



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
January 25, 2011 ♦ 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, Mayor Pro Tem Childs and councilmembers Blair, Smith, Dodge, and Johnson were present. Councilman Samples was absent. There was a quorum. Staff present: Administrator Duckett; Deputy Administrator, Fellner; Clerk, Pinnell; Police Chief, Frederick; Building Director, Donevant; Treasurer, Hursey; Special Events Coordinator, Ellis and Public Works Director, Adair. Mr. Britton from Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments and attorney Mr. Moss were also present.

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

Police Chaplain Carmen Carella gave the invocation and Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Childs made a motion to amend the agenda removing item 8E, decision on Business 17 frontage road and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, under Business and asked that it be placed on the next meeting agenda dated February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Childs made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the corrected meeting minutes from January 11, 2011. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

*Tom Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar Dr.:* “I see on the agenda you’re going to talk about drinking on the pier. I would hope that you do not vote for drinking anywhere in the public in town. If you do I would suggest you then change the name of Surfside Beach family beach to the dysfunctional family beach. We don’t need drinking everywhere. If you want to drink out in public go to Myrtle Beach, go to Garden City. We are different. We don’t need it; we don’t need that kind of revenue. So I would hope you vote against it.”

6. **WORKSHOP: 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Frontage Road Intersection**

Mayor Deaton stated that this is a complicated issue and the council did not have a lot of details previously. A chart has since been provided. Mr. Childs stated that the intersection at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North blockade was to cut off access to one of four ways to go. If you are going west on 5<sup>th</sup> you cross 17 so you would not have to be concerned with traffic coming from all directions adding that the illustration provided does a good job. This takes you out of your way about 20 seconds. Mr. Childs stated that it is something that could be tried; if it does not work it can be removed. SCDOT came up with idea and it would be the first leg of trying to do away with the frontage road. Frontage roads are one of the biggest complaints in town. The town will work with SCDOT to try to eliminate the entire frontage road. This is the first phase. Mr.

52 Childs stated that he would like to see the town give it a try; a 6 month trial was  
53 recommended by Mr. Childs. Mr. Johnson asked if someone from SCDOT was  
54 present. Mr. Johnson stated that he understands that there is a problem with the  
55 frontage roads; there has been for many years. The problem does increase annually  
56 as long as there are more vehicles on the road. Mr. Johnson stated that he has some  
57 reservations. This is one of several options from the SCDOT list pertaining to  
58 business 17; they include closing median cuts and consolidating curb access and  
59 modifying existing signalization allowing u-turn maneuvers. Mr. Johnson stated that  
60 one thing that has not been brought up is perhaps instead of blocking off the road,  
61 traffic lights could be installed in conjunction with the ones on Business 17. Mr.  
62 Johnson stated that he does not think Azalea could handle the additional traffic. He  
63 was hoping there would be some business owners in attendance and there were none.  
64 Mr. Johnson stated his concerns are the frontage road altogether and blocking it off at  
65 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Ms. Blair asked Chief Frederick if he had numbers for the amount  
66 of accidents on that frontage road. Chief Frederick stated that these could be  
67 produced in a day; there have been accidents in that location but it is not the top  
68 accident section in town. Mr. Childs stated that in 2009 there were 9 accidents at that  
69 intersection. Ms. Blair inquired as to where Mr. Childs received this information. Mr.  
70 Childs stated that there was a chart of the entire town presented by the previous  
71 Police Chief which contained a list of where all of the accidents in town occurred.  
72 There were 10 on the other side of 17 on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue listed as well. Ms. Dodge stated  
73 that a citizen suggested the town use the same signaling it has on Surfside Drive since  
74 that seemed to help with the traffic flow there. Mr. Smith stated that he feels this  
75 blockade is a good idea; it was a recommendation from DOT. Council never pushed  
76 for it previously so they formed a transportation committee which met with DOT.  
77 The committee feels that it's a good first effort to close the frontage road. Once the  
78 frontage road is closed all of the businesses will be entering directly onto Business  
79 17. The idea is to cut down on the through traffic on the frontage road which would  
80 minimize the number of cars coming to the intersection looking to the right as they  
81 enter it. Mr. Smith stated that he feels this is a good way and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue was also  
82 mentioned; 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue is probably just as wide as the other streets. Mr. Duckett  
83 confirmed that 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue north and the frontage road are both 20 feet wide. Mr.  
84 Smith stated that the frontage road is the same width as 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue north so it was not  
85 narrower adding that he still feels this is a good proposal; the idea is to reduce the  
86 traffic in the intersection; if it does not work it can be eliminated since it does not  
87 involve major construction. Mr. Childs stated that SCDOT is paying for all of this;  
88 not a penny would come from the town. Mayor Deaton stated that he is not a traffic  
89 engineer and would not pretend to be. Mr. Smith confirmed that Azalea and the roads  
90 involved are owned and maintained by the town. Ms. Dodge stated that at the last  
91 meeting a citizen, Mr. Kohlmann, presented a drawing to Council and asked if he  
92 could speak about it. Mr. Childs stated that it was a very good drawing but added that  
93 his plan did not close an intersection; it included 'no turn' signs and Mr. Childs felt  
94 that people would not adhere to the signs. The reason to block off the road would be  
95 to have an actual blockade which would not allow through traffic. Mr. Childs stated  
96 that he felt that just adding signage would not work. Ms. Blair stated that she agrees  
97 there are issues with the frontage roads and everyone has different ideas as to what  
98 works adding that she personally would like to see all of the yield signs replaced with  
99 stop signs since people pay more attention to stop signs but she feels that the number  
100 of times that traffic is backed up is minimal. She stated that many times there is no

