



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
September 25, 2007 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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8 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Hyman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Hyman, Mayor Pro Tem
10 Truett and Councilmembers Hiatt, McKown, Samples, Martin and Tuttle were present. A
11 quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Booth; Clerk Pinnell; Public Works
12 Director, Kirk and Director of Public Safety, Christenson.

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

15 Mr. McKown said the invocation. Mayor Hyman led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor
16 Hyman welcomed all in attendance.

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18 **3. MINUTES APPROVAL**

19 Mayor Hyman asked for approval of the minutes from the September 11, 2007 Regular
20 Meeting. Mr. McKown moved to approve the September 11, 2007 Regular Meeting minutes
21 as submitted. Mr. Truett seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

24 Shelby Smith 911 Cedar Drive North: "I have some comments on the smoking ban to
25 make, that's on the business agenda?"

26 Mayor Hyman: "You can speak on it if you want to, but Mr. Truett asked to take this
27 discussion off the agenda for this evening, so we aren't discussing this. If you want to talk on
28 it, you're certainly welcome to because the agenda went out with the smoking ban on it."

29 Mr. Smith: "OK, I will make these comments then. It's been 63 days since the July 24th
30 second reading passing the smoke free ordinance, we now have five days 'till the October 1st
31 implementation, I again, praise all of the council and the Mayor for this health initiative for
32 Surfside Beach. Also, I know you have the overwhelming support for our Town residents,
33 from our Town residents, and you have tremendous support from our tourists, the 650
34 petitions against the ban represented about one percent of our summer population
35 considering all of the elements of the population. Over this past two months newspaper
36 articles, editorials have been overwhelmingly in favor of the smoke free ordinance. More and
37 more people see the far-reaching benefits and applaud you for your leadership and
38 unwavering support of this quality of life health initiative. Implementation in five days
39 certainly provides a challenge for us to work together, smokers and non-smokers in a
40 positive direction for the Town's best overall good. I hope we have an aggressive plan to
41 promote Surfside as a smoke-free town and beach. The financial results will be significant
42 for our Town, I believe, and many others believe. What a great combination, make more
43 money and get healthier, let's put that positive attitude to work for the Town. So much more
44 can be accomplished. Thank you again for upholding the smoke-free ordinance. On my
45 fireplace, my wife had a heart operation some years ago, and we have this hanging, it just
46 simply says 'hang in there' (held up a photo of a cat holding onto a branch) and I think it's
47 quite appropriate 'hang in there', this is a great initiative for Surfside Beach. Thank you very
48 much."

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50 **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

51 **A. Proclamation #07-59 Aviation Week-October 7-12, 2007**

52 Clerk Pinnell read the proclamation that is on file. Mr. McKown stated that Governor
53 Sanford has proclaimed the week of October 7 through the 12th as Aviation Week and
54 has asked all of the municipalities and local governments to also acknowledge this week.
55 The proclamation was approved as presented.

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B. Public Works Report

Mr. Kirk presented his report that is on file. Mr. Kirk reported that, in reference to the Myrtle Basin project, the Grand Strand Water and Sewer has finished the water line project so now the stretch on Surfside Drive can be completed; this will allow everything tied in up to Pine Drive and 2nd Avenue North which already had the extra pipe placed across the road in anticipation of any type of rain load. It was reported that Surfside Drive should be back together and cleaned by the end of the week. He also reported that letters had been sent out regarding the 50/50 program and they are awaiting replies on them. Mr. Kirk stated that the trees on Surfside Drive have been trimmed; they were becoming quite overgrown. It was reported that the cars ordered for Public Safety should be in by the end of this week or by next week. Mr. Kirk stated that Moore and Associates won the 30 and over men's softball tournament. The original beach sweep day got rained out but they still had some residents who showed up and helped to pick up on the beach; another 33 participants showed up the following week to help as well. Mr. Kirk stated that the upcoming events are the Surfside Beach Family Festival, Saturday, October 6th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Surfside Drive; employee health fair will be held Friday, October 12th 9:00AM until noon at the Civic Center; American Heart Association Heart Walk will be Saturday, October 13th 10:00 AM at Broadway at the Beach and the American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, October 17th from 10:00AM until 3:00PM.

