke and I don't drink but I do go to the
75 Sundown for their shrimp and their other food. If you're going to stop the Sundown, Neal
76 and Pam's from serving after 2 o'clock you should also close Bi-Lo and any other store
77 that serves alcohol, that sells alcoholic beverages. Thanks." (Applause in audience).

78 *P.L. Mabry, 15th Avenue North:* "On the agenda tonight we have an ordinance on
79 here pertaining to the possibility of running for Mayor here in this Town. Undoubtedly,
80 there was an oversight, because in that ordinance, that was generated, of which I don't
81 know who would generate it, they forgot and left off Councilmembers or Councilwomen to
82 be able to run because here, in this ordinance, it says only the Mayor can do that. All
83 other people would have to resign or something, now in our State here, it is not a
84 requirement to do that, and you know, in our United States of government, think of all the
85 Senators that you're thinking about, would have to resign as in McCain, Bama or
86 whatever his name is, Thompson, the list goes on. There'd bound to have been an
87 oversight here because those words should have been in there, because the way this is
88 written it would make it look like the Mayor didn't want anyone else to run that was on
89 Council unless they resigned. Now sure, we've got to have an election, but if they resign,
90 you'd still have to have the election on. Now, there's also another thing on here
91 pertaining to the sanitation, I don't remember us ever having, us ever, do you hear me
92 say that? That we ever had a meeting here, discussing that item, of picking up sanitation
93 outside of Town. I don't think we had that one; it must have been one of those culvert
94 meetings. Might have been some insurgents that come in here and have that meeting or
95 something but it did not happen here. It wasn't even discussed on going outside of Town
96 and creating their own little business. Now, as far as the Sundowner, I've been down
97 there many times and ate. I've been going to those people for over 25 years. When
98 Wayne was running it, their father, these are not evil people, they don't have horns, they
99 don't have a tail, not that I've seen. But, the point is, though, there's over 14 people that
100 are working down there, these are not evil people either. They're just working and do you
101 know, it is not against the law in South Carolina to consume beer in a bar or a restaurant
102 and that's what it's listed as, it's listed as a restaurant before it is a bar. One other point,
103 the Sundowner contributes, in hospitality tax money every month over 500 dollars to the
104 Town of Surfside of which this Council here, spends on sidewalks and many other things
105 here but they generate that much themselves and when you start reaching into someone
106 else's back pocket as to how that creates or makes money and doing it legally, I do think
107 it's wrong. I know the oversight was done on your part Mayor but I know you all are
108 going to correct that, it was just a mistake because it would make it look awful to have
109 done it any other way. Thank you." (Applause in audience).

111 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL**

112 Mayor Hyman asked for approval of the minutes from the October 23, 2007 Regular
113 Meeting. Mr. McKown moved to approve the October 23, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes
114 as submitted. Mr. Samples seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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116 **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

117 **A. Proclamation #07-60 National Hospice/Palliative Care Month-November 2007**

118 Clerk Pinnell read the proclamation on file. Mayor Hyman presented the signed
119 proclamation to Ms. Joyce Calabrese stating that it was with great pleasure to present
120 her with this proclamation and wished her well with her cause and thanked her for
121 coming. Ms. Calabrese thanked the Mayor and stated that she wanted to let
122 everyone know that hospice is for the living and only 1 in 7 people with a terminal
123 illness actually take hospice benefits and that it is a great benefit for everyone.
124 (Applause in audience).

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126 **B. Presentation of Plaque-Breathe Coalition & SC Tobacco Control Advocates**

127 Katrina Taylor, American Lung Association, Regional Coordinator and Barbara
128 Morgan, Volunteer from Horry County Breathe Coalition. Mayor Hyman stated that
129 since he voted against the smoking ban he did not feel he could accept the plaque
130 and asked Mayor Pro Tem Truett to accept it. Ms. Tuttle asked for them to be
131 introduced. Barbara Morgan introduced herself and Katrina Taylor, stating that David
132 Thomas from the Breathe coalition as well as others were also in the audience. Ms.
133 Morgan stated that she lives in Murrells Inlet and is a frequent patron of businesses in
134 Surfside and has a new favorite Sports Bar at Dagwood's Deli and plans on visiting
135 the other spoke-free businesses as well. Ms. Morgan stated that the "Breathe
136 Coalition along with the South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative bring together
137 volunteers and health advocacy groups and members of the community who are
138 united in their devotion to the prevention of tobacco use, together with our partners
139 who we will name individually on the plaque, we wish to thank Surfside Town Council
140 for taking this historic step in preventing workers and the public from exposure to
141 deadly second-hand smoke and for protecting our right to breath smoke-free air. The
142 benefits of this ordinance are significant. Smoke-free air in public places will help
143 reduce heart disease, lung disease, various types of cancer and birth defects.
144 Smoke-free ordinances aid in the prevention of tobacco use. Smoke-free ordinances
145 have an impact on lowering health care costs and they also can and have produced
146 positive economic impact for businesses and for tourism. We thank you for your
147 leadership and we pledge our support for smoke-free Surfside. We also look forward
148 to working with neighboring cities and towns to gain their support for smoke-free
149 workplaces. As a symbol of our appreciation, we would like to recognize this Town
150 Council for taking the lead in Horry County to provide a healthier future and a better
151 quality of life for ourselves, our children and for future generations." Katrina Taylor
152 stated that on behalf of the American Lung Association, the American Cancer
153 Society, American Heart Association, South Carolina Tobacco Collaborative, Horry
154 County Breathe Coalition, Smoke-Free Action Network and the South Carolina
155 African American Tobacco Control Network, they would like to present a plaque to
156 Town Council which reads "Congratulations to Surfside Beach, Mayor and Town
157 Council, for making Surfside Beach, the Family Beach, a cleaner, healthier, smoke-
158 free city for all who live work and play." Ms. Taylor thanked Council for the new
159 smoke-free law and presented the plaque to Mayor Pro Tem Truett. (There was
160 applause in the audience).