101 traffic and she would hate to have to go all the way around a block when there is no  
102 one around. Ms. Blair stated that she realized that this was not the tourist season and  
103 was trying to look at this as a first step but she would like to get more input from the  
104 businesses and people that would be affected. The decision made should be what is  
105 best for the full time residents and not the visitors. Ms. Blair stated that she feels that  
106 most people know how to avoid this intersection and she does not know, at this point,  
107 what the answer is. Mr. Johnson stated he has two more concerns; he had a concern  
108 about the businesses on the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension. ARC animal hospital is one that is  
109 very busy adding that they currently do not have adequate parking. He feels there  
110 will be a problem at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue extension with Arby's, ARC Animal Hospital and  
111 the lot at the bowling center. Another problem will be if the frontage road at 5<sup>th</sup>  
112 Avenue North is blocked off the drivers coming south will not see signs stating the  
113 road is closed and they would then have a problem turning around. Mr. Johnson  
114 stated that the intentions are good but he did not agree with blocking off the road right  
115 now. Mr. Smith stated that the frontage road as you approach Glenns Bay is currently  
116 blocked and as long as appropriate action is taken and signs are posted 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
117 would work as well. Mr. Smith asked how the town is going to get rid of the frontage  
118 roads; "is the town never going to close any frontage roads?" Somewhere along the  
119 line the traffic will need to be stopped and he feels this is a good first step. Mr.  
120 Smiths' vision is that as time goes by there will be other places on the frontage road  
121 where the through traffic would be blocked. The frontage roads would become more  
122 like a driveway into the businesses off of Highway 17. This would also minimize the  
123 through traffic. Mr. Smith stated that at some point Council needs to decide if they  
124 want to get rid of the frontage roads adding that if Council does not want to take this  
125 action then they do not want to get rid of frontage roads and if Council is serious  
126 about getting rid of frontage roads then this step needs to be taken. Mr. Childs stated  
127 that SCDOT would put proper signage at the barricade; there would be some kind of  
128 notification that it was a no through street. Mr. Johnson stated that this is why he had  
129 hoped there would be someone from DOT at the meeting tonight since it is a  
130 workshop. Ms. Dodge asked if Council was taking any public comments. Mayor  
131 Deaton stated that this is currently a debate among the councilmembers and he does  
132 not believe Council will be accepting any public comments at this point in time.

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134 There were no further Council comments on the workshop item.