Mr. Martin stated that he was under the impression that the Town had received guidance to no longer trim the trees along the business district with the lollipop trim; they were to be left to have more of a natural look. Mr. Kirk stated that he was unaware of this decision being made and continued to state that they have received many complaints of the trees covering signs and that the trees were covering the view if the buildings and that he instructed his staff to just follow the pattern from the previous year. Mr. Martin stated that this was determined around the time the Town had a company come in to construct a design for the downtown area and one of the recommendations was to not trim the trees in a round design. It was determined that this decision was made prior to the arrival of Mr. Kirk and Mr. Booth. Mr. Kirk stated that he had received a lot of complaints about the trees and would try to trim them another way. Mr. Martin suggested that Mr. Kirk pull out the plan for the downtown area. Mr. McKown stated that he has noticed a lot of algae on Lake Dogwood and Mr. Kirk stated that they had just sprayed this past Friday and if nothing changes within the next few days he will call them back to spray again. It was verified that State Management takes care of the spraying of the lakes and that they have been coming every two weeks. Mayor Hyman stated that Greenville periodically replaces the trees along their streets because they get too large and this may be something that we should consider doing as well. Mr. Kirk stated that he has brought this up in the past and would like to see this done as well. Mr. Samples asked if a solicitation would be issued by the end of the week for the moby carts and asked if this has been advertised. Mr. Kirk stated that he needs to finish the bid package this week and then it will put out for bid. Mr. Samples asked where this has been advertised; Mr. Kirk stated that he has not advertised yet since the bid package has not been completed and Mr. Samples stated that you do not need to have the bid package to advertise. Mr. Kirk stated that he is not familiar with the protocol and that the bid process is handled by Ms. Lewis. Mr. Samples stated that once it is advertised, he would like to know where it is advertised. There was additional discussion regarding the bid process and Mr. Booth stated that it is more beneficial to have the bid package with all of the numbers together prior to advertising it. Mr. Samples stated that he wants to make sure that we are encouraging competition and knows that in the past there had been occasions we did not. Mr. Samples stated that he wants to make sure that a bid package is available and that we promote as much competition as possible to get the best prices. Mayor Hyman stated that this should be brought up in Council Comments so that all of

111 Council can discuss. Mr. Samples stated that the Town policy requires open public
112 competition and that he just wants to make sure that we follow our policy.

113 Ms. Hiatt stated that the trees used in Greenville do not require trimming and that
114 they are replaced every ten years. Ms. Hiatt stated that she has not seen the boat out
115 cleaning the lakes and Mr. Kirk stated that the lakes have been too low to take the boat
116 out so staff has been picking up trash and cleaning as much of the lakes as possible. Mr.
117 Kirk reported that the water is back up and they can get back to cleaning the lakes with
118 the boat. Mr. Truett asked if the spillways could be shut down when they spray; he had
119 witnessed the algae disappearing after the lake was sprayed and then a few days later it
120 returned. There was discussion as to whether this had to do with the rain. Mr. Samples
121 had a question regarding the Myrtle Basin project; it was determined that staff is still
122 awaiting DHEC and OCRM approval. Mr. Samples asked if there is a way to expedite
123 this and Mr. Kirk stated that he does not believe so; they have exhausted their avenues
124 and asked if Mr. Samples had any contacts on the State level he would appreciate the
125 contact information. Mr. Samples stated that we do have elected officials in the area that
126 may be able to assist. There was discussion regarding how much faster this could be
127 pushed through and what delay costs may incur.

