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**PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
December 7, 2010  
6:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Seibold called the Planning & Zoning meeting to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance were: Planning & Zoning commission members Seibold, Hanson, Pruitt, Cook, Rhoades, Abrams and Livesay. There was a quorum. Staff present: Clerk Pinnell. Building and Zoning Director, Donevant was absent; she was in training. Also present was Waccamaw Council of Government Representative Tom Britton.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

Chairman Seibold led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Ms. Cook made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mr. Pruitt made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held November 1, 2010. Ms. Cook seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mr. Seibold stated that there would be three public hearings. Each one will be opened and closed separately. Mr. Seibold opened the first public hearing on Zoning Text Amendments.

a. **Zoning Text Amendments Public Hearing**

Mr. Britton reported that the Planning Commission began conducting a complete scoping of the zoning ordinance identifying areas to be amended approximately a year and a half ago. Council had stressed this to be a high priority task. Beginning in February 2010, the Commission began to go through the zoning ordinance article by article identifying policy and technical changes that needed to be made. A couple of workshops with council were held for their input. There have also been opportunities for the public to address the Commission identifying areas where the zoning ordinances should be updated or amended. The amendments being presented effect all eight articles; two thirds of the changes are technical in nature due to either the States enabling law or places that conflicted with each other. There are also some substantial policy items included in the ordinance as well. A legal review was also stressed as being an important part of this process. Mr. Britton requested attorney comments beginning in August 2010; some comments were received back this past Monday and since the Commission has not had an opportunity to review these provisions and comments and that they have not been available to the public for adequate review it is

52 recommended that no action be taken by the Commission regarding this  
53 section. The recommendation would be for the Commission to receive public  
54 comments tonight, discuss changes and attorney comments and then advertise  
55 for another public hearing meeting with possible Commission action with a  
56 recommendation to town council for the following month. It was confirmed  
57 that the zoning ordinance has had 72 amendments since 1980 and that some of  
58 the amendments made clashed with each other. This is the first time the  
59 Commission is aware of that there has been a comprehensive review of the  
60 entire ordinance.

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62 **Shane Johnson, Solid Rock Baptist Church, 675 Hwy 17:** “On the zoning  
63 text I do appreciate you all looking into the ordinance on the signs. I thank  
64 you all for that and to thank you all for the amendments that have been made  
65 and this is very acceptable on our behalf for the church to put our signs out  
66 and I appreciate you all making those amendments where we could possibly  
67 be able to put our signs back out. Thank you.”

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69 Ms. Livesay stated that she wanted to clarify to the public that the current  
70 public hearing on the zoning text amendments involves the entire zoning  
71 ordinance.

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73 **Shane Johnson:** “Thank you. I was under the impression we were just  
74 covering what was in the handouts there. I know that there’s some talk about  
75 the sidewalk expansion there and possibly serving alcohol on the sidewalk  
76 there. I would just like to . . . please see this right here (held up the Bible).  
77 It’s here at the meeting for a reason. Evidently we believe on it and we  
78 believe in it and the country was founded on the principles that were left forth  
79 in this Bible here and even our money says ‘in God we trust’, now, I don’t see  
80 how serving alcohol on the sidewalk there at a parlor or restaurant or whatever  
81 is going to help anything, I think it’s going to hurt the Town of Surfside Beach  
82 and I pulled this off the Internet today and it’s the homepage of the Town of  
83 Surfside Beach and it says ‘Surfside Beach is a small seaside community  
84 nestled in the heart of South Carolina’s Grand Strand area; it encompasses two  
85 miles of pristine beach, enjoys a temperate climate and is both an active  
86 residential community and a thriving vacation destination. Proudly called the  
87 Family Beach, Surfside Beach strives to maintain a small town laid back child  
88 friendly environment for its residents and its guests. It is a quiet haven and  
89 close to all area attractions.’ Now I know that the Town of Surfside beach has  
90 put a ban on smoking inside. It seems like we place too much emphasis on  
91 smoking and not the consumption and sale of alcohol when in 2009 42 percent  
92 of the traffic deaths in South Carolina were related to alcohol or DUI; people  
93 driving under the influence and in 2009 there was 14,148 third time offenders  
94 and 1,968 5 time offenders of DUI. DUI fatalities up to 2008 was 2,095.  
95 That’s just in the State of South Carolina. Now, if we break it down to Horry  
96 County, 45 people for every 10,000 are arrested for DUI; 12 people for every  
97 10,000 are killed by DUI. There’s a lot going on here with the alcohol  
98 consumption and we’ve got all these regulations and stuff on indecent  
99 exposure and this is off the website too. We’ve got regulations on indecent  
100 exposure, house of prostitution, gambling, fortune telling, drinking in public, I