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162 **C. DP3 Presentation**

163 Mr. Mark Eggl presented his proposal to Council. Mr. Eggl stated that he wanted
164 to answer some questions that have previously come up. One question was:
165 Why does the Town need an architect and Mr. Eggl answered that it is State Law for
166 any building that is constructed over 3 stories or is constructed over 5,000 square feet
167 must use an architect. The use of an architect will also insure that the building is
168 properly designed in accordance with all building codes and creating a master plan
169 for the complex will allow for future growth in a logical, orderly and efficient manner.
170 Mr. Eggl stated that an architect would help to optimize space and maximize staff
171 efficiency. Mr. Eggl stated that you want to have a design that will meet all of your
172 day-to-day requirements with no wasted space. An architect will also help to
173 coordinate all of the many designing and engineering professionals that will be used
174 during this process. Mr. Eggl stated that the architect would also assist in the
175 competitive bid process to make sure that they conform to the bid requirements;
176 making sure that the contractor is properly licensed and properly insured and that he
177 has adequate financial stability and resources to do the project. They will assist with
178 the punch list and warranties, making sure all of these details are done.

179 The next question was: Can it be a pre-fab building? Mr. Eggl stated that he does
180 not believe that this is the route that the Town of Surfside Beach wants to go being
181 that the location is so close to the coast. Mr. Eggl stated that if we had a Class IV or
182 Category V hurricane come through, a pre-fab building would not hold up and
183 compared it to being like a big metal tent. Mr. Eggl stated that his firm has been
184 involved with over 500 projects in hurricane-prone areas and they have done over 40
185 projects in South Carolina and over 200 in Florida. Mr. Eggl stated that to date they
186 have not received any hurricane claims on any of their designs.

187 Can we keep the existing station for another use? Mr. Eggl stated that the
188 condition of the current fire station is not in the condition where it would withstand a
189 hurricane and he would recommend that it be removed; it has outlived its useful life
190 and is not worth keeping.

191 How much will it cost? Mr. Eggl stated that he estimates the cost to be
192 approximately \$225 per square foot, which could run around \$4,439,250. Mr. Eggl
193 stated that the final cost will depend upon various factors; if you want a large facility
194 you would need to forfeit quality and if you wanted high quality you would have to
195 compromise on the size. Mr. Eggl stated that the preliminary plans he received from
196 staff bring the square footage to 15,000, stating that he believes that they have done
197 a good job in planning out what they need. Mr. Eggl stated that he believes that it is
198 important to project an image to the citizens that the project is being done right.

199 Why would we spend that much money on five employees? Mr. Eggl stated that
200 this is the only fire station within the limits of the Town of Surfside Beach with
201 approximately 5,000 full time residents and 50,000 residents a week during tourist
202 season. Training elements should be incorporated into the design; this will reduce
203 staff time spent away from the facility.

204 Why do we need a master plan and why are looks important? Mr. Eggl stated that
205 this fire station should be done well and done right. It should be a lasting legacy to
206 the residents; it should show of a job well done with quality and good planning. Mr.
207 Eggl stated that his first impression of our municipal complex when he drove up was
208 'well, the lawn's nicely maintained'. Mr. Eggl stated that you get one chance to make
209 a first impression and you should plan wisely.

210 Mr. Martin asked what Mr. Eggl's thoughts on the idea of the new placement of the
211 fire station location and what would the impact be to him of doing both the fire station
212 and the town master plan at the same time. Mr. Eggl stated that his firm would like to
213 do a master plan first to determine if this is the right location for the fire station, due to
214 there being so many critical factors such as the space fire stations take up. Mr. Eggl
215 stated that they might look at possibilities of acquiring additional properties in the

216 area; this could give other options. Mr. Martin asked if the design of the complex
217 could be done in parallel so as to not slow down the fire station project. Mr. Eggl
218 stated that it could be done in parallel but what they would want to do, early on, is a
219 space-need study for any facility which may go on that sight. Mr. Martin stated that
220 the Public Safety Department and the people of the Town need a fitness facility. Mr.
221 Eggl stated that building a fitness facility somewhere on the site would be a wise
222 move. Mr. McKown stated that we don't have the luxury of time on this project and
223 would like to see the fire station get built and then work on the master plan around the
224 facility. Mr. Eggl stated that coming up with a master plan should only take about 3
225 months. Mr. McKown stated that he is concerned about the cost and would like to
226 see DP3 bring Council a plan and from there we could set up some workshops so
227 that we can get public input; he stated that he just would not like to hold this project
228 up. Mr. Eggl stated that he realizes that it is a project that should not be held up too
229 long but also stated that it would be important to take a cursory look to make sure that
230 the fire station is in an optimum location.

231 Mayor Hyman stated that the Town has future plans of a fitness center and a
232 larger civic center and that we should have enough property to do this. Mayor Hyman
233 stated that he is not interested in delaying this project to wait for a master plan.
234 Mayor Hyman stated that the police station was built with a plan for expansion in the
235 future and that he feels that a master plan is great but the need for a fire station is
236 greater. Mr. Samples stated that there is a "3-month comprehensive plan" and a
237 "move quickly approach" and asked Mr. Eggl what the difference in cost was to those
238 two approaches. Mr. Eggl stated that 3 years ago it would have been a significant
239 cost difference but today there is only a 3 to 7 percent difference. Mr. Eggl stated
240 that he wanted to be honest in saying that if it is not done right then the cost will be
241 much higher. Mr. Eggl stated that the Town would need to move prudently on this
242 project. Mr. McKown stated that 3 to 7 percent is around a quarter of a million dollars.
243 Mr. Samples stated that the plan designed by staff includes needed space for the
244 police station, which is the most recent building built in the municipal complex and he
245 believes that the fact that the police station is now requesting more space is because
246 the original plan was done too quickly. Mr. Samples stated that he agrees that we
247 need a fire station but he would like to see a master plan done. Mr. Samples stated
248 that the current police station could hold a second story and he believes that this is
249 valuable information to an architect in coming up with a plan for the complex. Mayor
250 Hyman stated that we were lucky and glad to have the money to build the police
251 station at that time. Mr. Samples stated that he is concerned with the cost as well as
252 Mr. McKown and asked how much of the building are we going to have to sacrifice to
253 pay an architect fee? Mr. Eggl stated that the Town definitely needs an architect for
254 this project due to State law and he believes that a good architect should be able to
255 save the Town its fees in space optimization, staff efficiency and good planning for
256 future growth. Mr. Eggl stated that he does not feel that there is a single project his
257 firm has worked on where they didn't save their clients their fees in good planning.
258 Mr. Eggl stated that his firm works on many governmental projects and the most
259 frustrating thing to them is politics; these type projects do not move as quickly as they
260 like them to move since, to them, time is money and inefficiency is waste. Mr.
261 Samples asked when Mr. Eggl would need to know what the Town's budget is for this
262 project. Mr. Eggl stated that they would first need to get as much information on what
263 is needed in the fire station and they will then need to test them, asking them why
264 they need a certain number of bays, etc. and once they are down to the real needed
265 space, they find out what look we would like. Mr. Eggl stated that you should not
266 spend anymore than you have, to get what you want; just because you have a certain
267 amount budgeted for the project does not mean you have to spend it all.