128 129 **C. Administrator's Report**

130 Mr. Booth reported that he and staff have been working hard on getting the budget
131 information together and it is going well. It was confirmed that the budget meeting would be
132 held October 25th and 26th. Mr. Booth stated that he is splitting the fire and police in the
133 budget and if Council decides that they do not want to split these into two departments then
134 the budget numbers can be added together. Mr. Booths stated that this is just idea to
135 consider; that we may be able to build the fire station without borrowing money by taking the
136 hospitality tax; three years of hospitality tax along with the money we currently have and we
137 can then borrow a couple of years from the general fund. Mr. Booth stated that he has given
138 a copy of the parking study previously done for the Town and thanked Mr. Samples for
139 bringing this to his attention since there are many things that the new staff is unaware of. Mr.
140 Booth stated that he would be giving this to the Planning and Zoning as we continue with the
141 visioning project for Surfside Drive. Mr. Booth stated that he has a meeting with DP3 on the
142 following day to define the scope of work. Mr. Booth stated that the way he looks at is that
143 Council has selected DP3 but has not yet hired them and they will make a presentation at the
144 second meeting in October regarding a plan and cost. Mr. Booth stated that \$25,700 has
145 just been received for the old trash truck which they thought they were going to receive about
146 \$10,000. Mr. Booth stated that the South Strand Chamber has just been incorporated and
147 now can represent the businesses in the South Strand area. Mr. Booth stated that we have
148 previously been sending our money to the Myrtle Beach Chamber where we have no
149 contract. Mr. Booth stated that he would like Council to give the South Strand Chamber a
150 chance especially since we have not received much in the way of advertising in our area
151 from them. Mr. Booth then introduced Ms. Denise Triage who is on the Board of the new
152 South Strand Chamber.

153 Denise Triage handed out information, which is on file. Ms. Triage stated that she was
154 asked back in April to form a South Strand Chamber and after speaking with other Chambers
155 who have broken away she was amazed at what they have accomplished and how they've
156 grown. Ms. Triage stated that Surfside Beach is a unique area and would be losing out to not
157 have someone promote it. Ms. Triage stated that they currently have 200 to 300 businesses
158 interested in joining this Chamber so that they have proper representation. Ms. Triage stated
159 that the South Strand would include covering all the way to Litchfield. Ms. Triage reported
160 that all of the Chambers are involved with each other. The 5 million dollars of PRT funding is
161 given to the Myrtle Beach Chamber to promote the entire Grand Strand. Ms. Triage reported
162 that North Myrtle Beach had a 320 percent return on their investment on their events they
163 sponsored. Ms. Triage reported that Conway is more community based and have grown
164 from 400 members to 600 members. Ms. Triage stated that Little River started with 40
165 members when they broke away and now have over 400 members; they also assist the

166 community with various projects like paying for the medians and lighting. Ms. Triece stated
167 that in addition to A-Tax funding there are many other avenues besides this and the
168 memberships where the Chamber can get funding.

169 Mayor Hyman stated that since the Council has just received this information regarding
170 the new Chamber they would like to have time to study it. Mr. Martin asked what Ms.
171 Triece's thoughts were on marketing with the Surfside Beach brochure and Ms. Triece stated
172 that she believes that it would be best to send out the Town's full literature and that there is
173 funding and grants available for this and it would not be farmed out; it would be done within
174 the community. Mr. Samples asked when the website would be set up and Ms. Triece stated
175 that they are currently working on it. Ms. Triece stated that they currently have four board
176 members and are currently in the process of trying to complete this board. Mr. Samples
177 asked about the 5 million dollars that the Myrtle Beach Chamber received and asked if it
178 requires a match and Ms. Triece stated that does require a match. There was additional
179 discussion regarding local contributions needed to help the State receive money to advertise.

