



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

July 12, 2010 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Deaton and councilmembers Johnson, Blair, Dodge, Smith, Childs and Samples were present. Staff present: Appointed Interim Administrator, Fellner; Clerk Pinnell; Special Events Supervisor, Ellis; Building Director Donevant; Police Captain Miller and Fire Chief Packard. Attorney Mr. Moss was also present.

Mayor Deaton introduced the Boy Scout Troup out of Soccastee Methodist Church working on their badge for citizenship in the community who were in the audience.

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

Chaplin Mike Romano gave the invocation and Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** – Ms. Dodge made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting June 22, 2010 and the special meeting held June 29, 2010. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS: Presented by Interim Administrator Micki Fellner**

a. **Building Report**

Ms. Fellner reported that there were 72 permits issued for \$6,801.78 and last year during the same period 61 were issued for \$8,519.00. 120 contractors' licenses were issued in June including new issues and renewals for a total of \$17,933.44 and last year during the same period only 95 were issued for a total of \$13,841.95. 126 inspections were conducted this year and last year there were 120 conducted.

b. **Public Safety Report**

i. **Police**

Ms. Fellner reported that the department is continuing to provide golf cart registration to town residents and to date over 900 have been registered. The department assisted the Public Works and Recreation Department with this year's July 4th celebration at the pier. There were no problems encountered. The salaried officers as well as part time officers were used to increase staffing while minimizing overtime costs. Since July 1st there have been uniformed officers on the beach on 4 wheelers from 9:00 PM until midnight to help enforce the

53 fireworks ordinance. Part-time officers are being used whenever
54 possible to minimize overtime expenses. Mr. Childs commended
55 Captain Miller for the night patrol to enforce the fireworks ordinance
56 adding that he used to get 3 or 4 calls a week and since this patrol has
57 been staffed he has not received any complaint calls. The department
58 is currently reviewing and updating their emergency preparedness and
59 operations plan. The department recently completed their annual
60 review of the wrecker rotation and this will be in the administrators
61 report for the next meeting. Ms. Fellner reported that all other police
62 statistics are available on-line at surfsidebeach.org. Mr. Samples
63 stated that he noticed that a lot of tents have been showing up on the
64 beaches. In the past it was presented that these tents present safety
65 concerns for the lifeguards in terms of line of sight. The town has an
66 ordinance which does require tents to be behind the lifeguard stands.
67 Mr. Samples asked if this could be checked into. Ms. Fellner stated
68 that she believes that the tents are being placed 10 feet behind the
69 lifeguard stand but if there are tents not complying she would have the
70 police look into this. Mr. Johnson stated that there is also a problem
71 with the tents being left overnight. There is an ordinance against this
72 as well. In the past structures were tagged and now vacationers are
73 taking the cloth off the frames and leaving the frames. Mr. Johnson
74 stated that he witnessed this being done in the past couple of nights.
75 Ms. Fellner stated that with the increased patrol this should help
76 alleviate this problem. Mr. Childs stated that the reason for this
77 ordinance was that the Public Works was having a difficult time raking
78 the beaches when they had to go around tents. Ms. Blair asked what
79 the protocol was when the officers came across a tent left on the beach.
80 Staff in the audience commented that the Public Works picks up the
81 deserted tents and it was confirmed that this is addressed in the town
82 ordinance as well.

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84 c. Administrator's Report

85 i. 4th of July Update

86 Ms. Fellner reported that there had been a huge positive response
87 from the public about the 4th of July celebration. The event seemed
88 to diminish the problems with individual fireworks being set off on
89 the beach.

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91 ii. Town Newsletter

92 Ms. Fellner reported that the town will have a new 20 page addition
93 that will go out by Monday. The newsletter will receive a facelift
94 this fall to maintain consistency with the new website and keep it in
95 line with the towns own marketing branding. Mayor Deaton added
96 that marketing is very important for the town right now; the
97 restaurants and rental homes need to be filled up and the town needs
98 exposure. Mayor Deaton stated that there have been a lot of
99 comments regarding special events. The special events are not just
100 geared to give residents and visitors something to do they are
101 provided as a marketing strategy to expose the town to outside

102 visitors. Mayor Deaton stated that the Accommodations Tax and
103 Hospitality funds received help to make the town what it is and it
104 helps to create the town infrastructure.

