



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
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**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, January 24, 2023, • 6:30 PM.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Hellyer called the Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Councilmembers Drake, Holder, Kreklau, Kinken, Stamey, and Mayor Pro Tempore Keating were in attendance. Others present were Interim Town Administrator Clemons and Town Clerk Medina
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  - A. **Invocation:** Councilmember Drake gave the invocation.
  - B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hellyer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **MOTIONS RELATING TO THE AGENDA**
4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** – Councilmember Keating made a motion to approve the revised minutes for November 22, 2022, and the regular meeting minutes for January 10, 2023. Councilmember Holder second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
  - A. **FINANCE REPORT** – Director King gave the finance report.
  - B. **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT** – Interim Administrator Clemons gave an administrator's report.

7. **DISCUSSION** (Motions may be made by Council)

**A. PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Harry Kohlmann, Chairman of the Parking Committee.

Mr. Kohlmann stated the first recommendation was to raise the parking fees in the Pier parking lot. The fee will rise from \$2.00 an hour to \$3.00 an hour. This will be premier parking and raising the fee may help with visitor turnover. Town residents, part-time property owners or non-residents with registration will not be honored.

Councilmember Stamey made a motion to raise the pier parking lot fees from \$2.00 to \$3.00 an hour, and town residents, part-time property owners or a non-residents with registration will not be honored. Councilmember Holder second.

Councilmembers Stamey, Holder, Kreklau, Kinken, Drake and Mayor Hellyer voted in favor. Councilmembers Keating voted against. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Kohlmann stated the second recommendation is to remove all pay stations. To replace the machines has an estimated cost of \$104,000 to \$130,000. Some need repair before they can even be put out for the season. The town will save money by not having the credit card fee assessed. Moreso, with some education, people will find it

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easier and more accommodating. Also, there will be a phone number on every sign that people can pay over the phone.

Councilmember Keating made a motion to implement text to park and Park Mobile in all parking lots in town and remove all pay machines.

Councilmembers Stamey, Holder, Keating, Kinken, Drake and Mayor Hellyer voted in favor. Councilmember Krelau voted against. **Motion carried.**

## 8. BUSINESS

### **SECOND READING – ORDINANCE 23-0952 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE IV: SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS OF THE TOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES. Director Sabrina Adair**

Councilmember Keating made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 23-0952 with modifications to Article IV. Councilmember Drake second.

Councilmember Kreklau amended the motion to require a 2/3rds vote to change the height regulation. Councilmember Drake second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

**B. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE –** Director Sabrina Adair stated that she had spoken with the Comprehensive Plan consultants, and they will have a kick-off meeting on February 21, 2023, from 5 PM to 7 PM at the Civic Center.

**C. FESTIVAL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS -** Interim Administrator Clemons stated that this business item is a request from My Olive Shack for approval to enter into a new contract with the town to hold their Arts and Crafts Festival for the year 2023. The festival will be held in Memorial Park on Thursdays from April 13, 2023, to November 17, 2023. It will be held from 10:00 Am to 3;00 PM. They are also adding the additional dates of December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Keating made a motion to approve an agreement to conduct the festival of Arts and Crafts for the 2023 season. Councilmember Drake second.

Councilmember Keating asked if the third-party contractor has been done since this will be held on town property. Also, in Chapter 12, it was decided to allow the town the right to waive any of its essentials for charitable organizations or charitable purposes.

Chief Clemon stated that would be something that has to be looked into.

Councilmember Keating made a motion to defer this business item to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Kreklau second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

**D. WACCAMAW MARKET COOPERATIVE -** Councilmember Keating made a motion to defer this business item to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Kreklau second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

**E. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT (KSBB)** -Councilmember Stamey made a motion to appoint Shirley Gordon to the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee. Councilmember Holder second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Town Services or Business Conducted (5 minutes per speaker)  
**A Harry Kohlmann**, 10<sup>th</sup> Ave North, What a breath of fresh air it is coming in here today and having somebody in the administrative chair who knew what he was talking about gave updates to tell us what was going to happen. It was great. I spent two hours with Mr. Clemons working on the parking recommendations. It was a pleasure to do business with him. He spoke business but was friendly. I don't know if he's ever done this before. I think he's doing a great job, and I don't even want the job. I wouldn't want a job. If you want to get somebody, if he doesn't want, get somebody like him because he's enthusiastic about it. He knows his job and what's going on; if he doesn't know what's happening, he will find out what's happening. And it's nice to know things, you know, people in this town only want to know what's going on. It doesn't have to be a secret. We'll work it out, but we need to know what's going on, Thank you.