180 Mr. Booth stated that there was a meeting earlier today with the Corp of Engineers
181 regarding the beach renourishment. Mr. Booth handed out information from the meeting to
182 Council. Mr. Booth stated that the earliest they are going to begin this project is October 20th,
183 2007 and they will start it at the Pier at Surfside Drive and will proceed south and once they
184 complete that end they will come back to the Pier then head north. They are looking to do
185 approximately 800 feet a day and they will block off about 1,500 feet. Mr. Booth stated that
186 they would be sending letters out to each homeowner and business along the Ocean to warn
187 them of possible vibrations and noise they will experience during this project. The area will
188 be restricted to workers and emergency personnel only. Mr. Booth stated that the
189 renourishment will bring in a lot of sand and once this is done they will bring staff in to clear
190 out the swashes so that they can continue to run properly. Mr. Booth stated that the project
191 would be shut down if too many turtles were harmed. Mr. Booth stated that he and Director
192 Kirk would be working closely with the Corp of Engineers on this project. Mayor Hyman
193 stated that when the newspapers refer to this project they do not mention Surfside Beach
194 and that is because Surfside Beach has paid it's portion to the County since it is situated on
195 both sides of Surfside Beach we are considered to be a part of the Garden City project. Mr.
196 Booth stated that this project would be done in three phases. Mr. McKown asked for an
197 update on the 8 million dollar outfall grant received. Mr. Booth stated that the amount keeps
198 going from 8 to 11 to 3 million and it is up to be signed by the President and once it is signed,
199 it becomes law and then we go after the appropriations which will be next year; this may
200 involve another trip to Washington to try to get the legislature to put this money into the
201 budget. Mr. Booth stated that it then becomes Corp of Engineer money and their project and
202 that it would probably be done 2010 or 2011. Mr. Booth stated that our primary concern is
203 with the one outfall and during the budget meeting Council will need to discuss whether to
204 continue with the 5 mills or continue our stormwater projects, with some needing to get done;
205 or go to a system similar to the County's with stormwater impact fees. Mr. Samples clarified
206 with Mr. Booth that what has actually been passed so far was just the authorization. Mr.
207 Booth stated that the one swash, which will cost over a million dollars, the town is attempting
208 to get a grant for. Mr. Booth stated that various options would be provided to Council during
209 the budget meeting. Mr. Booth stated that the County would give us more money for the
210 Surfside Beach recreation department's children programs once they get a number of
211 participants. Mr. Booth stated that the County currently has no program for the kids in this
212 area of the County and Surfside Beach has created a nice program but most of the kids do
213 not live in Town; the County currently gives us \$16,000 and we spend \$90,000. Mr. Booth
214 asked Council for approval to move forward to request additional funding from the County for
215 these activities. It was consensus of Council to proceed.

216 Mr. Booth stated that we currently have three applicants for the Stormwater Committee
217 so far. Mr. Booth stated that we are currently pushing to get the permits to dredge our lakes.
218 Mr. Booth stated that the plan is to get the lakes done this year. Mr. Booth stated that he and
219 Mr. Kirk are going to take the boat out and map Lakes Dogwood and Elizabeth. Mr. Booth
220 presented projected photos of the Deerfield map showing where the two 60 inch pipes run

221 under the highway and where they plan to build a lake. Mr. Booth stated that this project has
222 already been contracted out. Mr. Booth stated that the County would be paying half of the
223 baseline study. Mr. Booth showed photos of a box culvert, which uses UV light and a
224 wedge-wire screening system. This box and screen would reduce costs to the Town. There
225 was a question from Ms. Hiatt regarding the size of the lake that is being put in and Mr. Kirk
226 stated that he is not sure of exact size but it is a large lake.