101 mean that's section 8-95 states it, you know, we're not allowed to drink in  
102 public. You can't drink on the beach, you can't drink in the alleyways and all  
103 this other stuff but we want to ok it out there where everybody can see it;  
104 where the kids can see it. If it's going to be a kid friendly environment and  
105 we want to make it a family beach we should do away with the outside sales  
106 of alcohol. I think we should make this town a dry town. I mean, if we want  
107 to be a family beach let's set the example, you know, every journey starts with  
108 one step and if we can get rid of alcohol totally hey people would look at  
109 Surfside Beach and say, 'hey, that is a family beach, look at their principles,  
110 look what they're founded on, look what they're based on. They're based on  
111 what God tells us to live our life by. Why do we have to have alcohol. Why  
112 are we wasting your time, town councils' time on debating this clause, why  
113 don't we just say, 'hey, no sale of alcohol'. You want alcohol drive to Myrtle  
114 Beach or Garden City. Let's keep this a family beach. Thank you."

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116 **John Wright, 710 S. Hollywood Drive:** "Let me congratulate you. There was  
117 changes that needed to be made and you have addressed many of them. I'd  
118 like to applaud you here for these sexually oriented businesses. How much  
119 more difficult they will have coming to our little small town. I am thankful to  
120 be a resident of Surfside Beach; worked very hard to become a resident of this  
121 little small town. To retire here but I am concerned about some of the  
122 ordinances that have been changed to allow the alcohol consumption. We are,  
123 as the sign says, a family beach but some things are changing more and more.  
124 We could drop Surfside and just be South Myrtle Beach and I don't think any  
125 of us that live here in this town wants to be a part of Myrtle Beach. I don't  
126 think any of us wants to be part of North Myrtle Beach; we're thankful to be  
127 right here in Surfside. Let's keep our little town quaint; little town that people  
128 love to come visit; that people love to live in; that can take pride in that they  
129 live in a town that's known as a family beach. Thank you."

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131 **P.L. Mabry, 517 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue North:** "I want to thank you for your service to  
132 the community and to the town. I came up here tonight not to throw rocks at  
133 you but to give you advice. I've talked to many, many people over the years.  
134 I sat right over there for about twenty some years but the point is when I  
135 would talk with people I would ask them 'what do you really like about  
136 Surfside Beach or what do you dislike?' They would talk about how clean we  
137 kept the town; how clean the town was in a lot of different ways but they  
138 really enjoyed this quaint little town here and the one thing I will bring to your  
139 attention is this . . . if you . . . it's a lot like raising cows, leave the barn door  
140 open and the cows will get out and once they're out, they're out. Now when  
141 you take an opportunity, the example that you're going to set by allowing  
142 people to consume alcohol on the streets of Surfside is that the example that  
143 you want to set for the community or your guests that come here that make up  
144 a large, a very large percentage of our budget is based upon the tourism dollar.  
145 Is that what we're shooting for? How much are we going to gain by allowing  
146 alcohol to be consumed on the streets. I think that you need to be looking at  
147 the example you're going to set to our community, our guests, the kids, that  
148 this is okay. I don't think that all of you think it's okay and I hope that you  
149 take a serious look at it and I know that you will and, again, I want to thank

150 you for your service to the community and I hope you, well I don't hope, I  
151 pray that you make the right decision and that is not meant to imply that you  
152 are heathens or something it just means that I want you to seriously take a  
153 look at it; it is something I think we need to consider here in this town but one  
154 thing I was going to ask anyway. Who is going to gain by this? Was the town  
155 going to gain by it? I don't see anything they gain by it. Was a business  
156 going to gain by it or was the total community going to gain by it? Keep  
157 those things in mind. Thank you very much for your time."

