



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
October 27, 2009 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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10 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

11 Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem
12 Truett and Councilmembers Blair, Johnson, Martin, Samples and Childs were present.
13 A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Booth; Executive Assistant Fellner,
14 Public Works Director Taylor, Public Safety Director Christenson, Fire Chief Packard,
15 Mechanic Chris Bolster and Special Events Coordinator Ellis. Attorney Mr. Smith was
16 also present. Clerk Pinnell was absent.

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18 **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

19 Pastor John Flowers gave the invocation. Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

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21 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

22 Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Childs seconded the
23 motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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25 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL**

26 Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held October 13,
27 2009. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION**
28 **CARRIED.**

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30 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 3 minutes per speaker**

31 *Ann Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar Drive:* “What I want to speak about is the fire trucks. I’m
32 speaking for the members of the Concerned Citizens of Surferside Beach and their vote
33 was to urge you to use restraint in purchasing fire trucks or fire apparatus. We are
34 already paying for a new fire station and I’m so proud of that. I know each of you has
35 thought about what is needed; how to get it; what to do. Do we . . . I’m asking
36 questions. These are things that I thought of that I would be looking at if I were sitting
37 in your seat. Do we have equipment that can be re-furbished. Do we have any
38 equipment that we could sell that we’re not using to raise money? Also, I’m pretty sure
39 you thought of economical ways to get the equipment that we need. I’m depending on
40 you; I thank you for your work; also I appreciate watching that new fire station go up.
41 Thank you.”

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43 **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

44 **a. *Employee Recognition: Willie Carter, Public Works/Grounds: 10 Years***

45 Willie Carter was recognized for 10 years of service. Mr. Booth stated that
46 Willie is one of the staff members who assist with the grounds and he is one of
47 the reasons the town looks so nice.
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b. Finance Report

Mr. Booth reported that the town has 60 percent remaining in the budget and the town has about 64 percent to collect in taxes. The town is right in line with the budget and will continue on path.

Mr. Samples stated that the other revenues which reflect transfers from other governmental funds for the town is way ahead; the town transferred 60 percent into 40 percent of the year. Mr. Booth stated that this was correct. Mr. Samples asked a question regarding the budget council approved where it reflected a payment from the enterprise fund. Mr. Booth stated that due to the unexpected expense for the repairs of the pier this payment will not come until the end of the budget year as opposed to up front. Mr. Samples asked if the town would be submitting a budget amendment for this. Mr. Booth stated that this would not be necessary since it will be paid in the same budget year.

Mr. Booth reported that the town has not received all of the Atax funds yet but so far it is in line of what was projected.

c. Public Works Report

Mr. Booth reported that in the future the council will receive a list of town projects and the status. Mr. Booth stated that projects in process are not worked on every day since the town needs to schedule its staff around all of the varied projects being done. This report will be given beginning the next council meeting. Currently the Public Works Department is installing the fence around the skateboard park. The installation of the fence reduces the liability issue for the town. Mr. Booth invited council to look at the progress on the trails created at Passive Park. The town designed the path around the trees so that they did not need to remove any. Mr. Booth stated that stake markers were originally put in the ground to mark where the Passive Park path was going and someone kept removing the stakes so the town had to place orange markers on the trees and added that there was some concern from residents that this indicated that the trees were going to be removed and confirmed that this was not the case and they were just put on the trees to mark the direction of the project line path since someone kept removing the stakes. Mr. Booth stated that there is an area between the two parks that the town also plans on adding trees once these two areas are combined. The town can also add additional gazebos.

Mr. Johnson asked if the Planning and Zoning Commission is involved in any aspect of the Passive Park and tree removal. Mr. Booth stated that they are not. Mr. Booth stated that the town is following the town ordinance.

d. Recreation Report

Mr. Booth reported that the town has 26 children starting in the new soccer program. November 11th is the Veteran's Day ceremony and the town is looking for a veteran to come and speak at the ceremony. Mr. Booth stated that the last event the town had, the Family Festival, was a huge success and the town looks forward to having more festivals in the future. The town will need to reestablish an events committee which is currently in progress.

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Mr. Childs noted that the upcoming events listed did not include the Christmas parade and he wanted to make sure that this was not cancelled. Mr. Booth confirmed that the parade has not been cancelled. Mr. Booth stated that council would be invited to participate as well.

Mr. Booth stated that regarding Public Works he has changed the location of a fountain; the first one will be installed on Magnolia, the electric already exists there and this is a project with a cost of under \$5,000. The town will be installing fountains one at a time to make sure they are effective.