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136 **7. COMMUNICATIONS: Presented by Administrator Jim Duckett**

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138 **a. Finance Report**

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140 **i. Monthly Report**

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142 Mr. Duckett reported on real estate taxes. Real estate, personal property  
143 and vehicle tax collections are large in the month of December. The Town  
144 is currently down from last year's; it's down about 13%. The County  
145 currently has 417 properties protesting their taxes this year which have  
146 filed appeals but it looks like the Town is in good shape for property tax  
147 collections. Hospitality and Local Accommodations taxes collected in  
148 December 2010 were up by 9 and 8 percent, respectively. Business  
149 license and permits for December 2010 had 27 new licenses taken out.  
Revenue for business licenses is up substantially from last year. Banking  
and interest, the Town earned less than 1 percent interest on its cash. The  
effective federal fund rate for December was one fifth of one percent; the

150 Town earned an average of .90%. Mr. Duckett reported on the enterprise  
151 fund revenues. In December the sanitation fund collected slightly less  
152 than last December; year to date the town is up 3 percent. The Pier fund is  
153 a little down from last year. Year to date it is 8 percent up from last year.  
154 The primary reason the income is up on the pier account is due to the  
155 extension of the hours of the parking meters. The auditors' year-ending  
156 June 30, 2010 financial statements (CAFR) have been posted on the  
157 website at [www.surfsidebeach.org](http://www.surfsidebeach.org) and a printed copy is also available at  
158 town hall.

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160 ii. Presentation Harper, Poston & Moree: Auditors Report

161 Bob Harper:

162 Mr. Harper stated that his firm performed the Towns' annual audit and has  
163 provided an executive summary which highlights some of the major  
164 financial information of the Town. Last year was a 15 month period; it  
165 went from March year end to a June year end. Most municipalities go  
166 with a June year end to keep in line with the flow of the grants, etc.; easier  
167 to account from a reporting standpoint. 95 percent of government entities  
168 are on June year end; Surfside Beach is now more comparative to its  
169 neighbors. Mr. Harper reported that the executive summary outlines the  
170 fact that the audit was done in accordance with government standards; the  
171 town was issued a clean report; there were no exceptions. Most  
172 municipalities have restrictions on fund allocation but nothing came up to  
173 indicate that there were any errors or misrepresentations. The Town  
174 received a clean report.

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176 The second page includes a statement of net assets; this was done in the  
177 form of a business. This is referred to as full accrual accounting. The full  
178 accrual accounting accounts for major capital expenditures which are  
179 made, such as with the fire department, it is depreciated over a period of  
180 years as to what the expected life would be just like with a business. Mr.  
181 Harper went over the items included in the executive summary. The  
182 difference with governmental entities and businesses are the equity is  
183 divided in three different ways; first is investment and capital assets which  
184 is a net value to be depreciated; cities do not use net assets to generate  
185 income they take care of the operations of the town; these are not available  
186 to use on an ongoing basis; the second item is restricted assets which for  
187 the Town is restricted for tourism and drug enforcement, these are  
188 restricted funds; the unrestricted amount includes designated for future  
189 spending projects which are listed in the audit report. The number  
190 remaining to operate the Town is a good and healthy number. The Town  
191 has a reserve of 3 to 4 months of cash available to pay ongoing  
192 expenditures which is a "center field rule of thumb number". The Pier  
193 operation took in a little over 10 million dollars; the expenditures were  
194 \$8,963,000 which led to a positive cash flow on the full accrual basis of  
195 accounting of \$1,797,000. This does not really represent the cash  
196 expenditures for the capital projects such as the fire department building  
197 which cost approximately 2 million dollars. The Town has a cash flow  
198 situation from a business standpoint and a cash flow situation from a

199 governmental fund accounting standpoint so there are differences there.  
200 Revenue sources show the Town where the money comes from and this is  
201 on the modified accrual basis of accounting which is the older type of  
202 governmental reporting. Approximately \$800,000 of Atax funds was  
203 used to purchase the pier; the other option was to return the funds. Mr.  
204 Harper stated that his firm is available to Council if they have any  
205 questions. Mr. Johnson asked about the business licenses revenue  
206 including 2 years in the figures presented. Mr. Harper stated that the  
207 numbers include 15 months so some items including the business licenses  
208 runs over. Mr. Duckett stated that the 15 month will capture different  
209 figures than the 12 month. Mr. Johnson asked for documentation for a  
210 comparable as soon as possible. Since there are 2 years included he would  
211 like to get the figures without the business license figures from the  
212 previous years.