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106 *iii. Fire station Update*

107 Ms. Fellner reported that the red VCT is to be installed in the first
108 floor offices on the north side of the building. Mashburn asked if
109 this would work for the town and the town accepted. This Friday the
110 floor would be measured. DP3 has issued their opinion on the entire
111 bay floor area stating that it should be ground. Mashburn will come
112 and ground a test area and they have requested the town to inspect it
113 once they are done. If the test area is acceptable they have requested
114 written approval to move forward. Once approval is received they
115 will begin working on the truck bay floor in four phases. Mr.
116 Samples asked if the town had the technical capacity to approve this
117 or would the architect be there. Ms. Fellner stated that she has asked
118 Mike Pry from DP3 to be there but he has not confirmed his
119 availability to her as of yet. It was confirmed that Ms. Donevant
120 would also be in attendance. Ms. Fellner stated that the town may
121 not move forward if Mike Pry is not available to attend adding that
122 there should be accountability.

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124 *iv. Departure of Grounds Supervisor: Brian Newell*

125 Ms. Fellner reported that the Grounds Supervisor left on Friday; his
126 position has been listed on the website and Career Builders and the
127 town has received over 50 applications since the listing. The current
128 critical issue is the spraying certification and license which the
129 former supervisor held and the town is required to have this by law.
130 The Director of Public Works will be taking the four certifications
131 and in the meantime the director will be contacting the County to see
132 if the town could work under their license. The rules are that a town
133 needs to be within 60 miles and the town meets those requirements.
134 The County would need to review the chemicals and equipment and
135 best practices followed by the town. The town will not spray until
136 this is cleared with the County. Mayor Deaton stated "we are under
137 a hiring freeze, directed by council, so if the availability of an in-
138 house individual or individuals could acquire the responsibilities of
139 this position by promotion or by further education I would hope that
140 would be looked at as an alternative or as an option." Ms. Fellner
141 stated that it absolutely would. Ms. Fellner stated that she received
142 an e-mail regarding this position and wanted to inform council that
143 the town needs every grounds person it has even in the off season;
144 they are used for the fields along with so many other things in town
145 and the town can provide a list of duties. Ms. Fellner stated that if
146 anyone wanted this list they could e-mail her. Ms. Fellner stated that
147 even if the town moved someone up they would still need to replace
148 that individual. Mayor Deaton stated that he understands this but by
149 filling a lower paid position may be more attractive to the goal of
150 council than to replace a person into a supervisory position. Mayor

151 Deaton stated that someone could be moved up with a moderate raise
152 and then that person could be replaced with lower pay. Ms. Fellner
153 agreed that this makes good business sense. Mr. Samples stated that
154 he always believed that the town could meet its needs by promoting
155 from within. Mr. Samples stated that it is important for the town to
156 meet the criteria it established with the position such as certifications
157 and Arborist designation but he feels there is talent from within.
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159 v. *Meeting with Army Corp of Engineers re: failing of 10th Avenue*
160 *culvert*