Mr. Johnson asked if the local marching bands have been requested to participate in the Christmas parade. Ms. Ellis stated that they have already been contacted. Mr. Childs stated that there are two that have already confirmed that they will be in the parade.

e. Administrators Report

i. Budget Retreat in January/February

Mr. Booth asked for council consensus on going to Pinopolis for the annual budget retreat. Mr. Martin stated that he would like to request that council has the budget meeting in council chambers; he has been contacted by some citizens who would like to attend. Mr. Samples stated that he agrees with Mr. Martin. Mr. Childs stated that in the past only a couple residents attended the budget meeting and he feels that a lot was accomplished in Pinopolis. Mr. Johnson agreed with Mr. Childs adding that the council was able to accomplish an extreme amount in a small amount of time. Mr. Johnsons stated that he would forego his expenses to have the budget retreat in Pinopolis. Ms. Blair stated that she had a conflict last year and was unable to attend the budget retreat but had a one on one meeting with the town administrator to go over the budget but heard a lot of good things about the meetings held in Pinopolis and has attended other training sessions there as well and has always had good experiences. Ms. Blair stated that she would be willing to forego her expenses as well if the meeting was held off premise but would be just as agreeable to having the budget meeting in council chambers if it was more convenient for the residents. Mayor Deaton stated that he has just over 20 years experience in community service and the first experience he had at Pinopolis was with the city of Myrtle Beach; he was the chairman of downtown redevelopment for five years, and Myrtle Beach along with other municipalities hold their budget retreats there every year. It is very inexpensive and the environment is conducive to productivity; a lot is accomplished there. Mayor Deaton added that he has seen the budget retreat done in council chambers and did not find it to be as beneficial.

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Mr. Samples stated that the process last year was staff driven; the town went into the year with 7 million in cash and at the end of this year the town will be down at 2.5 million dollars and he feels that council needs citizen participation. Mr. Samples stated that he feels that the only way to get citizen participation is by having the budget meeting in council chambers. Mr. Booth stated that since the majority of council would like to go to Pinopolis the administrator would hold a dress rehearsal in the council chambers and the public could be invited to this and input could be taken at that time. Mr. Samples stated that this is “certainly better than not having public input”.

Mr. Booth presented two tentative dates and asked council for their vote. Mr. Childs made a motion for council to go to Pinopolis for the budget retreat. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Mr. Samples made an amendment to the motion to include a pre and post budget briefing meeting two weeks prior and post budget meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **All voted in favor of the amended motion. MOTION CARRIED. All voted in favor of the original motion. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Martin made a motion to hold the budget retreat in February (5th to 7th). Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

ii. New Fire Station Open House

Mr. Booth reported that the town will hold an open house and pig pickin’ once the new fire station is built; the entire community will be invited. There will be food and possibly a band.

iii. Pier Maintenance-Capital Improvement

Mr. Booth reported that per the town auditors since the maintenance on the pier is a capital improvement and council accepted bids the budget will not be adjusted to capture the repairs since it is a capital improvement. The repair will begin in December when the pier is closed and the repair process will take approximately 45 days.

7. BUSINESS

A. Decision Paper: Fire Trucks

Mr. Samples made a motion to suspend the rules to have a discussion. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Booth introduced the town mechanic Chris Bolster. Mr. Booth reported that Mr. Bolster performs repairs and maintenance on town vehicles. Mr. Booth stated that the fire department is a great service to the community and reported that he had discussed the real need for new equipment with the Fire Chief, Finance Department and Town Mechanic.

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It was reported that engine number 2 is a 1988 truck and definitely needs to be replaced. Mr. Booth reported that the ladder truck is currently 22 years old and is in need of major work. Mr. Bolster went out and got bids to see what it would take to totally renovate the truck and the total cost came to \$500,000. Mr. Booth stated that these repairs and updates could be done to the truck over the next few years and it would last another 10 years. The cost of a new truck is \$750,000 and this will last 20 years. If a cost benefit analysis is done the town would be better off leasing the ladder truck. Mr. Booth stated that funds the town has from the capital improvement fund the town can afford these two new trucks. Mr. Booth added that in 2013 the town will have paid off the road fund which is now costing the town \$450,000 a year. Mr. Booth stated that his recommendation is to purchase the pumper truck and lease the ladder truck.