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159 ***Doug Samples (councilman addressing the commission as a citizen), 714***  
160 ***Hollywood Drive:*** "I would ask after all the hard work that you all have done  
161 and put in that you stop, you consider the public comments that have been  
162 made and you do a little more work. I moved here 20 years ago. I didn't  
163 move here to change it. I like what it was then, I love what it has given me  
164 and my family. We're all neighbors, hopefully we'll all live long enough to  
165 share lots of memories together but let's not rush to change to serve a few.  
166 What Mr. Mabry said about once the cows are out of the barn; once you make  
167 these recommendations to council they have a way of picking up their own  
168 momentum and I just ask that you stop, consider, nobody, that I'm aware of, is  
169 pushing to rush to what I think would be the wrong decision on a couple  
170 issues that you need to reconsider. Thank you."

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172 ***Randle Stevens, 412 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue N.:*** "We're sitting here listening to all the  
173 folks talking about the drinking and I thought about, I just came back from a  
174 vacation from what a lot of people think about a wild town of Key West,  
175 Florida and I noticed in Key west they don't have any drinking on any public  
176 sidewalk, any public street or anyplace. All the drinking's done inside the  
177 bars. I know that alcohol revenue brings in money but like these folks are  
178 saying; it's a family town and we certainly don't need people sitting out on the  
179 streets getting intoxicated. If everybody was like me and knew that you can't  
180 drink, I'm usually everybody's designated driver, so when our friends come to  
181 the beach I'm driving around making sure they don't get arrested for DUI or  
182 whatever. I'm not a drinker myself but I noticed in one of the most wide  
183 opened towns in the whole United States, Key West Florida they don't have  
184 any drinking whatsoever and when I think about it I went to the Mardi Gras in  
185 1984, same thing, I never saw any drinking on the streets; I never saw any  
186 drinking on the sidewalks. It was all inside the bars, so, I think what these  
187 people are asking for is legitimate; very good recommendation of this  
188 planning commission because this is a family town. I know when my  
189 daughter was growing up she went right down here to Surfside Methodist pre-  
190 school with Doug Samples daughter at the same time and we always  
191 considered Surfside Beach to be a great place even though we didn't live here  
192 at the time we brought our daughter here she played in Fuller Park, she  
193 enjoyed Surfside and I never saw anybody drinking in the streets or anything  
194 like that, so, you got a few bars here and there and they do all the drinking  
195 inside and that's where is should be; that's why they buy alcoholic beverage  
196 license from the south Carolina Alcoholic Beverage Commission; they buy a  
197 license to serve beverage inside. I just wish more people were more  
198 responsible when they did drink they we wouldn't have these DUI arrests like

199 this fellow was talking about; we wouldn't have people killed on the streets. I  
200 think a young lady got killed right down here at the intersection of Ocean  
201 Lakes. One of my best friends' daughter got killed by a drunk driver in  
202 Murrells Inlet, so, we want to give people something to do when they get  
203 down here but we don't want to have the families walking down the streets  
204 and seeing people staggering in; getting up and staggering away from their  
205 table on the sidewalks and on the streets, so, I think you should take,  
206 everybody that's been talking to you and remember this too, very important,  
207 just be responsible. If all those towns can get . . . if Key West and New  
208 Orleans can get by without it on the streets, I don't see why Surfside can't.  
209 We're still a family town, we're not Key West and we're not New Orleans.  
210 Thank you."

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212 Chairman Seibold stated that all comments will be considered and discussed  
213 further.

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215 The Zoning Text Amendment Public Hearing was closed.

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217 **b. Priority Investment Element**

218 Chairman Seibold opened the Priority Investment Element Public Hearing.

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220 Mr. Britton gave a brief overview. In South Carolina in order to have zoning  
221 ordinances and development regulations a community must have a  
222 comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is a basic policy document for  
223 the town; it does not have the enforcement standard that a zoning ordinance  
224 has but it serves as the basis for subsequent adoption of zoning ordinances as  
225 well as development regulations. Communities in South Carolina are required  
226 to update their plan every 10 years with a mandatory review every 5 years.  
227 Surfside Beach adopted its comprehensive plan in 2005 so it is currently at the  
228 mandatory 5 year review period. The Planning Commission has previously  
229 considered and recommended to council a transportation element and has  
230 conducted an entire review of the comprehensive plan. There have been  
231 recent amendments to the State Enabling legislation in 2007 where a priority  
232 investment element was adopted; this requires that upon an update of the  
233 comprehensive plan there had to be a priority investment element prepared  
234 and adopted. The Commission has been working on the priority investment  
235 element and has prepared a draft for potential recommendation to council.  
236 This element identifies potential pending projects within the community as  
237 well as provides an analysis of likelihood of funding, funding sources and  
238 identifies potential funding that may be available for these projects.