161 Ms. Fellner reported that the town had an on-sight meeting with the
162 Army Corp of Engineers regarding the failing culvert on 10th Avenue
163 N. The Director of the Building Department, Ms. Donevant, the
164 Director of Public Works, Mr. Adair and Earthworks were all in
165 attendance. Ms. Fellner stated that she wanted to confirm at this
166 meeting that the culvert was actually failing and before any further
167 action is taken the town could get estimates for two alternative
168 solutions; one being a box culvert and the other being piping. The
169 box culvert is aesthetically more pleasing but much costlier. Ms.
170 Fellner stated that she also had wanted to confirm that the CTC
171 funds the previous Administrator requested would cover the costs
172 involved prior to moving forward with the bid specifications. Mr.
173 Johnson stated that he recalls that certain areas are designated
174 wetlands and asked if this would affect any project. Ms. Fellner
175 stated that the representative from the Army Corp of Engineers did
176 not feel this would be an issue since it is under .02 percent. Ms.
177 Fellner stated that the piping would include two pipes; currently it
178 consists of an old bridge with timbers underneath. Mr. Johnson
179 asked what the expense difference would be between the projects.
180 Ms. Fellner stated that the funds requested from CTC were \$60,000
181 and a culvert could cost twice this amount. Ms. Fellner stated that
182 she needs to follow up to see where the \$60,000 figure came from;
183 there is no documentation confirming this amount and once this is
184 confirmed the town could move forward in presenting this to
185 council. It was confirmed that the engineering and permitting
186 process had already been started by Earthworks. Mayor Deaton
187 stated that council had directed that the primary town engineer be
188 DDC. Mr. Samples stated that it was his recollection that the
189 administrator had the flexibility to use Earthworks and asked Ms.
190 Fellner if this was reviewed by the stormwater committee. Ms.
191 Fellner agreed that this is a stormwater issue. Mr. Samples asked if
192 the stormwater minutes could be provided to council concerning this
193 culvert. Mayor Deaton stated that if this was not brought to the
194 stormwater committee then he suggested it go through the
195 committee. Ms. Fellner agreed. There was consensus of council to
196 present the culvert to the stormwater committee for review if they
197 were not previously given the item. Mayor Deaton stated that there
198 is also a culvert on 5th Avenue N. that will need to be addressed at
199 some point in time.

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7. BUSINESS

a. *First Reading Ordinance #10-0687: Amend Agenda Order of Proceedings*
Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt 1st reading. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Smith stated that page 2 under workshop regular meeting the discussion item was left off and he would like to see it added in. Mr. Smith made a motion to amend the ordinance to add under paragraph D workshop/regular meeting number 9 be added to include Discussion. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Public comments would then be bumped down to item 10 and so on. All voted in favor to the ordinance. **MOTION CARRIED. All voted in favor to the amendment. MOTION CARRIED.**

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- *Surfside Drive Update – Ms. Fellner:*
Ms. Fellner reported that councilman Samples had pointed out at a previous meeting that no traffic study was performed on the current rendered plan for Surfside Drive. Ms. Fellner attended a policy meeting for GSATS and had arranged to meet with the SCDOT, the County and the COG to discuss a number of matters; one of the items was to ask for comments on the proposed Surfside Drive plan. Comments on impact and traffic flow were received; each group thought the proposed plan would result in serious traffic issues most stemming from the interior parking and that the number of accidents would more than likely increase and that it would impede the natural flow of traffic. Ms. Fellner asked council for a recommendation on how to proceed. Mr. Childs stated that there was a subcommittee developed and it is still a committee. Mr. Childs stated that he would like to propose filling the seat of Mr. Truett. Mayor Deaton asked for this to be placed on the next meeting as a discussion item. Mr. Samples stated that the real issue the transportation experts have is with the parking in the middle of the street. Mr. Samples stated that when the plan was initially drawn up it was looked at during the slow time of the year. The town is currently having a good season and there has been a lot of traffic. Mr. Samples stated that there may be a quick and easy fix to move the Surfside Drive beautification effort forward. Mayor Deaton stated that it could be addressed as a discussion item at the next meeting. Mr. Childs agreed that the parking issue design could easily be solved and agreed with the Mayor to discuss this at a later date. Mayor Deaton stated that he would like everyone to have time to come up with ideas. Mr. Smith asked if the traffic experts had any comments regarding stacking up cars or making left turns. Ms. Fellner stated that there are a number of transportation items that need to be addressed.