Pumper Truck

Mr. Martin stated that regarding the pumper truck; the cost was a little over \$100,000 than a demo model offered by another manufacturer. Chief Packard stated that HME is the company that built the truck that meets the specs and Ferrara is the truck that came in closes to HME. The bid for HME came in at \$358,000 and Ferrara came in at \$275,000 which is a stripped down version with no extras. The Sutphen demo is a 4 door commercial cab similar to the towns' engine 3. Chief Packard stated that it was explained to them that this will no longer meet the NFPA requirements for the 40,000 crush test on the roof. There was additional discussion regarding NFPA requirements and the trucks. Chief Packard stated that he recommends the HME pumper. Mr. Johnson stated that he has some concerns regarding making a decision on the trucks; council just received the mileage and maintenance records prior to the meeting. Mr. Johnson stated that this is a 1 mile by 2 mile town and questions the need for new equipment. Mechanic Chris Bolster came up and spoke. Mr. Bolster stated that he is not certified to work on the fire truck regarding safety issues; he can work on the engine and maintenance but not safety requirement issues required through NFPA. Mr. Bolster reported that the pumper truck is old and outdated and it is not used because of its poor performance. Mr. Bolster stated that if the town purchased a new truck now it will have it for 20 years and added that he feels that it is something that should be done. Mr. Samples asked what the current use is for this truck. Chief Packard stated that this truck is used to meet the needed fire flow for the Town of Surfside Beach as far as ISO requirements. The needed fire flow for the town is 3,000 gallons a minute. This truck is also the third engine that responds to residential structure fires as well as commercial structures. It was confirmed that this vehicle is used as a backup truck. It was confirmed that 500 miles have been put on the current truck since August 2008. Mr. Bolster stated that the reason the truck has not been used is because it is so old and does not run properly. Mr. Samples stated that the town used to be 1st responders for Horry County outside corporate limits and this is no longer the case.

Mr. Booth stated that the new truck would move up to be the first responder and one of the older trucks would be moved back into reserve use. Mr. Martin made a motion to approve Mr. Booths recommendation to purchase the HME pumper directly and not leased. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Martin added that public safety is the number one priority in town and the town needs to take care of

237 the responsibility of purchasing the proper equipment when needed. It was
238 confirmed that nothing would need to be done to the pumper truck before it is sold.
239 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

240 *Ladder Truck*

241 Mr. Martin stated that the cost of a ladder truck is much higher than the pumper truck
242 but the age of the trucks are similar; it is a year older than the pumper truck. Mr.
243 Martin stated that he was under the impression that the cost of repair to this truck
244 would be relatively low but now council is finding out this is not true; the cost is
245 significantly higher than previously thought. Mr. Booth stated that the town could
246 put in \$40,000 and the truck could get by for a little while and it might pass the
247 inspection. Mr. Booth reported that the hydraulics are in bad shape and this controls
248 the ladder. Mr. Booth added that the town may need to put more money in 6 months
249 from now. The mechanic calculated what it would take to rebuild the truck to a good
250 working condition and \$500,000 is what the estimated cost came to. Mr. Booth's
251 recommendation was to lease a new ladder truck. Mr. Martin asked if the current
252 ladder truck would perform if there was a fire. Chief Packard stated that it will
253 perform as long as the idle is kept up but safety is an issue and added that during the
254 Family Festival the hydraulics were leaking. It was confirmed that the mechanic
255 does perform some engine work on the truck but he is not certified to sign off on it;
256 the engine is in good condition but the other mechanics that he is not certified to
257 work on are an issue. Mr. Childs stated that Mr. Booth reported on the cost of
258 rebuilding the truck bumper to bumper and asked why the engine would need to be
259 replaced since it was just reported that it is in good condition. Chief Packard stated
260 that the truck is not worn out but the technology is outdated. Mr. Samples stated that
261 there was a quote from Metro Fire and Rescue Equipment that identified 4 items that
262 were time and materials; the items mentioned was the hydraulic oil leaks, the
263 electrical system, compartment lights and that the hydraulic lines needed to be
264 replaced. The estimate for all remaining items came to \$14,000 at that time. Mr.
265 Samples stated that he understands the problem with spending \$500,000 to get 10
266 years use but there is somewhere between 10 years and now where it could be more
267 cost effective for the town. Mr. Booth stated that council needs to make the final
268 decision and wanted to make sure council had the information they needed to make a
269 decision. A fire truck generally lasts 20 years and the current truck is 22 years old
270 and it currently has no technology based aspects. There will be a point that this truck
271 will totally wear out. Mr. Truett stated that each year the town waits the value of the
272 truck goes down and the cost of purchasing a new one goes up. Mr. Truett added
273 that he feels that the newer trucks are safer; the new technology allows for quicker
274 response time and feels there is a need for it to be replaced.