227 Mr. Booth stated that the Heartwalk, of which councilman McKown is vice chair, would be
228 held October 13th. Mr. Booth stated that the Town has a team that will be walking. Mr. Booth
229 stated that he wanted to clarify that the audit will be presented to Council prior to the budget
230 meeting. Mr. Truett asked if we had contacted all of the businesses in Town regarding the
231 smoking ban. Mr. Booth stated that there is no signed ordinance at this time; we have only a
232 passed ordinance and the attorney will be providing the clerk with the ordinance by the
233 following day. Mr. Booth stated that a letter will be going out to all businesses and we will
234 also provide them with signs. Mr. Booth stated that he would visit with each business and
235 speak to them about implementation. Mr. Martin stated that he approves of the idea of
236 filtering water as opposed to running outfalls and thanked Mr. Booth for looking into this. Mr.
237 Booth stated that he has spoken with other town and city managers and the problems they
238 have experienced is that all of their money goes into the pipes and there is no scientific
239 evidence that it actually helps the beach. Mr. McKown stated that years ago Surfside had
240 foliage right off the beach and three miles off the coast is a desert, which is the result of the
241 outfalls; Florida addressed the problem of outfalls 30, 40 years and they do not have this
242 problem; they have foliage. Mr. McKown stated that it should be the job of this Council and
243 future leadership to try to get the pollution off of our beaches. Mr. Booth stated that the
244 screen system would remove solid materials and then kill off a lot of the bacteria;
245 contamination is mostly from the birds and run offs of lawn fertilizers. Mayor Hyman stated
246 that through the Grand Strand Alliance they have learned a lot from the various presentations
247 they give. Mr. Booth stated that the County is also going to the filtration system rather than
248 the outfall. Ms. Tuttle stated that at approximately 5:30 this afternoon she had received a call
249 from a resident who was down at the Town's tennis courts playing and she was approached
250 by a woman stating that she was from Horry County and basically ordered them off of the
251 court stating that she had permission to give lessons. Ms. Tuttle stated that she was unaware
252 of the Town allowing Horry County to use these courts in this fashion and asked staff to look
253 into this situation. Mr. Booth stated that he and Mr. Kirk would look into this. Ms. Tuttle
254 stated that she would like to propose that our tennis courts be open for our Town residents.

255 Mr. Booth stated that the Supreme Court Judge and the court system is now instructing
256 that a prisoner be processed within 24 hours rather than the previous 48 hours allotted. Mr.
257 Booth stated that Council would need to keep in mind that there is a tax cap and there are
258 still a lot of unfunded mandates that are coming down. Mr. Christenson stated that they
259 were notified this morning of this order that we need to abide. Mr. Christenson stated as an
260 example that if an officer works the night shift from 6 PM to 6 AM and they make an arrest at
261 10 PM they would normally go home, sleep and then come back the next night shift and fill
262 out the necessary paperwork; this new order would restrict them from leaving their shift until
263 the prisoner has been processed. Mr. Christenson stated that they have resolved this by
264 having the arresting officer prepare the warrant affidavit and then have it presented to the
265 judge by the oncoming shift supervisor.

266 **6. BUSINESS**

267 **A. Ordinance-Second Reading – #07-0633 – Amend A-Tax Budget 06/07**

268 Mr. Samples made a motion to accept this ordinance as presented. Mr. Martin seconded
269 the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

270 **B. Issue Paper-Street Lights**

271 Mr. Booth stated that they are planning on removing all of the overhang lights on 14th
272 Avenue to prepare for the underground wiring and these lights will need to be replaced by
273 new streetlights. Mr. Booth looked at the spacing of the streetlights at the old Air force Base
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276 and used that to determine how many would be needed on 14th. Staff has made three
277 selections for Council to choose from. Mr. Samples stated that he would like Council to be
278 given other choices and stated he was concerned that the lights may not go with our future
279 design plan for the Town; he also stated that he was concerned that the streetlights would be
280 targets for vandals. Mr. McKown stated that he knows where Mr. Samples is coming from
281 but there are times when Council needs to rely on suggestions from staff. Mr. Martin
282 confirmed that the lights we have already used for some of the underground wiring are the
283 Traditional and he would like to be consistent and use this same light. Mr. Martin made a
284 motion to accept the Traditional Light to use on 14th Avenue. Ms. Tuttle seconded the
285 motion. Mr. Martin asked if we could inquire about using the compact fluorescent lights from
286 Santee Cooper, which are more energy efficient. Ms. Hiatt asked how many of these lights
287 we already had and Mr. Booth did not have the exact number but it was numerous. Ms.
288 Tuttle asked if the number Mr. Booth counted on 14th Avenue included the lights owned by
289 the residents. Mr. Booth stated that he was not sure; he would need to check. Ms. Tuttle
290 asked if these residents were going to be required to remove these lights once the new lights
291 are installed. Mr. Kirk stated that there was no plan to ask them to remove their lights since
292 they are on their property but once the new lights are installed the residents may find that
293 they no longer need them and will more than likely opt to remove them. **All voted in favor.**
294 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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296 **7. DISCUSSION-Smoking Ban Ordinance- Councilmember Truett**