- *Conflict of Interest- Ms. Dodge:*
Ms. Dodge stated that she would like members of council to discuss this item openly. Conflict of interest needs to be clarified. Ms. Dodge stated that there were some good points in the employee handbook and asked council to present ideas. Mr. Samples made a motion to suspend the rules to allow discussion. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Dodge stated that clarification is important; “it makes it easier for any employee to look at the policy that I wrote and say ‘well, yes, this is a conflict

250 of interest and I better watch my step’.” Ms. Dodge stated that everyone
251 including herself has businesses in town and anyone could possibly have a
252 conflict of interest. How one handles a conflict is very important. Mr.
253 Samples stated that he wanted to address the document Ms. Dodge presented
254 adding that the intent is to reemphasize to staff, volunteers, councilmembers
255 and to the towns’ people that council recognizes that there may be time where
256 there is an appearance of a conflict of interest but it must be disclosed. Mr.
257 Samples stated that this is just another step towards transparency in
258 government. Mr. Samples stated that most government people know to do the
259 right thing “but, unfortunately, some people need to be reminded.” Mr.
260 Samples stated that the intent is to have a clear policy in place for individuals
261 to sign and acknowledge that they had read and understood that where
262 conflicts would arise they would need to make their superiors aware. Mr.
263 Samples stated that in some instances the administrator may feel they need to
264 make council aware of certain relationships. Mr. Samples added that he feels
265 this is “good government” and that he is aware that some people feel that there
266 are enough laws that exist but he feels that this is something that needs to be
267 reemphasized.

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269 Mayor Deaton stated that the South Carolina Ethics Commission has set forth
270 statement of rules of conduct that are very clear under South Carolina Code of
271 laws section 8-13-700 supplement 2009. Mr. Smith stated that he feels this is
272 very important and there is a letter council received from the town lawyer that
273 referred to orientation of new hires. Mr. Smith stated that the problem is that
274 people tend to forget over a period of time and feels that they need to be made
275 aware of the conflict policies upon the time they are hired and also annual
276 reminders or training sessions to be brought up to current policies. Mr. Smith
277 stated that it would be good for the town administrator to document notice of
278 second jobs. Mr. Johnson stated that he agrees that the town needs a strong
279 conflict of interest policy in place and one that especially deals with the
280 appearance of impropriety. Mr. Johnson stated that he feels it has gone on in
281 Surfside and it goes on in other municipalities as well adding that the town
282 needs some strong language to deal with these situations and is not averse to
283 having the Municipal Association or State Ethic Commission look at some of
284 these documents and give their opinion. Mr. Johnson stated that he is sure the
285 town needs to do something but he is not sure where to begin. Mr. Childs
286 stated that he agrees with Mr. Johnson and would like this document go to the
287 State Ethics Commission. Attorney Mr. Moss stated that it is a reasonable
288 request but was not sure if they would review it or not. Mayor Deaton stated
289 that it would be up to the State Ethics Commission. Mr. Johnson stated that
290 the e-mail council received stated that being specific may open up loopholes
291 but felt that the “more eyes on a document the better”. Mr. Smith suggested
292 that town staff and the town lawyer review the document and make necessary
293 changes prior to sending it to the State Ethics Commission. Mr. Smith stated
294 that the document is a good first start but he is not sure if this current
295 document is where the town wants to be in terms of conflict of interest. Mr.
296 Samples asked Attorney Mr. Moss if he had time to review the conflict of
297 interest document. Mr. Moss stated that he had not. Mr. Samples suggested
298 he review the document. There was consensus of council to have staff review