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277 Chief Packard stated that it currently takes 2 people 5 minutes to set up the existing
278 ladder truck whereas the newer trucks set up in less than 2 minutes and use only one
279 person. Mr. Truett stated that the lease is structured a year in advance and the town
280 can take the trade in value to make the first years payment; there is a 10 year lease
281 purchase and at the end of 10 years the town owns the truck. The capital
282 replacement fund was set up to replace equipment and public safety is the number
283 one concern. If the town purchases a truck after this year it will cost the town an
284 additional \$30,000 due to new EPA standards. Option 1 and option 2 from the
285 decision paper was clarified. Ms. Blair stated the breakdown. The arial platform

286 truck would be the HME with a leased cost of \$731,469 for a period of 10 years at a
287 rate of 4.6. Mr. Booth stated that the annual payment could be lower than \$96,000
288 depending on the town trading in the truck. First payment is due 1 year after
289 delivery; if purchased November 2009 the first payment would be due November
290 2011. Mr. Johnson stated that if these 2 new trucks are purchased the fire
291 department would have 3 new trucks. Mr. Johnson stated that the only time he sees
292 the ladder truck is during the festival and realizes it will be needed one day but is
293 unsure of the current need. The EPA requirements may be a reason to sway his
294 decision but he is not sure if he fully understands what those requirements are. Chief
295 Packard stated that if the town loses the ladder truck the town loses the ISO of 3; the
296 rating change would cause individuals insurance to go up. Mr. Martin explained that
297 he had gone through all the web pages on the fire trucks that handed in bids; there
298 were some web pages that fully explained the way the trucks are manufactured now
299 and the way they would be manufactured under the new EPA requirements. Mr.
300 Martin stated that he was disappointed in the EPA new requirements to fire trucks
301 and added that he agrees with the Chief in not getting either of the new EPA systems
302 since neither seems to help the environment as much as it should.
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304 Chief Packard explained the lease and purchase options; the town is not tied to any
305 lease agreement and the town can shop around. If council chooses to lease a truck it
306 would not necessarily be a lease proposed in the package; the town would shop
307 around and find the best lease possible. Mr. Martin stated that leases are often
308 complex and suggested the town have the attorney review any lease agreement prior
309 to signing. Mr. Booth confirmed that any lease the town went into it would include
310 owning the truck after 10 years. There was a discussion regarding work necessary
311 on the ladder truck. Chief Packard stated that the hydraulics would need to be
312 addressed; maintenance would be made to pass. The town got estimates; Florence
313 Hydraulics came in at \$24,300 and KME came in at approximately \$34,000. Mr.
314 Samples asked about the trade in issue. Chief Packard suggested going out on
315 govdeals to sell the trucks. It was confirmed that the new trucks will be 2009 model
316 trucks and titled as 2010. Mr. Booth confirmed that a 2009 truck would not have to
317 be brought up to the EPA standards; the truck would just need to meet the
318 requirements of the year it was manufactured. Mr. Truett made a motion to
319 purchase one arial platform truck from HME at a cost of \$731,469 based on a lease
320 purchase option that Mr. Booth and Chief Packard will negotiate with the cheapest
321 lending institution. Mr. Martin seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**
322 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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324 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

325 *Ann Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar:* “Again, I’m speaking for the concerned citizens group of
326 Surfside Beach. One of the major topics of concern in our last CCOSB meeting was that
327 some ordinances are not being enforced in town, primarily, they mentioned, those
328 concerning Public Safety. It appears we don’t enforce the golf cart ordinances. There
329 are children driving them; children or young people driving them after dark; children
330 driving them recklessly and this seems to occur more during the tourist season when
331 visitors rent those carts. These children drive very fast and apparently those carts really
332 go fast. They ignore stop signs and we’ve seen several children with a child driving the
333 cart barely hanging onto the cart because the cart is speeding down the street. Our
334 concern is that one of those children will fall off and be injured or the driver will have an

335 accident and the town will be sued because we didn't enforce our ordinance. The other
336 infractions that were mentioned included the smoking and drinking ban on the beach.
337 There's a lot of smoking on the beach as anybody who walks on the beach well knows,
338 you see the cigarette butts all over the place and another was smoking in public places
339 and other places. Several people in our group suggested that our public safety
340 department appears to allow these actions to occur during the tourist season and then
341 when that is over the regulations are enforced on those of us who live here. It's not our
342 intent to stop that enforcement but we raise the question as to why those regulations
343 appear not to be enforced during tourist season; they need to be, and the other thing, the
344 other concern that they brought up was the trees at the library. You don't want me to
345 have to go throw myself in front of a tree but I will if need be. Thank you."