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214 **b. Public Works Report**

215 Mr. Duckett reported on Public Works. The total solid waste collections were  
216 down in November and December slightly but were up year to date about 20 tons.  
217 Crews have been working non-stop to ensure that essential services are provided.  
218 Budgeted priorities are advanced, and necessary repairs are being made. To date,  
219 three dune walkovers have been gutted and replaced at 16<sup>th</sup> S., 8<sup>th</sup> S., and 5<sup>th</sup> S.  
220 These were rated to have been in the worst state, and were given priority in the off  
221 season repair. All decking and railing boards on the pier have been replaced, and  
222 crews have finished replacing approximately 1/3 of the pile bolts under the deck.  
223 There have been four 50-50 ditch piping projects inspected for appropriateness  
224 and paid for by homeowners. New street-name signs, that will exceed federal  
225 requirements, will be installed on 52 selected intersections before spring. Crews  
226 have received training to install pre-formed thermoplastic pavement markings.  
227 This includes stop bars, arrows, reflectors, and other informative images and work  
228 is proceeding on an as needed basis. We are finishing post construction extras on  
229 the Floral Lake outfall project such as a ramp, landscaping, and benches. Work is  
230 ongoing on the Dogwood Lake Outfall Deck. Once the contractor, Sellers General  
231 Construction, is finished at Dogwood, they will immediately go into the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave  
232 South driveover re-build. All of the permits are in hand, and it will be ready for  
233 watersports season!

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235 The town is awaiting encroachment permits from SCDOT to move ahead with the  
236 installation of two new bus shelters on Business 17. The project will be managed  
237 by Public Works, but paid for by the Coast RTA. Through a grant provided by the  
238 SC Forestry Commission, 50 hazardous Bradford Pear trees were removed from  
239 Surfside Drive, between Poplar and Willow Drives. They are being replaced,  
240 through the bidding process, with smaller; SC Forestry approved Kousa  
241 Dogwoods and Eastern Redbuds, which will beautify our main entry road, as well  
242 as re-establish the canopy in the area. The Grounds Department has installed new  
243 fountains at Palmetto Lake, Dogwood Lake, and Myrtle Lake. They also have  
244 been very active doing repairs and making upgrades at the Huckabee complex,  
245 with new beds, retaining walls, trees, and they will soon install new yellow fence  
246 caps on all three fields. Other winter activities are removing litter and dead brush  
247 from our lakes, tree pruning in our parks, and planting winter rye grass. Fleet

248 Maintenance: from November 18<sup>th</sup> through January 18<sup>th</sup> the Town Mechanic  
249 completed ninety-five repairs on Town vehicles and equipment. Congratulations  
250 to Mike Russell, who is currently employed as a sanitation laborer in Public  
251 Works, and was recently selected to fill the open mechanic's position.  
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253 Mr. Smith had a question about the Bradford Pears that were taken down and  
254 replaced and asked how much grant money had the town received. Mr. Duckett  
255 stated that the Town received \$9,000; the town will need to spend some additional  
256 money but it is all budgeted; it may be a few thousand. Mr. Smith asked how  
257 many man hours will be spent. Mr. Duckett stated that it had all been contracted  
258 out; the man hours spent will be on watering. Mr. Smith asked if the town  
259 received grant money for the signs that will be placed at 52 different locations in  
260 Town. Mr. Duckett stated that the Town did not get grant money for this; the  
261 Town looked at a grant but due to the number the Town had it did not qualify for  
262 grant. Mr. Duckett stated that the cost was \$2,168.03 for 104 signs. Mr. Smith  
263 asked about the paving of some of the streets with the CTC funding; the report did  
264 not name those streets. Mr. Duckett stated that the plan is to pave Dogwood  
265 Drive from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue North; 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from  
266 Cedar to Highway 17; Palmetto Drive from 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North to 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
267 North; 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from Ocean Blvd to Palmetto and to rebuild the 10  
268 Avenue culvert. The culvert is being bid out first and then Dogwood Drive, 11<sup>th</sup>  
269 Avenue, Palmetto, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the small piece of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue could be cut if  
270 the funds run out. The plan was to perform this work this fiscal year.