297 This item was removed from the agenda.

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299 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General. – 5 Minutes**

300 There were no public comments. This section was closed.

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302 **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

303 Mayor Hyman: "Mr. Booth, I just want to congratulate you and Brian on the process of
304 cleaning up the lots; the vacant lots in Surfside Beach. Those three lots, two lots that have
305 been cleaned up on 13th Avenue; they look great and I've had a lot of good comments
306 already on that. If we can do all of them in Surfside Beach it would really make the Town
307 look much, much better and I thank you for that."

308 Mr. Booth: "Well, we may not be able to take the credit, it may be that those lots were up
309 for sale and were done even without a letter."

310 Mayor Hyman: "You shouldn't have said that, I was giving you a compliment." (laughing
311 in audience).

312 Mr. Booth: "I'd like to take credit but it may not be due."

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314 **10. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

315 There was no Executive Session. Executive Session became Discussion.

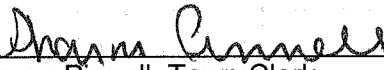
316 Mr. McKown stated that he would like to request that the item that Council was going to
317 discuss in Executive Session should be talked about in a public forum. Mr. Martin and Mayor
318 Hyman stated that they agree with Mr. McKown. Ms. Tuttle stated that in the past property
319 negotiations have always been discussed in Executive Session and she believes that this is
320 a good business practice when you are in negotiation and that the taxpayers deserve the
321 courtesy of practicing good business. Mayor Hyman stated that all that Council would be
322 doing is giving the Administrator permission to pursue negotiations. Mr. Samples stated that
323 he agrees with Councilwoman Tuttle and believes that it is a bad precedent to get too
324 specific since it defeats the purpose of negotiations. Mayor Hyman reiterated that the only
325 thing that Council would be doing is giving permission to the Administrator to pursue
326 negotiations; there is no price yet to present to Council. Mr. Booth stated that he has given
327 Council an appraisal amount and is looking for approval to go directly to the owner. Mr.
328 Truett stated that they have always discussed the prices and contracts of property purchases
329 in Executive Session and does not agree with advertising to everyone how much an owner is
330 offering. Mr. Truett stated that he agrees that the public should be given information but