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240 The benefit of having a priority investment element, aside from meeting the  
241 statutory requirements, is it provides a unified listing of projects for the  
242 community from the standpoint of searching for grants; it provides the  
243 administration, a listing of projects that have been identified by both the  
244 commission and council as being important to the community. Identifying  
245 these projects does potentially benefit the community in pursuing grants and  
246 other funding options. Many grants and funding opportunities do give credit  
247 for communities which have previously identified plans. All of the town's

248 departments have supplied information as well. As required by State law  
249 adjacent and relevant jurisdictions have been contacted; those include the  
250 Department of Transportation, OCRM, Horry County, Santee Cooper and the  
251 School Districts along with others. They were contacted in order to receive a  
252 listing of projects in the Surfside Beach area which may be of interest or  
253 importance to the town. The Commission has identified potential projects  
254 which have been included in the element. Suggested priority ranking has also  
255 been included. The statutory public hearing for the comprehensive plan  
256 update is before the council; this is a necessary function of the Planning  
257 Commission to receive public comment but there will be an additional  
258 opportunity to provide comment after the element is recommended before  
259 council.

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261 There were no public comments. Chairman Seibold closed the Priority  
262 Investment Element Public Hearing.

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264 **c. Chapter 13 (Fee Schedule)**

265 Chairman Seibold opened the Public Hearing for Chapter 13; the Fee  
266 Schedule.

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268 Mr. Britton gave an overview of Chapter 13. Mr. Britton stated that this is a  
269 Chapter that was reviewed by the Planning Commission as a result of  
270 amendments they were working on relating to the zoning ordinance. During  
271 the course of review there were updates and formatting changes made to fees.  
272 The ordinance also clarified exemptions.

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274 There were no public comments. Chairman Seibold closed the Public Hearing  
275 for Chapter 13.

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277 **6. OLD BUSINESS**

278 There was no discussion on old business.

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280 **7. NEW BUSINESS**

281 **a. Zoning Text Amendments**

282 Chairman Seibold stated that he would like to address the comments made at  
283 the public hearing. Mr. Hanson stated that the public has spoken out on  
284 alcohol consumption on public sidewalks and he recommended taking careful  
285 consideration as to what was written in the document. Mr. Seibold stated that  
286 he agreed that the commission should review this section. Mr. Seibold  
287 recalled that the section discussed outdoor dining and did not open drinking of  
288 alcohol to the streets of Surfside but suggested the commission review the  
289 section to make sure that it is written correctly. The Commission will review  
290 the sexually oriented business section and the outdoor dining section. Ms.  
291 Livesay stated that she would like to encourage the public to review the code  
292 on-line; the proposal is to encourage more restaurant business and the  
293 proposal pertains to a possible mixed use area. It is clearly stated that  
294 "outdoor facilities shall be located on the same parcel as a restaurant. Outdoor  
295 facilities shall be used for seated patrons only except where specifically  
296 authorized by this code, outdoor dining areas shall not be located in any public

297 right of ways.” Ms. Livesay stated that the Commission has been very careful  
298 when reviewing this section. The thought was to encourage an attractive and  
299 welcoming environment for people who want to sit outside at certain times of  
300 the year. It is not a bar; there is no endorsement of drinking on the streets; the  
301 idea is to encourage and endorse the people doing business adding that there  
302 are some restaurants that already have outdoor decks and dining. The  
303 Commission’s idea was to control it under the possible mixed use  
304 development. Ms. Livesay stated that she would not propose something that  
305 she feels would be a detriment to the family beach environment. Mr. Pruitt  
306 stated that there are a few points made in the section; no more than 20 patrons  
307 at a time are allowed in the outdoor areas and they are only allowed to have  
308 outdoor patrons between the hours of 7 AM and 8 PM. The Commission is in  
309 no way trying to promote drinking or outdoor drinking; there are still laws that  
310 make it illegal to drink on the streets. The consumption of alcohol is not the  
311 goal and it was seen as being a potential hazard so the commission went to  
312 great lengths to address the issues. It was stated that all opinions and  
313 comments from the public were appreciated. Ms. Livesay stated that  
314 proposed changes relate to a future mixed area and the special exceptions put  
315 in along with the floor area ratio and the sexually oriented business section  
316 added. Ms. Livesay directed the public to review the proposed zoning  
317 changes adding that they will come before council and would like to hear  
318 additional public comments at the next hearing.