271 c. Recreation Report

272 Mr. Duckett reported on Recreation. In athletics, preparations have begun for the  
273 upcoming baseball/softball season in March including renovations on the  
274 concession stand. Registration for a soccer camp for children ages 4 to 8 has  
275 begun. Camp runs February 8th through March 15th every Tuesday at Martin  
276 Field. Instructors for the camp are from Coast FA. Baseball ages 9 to 14 and  
277 softball ages 9 to 12; registration for Town residents is February 14th through the  
278 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Non-resident  
279 registration is February 21st through the 25<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday, from 1:00  
280 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. All registration is at the Huckabee complex. All ages are as of  
281 May 1, 2011. Registration fees are \$25.00 for residents and \$75.00 non-residents.  
282 Under Special Events, staff assisted Festival Promotions with the Turkey Trot on  
283 Thanksgiving Day. The weather was great and the participation was over 600  
284 runners and walkers. The Tree Lighting was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>; music was  
285 provided by Seaside Elementary Chorus and light refreshments were served.  
286 Despite severe inclement weather, the parade rolled on as planned on December  
287 11<sup>th</sup>; approximately 2/3 of the entries still participated as well as all of the  
288 Surfside Beach Council Members. A special thank you went out to all who  
289 participated. Breakfast with Santa was held at Ryan's with over 50 children  
290 attending; they each received a bag of candy, a photo and visit with Santa.  
291 Upcoming Events: Surfside Rotary 5K/10K Race is Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
292 starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Surfside Beach Pier. The Seniors Dance is Friday,  
293 February 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. The St. Patrick's  
294 Day Dance is Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.  
295 Ms. Blair asked if the concession stand would be ready for the opening season.  
296 Mr. Duckett answered that it would.

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**d. Administrator's Report**

Mr. Duckett gave his report. Mr. Duckett stated that part of his report each meeting would include an update of current events. This meeting he has five items to update Council on. Many councilmembers have already been updated as things have occurred but this is for the public forum.

*i. Update on current events*

*i. Pier Deck*

The deck is currently being deconstructed and the Town will re-use the lumber for the upcoming crossover work. The pilings will be stored at the brush site on Scipio Lane for later use.

*ii. Purchase of the KME Ladder Truck*

The Town has received an offer for \$81,777 from Pine Ridge Fire Department in Summerville, SC. Mr. Duckett asked for a consensus of Council, to accept the offer. The highest bid on GovDeals received was \$20,800 which did not meet the Town reserve of \$75,000. There was consensus of Council to sell the truck for \$81,777.

*iii. Mr. Duckett reported that DDC has been selected as the engineer to oversee the Streetscaping Project which is currently underway on Surfside Drive.*

*iv. Pier Restaurant*

Mr. Duckett stated that after receiving a favorable opinion from the Attorney General's office, the Town has engaged the services of John Draughn, a commercial broker from Chicora Realty, to lease the pier restaurant space. Mr. Duckett asked Council to ratify this for the record. \$7,000 was spent and the Town had proceeded as previously directed by Council at the last Council meeting. There was no opposition from Council. Mr. Duckett reported that traffic of interested parties to date regarding the pier restaurant property "has been brisk".

*v. Pier Maintenance*

Mr. Duckett reported that to complete the bolt replacement work under the pier the Town would need to rent a specialized piece of equipment for approximately \$7,000. This would provide a steady surface from which to install the bolts east of the water line. It is important that this repair be made this winter so that the piling replacement work can begin immediately in the fall and be completed by early March at the latest. All bolts must be installed prior to the piling replacement to ensure that the pier can withstand the weight load of a crane. There are only two sources the Town has been able to identify for this piece of equipment within a "non-shipping" radius and the Town would like to take the lower of the two prices under the "sole source" exception in our procurement ordinance. This would mean that the rental of this item would not be bid. Mr. Duckett asked for Council permission without

346 objection. Mr. Smith asked how much this would cost. Mr.  
347 Duckett stated that the Town received one price at \$6,000 and the  
348 other was for \$7,000. Mr. Adair stated that this would be the cost  
349 for a week. Mr. Johnson asked if it could be done in one week.  
350 Mr. Adair stated possibly yes but maybe not.

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352 Mr. Johnson asked about the pier deck being removed. Mr.  
353 Duckett clarified that the deck being removed referred to the  
354 entertainment venue that was partially constructed. Mr. Childs  
355 asked for confirmation on the Surfside Drive schedule streetscape  
356 project. Mr. Duckett stated that the project is on schedule.