268 Mr. Truett asked about the pricing that Mr. Eggl presented stating that the
269 approximate cost of Surfside Beach's fire station fell on the high end and asked what
270 made up those lower costs presented. Mr. Eggl stated that some of those fire

271 stations were pre-engineered and they were in towns where forced winds were not an
272 issue and some were designed with lower end materials. Mr. Truett stated that this
273 should be a good time to get a good price, with building and the economy being what
274 it is right now. Mr. Truett stated that originally he wanted to see this project
275 completed before next year's hurricane season. Mr. Eggl stated that minimally you
276 would be done 6 months from the day of start. Mr. Truett stated that there are
277 approximately 7 out of 10 buildings built in our area that are pre-fab construction,
278 concrete and steel and from an insurance standpoint it costs less to insure a concrete
279 and steel building than it does to insure a frame construction, standard built building.
280 Ms. Hiatt stated that she is aware that we need a master plan but more importantly
281 we are in need of a firehouse. Ms. Hiatt asked if Mr. Eggl thought there was a better
282 place to put the fire house than where is currently is planned for. Mr. Eggl stated that
283 he could not answer that at this point but they will follow direction as to the plan of the
284 Town rather than come up with new ideas unless instructed to do so. Ms. Hiatt stated
285 that we would need to financially space out the plan for the complex. There were
286 some additional questions pertaining to the differences in materials that could be
287 used. It was confirmed that the \$225 per square foot cost would more than likely
288 include a combination of split block and brick. What also can be done is a pre-cast
289 concrete building. Mr. Eggl stated that there are many options that will need to be
290 considered.

291 Ms. Tuttle stated that she believes the master plan to be the wise approach and
292 that we do need to determine the best use of the available property and she is not
293 aware that the fire station location has been set and thinks that the master plan would
294 determine the best location. Ms. Tuttle stated that from what she understands, the
295 time frame would not vary greatly in coming up with a master plan or just a fire station
296 plan. Mr. Eggl stated that he does not believe that the time frame will differ greatly
297 due to the time that Council will spend on making financial decisions for the fire
298 station construction; by the time Council makes these decisions a master plan could
299 be completed. Mr. Eggl stated that part of the master plan would include a spacing
300 study to look at present, short-term and long-term use. DP3 would send out a
301 questionnaire to staff and then they would arrange a brainstorming meeting where
302 they would then establish an order of magnitude number. Mr. Eggl stated that
303 Council would need to be open to the fact that ultimately good decisions will be made,
304 stating that the need is to be expedient; the project does not need to be rushed but it
305 must also not move too slowly. Mayor Hyman asked what Mr. Eggl needed from
306 Council at this point. Mr. Booth stated that he would need to be directed by Council
307 to continue and do the master plan. Mr. McKown made a motion to direct DP3 to go
308 ahead and do the parallel deals with the master plan and existing fire station. Mr.
309 Martin seconded the motion. It was confirmed that this would not hold up
310 construction of the fire station. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

311 Ms. Hiatt asked if a portion of the fire station would be able to be used before the
312 rest is removed. Mr. Eggl stated that what we would like to do is leave the existing
313 fire station up for as long as possible and then once the new fire station is
314 constructed have the fire staff move in and then remove what is left.

315 316 **D. Public Safety Report**

317 Director Christenson presented his report that is on file. Director Christenson stated
318 that he wished more residents were here tonight to see the struggles with decisions
319 that Council is presented with to lead the Town into the future. Director Christenson
320 reported that Lieutenant Joe Matyjasik completed the South Carolina Criminal Justice
321 Academy's Instructors course and is now certified as a Defensive Tactics Instructor,
322 Spontaneous Knife Defense Instructor and Pressure Point Control Technique
323 Instructor. He will be available to train our other officers. He also attended the Glock
324 Armour School so he would now be able to repair our own weapons if the need
325 arose.

326 Director Christenson stated that Halloween and the Halloween parade went well.
327 The Police Department is currently retrieving the necessary information to collect
328 unpaid parking tickets. The 2007 tickets included 642 outstanding/unpaid tickets.
329 2005 and 2006 will also be done. Director Christenson stated that firearms' training is
330 currently being held in Georgetown; it is something they currently have twice a year.
331 Director Christenson stated that back in September, Surfside Beach police officers
332 initiated a traffic stop and seized illegal drugs. The vehicle is currently being
333 auctioned off on Govdeals.com and the funds received will go back into the narcotics
334 account for the Town of Surfside; this will be spent to educate and combat crime in
335 the Town. Director Christenson stated that as of November 6th his department had
336 received one call pertaining to the smoking ban. Officers responded and did not find
337 anyone smoking.

338 Director Christenson introduced Tara Philips and Jenny Watson from the
339 Department of Social Services. Director Christenson stated that Public Safety had a
340 fundraising event at the October Family Festival with a dunking booth and they had
341 chosen this fund to give the proceeds of \$500 to. Director Christenson stated that
342 this money would be used to purchase gifts for needy children during the holidays.
343 Director Christenson stated that Pastor Kendall Williams from Grand Strand
344 Community Church has asked that if anyone ever has a need within the community,
345 his church has a committee in place that offers assistance to those individuals.
346 Director Christenson presented the check to the representatives for the Department
347 of Social Services. Ms. Philips presented a plaque to Director Christenson as a thank
348 you for the generous donation.

349 Director Christenson stated that this is the approximate anniversary of the
350 abduction of Alice Donovan at the Wal-Mart in Conway where she was raped and
351 murdered by two individuals who have been convicted of this heinous crime and are
352 waiting to be put to death. Director Christenson stated that, beginning with the
353 female employees of the Town of Surfside Beach and then later inviting the female
354 residents of Surfside Beach, he would like to sponsor a training in self defense
355 course; January 2nd would be the course date for the female employees with a later
356 date for the Surfside Beach residents to be determined and Director Christenson
357 invited Ms. Hiatt and Ms. Tuttle to join in the training as well. Lieutenant Matyjasik,
358 himself and an officer from Horry County who are all certified Self-Defense
359 Instructors, would teach the course.