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320 Mr. Britton stated that the plan is to incorporate all amendments into the next  
321 public hearing copy. He would need an authorization to add the attorney  
322 comments into the public hearing copy. There were also suggestions made by  
323 council at the workshop pertaining to special exceptions to add to the  
324 amendment. Mr. Hanson made a motion to add the items to the public  
325 hearing copy for the next public hearing. Mr. Pruitt seconded the motion.

326 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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328 **b. Priority Investment Element**

329 Addressed later in meeting.

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331 **c. Chapter 13 (Fee Schedule)**

332 There were no comments.

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334 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

335 *Doug Samples (councilman addressing the commission as a citizen), 714*  
336 *Hollywood Drive:* “I do appreciate the hard work that you all have done. I do want  
337 to make a clarification in terms of a couple comments that have been made. It is true  
338 to say that in the mixed use, the proposed mixed use district, there are some  
339 parameters which you all have included as it relates to the consumption of alcohol but  
340 it is not so in the remaining commercial districts and I just want to clarify that for the  
341 public benefit. Thank you.”

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343 Ms. Livesay stated that this is correct adding that the entire mixed use is pending. In  
344 the entire commercial district there is no drinking anywhere on the outside of any

345 building. C-1 is all along Business 17 and it is not in the zoning ordinance. Ms.  
346 Livesay stated that this has not been changed.

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348 Mr. Samples stated that it is a conditional use.

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350 Ms. Livesay stated that she would need to review this.

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352 Mr. Britton stated that the provision that relates to outdoor dining alcohol  
353 consumption is only permitted in districts which permit alcohol consumption which  
354 are currently the C-1, C-2 and C-3 districts. There was no change made to where the  
355 sale of alcohol was allowed in; this is how the existing ordinance reads. The only  
356 issue would be in respect to outdoor dining. Outdoor dining is not clearly defined by  
357 the existing ordinance and the question is whether outdoor dining is permissible or  
358 not permissible. Mr. Britton stated that his thought was that the commission would  
359 like to add clarity to this. Currently there could be the consumption of alcohol in the  
360 C-1, C-2 or C-3 districts in combination with outdoor dining. There could not be an  
361 open bar; this is prohibited. Sidewalk cafes would be an issue taken up by council;  
362 zoning is limited to the property itself once something encroaches on a public right of  
363 way this would be included in the street and sidewalk provision of the ordinance and  
364 would be a decision for council and not the zoning commission.

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366 **Gary Hoerlein, Grand Strand Signs, Surfside Beach:** “To be honest with you this is  
367 the first meeting I’ve been to. It’s my honor to have the opportunity to come up and  
368 address you. Unfortunately I didn’t realize . . . I thought the copy of the new sign  
369 ordinance that I understand was going to be here tonight and I wish that I would have  
370 seen it before. My reason for coming up and, again, obviously with being a Surfside  
371 business owner I’m trying to do a lot of business in Surfside. Many of my customers  
372 are wanting the ability to use the new electronic message centers which is a known  
373 fact through studies, they don’t cause traffic accidents, they do increase business and  
374 they can be used very tastefully and that was my concern to see if . . . I had heard that  
375 that was being addressed and that it was going to be in here and if it is or isn’t  
376 unfortunately I do not know but before something is signed into effect I would really  
377 like you to do some more research if necessary and again like I said I don’t know  
378 what you have done and haven’t done and I’m sure you have done your job but I just  
379 want to make it aware that so many of the business owners would like to have the  
380 opportunity to increase their customer base by the use of an electronic message  
381 center. It’s been proven; the minimum increase for an independent business owner is  
382 an 8 percent increase in their business, if they can use an electronic message center  
383 and I’m not saying have it flashing and going crazy but not just a static message.  
384 Anything with movement gets the peoples’ attention and, again, it can be done very  
385 tastefully and there can be regulations on how they could be used and I would be  
386 more than happy to bring a sample to a meeting or whatever and demonstrate for you  
387 and show you how tastefully it could be done and let you judge for yourselves.”