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347 **Rebecca Hiatt, 719 N. Myrtle Drive:** "It was that one time in the plan to put at least one
348 aerator in every lake in town. They even put one in the hole that they dug over there at
349 6th Avenue South. Now the one on Palmetto Lake is going to be the only one in town
350 that's not going to have an aerator and they do serve a purpose. It was told to us that it
351 helps to keep the lake clean. The company that used to clean the lake for us; treat it; he
352 said it helped keep it clean too. I'd like to know who changed that plan. Was it another
353 deal like when they cleaned that lake out and there was one person that stopped the lake
354 from being cleaned out on the end where 10th Avenue North's at?"

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356 **Tom Dodge, 1415 North Poplar Drive:** "Thanks to whoever it was that hired Willie; he
357 is a super employee. Thank you to Doug and Mr. Martin for wanting to keep the budget
358 retreat here in town. The Mayor said only one of two people come but you had a very
359 good opportunity to ask this fine bunch of people behind me here how many of them
360 would come to it if it were held here in town and I think you would have found out there
361 was more than one or two people. Thank you for the fire trucks."

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363 **Randy Melkin, 1026 10th Avenue North:** "I wanted to bring your attention to a couple
364 of items that made the newspaper in the last few weeks. The first one was where a study
365 said that smoking bans protect non-users hearts, it was on the front page of the paper a
366 couple of weeks ago but basically they did a study and the people in the study did not,
367 they really didn't expect to see anything but it says here, 'many of the committee
368 members initially were skeptical they'd find much benefit from the bans said statistician
369 Steven Feinberg of Carnegie Melon, he proclaimed himself the resident skeptic who
370 changed his mind, there was a clear and consistent effect, with the smoking ban and then
371 the second one is 'Myrtle Beach deli shut her door for winter season' and if I'm not
372 mistaken one of the most (tape was changed lost part of comments) in Myrtle Beach
373 meanwhile he's putting his money on riding one down here that is open so I'm not sure
374 that their arguments holding water if they're able to keep this ban, I mean if they're able
375 to keep this place open by shutting the one down in Myrtle Beach and I wonder if he'll
376 approach the Myrtle Beach Council and ask them and maybe they'll impose a ban, so,
377 but anyway I'd like to say that I'm happy to see that Surfside is on the curve of this
378 because it looks like it's going to be happening a lot more all over the country as it
379 already is, so, rather than being, you know, brought dragging, screaming on board, I'm
380 glad to see that this was done and I just want to point out that maybe you guys had
381 missed that, so thank you."

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383 **Bill Black, 214 9th Avenue South:** “I just want to thank council. I personally think you
384 made wise decisions in reference to the fire department. Believe me, all the folks who
385 worked on getting you the material and information, we tried everything we could to get
386 cost as low as possible and I just want to take time to thank each and every one of you
387 for considering it and in your decision on both the firehouse and the apparatus. Thank
388 you.”

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390 **Harry Kohlman, 7th Avenue South:** “I just have a little comment about the committees.
391 I think the committees have done a great job in this town. It brings a lot of residential
392 participation in what’s going on in the town, unfortunately I hear that the committees are
393 going to be changed the way they’re picked and the way they’re staffed and I have a lot
394 of concerns about that. I hear that the staff of the town is actually going to pick the
395 people and they will then be voted on by the councilmembers. My problem with that is
396 if one of the staff members do not like a person in town even if they’re doing a good job
397 that name will never even get to the council to be voted on. Then I heard another thing
398 that it’s possibly that the councilmembers, some of them are on these committees, think
399 it was a great idea because this way the committee has a voice, otherwise, they have just
400 the head of the committee and if the staff doesn’t like what the committee has to offer or
401 suggest, it never gets to the council and the council really doesn’t see the point of view
402 of the committee or their ideas, so I hope you reconsider, if this is true that no
403 councilmembers are going to be on it and staff is really going to be the only ones picking
404 it, I think it’s a bad idea. Thank you.”