360 Mr. Martin thanked Director Christenson for having this course and encouraged
361 him to hold the one for the citizens of the community as well.

362 **E. Building, Planning and Zoning**

363 Mr. Booth presented the report that is on file. Mr. Booth reported that the building
364 department had 181 inspections; the total valuation of permits was approximately 3
365 million with 11,000 worth of income. Mr. Booth stated that the numbers are going
366 down, as it is everywhere else, and expects it to be worse in the next few months with
367 building permits probably coming to an end for a little bit.

368 Mr. Samples stated that he ran into a paving contractor over at Beer 30 and they
369 indicated to him that they were prevented from paving in the right a way between
370 frontage road and the actual parking lot and asked if this was an oversight. Mr. Kirk
371 and Mr. Booth answered stating that this is the State right a way and not Surfside
372 Beach's.
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375 **F. Administrator's Report**

376 Mr. Booth presented his report. Mr. Booth reported that we now have enough
377 volunteers for the Stormwater Committee and at the next meeting he will have an
378 executive session so that Council can go over the applications and appoint the
379 committee. Mr. Booth has reported that the Town will have an excess capacity to
380 pick up trash and they have initiated a small pilot program to see if it was feasible,
381 what our costs would be and how acceptable it would be. Council will be receiving a
382 decision paper in the next 30 to 45 days as the pilot project is reviewed. Mr. Booth
383 stated that there are two sides to this with one side being that with this program we
384 can keep the prices of garbage collection in the Town down and the other side is that
385 we may be competing with Waste Management. Mr. Samples asked Mr. Booth to
386 elaborate on what the Town is now actually doing; he heard second hand from a
387 citizen that we are operating outside of Town collecting trash. Mr. Samples stated
388 that he was shocked to find all this out and he does not recall discussing this at any
389 depth at the Council level and certainly there are liability issues we have taken on by
390 operating outside the corporate limits. Mr. Samples asked if we received a legal
391 review on this. Mr. Booth stated that our insurance covers us wherever we go on the
392 equipment. Mr. Samples asked if we checked with the State who is insuring us, with
393 the budget and control board, to see if the Town is covered if we are acting for profit,
394 outside our corporate limits, picking up trash. Mr. Booth stated that we are covered in
395 any of the business we have with our vehicles. Mr. Samples stated that "we're
396 covered so long as we are operating in our appropriate role; if we exceed our
397 authority and operate outside the corporate charter, we're not covered." Mr. Booth
398 stated that he does not believe that the Charter prevents one from going outside and
399 providing services outside the community; it is currently done here with sports and
400 other areas as well. Mr. Samples asked what we are charging to pick up trash in this
401 new area. Mr. Booth stated that we are currently charging 10 percent more than our
402 current residents and it is being billed through Grand Strand Water and Sewer. Mr.
403 Samples stated that he has a problem with doing this, stating that if we have the extra
404 time and extra resources we should instead be cutting back and reducing the cost to
405 the Surfside Beach residents rather than going out to other areas. Mr. Samples
406 stated that he thinks we are making a mistake by getting off the basics of supplying
407 services to the people in Town and believes that it is a distraction. Mr. Booth stated
408 that the costs are locked in and when we went mechanized it gave the Town an
409 additional capacity to collect more garbage. Mr. Booth stated that this is a pilot
410 project to see if it is feasible and what the cost will be. Mr. Samples stated that
411 competing against the private sector is a significant issue that needs to be discussed.
412 Mr. Booth stated that he would be coming back to Council for them to make the final
413 decision. Mr. Booth stated that the rates were due to go up this year and this
414 additional collection will help to keep the rates down. Mr. Samples stated that he has
415 reviewed the audit and we have generated almost \$300,000 in revenues in sanitation
416 last year and does not understand why the rates would be going up to begin with. Mr.
417 Booth stated that in years past the Town was running in a deficit and the schedule
418 was for the rates to increase this year. Mr. Samples stated that we are not currently
419 running on a deficit and encouraged others to look at the audit where it shows that we
420 are generating cash. Mr. Booth stated that we used this generated cash to purchase
421 equipment. Mr. Samples stated that 300,000 was generated in the past year using
422 the older equipment and to him this is a lot of money to be generated and if we could
423 turn this back to the citizens of Surfside Beach then that is what we should be doing.
424 Mr. McKown stated that the 300,000 dollars was generated through the rentals where
425 it was mandated that two moby carts were to be used instead of one; the R-3 district
426 is where the surplus is coming from. If the R-3 district were not mandated to have
427 two moby carts then the sanitation would not be operating at a surplus. Mayor
428 Hyman stated that it is labeled as a pilot program so if it does not work then we do not

429 continue it. Mr. Samples asked for someone to check the liability issue to Surfside
430 Beach on operating a trash service outside Town limits. Ms. Tuttle asked if there was
431 a projected territory. Mr. Booth stated that we do not have a projected territory and
432 we would need to look at the capability of our equipment and this will be brought back
433 to Council. Ms. Tuttle asked if we factored in the wear and tear on the equipment and
434 Mr. Booth stated that they would factor this in along with gas and other items. Ms.
435 Tuttle asked what the projected schedule was and Mr. Kirk stated that they are
436 currently collecting garbage on Tuesdays, yard debris on Wednesdays and when the
437 recycling program is set that would be on Thursdays. Mr. Kirk stated that, with the
438 new truck, on Wednesday it takes sanitation 4 to 5 hours to pick up in Surfside and
439 then an hour and a half to go through the pilot program area. Mr. Booth reiterated
440 that he would come back to Council with all of the facts as they are currently being
441 generated.