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389 Mr. Seibold stated that this has been addressed in the documents.

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391 **Mark Lazarus, Wild Water and Wheels, Surfside Beach:** “I apologize I didn’t do  
392 my studying either as Gary I didn’t have a copy but Mr. Mabry was kind enough o  
393 give me a copy of his and I went through it real quick and just a couple of things I

394 picked up and it regards signs also so Gary you might be interested in this a little bit.  
395 A couple of things, Wild Water and Wheels as you know we just finished our 20<sup>th</sup>  
396 season here in Surfside Beach and I'm glad I'm not up here asking for an alcohol  
397 permit, we're not, and won't, but we are a very, very family atmosphere there but  
398 over the years it's the cost of doing business has increased over the years. When we  
399 first started Wild Water and Wheels 20 years ago the minimum wage was about \$3.35  
400 today minimum wage is about \$7.25, we don't have anybody that even makes that.  
401 Most of the kids will look at you and scoff at you and say well I can get a lot more  
402 than that down the road. Insurance, property taxes, everything over the 20 years has  
403 gone up so we have to find creative ways to maintain our facilities to keep the people  
404 coming in. We obviously have to do major expansions and unfortunately in the  
405 business that I'm in a major expansion is not a cheap thing to do by any means. Last  
406 year we added some rides that we hope to bring some of them back this next year  
407 which, for all of you to understand, we're in a PDD which is totally different than  
408 most of your zoning but we do have to adhere to a lot of zoning requirements in the  
409 commercial districts but we do have some exceptions that we can adhere to also. One  
410 of the two things, one of them was the flag issue that came up. For twenty years now  
411 I've been flying flags across the front of our property and then down our drives and  
412 then of course we have an American flag and a South Carolina flag that flies in the  
413 middle of our miniature golf course. We don't really use those; they're not major big  
414 flags. We don't use those to draw attention; it's more of an aesthetic type thing. A  
415 big wide open amusement park we wanted it to be eye appealing and look friendly  
416 and a fun, festive atmosphere for the patrons. There's a reason why we located on  
417 Highway 17; location, location, location if we were stuck off somewhere else it really  
418 wouldn't matter. You've got about 40,000 cars a day going by your front door, you  
419 want to get a little attention and let them see, of course, the big slides do that, so, I do  
420 have a concern; I don't know where we fit, of course, everything we've ever done in  
421 Surfside we've done the right way, the professional way and we've been good  
422 citizens here in Surfside so I want to, if it's not allowed and my friend Jack here  
423 actually came and gave me a ticket at the end of the summer and told me that we  
424 weren't in compliance and I said well I've been flying them for 20 years, we're in a  
425 PDD I feel pretty certain that it was allowed as one of the compromises that we made  
426 when we did our PDD but I want to make sure that we are in compliance. I don't  
427 want to do anything wrong and I sure don't, and another reason I'm here because I  
428 understand at the last meeting several other businesses in the area decided to talk for  
429 me. Mark Lazarus talks for himself and I want you to know that and so I wanted to  
430 come here before you all today to clear the air with that; let you know that people  
431 want to represent me I represent myself; I just didn't know it was going on but I have  
432 found out so I am here tonight. As a matter of fact the newspaper said it was last  
433 night so I was here last night waiting on you all too, so, we're having fun so with that  
434 being said if you would just look at it, I don't know what the answer is tonight but as  
435 we move through this or as you move through this process please take a look at it. I  
436 really, hats off to you, you all have a big job. I served on Horry County council for 4  
437 years and I know what you're up against and it's a tough job and a lot of times a  
438 thankless job but I appreciate you serving.