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358 *ii. Mid Year Budget Review*  
359 Mr. Duckett reported that the mid-year budget review will take place at  
360 the second regularly scheduled Council meeting in February on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
361 Staff will prepare the amendments then there will be a chance for council  
362 to discuss the changes and ask any questions they have; there will then be  
363 a public hearing prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> vote. In the coming fiscal year the budget  
364 will be worked in such a way where some if these items would not need to  
365 be brought to Council at mid-year. Mr. Smith stated that at the last  
366 meeting Council authorized the Administrator to be allowed to hire and  
367 fire positions as long as they were budgeted. Mr. Smith asked how many  
368 full time positions are budgeted. Mr. Duckett stated that in the current  
369 year budget there are 75 full time positions budgeted and there currently 7  
370 vacancies with 4 being in the Police Department and 3 in Public Works.  
371 Mr. Duckett stated that there are some temporary and season positions that  
372 are funded as well.

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374 Mr. Duckett reported that the Dogwood Enhancement Project bid was  
375 open on January 7<sup>th</sup> and Sellers Construction was the only bidder. The bid  
376 specifications were examined and the bid was awarded to them for  
377 \$28,477.60 and the work is currently two weeks from completion.

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379 **8. BUSINESS**

380 *a. First Reading Ordinance #11-0696: Amend Chapter 8, Section 8-95 Drinking in*  
381 *Public on Pier*  
382 Mr. Childs made a motion to adopt First reading of ordinance 11-0696. Mr.  
383 Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson stated that he wanted to inquire for  
384 comment; this is being done now because alcohol is currently being consumed on  
385 the pier by the fishermen. Mr. Duckett confirmed this is the reason it is currently  
386 being addressed. **Ms. Blair, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Smith, Mayor Deaton and Mr.**  
387 **Childs voted for. Ms. Dodge voted against. MOTION CARRIED.**

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389 *b. First Reading Ordinance #11-0697: Priority Investment Element of*  
390 *Comprehensive Plan*  
391 Mr. Childs made a motion to recommit the priority investment element of the  
392 comprehensive plan to the Planning and Zoning Commission with instructions to  
393 have a workshop with Council to discuss possible changes. Mr. Smith seconded



394 the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Childs suggested  
395 that a meeting workshop with the Planning Commission be held February 1<sup>st</sup> .  
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397 c. *Second Reading Ordinance #11-0694: Conveyance of Scipio Lane Property to*  
398 *Horry County*

399 Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt second reading. Mr. Childs seconded the  
400 motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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402 d. *Decision Paper: Direction from Council on Chapter 17 Zoning and Chapter 13,*  
403 *Article III Permits*

404 Mr. Duckett read the decision paper. The Planning Commission has  
405 recommended adoption of changes made to Chapter 17 Ordinance and Chapter 13  
406 Fee Schedules. Resolutions were included from the Planning Commission. Mr.  
407 Smith made a motion to put chapter 17 and 13 into ordinance form. Mr. Childs  
408 seconded the motion. It was confirmed that the draft to be prepared would be for  
409 first reading. Ms. Blair stated that she does have questions on some of the  
410 verbiage. Mayor Deaton instructed Ms. Blair to submit the concerns to staff so  
411 that they can include it in the First reading. **All voted in favor. MOTION**  
412 **CARRIED.**

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414 e. *Decision Paper: Business 17 and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North SCDOT Improvements*  
415 *This item was deferred to next meeting*

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417 f. *Decision Paper: Request to Increase Stormwater Committee from 5 to 7 Members*

418 Mr. Childs made a motion to approve increasing the Stormwater committee from  
419 5 members to 7 members. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Childs  
420 commented on the current Stormwater Committee stating how good they were  
421 and what an excellent chairman they had. Mr. Childs stated that he feels that for  
422 them to ask for a couple extra members is justified. Ms. Blair concurred on the  
423 compliments of the committee but asked why they wanted to increase the amount  
424 of members and asked if it would be difficult to fill the positions. Mr. Adair stated  
425 that they had a request by a few members; they had some additional public  
426 interest and wanted to express a broader base of opinion on the committee. They  
427 currently have a person who would like to serve. Ms. Blair stated that part of  
428 reason is that they have someone ready and willing to serve. Mr. Adair stated that  
429 they have a 6<sup>th</sup> person interested and they would then have to recruit a 7<sup>th</sup>. **All**  
430 **voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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432 g. *Resolution #11-104: Update Bank Account Sign Offs*

433 Clerk Pinnell read the resolution that is on file. Mr. Johnson made a motion to  
434 approve resolution 11-104. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**  
435 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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437 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 5 minutes per speaker**