442 Mr. Booth stated that we would be starting to go through all of the archives within
443 the next week. Mr. Booth stated that Clerk Pinnell attended a class and we will need
444 to identify everything that we are going to destroy and we need to identify everything
445 we are going to keep. Mr. Booth reported that we would be duplicating many files on
446 a management records system so that they will be available to retrieve them if
447 needed. Mr. Booth reported that an issue came up that a daughter-in-law of a
448 Councilmember had come in to apply for a position and she was selected as one of
449 the best candidates. Mr. Booth stated that no one has been hired but there have
450 been several that have been selected. Mr. Booth stated that, currently, there is no
451 policy on Councilmember's families working for the Town and if Council would like to
452 adopt a policy one could be put together. Mr. Booth asked for consensus on this.
453 Mayor Hyman stated that Council has hired the Administrator to hire and fire and he
454 does not think that the Council should get involved in this process. Mayor Hyman
455 stated that as long as the Administrator hires the best candidate for the job he is not
456 concerned with who it is. Mr. Booth stated that he would be putting together a policy
457 for nepotism since there is currently none in place. Mr. Samples stated that he
458 believes that it sets a bad precedent for a Councilmembers relative either by blood or
459 marriage to work for the Town. Mr. Samples stated that he has worked in places
460 where some executives or higher ups have had their children work for the company
461 and it tends to create morale problems. Mr. Samples stated that while there is no
462 specific policy concerning nepotism, there is a conflict of interest policy, which states
463 that "when an employee is in a position to influence a decision that may result in
464 personal gain for that employee or for a relative". Mr. Samples stated that this is a
465 matter of judgment and he hopes that he does not see a lot of Councilmember's
466 families showing up on the payroll; he does think that this is what the people have
467 elected Council to do. Mr. Samples stated that for the record he believes that we
468 need a very clear policy on nepotism and we need to prevent Councilmember's family
469 members by blood or marriage working for the Town of Surfside Beach. Mr. Martin
470 stated that he supports the Administrator in bringing back a nepotism policy and
471 believes that we need it.

472 Mr. Booth stated that he wanted to give kudos to Mr. Kirk for saving the Town
473 66,000 dollars by having a meeting with the Corp of Engineers and going around our
474 engineering firm, getting them to approve the cleaning out of our lakes without having
475 to get a permit. Mr. Booth stated that the bids should be in within the next 30 days;
476 many companies are interested in bidding so we should get a good price. Mr. Booth
477 stated that there are a few buildings in Town that need to be addressed regarding
478 being condemned. There is a priority building at this time where it looks like vagrants
479 are entering. Mr. Booth stated that he is hoping that the owner will choose to knock it
480 down prior to them having to condemn it. Mr. Booth reported that the Holiday
481 luncheon for employees and Council would be December 14th. Mr. Booth reported
482 that he just received an e-mail regarding a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce
483 that will be held tomorrow at 2:30 in the Palm Room at the Days Inn to discuss

484 marketing of Surfside Beach and invited Council to attend if they are available. Mr.
485 Samples asked for confirmation as to the location of the condemned building he was
486 referring to earlier. It was confirmed that it was the previous Mammy's Kitchen
487 location.
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489 **6. BUSINESS**

490 **A. Ordinance-First Reading – #07-0628 – Running for Mayor**

491 Mayor Hyman stated that we currently have a split Council; some run the same
492 time as the Mayor and some do not. Mayor Hyman stated that if Council which are
493 on the same cycle as the Mayor want to run then they would need to give up their
494 seat in order to run. These Councilmembers would not be able to run for both Mayor
495 and their current seat. Mayor Hyman stated that this would make it a fair playing
496 field. Mr. Samples made a motion to suspend the rules. Ms. Tuttle seconded the
497 motion. Ms. Tuttle stated that she would also like to amend the motion to include
498 suspending the rules on Item C on the agenda. Mayor Hyman stated that Ms. Tuttle
499 could not amend the motion without the motion on the floor. There is currently a
500 motion and a second motion on the floor. Ms. Tuttle stated "and I'm amending that
501 motion to include Item C." Ms. Hiatt stated that the motion was to suspend the rules
502 and Ms. Tuttle answered that this is what she wanted to do, suspend the rules and
503 include Item C. Mayor Hyman stated that we are not at Item C yet and we need to
504 wait until we get to that item before we make a motion to suspend it. Ms. Tuttle
505 stated that she just wanted to keep it simple and the Mayor stated that it is not simple
506 when you jump ahead. Mr. Martin, Mr. Truett, Mr. Samples and Ms. Tuttle voted in
507 favor of suspending the rules for Business Item A. Ms. Hiatt, Mr. McKown and Mayor
508 Hyman voted against. Mayor Hyman stated that the rules would not be suspended
509 due to the fact that there needs to be a 2/3 vote to suspend. Ms. Hiatt made a motion
510 to accept the staff recommendation as presented. Mr. McKown seconded the motion.
511 Mr. Samples stated that over the course of the past year Mayor Hyman has brought
512 this subject up numerous times and it is clear that this is one of his higher priorities.
513 Mr. Samples stated that he would like to know what benefit it is to the Town of
514 Surfside Beach and its residents for this ordinance to pass. Mayor Hyman asked if
515 there were any other comments from Council. Mr. Samples asked if Mayor Hyman
516 had a response to his question. Mayor Hyman answered that he will respond in his
517 own way. Mr. Samples stated that the Mayor is the last individual who was elected
518 Mayor under the ground rules as they currently exist and if one went by the ground
519 rules that are being proposed the Mayor would have had to resign his position to run
520 for Mayor. Mr. Samples stated that it seems somewhat hypocritical to him that Mayor
521 Hyman would be proposing this ordinance. Mayor Hyman asked if Mr. Samples were
522 finished. Mr. Samples asked if this has had a legal review. Mayor Hyman stated that
523 this Council does not seem to be concerned with legal reviews and wanted to know if
524 the smoking ban had a legal review. (Applause in audience). Ms. Tuttle asked for
525 point of order and Mayor Hyman stated that he had the floor and asked what rule he
526 was breaking. Ms. Tuttle stated that the Mayor would need to let Mr. Samples finish
527 speaking. There was additional discussion regarding the points of order and
528 overriding the chair. Mr. Samples continued with the floor and asked what the
529 purpose was of requiring anyone on payroll being required to resign with the
530 exception of the incumbent Mayor. Mayor Hyman stated that the only person that
531 would be required to do this is a Councilmember that is on a separate cycle than the
532 Mayor and it is written with the premise that if you want to run for Mayor you have lost
533 your desire to be a Councilmember and you cannot go back and you should not go
534 back. Mayor Hyman stated that regardless of who you are you should resign from
535 what you are doing before you run for Mayor. Mayor Hyman stated that he has four
536 people that asked him to put it on the agenda so that is why it is on the agenda. Mr.
537 Samples asked why the Mayor did not resign back when he was running and the
538 Mayor replied that it was because he wasn't asked to. Mayor Hyman asked for a vote

539 on the motion that is on the table and Ms. Tuttle made a motion to overrule the chair.
540 Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **Ms. Tuttle, Mr. Martin, Mr. Truett and Mr.**
541 **Samples voted for.** Mr. Truett stated that he has some questions regarding this
542 ordinance and Mayor Hyman stated that Mr. Truett had asked for it to be put on the
543 agenda. Mr. Truett denied this, stating that he had told the Mayor that if he brought
544 back a legal document then he would think about it. Mayor Hyman stated that this
545 ordinance does not mean anything to him and the reason he brought it back was
546 because he was asked to bring it back. Mayor Hyman stated that he would withdraw
547 it. Mr. Truett stated that he just wanted clarification on the way the ordinance reads.
548 Mr. Truett stated that hypothetically if Mr. Truett, Mr. Samples and Mr. McKown
549 decided to run for Mayor, they would have to resign and then that would leave four
550 Councilmembers left to run the Town for two or three months. Mr. Truett stated that
551 he could not agree to this. Mayor Hyman withdrew the item from the agenda stating
552 that some people's word is not worth anything.