10. **TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND/OR COMMENTS**

**A. Councilmember Stamey** said thanks to everyone for coming. Thanks to Mr. Clemons for doing a great job. All our employees are doing a great job. We all are working hard to get things done. Thanks for coming.

**B. Councilmember Holder** stated this was a great meeting. I like the changes that were made. I want to thank the police department for the speed signs. I believe it is an excellent investment and make the streets safer. Also, we are hoping to get more people for the Planning Department. I believe this is going to be a good year. We will be getting our pier done, and many other things are going on. Have a good night.

**C. Councilmember Keating** stated I want to thank everyone for coming out and tuning in. I think we are making some real progress. Change can be painful in the beginning. I would also like to commend our employees for stepping up and helping wherever needed. We have a lot going on. The Bar B Que festival is coming up. The pier is almost open, so the opening festivities must be planned. Several other things are going on that require education and notification. I think the fact that we are all working together as a team under the leadership of Chief Clemons, everybody's getting up, and everybody is pulling their weight and jumping in wherever they need to be. And so, our employees, I appreciate that in all departments. So with that, I will see you in a couple of weeks.

**D. Councilmember Kreklau** stated thank you to everyone who came out and everyone listening. Thanks to all the town employees; keep up the good work, goodnight.

**E. Councilmember Kinken** said I would also like to thank everyone who came out and is listening. We do have a great town. We have really good staff. We have some shortages, and hopefully, we'll get those quickly. But they do a great job. Some of the friendliest people in town wear blue shirts and work on our streets. We have good employees.

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I encourage everyone to be involved in this comprehensive Plan. Come out on the 21st. You'll probably have an opportunity for input. Please mark your calendars, as this vessel will show where we will be in 10 years. I looked at the old Plan. It's nice when you see that looking back, yes, we did this, we did this, we did this. We'll look at it in 10 years and say the same thing. I just feel like it's real important for the future of our town. I hope everybody has a good week, and we'll see you in two weeks.

**F. Councilmember Drake** stated thanks to everyone who came out and everyone listening. Thank you to the parking committee for their recommendations. Again, the Comprehensive Plan is very important for our town. We are the family beach. Please promote that, keep us a small-town atmosphere. The police department speed signs are a great addition. I appreciate the public works. Thanks.

**G. Mayor Hellyer** stated I had had more communication with the town employees and Administrator in the last week than I have had in a long while. I got to do an interview on our high water vehicle, and I also swore in a new police officer on Wednesday of last week.

In a couple of months, we will start seeing those baskets. We've got a lot going on. I, Chief Clemons and Councilmember Holder went to a breakfast about Economic Development and met with the Chamber. The Chamber has a lot of money that we can use towards the grand opening of the pier. The pier is still scheduled to be completed on April 16. So, I appreciate everybody's input on this. Have a good evening, and we'll see you next time.

- 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Motion to adjourn Regular Meeting and enter Executive Session pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, (Town Administrator) Section 30-4-70(a)(2), Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. (Pier Leases, Youth Association)

Councilmember Keating made a motion at 7:56 PM to enter Executive Session pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, (Town Administrator) Section 30-4-70(a)(2), Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements. (Pier Leases, Youth Association) Councilmember Drake second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Keating made a motion at 9:02 PM to reconvene the regular session. Councilmember Holder second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

- 12. MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION** – there were no motions from the executive session.

- 13. ADJOURNMENT** Councilmember Keating made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 PM. Councilmember Drake second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

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**Surfside Beach Town Council**

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Robert Hellyer, Mayor

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Cindy Keating, Mayor Pro Tempore

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Chris Stamey, Town Council

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LaVerne Kreklau, Town Council

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Michael Drake, Town Council

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William Kinken, Town Council

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Paul Holder, Town Council

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheri L Medina, Town Clerk

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