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440 The other thing is, I just noticed in there that and it's highlighted so I'm hoping, I'm  
441 assuming the correct thing, you know what that does to you sometimes but it says  
442 beacon lights and spot lights are prohibited and the prohibited section it looks like

443 that's something new that was added. One of the things that we decided to do when  
444 we added the carnival rides last year, we'd do some special promotions on Friday  
445 nights, we have bands and some live music and things up on our wave pool stage  
446 which is allowed, I do know that, we purchased a beacon spotlight, a professional  
447 one, tune of \$7,500; I'm just hoping that, I don't do it every night but I do it on the  
448 nights that we stay opened a little bit later and do special events that either we can  
449 come in and get a special event permit for that or whether it can be accepted in the  
450 amusement district because of the amount of property that we do encompass and the  
451 type of entertainment that we do provide but I would hate to see my \$7,500  
452 investment sit in the storage room for the next summer. Like I said, we close at, by  
453 our regulations, we do close at eleven o'clock. This year the latest we were open was  
454 nine o'clock anyway, we don't really stay open that late into the night. I don't think  
455 we're a nuisance, we never had a call against our light or anything of that nature  
456 when we did operate it so I just want to make sure that we're in compliance and still  
457 continue to be good citizens of Surfside and, again, thank you all for your time and  
458 effort."

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460 Mr. Hanson asked what Mr. Lazarus wants or needs relating to the flags.

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462 **Mr. Lazarus:** "I want to be able to have my festive flags that I have that line the front  
463 fence of our park; to be able to have those in that district. In the amusement district;  
464 we take them down during the winter time but we leave them up for three months,  
465 basically, Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend we fly them."

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467 It was confirmed that Mr. Lazarus would also like to be allowed to shine the beacon  
468 light.

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470 It was confirmed that Mr. Lazarus was issued a ticket for non-compliance with his  
471 signs.

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473 **Mr. Lazarus:** "It may be simply that I have to come back before council and get an  
474 exception in our PDD where it doesn't open it up for the entire town but just for the  
475 PDD."

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477 There were no other public comments. The public comment section was closed.

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479 **NEW BUSINESS**

480 **Priority Investment Element**

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482 Mr. Britton asked to address the Priority Investment Element under New Business.

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484 Mr. Britton recommended that the commission take action on the Priority Investment  
485 Element. The resolution would need to be adopted for the priority investment  
486 element. Mr. Hanson made a motion to adopt the resolution recommending adoption  
487 of the priority investment element and that it be sent to council as described in the  
488 document in hand. Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion. Mr. Britton clarified that this  
489 would include the priority rankings and the comments from Grand Strand Water and  
490 Sewer. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Clerk Pinnell read the resolution  
491 which is on file. Ms. Livesay made a motion to accept the resolution as read by Clerk

492 Pinnell. Ms. Abrams seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION**  
493 **CARRIED.**

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495 Mr. Britton stated that there is a small correction to Chapter 13 he will be inserting  
496 regarding tree removal. The Commission agreed with the change.  
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498 **9. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

499 Mr. Pruitt thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone for their input.  
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501 Mr. Rhoades thanked everyone for being at the meeting and for their comments  
502 adding that the comments would be taken into account as the documents are  
503 completed.  
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505 Ms. Livesay stated that she had placed the Long Leaf Pine on the endangered list and  
506 showed the public a pine cone from the tree.  
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508 Mr. Hanson thanked everyone for their comments adding that the commission tries to  
509 accommodate the people and businesses in town.  
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511 Mr. Seibold agreed with comments made by Mr. Hanson and added that each  
512 comment will be considered and the commission will review the documents to make  
513 sure they all acted in the best interest of Surfside Beach.  
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515 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

516 Mr. Hanson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rhoades seconded the motion. **All voted**  
517 **in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.**  
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522 Charles Seibold, Chairman  
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526 Lynn Livesay, Commission Member  
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526 Marty Rhoades, Commission Member  
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530 Mikey Pruitt, Commission Member  
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530 Carol Cook, Commission Member  
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534 Bob Hanson, Commission Member  
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534 Mary Ellen Abrams, Commission Member  
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541 **AND LOCAL NEWS MEDIA AS PER THEIR REQUEST. THE AGENDA GIVES THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF THE**  
542 **MEETING AS WELL AS THE ORDER OF BUSINESS. THIS DISCLOSURE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SOUTH**  
543 **CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS OF 1976, SECTION 30-4-80(E).**