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554 **B. Ordinance-Second Reading - # 07-0623 – Selling and Distribution of Alcoholic**
555 **Beverages**

556 Mr. Booth stated that this is the second reading of this ordinance and wanted to
557 clear up the fact that this ordinance is for beer and wine sales after 2:00 AM, the
558 State already excludes the sale of hard liquor after 2:00 AM, and this does not include
559 the sale of food. Individuals can still serve food if they so desire. Mr. Samples
560 moved to approve the 2nd reading of this ordinance as presented. Mr. Martin
561 seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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563 **C. Issue Papers**

564 **Holiday Bonus:** Ms. Tuttle asked to suspend the rules and go into discussion.
565 Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Ms.
566 Tuttle asked for Director Christenson to present the issue paper and this would follow
567 with a discussion rather than a vote. Director Christenson stated that this is an item
568 like the jail fees that just hasn't been addressed in previous years and would like to
569 address it now. This initially came up at the budget meeting and he is now presenting
570 an issue paper. Director Christenson stated that the City of Myrtle Beach is awarded
571 one weeks salary as a bonus during the Holidays. Director Christenson stated this is
572 the one time in the 365-day period that the employees can be told 'thank you' with a
573 monetary award for the daily activities they perform. Director Christenson stated that
574 he realizes it is a costly proposal, which is why he listed two options; option A would
575 be one-week salary, which is what the City of Myrtle Beach currently offers their
576 employees, and option B would be \$500 for full time employees and \$250 for part-
577 time employees. Mr. Christenson stated that he believes that it is important for the
578 employees to feel appreciated and he is just looking for guidance from Council
579 regarding this. Mr. McKown stated that out of the options presented he likes option
580 A, the one-week salary option and believes this will motivate the employees and
581 thanked Mr. Christenson for putting it together. Mr. Martin stated that he would like to
582 do something for the employees but nothing overly effecting the budget. Mr. Martin
583 proposed that he would like to revise option B and give \$500 for full time employees
584 for over 10 years of service and \$250 would be for part time employees and
585 employees, which have been with the town less than 10 years. Mr. Martin stated that
586 he does not want to take too large of a step and this would be an improvement over
587 what we currently have. Director Christenson stated that this would eliminate his
588 department since no one from his department has been with the Town for 10 years;
589 the closest is Captain Miller who will not have 10 years until March 2008 and it was
590 determined that there would only be 2 people in Public Works that have 10 years.
591 Mr. Martin stated that he has had his own business and he knows that once you
592 make a significant change, you live with it forever, it then becomes expected. Mr.
593 Martin stated that he would like it to change incrementally and see how it works out

594 and is looking out for the taxpayers as well as the employees. Mr. Martin stated that
595 this bonus pay ties into the Years of Service Bonus and he likes the idea of
596 compensating individuals for their years with the Town. Mr. Truett stated that he
597 agrees with Mr. McKown and likes the idea of the one weeks salary; it compensates
598 individuals on a sliding scale. Mr. Truett stated that the difference between option A
599 and B is \$12,000 and “in the big picture of things” it is not a lot to say “thank you” to
600 the individuals who give us the best quality of life. Director Christenson stated that
601 Mr. Kirk has also just saved the Town \$66,000 on permitting fees through the Army
602 Corp of Engineers from good diligent work. Ms. Tuttle asked for clarification of which
603 budget year Director Christenson is referring to and it was clarified that they were
604 discussing this current budget year. Ms. Tuttle stated that this issue came up at the
605 budget meeting but personnel expenditures, which is the largest part of our budget,
606 was not discussed at the budget workshop. Ms. Tuttle stated that they have
607 approved substantial salary increases during this budget year and substantial
608 increases are proposed for next year of which have not been discussed yet. Ms.
609 Tuttle would like to discuss this at the next budget workshop for the next budget year.
610 Mr. Samples stated that the total cost of option A is recorded to be \$47,000 and
611 asked if this included payroll taxes on the part of the Town and was this the total cost
612 to the Town. Mr. Samples stated that he would like to see the real cost to the Town
613 because when he calculated the weeks salary he came up with a cost of \$10,000
614 more. Mr. Samples stated that he is aware that social security and retirement need to
615 be incorporated into the cost. Mr. Samples agreed with Ms. Tuttle in that a 5 percent
616 increase was presented but it was never discussed. Mr. Samples stated that we are
617 currently paying \$12,000 in bonuses and with option A, a \$35,000 increase is being
618 proposed. Mr. Samples stated that he would have to pass on this at this time, stating,
619 not that it is not deserved, he believes we have the best staff around, but he would
620 like to get through one year with the current administration to make sure we are on
621 track financially, before making this decision. Mr. McKown made a motion to accept
622 option A for full time employees to receive one week’s salary based on their individual
623 salaries as their Holiday Bonus. Mr. McKown stated that we do have the best
624 employees and the way to keep good employees is by taking care of them. Mr.
625 Truett seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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627 **Years of Service Bonus:** Mr. Booth presented an issue paper for a policy for
628 employee years of service as requested by Council. The current policy gives \$10 a
629 year for each five years of service after five years. Mr. Booth stated that currently if
630 you are with the Town for 30 years an individual would get \$300; which seems low.
631 Mr. Booth stated that this issue paper increases the amount to \$100 per year for each
632 five years of service after five years. The total cost to the Town next year would be a
633 little over \$5,000. Mr. Booth stated that there are not very many people with 5, 10,
634 15 or 20 years of service. Mr. Booth stated that if we were to keep the \$10 per year
635 he would just as well do away with the program. It was confirmed that it would be for
636 this fiscal year with the impact on the budget being very minimal. The cost for the
637 following year would more than likely be similar to that of this year. Mr. Samples
638 made a motion to adopt the proposal as submitted. Mr. Martin seconded the motion.
639 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