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406 **Mike Lewis, 518 Maple Drive:** “I’ve been a citizen of Surfside for 31 years. I do want
407 to thank you for getting the new fire trucks. I would urge you to purchase additional fire
408 trucks as soon as possible. We do need them. Mr. Johnson is not aware of what the
409 ladder truck does. It has made numerous rescues over the years and it’s probably not
410 safe to do some of the rescues that it’s done in the past. I don’t get up and say much at
411 the council meeting because I’m afraid I might say too much because I get a little (SIC)
412 with it. I’ve been here 31 years; been with the fire department 21 and I’ve driven all
413 these trucks and I know how worn out they really are and unless you ride them; unless
414 you use them, then you really don’t understand and unless you get in the department and
415 see what’s going on, you really don’t understand the whole picture but we do thank you
416 for the fire trucks. Thank you for our leaders, all of you, God bless you.”

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418 **9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

419 **Ms. Blair:** “I just want to thank everyone for coming. Congratulations, I’m not
420 supposed to address individuals but I’m going to congratulate Mr. Willie for all that he
421 does for the town, if that’s ok and I think we’ve made some good decisions.
422 Congratulations Chief I hope that the department enjoys their new building and their
423 new trucks. Thank you all for coming.”

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425 **Mr. Johnson:** “Thank you Willie, you got it going on, I’ll tell you what, we have some
426 excellent, excellent, town employees and I am proud to say that. We went for many
427 years, previously, where we couldn’t keep employees. We would train them up and they
428 would go to other municipalities in the area because of better pay, or better benefits and
429 everything and councils and staff in the past years, several years, have done things to
430 alleviate that problem and we’re having 5 year recognitions and 15 year recognitions and
431 10 and 20 and that’s a good thing for the Town of Surfside Beach. We have some

432 excellent employees and I would just like to thank everyone here for attending. This is
433 your town; you know how to contact me and thank you.”
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435 **Mr. Martin:** “Mr. Mayor, sometime we’re going to have to start in the middle. I want
436 to second and third the comments about Willie Carter; thank you very much we really
437 appreciate it and I particularly noticed that you stayed to the whole end of the meeting
438 and thank you for that and it gives us a chance to individually thank you. Thank you
439 again and I really appreciate all the comments from the public tonight and there is one
440 that I really liked and particularly because who happens to be here tonight. The
441 gentleman talked about how the smoking ban was important and there’s new information
442 showing how really important it is and Ms. Tuttle thank you for coming.”
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444 **Mr. Truett:** “Yeah, you need to start in the middle; they get all the good ones. Thanks
445 again Willie, Butch, appreciate everything you did, brought us a lot of good information
446 so we can make a, when you spend a million dollars you got to have some good
447 information and I appreciate what you did and all the questions that I kept bombarding
448 you with and you always returned my calls; I was wondering if he wasn’t. I appreciate
449 everybody coming and have a good night.”
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451 **Mr. Samples:** “I would second those comments. Thanks for coming. I hope soon we
452 will have a revised procurement ordinance. I know that that got put off some time ago;
453 we had a draft that was presented to us, it needed a little bit of work but I think enough
454 time has passed that we don’t want to see contract modifications done again as we did
455 for Yaupon parking lot. Surfside Drive, my understanding is the Beautification
456 Committee has a recommendation that needs to be brought to council concerning
457 Surfside Drive, so I, for one, would like to have that recommendation brought up at the
458 next meeting. Frankly, I think our committees are really a great asset to this town and
459 we need to encourage more involvement of the citizens of this town on those
460 committees. We need to take seriously those recommendations that come, not that we
461 have to agree with them but we need to consider them; they need to be brought to us.
462 That’s all I have tonight. Thanks.”
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464 **Mr. Childs:** “Willie, congratulations, I join the rest and Sammy, I join in on Sammy’s
465 comments, Chief Packard. Here we go again on the smoking ban. I personally, along
466 with two others, on this council sat down with the fellow at Dagwood’s here not long
467 ago and he ate a lot of crow because I was here when he made the comments that he
468 wouldn’t have built in Surfside Beach had he had know that this council would pass the
469 smoking ordinance and he is doing good. The restaurants are not losing money; they’re
470 doing good. I hope that we can get with our chief for next summer and this council
471 makes some decisions and enforce the smoking on the beach and you’re right, we should
472 enforce it more, it’s not being enforced and everybody knows it so I hope that we can do
473 something about that. Thank you.”
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10. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Truett made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Approved: November 10, 2009

Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

Joseph P. Martin, Town Council

Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

James S. Truett, Mayor Pro Tem

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