299 the document and present it back to council at the next meeting. Mr. Samples
300 stated that he is confident that the town attorney and town staff will be able to
301 review and draft a conflict of interest document. Mayor Deaton stated “we are
302 going to move forward with the request of council for staff to review the
303 document created by our councilmember Dodge.” There was a consensus of
304 council. Mr. Samples asked to clarify direction. The intent is to arrive at
305 something that can be placed into the personnel policy manual, not as a
306 clause, but something that needs to be signed on an annual basis. Mr. Smith
307 stated that this document should be prepared so that each employee would
308 read it every year and re-sign stating that it has been reread and understood
309 adding that councilmembers must sign documents each year stating that the
310 stated ethic rules are understood and to reaffirm that there are no conflicts so
311 he feels it is important for the employees to do as well. Ms. Dodge agreed and
312 thanked everyone for all the input. There was some discussion as to whether
313 the document would apply to council since council was already held under a
314 high standard by the State Ethics Commission. Mr. Moss stated that all
315 employees are bound by State Ethics. If there were one policy that would
316 reference employees, volunteers and council then the policy manual could
317 reference the form. Mr. Samples stated that the town could have a reference
318 in an ordinance concerning council and appointed members of boards and
319 commissions. It was confirmed that the intent was to provide a policy for
320 employees, council and volunteers.
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322 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 5 minutes per speaker**

323 ***Beth Kohlmann, 1610 S. Ocean Blvd:*** “I just wanted to plant a seed and then, of
324 course, you know me, I will water it, over and over and over and over until either I
325 get a weed or I get a beautiful flower which we’ve gotten a little bit of both in this
326 town but flowers are gorgeous. With that said, with the planned development that’s
327 going to be going on with the recreation over on Scipio Lane I believe that the
328 building where the senior center is now located on 10th Avenue North used to be our
329 public library and it used to be part of our town’s property. I was wondering if maybe
330 we could all have a little head start on working with the County on possibly working
331 something out to get that building back in our town to use ourselves for whatever we
332 can come up with and I’m sure with everybody’s ideas we can come up with a lot
333 because it’s a great building; doesn’t need a whole lot of things done to it and it has a
334 lot of parking and a lot of area; there’s no neighbor on one side of it. The building on
335 the other side is the business on 17 so I think it has a lot of potential and being that
336 the kids are here and we’re all proud of the kids in this town and we do a lot for them;
337 there’s a spot there too for maybe setting some kind of youth and senior thing going
338 for the people that live on this side. Something that the volunteers could come back
339 for and you know I have to do this, Mr. Mayor, I’m sorry but, please get these
340 committees back. You’re killing me on this and I understand your frustration when
341 you yelled out before though I know it’s not permitted but sometimes I just want to
342 stand up here and scream at you; sometimes I want to shake you but I can’t do that.
343 These committees are really important; they really are and they’ve proven to you over
344 and over that they work. You know they work because you were at 4th of July and
345 you’ve been at these festivals where these people were involved and it is important
346 and I know you know it but please just stop lollygagging; just get the committees
347 back. Thank you.”

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Leon Graf, Owner of Borgata: “I have a few things. First of all, the first thing I have a problem with is the posting of minutes and agendas on the website was not done since the last meeting until after 11:00 AM this morning. How are we to investigate anything that we really want to talk about in regards to the agenda when we only have a few hours to review it, number one. Number two, let’s go back to Surfside Drive, you want to create another committee or workshop to look at Surfside Drive now, we had three bids originally, one of them got thrown out, if that had not gone thrown out that project probably would have been underway at this point. We wouldn’t be going through what we’re going through right now. I need something done. Regards to sidewalks, handicap parking; I brought this up before; nothing has been done about that. I had a guest fall in front of my establishment on town property; did not pursue anything. It’s a lawsuit waiting to happen out there with those sidewalks. That’s all I got to say.”