642 *Ann Dodge, 15th Avenue South:* “I just want to make a comment. We sit towards to
643 back. I don’t know how it is in the front but you cannot hear, when people on the dais are
644 speaking they don’t speak into their microphones and the people can’t hear them. We
645 come to hear the business of the Town because it concerns us. I think we need to do
646 something with the sound system. There has to be enough money in the budget to cover
647 something like that. Thank you.”
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649 *Sue Wall, South Poplar:* “Congratulations on your award, I hope you’re proud of
650 yourselves and your award. I hope you’re proud of the people you’ve put out of work and
651 the businesses you’ve effected, the loss of revenue. I wouldn’t want your jobs because I
652 would feel obligated to compensate these people in some way or another. The Holidays
653 are coming and I’ve been out of the food industry business for awhile but when I was in
654 the industry there were a lot of single mothers supporting children on waitress salaries;
655 I’m sure they can’t now. Now you’re working on that bar ordinance, which is mainly to
656 keep the bikers from hanging out. I heard that stated last time and that effects the bar
657 owners, the employees and the hotels and the taxis and everybody else involved and I
658 don’t see anybody contemplating them or planning on; I keep hearing about all these
659 issues everybody’s got with everybody and what I’m hearing is that if these things are so
660 important why aren’t people voting on them, you know, we should all have a voice in this,
661 not just 8 people, 7 people, 6 people, because in my opinion, precedence breeds
662 contempt. You keep alienating people under the guise of quality of life and before long
663 there’s only going to be a couple of people sitting around here and I agree, the Council
664 does anything they please.”

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666 *Randy Melko, 10th Avenue North:* “I want to address, I guess this is a quality of life issue.
667 I just want to call your attention, down on the beach, you know, a couple of years ago you
668 put the fences out there to hold the sand in and the dunes have pretty much built up, and
669 the new construction, ocean front, the people are building new walkways and if, I think
670 down on 13th Avenue South, if you go down there, there’s been some new ones built and
671 they actually come out over the newer dunes that are built up, but, up here at 7th Avenue
672 North by the ramp, that goes down onto the beach, there’s some new construction and
673 they just recently, in the last month, have built the walkways and they plop down right in
674 the dunes and if you could, I have pictures here that I’d like to pass around. If you look at
675 that picture there’s a little irony there, if you look right next to it, there’s a sign probably
676 about 6 feet away from it and the sign says ‘dune protection, please do not walk on, cut
677 or break or destroy vegetation’. I don’t know what the regulations are, I don’t, maybe this
678 meets the regulations? So, I ask that you all take a look down there and see it for
679 yourself, but, if it is legal then maybe it needs to be talked about to make sure, I don’t
680 know, is beach re-nourishment going to be happening some time soon. One other thing
681 regarding the smoking ordinance, this was passed back in July and I have to go over to
682 Huckabee 2 or 3 times a week and people are just smoking away like nothing’s changed.
683 I talked to Mr. Booth and he said signs have been ordered but they’re not in, I’m not really
684 sure why it’s taking so long but if the signs aren’t there then a letter could have been
685 drawn up, given to the coaches who would have passed them out to the players and
686 given them, you know, it would have taken about 200 pieces of paper, for people to get
687 the idea that you shouldn’t be smoking over there. This isn’t breaking new ground, I
688 mean, if you go up to Crabtree and you go wherever the ball fields are there, there’s
689 signs up there, no smoking, if you go to any of the high school athletic facilities outdoors,
690 they’re all no smoking, so, somehow Myrtle Beach pulled it off with little fanfare, but,
691 within the last year or two, so, I’m kind of disappointed that that hasn’t been taken care
692 of. Thank you.”

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694 *Evelyn Fisher, Murrells Inlet resident:* “I’d like to say, thank God I live in Murrells Inlet,
695 not Surfside. I don’t know, what happened to my rights? What happened to the rights of
696 the people who live in Surfside? Our rights have been flushed down the toilet now. You,
697 seven people, spent fifteen minutes fighting with each other over, who’s allowed to run for
698 the Mayor when you spent less than 30 seconds putting us out of jobs. What’s up with
699 that? Is it more important to fight amongst yourselves than to consider people in
700 Surfside’s livelihoods? I’ve been working in Surfside for 10 years, no problems, no
701 issues, chat with the police frequently, they come by, we see them, never a problem, was
702 robbed recently, couldn’t have been handled any nicer, couldn’t have been handled any

703 sweeter, was done and over with. I just can't tell you how glad I am that I do not live in
704 Surfside Beach."