331 believes that some things should not be publicized. Mr. McKown stated that it is public
332 knowledge what the Scalise family is selling their property for and believes that the Town
333 should be involved. Mr. McKown stated that the retail vendors on the Pier know what it is
334 being sold for and believes it is unfair to keep this from the residents. Mr. McKown stated
335 that this is a large capital purchase and the residents need to know what they are getting
336 themselves involved with. Mr. McKown stated that he believes that Council is all for
337 purchasing the Pier and feels that we need to buy it but also feels that the residents need to
338 be informed as to what is going on. Mr. Martin stated that this is a unique property and does
339 not believe that we are setting precedence for other pieces of property in Town that the
340 Council would be interested in. Mr. Martin stated that if we were at a point where we were
341 negotiating a price, which we currently are not, then he would agree to Executive Session;
342 this decision is just whether we should proceed at all. Mr. Samples stated that he is
343 prepared to talk about this in public; but based on the appraisal price that was presented, he
344 does not support it. Mr. Martin stated that he does not support the purchase of the Pier
345 either and it is not just the price, it is also because there are significant liabilities associated
346 with owning the Pier and that the fishing at the end of Pier attracts sharks; the only death we
347 have had, relating to swimming in Surfside Beach, that he is aware of, happened when
348 someone tried to swim around the end of the Pier and did not make it. Mr. Martin stated that
349 there are these negatives as well as positives such as the landmark aspect of it. Mr. Martin
350 stated that he does not feel strongly that the Town should purchase the Pier. Mayor Hyman
351 stated that there is a big difference between negative and a senseless action. Mayor Hyman
352 stated that Surfside Beach has always had a pier since 1949 and it really is a focal point of
353 Surfside Beach. Mayor Hyman stated that the Town currently has 900,000 dollars of A-Tax
354 money that they were planning to spend on beach renourishment that we now have to spend
355 and it must be spent for beach related items; if it is not spent it must be returned. Mayor
356 Hyman stated that the Town can put down 900,000 dollars and then within ten years the Pier
357 would be paid for with the revenue taken in from the Pier. Mayor Hyman stated that he sees
358 no negatives in purchasing the Pier. Mr. Truett stated that he agrees wholeheartedly with the
359 Mayor in that it is an opportunity that does not come along too often and he would rather see
360 an operating Pier than condos, which will be the only other option. Mr. Truett stated that he
361 is aware that the Town would be accepting some liabilities but the Town already has
362 liabilities with people walking up and down the beach and fishing off the strand and that is
363 what insurance is for. Ms. Tuttle stated that the Pier is a Surfside Beach landmark and is in
364 full support of this landmark being retained. Ms. Tuttle stated that the purchase would also
365 include the parking lot and agrees that it will be developed if it is not purchased. Ms. Tuttle
366 asked if Scalise has given the Town a firm price and Mr. Booth stated that he has not. Ms.
367 Hiatt stated that she believes this to be a great opportunity for the Town and that it is a main
368 attraction at the beach and is used often. Ms. Hiatt stated that she believes that it will pay for
369 itself and once it is gone we will never have this opportunity again and she would much
370 rather have the Pier than see condos go up. **Mr. McKown made a motion to discuss the**
371 **purchase of property in public.** Ms. Hiatt seconded. **All voted in favor. MOTION**
372 **CARRIED.** Mr. McKown made a motion to give the Administrator the authority to negotiate
373 the Pier. Ms. Hiatt seconded the motion. Ms. Tuttle asked what the terms of the negotiations
374 would be. Mr. Samples voiced his concern regarding this as well. Mr. Booth stated that the
375 issues are that there is an appraised price and that he and Mr. Kirk will need to look at the
376 Pier to see what kind of maintenance the Pier requires and how much work we would need
377 to put into it; the revenues would also need to be reviewed. Mr. Booth stated that the
378 vendors make a lot but they also pay a lot in rent. Ms. Tuttle asked when all of this
379 information would be received. Mayor Hyman stated that the only thing we have right now is
380 the appraisal price for the Pier and we are just authorizing Mr. Booth to go forward. Ms.
381 Tuttle asked about the references Mr. Booth was making to financial terms and Mr. Booth
382 stated that these references are all in the appraisal and Ms. Tuttle stated that Council did not
383 receive the appraisal until 6:30 this evening. Mr. Martin stated that he would like Mr. Booth
384 to investigate the reason why many Towns have chosen to eliminate their Piers. Mr. Booth
385 stated that he had read an article in the Sun News and has spoken with other Town

386 Managers and they all stated that most of the Piers were eliminated for development. Ms.
387 Tuttle asked if the Accommodations Board has recommended that we pursue this. Mr. Booth
388 stated they had and that he also went to Columbia and met with the State Board to make
389 sure that the Town could use this money for the Pier. The Board stated that they understand
390 that we are currently planning a beach renourishment project and that we need to come to
391 issues with the money that is in reserve and use it and that they would like us to restart the
392 beach renourishment fund. **All voted in favor with the exception of Mr. Martin who voted**
393 **against. MOTION CARRIED.**

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395 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

396 Mr. McKown moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Mr. Truett seconded. **All**
397 **present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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418 James S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem

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420 Clerk's Note: This document constitutes minutes of the meeting, which was audio taped. In accordance with FOIA,
421 meeting notice and the agenda were faxed and/or emailed to local media and interested parties. A complete list is on file
422 in the clerk's office. The agenda was posted on bulletin boards outside council chambers and in the town hall reception
423 area. Meeting notice was also posted on the town marquee.