Tom Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar Drive: “Several months ago at the insistence of the Mayor the former town council voted to spend \$48,500 on a parking study, again. The study was made in a grade schoolish, at best, report was given to the council. What has been done with this study? Where has the town benefited? That was my money and all of these people’s money too. I’ll give you a free study. All done without a helicopter ride; stop the parking on Seaside Drive and the side streets near the ocean and on Ocean Blvd. You people get reports from the parking people of spaces that are open in the parking lots. You can go down on the beach any day, any time and see vacant spaces in our parking lots but Seaside Drive, where it’s free, closer to the beach than some of the parking lots is full of cars; Ocean Blvd. is full of cars; 4th of July was like a war zone on Ocean Blvd. The place was packed right up to the intersection and if you drove a golf cart or a car and tried to cross Ocean Blvd. you took your life in your hands. We have to stop the parking for free. If you want to allow parking on Seaside Drive put meters there. It’s unsafe to allow parking on Ocean Blvd. so put up signs that say there is no parking and enforce it; put meters on the side streets up to Dogwood Drive; collect some revenue from our neighbors to the west. We’re being laughed at by them; they can park closer to the beach for free than the parking lots. Why do we have to provide them with a place to park; they do not provide us with any revenue. Remember only \$48,500 additional hours at the meters and this study that you enacted is paid for. It’s time we run the town like a business and stop our giveaways.”

Ron Saunders, 313 6th Avenue So.: “I’ve got something I want to talk about but first I want to ask is there some way we can get someone to fix those microphones? Every time you have a meeting, please get that fixed, it can’t be that big a problem that we can’t get it fixed. Another thing I’d like to know is and I know you don’t answer questions but all that’s going on with the fire department floor do we got to pay for that or is that included in the original . . .? No answer, ok, tonight I’d like to ask you to look into something, if you will, I think you’ll find it’s very important and that is if we have any restrictions at all on what the town has for vehicular traffic in Surfside Beach. Since a tourist was ran over in Myrtle Beach by a Beach Service vehicle and received serious permeating it’s a great time for you to look into how much traffic we have on our beaches. I’m retired and I spend a couple days a week on the beach and I see some of you folks down there too so you got to know what I’m saying is Gods

397 truth. We have lots of ocean rescue vehicles now; they changed the name on the side
398 of them, they no longer say Beach Service vehicles, they now say Ocean Rescue
399 vehicles and they're constantly back and forth and back and forth up and down that
400 beach. I fully believe that everything they got to do can be done by eight o'clock in
401 the morning or after six o'clock in the afternoon and they don't need to be running up
402 and down that beach. I watch what they do; they take water to the lifeguards in their
403 towers. If that's all they're doing they can crossover on those crossovers like I do,
404 like you do when you go to the beach. I'd really like to see one of you pick up a pen
405 and make a note of what I'm talking about because we come down here meeting after
406 meeting; we tell you about things that are very important to us and it never; never is
407 spoken of again. Please look into this. We also have two four wheel ATV's that
408 patrol out beach. I assume those are full time police officers? Anyway, most of the
409 time when you see those police officers or whatever they are, riding up and down the
410 beach, they are running side by side like the rat patrol used to in the old TV series and
411 it seems to me we'd get better use of our money and our employees and our vehicles
412 if they were off on their own; one going one way, one going the other way and
413 enforcing the laws or whatever they're doing but when they're riding along side by
414 side every time and I mean folks, every time. When they're out there on that beach
415 we're not getting anything for having two people doing that same job riding side by
416 side. I mean I am by no means an expert in policing I don't intend to imply that I am
417 but I do have eyes; I can see that we're wasting a couple great resources there and we
418 could use those to our advantage. Thank you for your time. Thank you all for
419 coming."

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421 *Gene Maruca, 116 7th Avenue So.:* "A couple of months ago there was a
422 representative here from the Heart Fund requesting an action from our town council.
423 To date, I don't believe anything has been done other than, well; to use a cliché that
424 we're all familiar with here, kick the can down the road. I'm wondering now if we
425 can get in touch with the folks from the Heart Fund, invite them back and maybe we
426 have had a change of heart so we wouldn't have to pick up the paper at some point
427 and read in a letter to the editor that Surfside Town Council turned their back on the
428 Heart Fund."

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430 It was confirmed by the clerk that the Heart Fund had been scheduled to attend the
431 next council meeting.

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433 *Mr. Maruca:* "Thanks guys."