705 P.L. Mabry, 15th Avenue North: "What I want to talk to you about is the fire station down
706 here, You're venturing off into an experience that I feel that most of you have very little
707 experience in. I used to tell people that when they had little experience, they'd say well,
708 they've been to vacation bible school and built a birdhouse or a shoeshine box, but the
709 point I want to make to you right now is, and I'm as serious as I can possibly be, you may
710 want to consider hiring a Construction Manager that's going to represent you, to interact
711 with the architect, to get all of the things that you want and do with this fire department.
712 Now, I want you to think about that one and give it some serious thought, I'm as serious
713 as I can possibly be when I mention that to you. Now that's all I have to say on that
714 particular subject. The next thing is the pilot program, Mr. Booth, you were dead wrong,
715 for these people not to know that you were picking up sanitation outside this Town and
716 doing it in the County or having employees in the city, who knew, that this was going on?
717 If you did not know or you knew, you're just as bad as the situation that's happened here
718 now. It's not that it's a totally bad idea, but when it doesn't come through this body, you
719 all make policy decisions, this man may run the Town for you, you hired him to do that,
720 and I do have a little experience on how this all operates. You were wrong and you were
721 wrong for sending the employees out there to do this. I want you to think about what has
722 happened and how you've handled it. I think you're wrong. The thing about the
723 Sundowner, you would think it was illegal in South Carolina to consume beer but there
724 are people that are actually out there working right now and I don't, it's not that I'm taking
725 up for those people, it's just that, when you think something's right, it is right and if you're
726 not willing to stand up for what is right, then you're not willing to stand up for anything.
727 Thank you."
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729 Shelby Smith, 911 Cedar Drive: "I wanted to follow up on Randy Melko's observations
730 out there in public places. In addition to the ball fields, I took about 30 minutes and
731 walked down to the beach and covered 3 accesses, the ramp, the 13th, 14th and 15th and
732 there are no signs, there is no indication that anything different is on the beach. There
733 are many signs prohibiting many things as they should be but it seems in three months, if
734 we really wanted to proceed in an effective way, we would have some signage down
735 there. Also the park, Fuller Park, there's 3 gates, there's no sign, there's nothing, the
736 Pier, no signage, nothing, the bowling alley, a very public place, no signage, no
737 indication. I thought and I was just very happy as were the townspeople that this smoke-
738 free ordinance was going to be executed; we had a 30 day moratorium and we had 3
739 months and we're looking at the 13th of November and I would just like to see some
740 progress proceed and I appreciate the entire Council and everything and all of the people
741 that work in the Town and I am one of the 5,000 that are so happy to live in Surfside
742 Beach, unlike the Murrells Inlet resident that just left after her comment, so I ask you to
743 see what you can do about the implementation of it, and in a positive and proactive way,
744 move forward with this excellent initiative that has been passed and I really have respect
745 for everything that you all have done. Thank you very much."
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747 Jim Ardis, 310 3rd Avenue North: "My concern is Myrtle Lake. I have been requesting
748 members of employees of Surfside Beach for the last 8 years to get something done
749 about that lake but in the last 3 months I have had, well as a matter of fact, I have had 3
750 Town Administrators review it with me, the Mayor has been down there with me and has
751 reviewed it and I have had 2 Parks and Recreation Directors down there and reviewed
752 that lake. The lake is totally eroding our property into our parking lot. I was told back in
753 August that, that dredging of that lake would be done in October, so therefore, the city
754 would do nothing about stopping the erosion of our property. Here it is November, I just
755 heard from the Administrator telling us that we're not just going out for bids and it's going
756 to be done in the next 30 days, so now we're talking about up into January. My request
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758 is that we do something about the dredging of all these lakes. I understand that we
759 wanted to wait until we got the stormwater stuff done, but I think when a member tells a
760 resident that something is going to be done, somebody needs to follow up on it and make
761 sure that it is done. Now I was told about 30 days ago when I came up here again and
762 talked with, about when was this dredging going to get started, that we were waiting until
763 the stormwater stuff was finished, and I agree with that, but I just think, hey, when the
764 erosion of Myrtle Lake is already deteriorating the asphalt in our parking lot, something
765 needs to be done. I piled trash on the edge of that lake to stop the erosion; take old dead
766 limbs and things like that and just throw it at the edge of the lake to stop it, so I would just
767 request that somebody do some follow up to try to make sure that we get started on the
768 dredging of all of our lakes and get that water level, or get some of that silt out of those
769 lakes. Thank you.”

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771 **8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

772 Mr. McKown: “I think that this has been a great Town meeting tonight. We’ve had a
773 lot of input from residents. It’s good that everybody’s getting involved, the point that Randy
774 brought up. (Someone from audience stated that they could not hear Mr. McKown. Mr.
775 McKown spoke up). Also the point that they said that we need to have some, Ann I guess
776 suggested, we might need to have a new sound system or something put in because I don’t
777 know how to speak any louder than this but, I’ll hover over this microphone for you, but I like
778 that idea that the residents are getting involved in the community. The point that Randy
779 brought up, that’s really important. We spent all that money, millions of dollars, on beach re-
780 nourishment and here we got developers putting the walkways right in the middle of the
781 dunes, it doesn’t even make any sense. I don’t know how that got passed by but we
782 appreciate, Randy, that you gave us that information and also the information that Shelby
783 gave us. You know whether we voted for that smoking ban or we didn’t vote for it, once the
784 Council spoke, we all should support the rule of the Council, we have a Council form of
785 government here, with that being said, those signs should be posted, it should be up, if that’s
786 the ordinance in Town, that’s what we should do and we all should abide by it. I’d like to
787 thank everybody, I like the fact that we’re all interacting, people are coming to the
788 microphone, making comments, so, I’ve got one thing to share onto Ed, I was at the Cog
789 meeting last night and there’s 2 more grant opportunities for the Town of Surfside that we
790 can get, they have to be applied for before December 3rd, but we just want to keep having
791 that money come into the Town.”

792 Ms. Tuttle: “I’ve got a couple. Next Tuesday, November the 20th at 5:30 here in
793 Council Chambers, Horry County will be making a presentation regarding expanding the
794 library and I hope all of you will come out and attend. It’s going to be a very informative
795 meeting and I’d also like to read a letter from Inlet Medical Associates from Dr. William
796 Jackson Efferson ‘having a smoking section in a public building is the same ridiculous action
797 as having a peeing section in a swimming pool. Our societies ignorance about the dangers
798 of smoking must change, 24 percent of South Carolina’s citizens smoke but so many of us
799 non-smokers are burdened by their actions. Congratulations to you and thank you kindly for
800 the ban on smoking in Surfside Beach. Your leadership has done much to save lives. Each
801 year thousands of Americans die from second-hand smoke, this tragedy must stop. Your
802 example will do much to lead others to do the right thing. I plan to join many others in
803 changing my dining habits to Surfside Beach restaurants. Please consider a public
804 campaign to advertise throughout the region that Surfside Beach is a smoke-free experience.
805 I will gladly post the signs in my office waiting room and distribute the signs to other
806 physician practices. Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Dr. William Jackson Efferson.”

807 Ms. Hiatt: “I’d just like to say it was a very nice Veteran’s service Sunday at the
808 Veteran’s Park. It’s a very nice park down there, everything looks so nice and I appreciate all
809 of you that came to the meeting tonight.”

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811 **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION- Pursuant to FOIA § 30-4-70(a)(2)** – Proposed purchase of
812 property. Mr. Truett made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Samples

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seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** No action was taken in Executive Session. Mr. McKown made a motion to reconvene in regular session. Mr. Truett seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Truett moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Mr. Martin seconded. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**



Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

Approved: November 13, 2007




Roy Hyman, Jr., Mayor



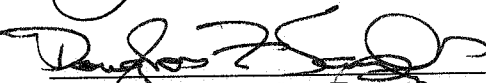
Rebecca J. Hiatt, Town Council



Joseph P. Martin, Town Council



William M. McKown, Town Council



Douglas F. Samples, Town Council



James S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem



Judith K. Tuttle, Town Council

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