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435 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

436 *Mr. Childs:* "Sometimes Tom Dodge and I don't agree on a lot of things but Tom
437 you're right on it and I have, this parking, is a problem, I've tried to generate some
438 interest on and I think we're making some headway. I did talk to the Mayor a couple
439 of times here and he's on board. I've talked to . . . Mr. Samples and I had a long
440 conversation about that and I really think, and I agree with that Seaside Drive is a
441 mess; Ocean Blvd, there should not be any parking on Ocean Blvd. and I think we
442 really, we really are going to start implementing some of that parking and I hope and
443 if you keep it up and we can get this thing going we can get it started; we can get it
444 completed because I think everybody in town is in lock step that we have a parking
445 issue, I really do. Mr. Mayor, on the second thing this Surfside Drive, to tell the

446 gentleman there, this workshop won't be a big deal; we've gotten 99 percent of the
447 work done. The issue is the parking down the middle and, believe me that can be
448 done, like I said, with the stroke of a pen. We realize where the problem is going to
449 be and I talked to another councilman at length this weekend about that and I think
450 we can get a real quick agreement there's not going to be a lot of hold up. On the next
451 issue, Mr. Mayor, I'd like to let council know that the vendors we deal with and the
452 businesses in town contributed over \$5,000 towards our 4th of July festivities and I
453 would like to thank all those who did that and last but not least we will not pay for the
454 fire house floor. Thank you Mr. Mayor."

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456 Mayor Deaton stated that this last comment is on public record from the last meeting.

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458 **Mr. Samples:** "Well, it remains to be seen; hopefully we're going to resolve the issue
459 with the floor to everyone's satisfaction. The committee ordinance I know that the
460 administrator and the clerk have asked for comments from all of us and I know that I
461 have yet to turn mine in although I am very close and I suspect that everyone else
462 either has turned theirs in or is very close to turning them in but I would expect that
463 we ought to come back and either amend the existing ordinance or adopt first reading
464 on the committee ordinance shortly. You know, I grew up in Southern California and
465 people tried to keep people from parking at the beach and I'm very interested in
466 hearing discussions on parking but I think it is wishful thinking and we'll have many
467 unintended consequences if we think we're going to stop people parking on Ocean
468 Blvd. Hey, come on, it's summertime, people come to the beach. I tend to agree that
469 at some point we better meter it. I guess that's all I got to say except there's one
470 unfinished piece of business that I'm anxious to get on with . . . you know the town
471 owns the pier and on that pier there's a restaurant and it will almost be two months
472 since proposals came in that were found non-responsive and I know the council voted
473 to reissue an RFP but it was not unanimous and I think we need to move on and get it
474 back on the table. I think everybody knows how I feel about it and I think it's a
475 mistake to do otherwise. Thank you."

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477 **Mr. Smith:** "I'd like to thank you for mentioning about the beach patrol because I
478 think it's important that we do have those officers riding up and down the beach
479 frequently and so it's very important to be very visible on the beach. There are
480 people who bring bottles on the beach and smoke on the beach and we'd like those
481 officers to tell them that's not allowed in Surfside Beach. Thank you."

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483 **Ms. Dodge:** "I wanted to say I'm grateful to citizens who bring up concerns or
484 problems to this council. Some things we're aware of and many others we are not
485 and I do believe that all of us working together, not just the council, but the citizens,
486 we can accomplish a lot of good for the town. I had an e-mail from a citizen
487 regarding a dirt street in town. It's on 1st, I think 1st Avenue South and it goes along
488 side a property, people used to drive their golf carts on it, people used to walk on it to
489 get from there to Willow. We need to pave that street; we need to do something
490 about that street so I'm, first of all, my first step is to go to Mr. Adair and talk to him
491 about it and see what he considers needs to be done but those people that want to be
492 able to use that street are hampered right now because a property owner apparently
493 has now planted pampas grass there; you can't walk and you can't ride your golf cart
494 without bumping over pampas grass. That doesn't belong to a person it belongs to

495 every person in this town and we do need to handle that. I think that's it. Thank
496 you."

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498 **Mr. Johnson:** "I wasn't going to say anything but I will just mention I appreciate the
499 fireworks display that we had; it was very good and I think it was very well received
500 and I know it was very well attended. Have a good evening."

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502 **Ms. Blair:** "First of all I promise to get these microphones fixed. This one won't cut
503 off now so I think it has a spirit of its own. Thank you all for coming. Mr. Graff I
504 was on that committee and I have been very frustrated and you're right we should
505 have been cutting the ribbon and opening Surfside Drive Memorial Day which was
506 our original plan and we thought we had that planned out down to the date and,
507 you're right, one got thrown out, there were problems and it's kind of fallen under the
508 radar and it does need to be revived and Mr. Childs and I have talked about it and
509 hope to get that committee working again but hope that it's a very simple process to,
510 if anything is simple, to get that going again and set our new deadline and we had
511 grandiose plans for all of these festivals we could have down there and we could have
512 our own New Years Eve festival for Surfside which we never had and possibly we
513 cannot lose those plans and lose those . . . moving ahead with some of those things,
514 those are all positive feelings that we had about it and I hope everyone hasn't given
515 up on that. Thank you all for coming and drive safely going home. I think we're
516 calling for some thunderstorms tonight. Thanks for coming."

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518 **Mayor Deaton:** "On the parking meters . . . that's where we generate the money to
519 buy a piece of property and it is designated for that. The \$48,000 came from parking
520 meter funds, it did not come from tax dollars, it did not come out of anybody in this
521 rooms pocket unless you've paid a parking meter. The intent of the parking plan is it
522 was not a study; there was a plan done back in early 2000 and that was incorporated
523 into this master parking plan. One thing I can guarantee, things are going to change;
524 it's going to become more strained and we're going to need more parking
525 management and that was the goal of the plan, was parking management and to
526 manage the parking as it grows. You see one model of the implementation on 4th
527 Avenue where palm trees have been planted along Ocean Blvd.; that's a deterrent to
528 parking on Ocean Blvd but it's going to take funds and it's going to be very slow.
529 That's a model; it's an example; it's a project to show what can be done. This
530 implementation has to be followed; they set it out in six phases and I believe the most
531 popular phase that got the most media attention was the parking garage which I
532 guarantee probably, excluding the boy scouts, will probably never see in their lifetime
533 but that was phase VI, so, it's a vision, it's just looking forward; it's trying to show
534 how to manage things as it grows and as I said in a previous meeting, I've been in
535 Surfside for 36 almost 37 years; there were 4 paved roads when I got here; there's
536 been a lot of changes. If you think you can wall-off the town of Surfside and not see
537 any changes in the future I believe you got another thing coming. Things are going to
538 change; they are going to grow; they are going to expand; you need to plan; you need
539 to have vision and that's where good leadership comes in to play. I feel like we've
540 been very fortunate in the past that we've had good leadership; there's been a lot of
541 changes; a lot of growth; a lot of expansion within our small area here. It's been well
542 planned and I appreciate that planning process throughout the years. Trucks on the
543 beach is something I've had a problem with for a long time; ten years ago we had the

544 County, we had the Beach Service, we had other beach services, we had everybody in
 545 the world driving up and down it looked like a highway down there; it is somewhat
 546 better now but I still think we have room for improvement. I believe that probably
 547 early morning hours are appropriate to get everything they need to get down and
 548 probably after five in the evening . . . we don't need any traffic on the beach when our
 549 tourists are down there. People are laying on the beach; I mean that's a relaxing time
 550 or should be, so, I do agree with that. 4th of July was phenomenal. Thank you, sir;
 551 thank you, police department; thank you, fire department. The traffic direction was
 552 incredible; the crowd control was incredible; the fire protection was incredible; it was
 553 just a huge success and we look forward to the future of 4th of July's to come. Thank
 554 you for coming tonight. I hope you don't get rained on. It sounds like thunder and
 555 lightning out there; please have a safe trip home."

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557 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

558 Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All present**
559 **voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.
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