438 ***Beth Kohlmann, 1610 S. Ocean Blvd.:*** “I just wanted to say I got a lot of e-mails  
439 from fisherman and people that come down here I guess that don’t live in the area that  
440 just wanted to ask that you will make it clear on the rules for the pier as far as the  
441 beer sales and stuff because according to . . . and I don’t know if some of these are  
442 factual or not but that sometimes when the fishermen go down to the pier they are

443 told they can't bring their own coolers onto the pier; that they have to purchase the  
444 alcohol on the pier and that was before when they had a premise license so I tried to  
445 do some research on my own and the most exciting thing I found out is that beer is  
446 non-intoxicating in the State of South Carolina. I don't know if you could use that as  
447 a defense or not but I thought that was a pretty funny thing to say but I think that, in  
448 all fairness to the fisherman, that it would be nice if we could just, somehow, tell  
449 them what the rules, the expectations are going to be about that so that there's no bad  
450 feelings or any kind of feeling that somebody's monopolizing the sales of beer. I  
451 don't think we needed it but it is what it is. Thank you."

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453 **Joe Zoltak, 414 Pine Dr.:** "It was great to hear tonight that we had double assurance  
454 that we have all the permits for the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South crossover. Good job."

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456 **Harry Kohlmann, 1610 S. Ocean:** "Hopefully I'm not letting the cat out of the bag  
457 because it's a good thing that this happened in Surfside. I pulled up the agenda, I  
458 looked at it and it had blue markings you could press on it and you see what's  
459 actually is going on with the decision papers, with the resolutions, with the Public  
460 Works report, with the Recreation report; I mean two weeks ago I was talking about  
461 the pier, about the bolts not being done well, low and behold, one third of them are  
462 being done, which is a good thing. Now I don't necessarily agree with everything  
463 that's done but it's nice to have information. You had a meeting prior to this, had a  
464 hearing, and you wanted to know if there was any input before people even know  
465 what was really going on unless they, of course, read the paper that you had up there.  
466 That's a good thing. Hopefully it's going to continue because I've been asking for  
467 this to happen awhile ago, it did happen awhile ago, it did happen awhile ago and it  
468 was ripped off the agenda. I'd like to also talk about a good friend of mine, Paul  
469 Price, he got elected to County Council and I was watching it and I believe, I missed  
470 the beginning, but I believe they adopted something that we do here and that's to have  
471 the public comments on agenda items only at the beginning and then they have public  
472 comments later which is a good thing, I mean, now Horry County is a lot bigger than  
473 this town, it covers a lot, a lot of space, a lot of council people and I couldn't believe  
474 what I was hearing and seeing. A man got up, he asked a question, not one, not two  
475 but three council people answered him. It was amazing. A council actually stooped  
476 that low to answer a question and they were very nice about . . . and the man was a  
477 little agitated and they were very nice about it. He made a couple of good points too  
478 and guess what happened? The people clapped and no one was gavelled down. It was  
479 like, it was amazing, it was like the peoples meeting, like the residents really counted.  
480 It's a wonderful thing. I came here tonight, my wife said you're out of your mind to  
481 even bring it up about the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and frontage road on the workshop; don't even  
482 bother getting up, she said, they don't care. Well, I found out that some cared. Ms.  
483 Blair was concerned that no business people were here that they can put their input in.  
484 Mr. Johnson wanted the DOT to be here to answer some questions. An informed  
485 Council, an informed room that knows what's going on. We got one side, we got  
486 what DOT wanted to do, no PowerPoint presentation, no DOT person to answer  
487 questions. It was the worst workshop I'd ever seen in my life. It wasn't a workshop  
488 and the worse part of it was people couldn't ask questions. This is the first workshop  
489 I've ever been to where people can't ask questions. We're starting to do some good  
490 things here; but it's this room here, that's what matters; the people. Now I gave an  
491 idea, it was an idea you could have thrown it around you could have taken it and

492 thrown it in the garbage but it was an alternative plan. I'm all confused, Mr. Childs  
493 said good drawing, Harry, yet people don't listen to signs; thirty seconds later he said  
494 we'll put a bunch of signs up there so people don't go into the dead end. Either they  
495 don't or they do follow signs. I think it's a real mistake shutting frontage road; it's  
496 going to cause more trouble than it's worth; you would do so many other alternatives,  
497 you should sit down with DOT and find out what they are and vote on it, educated.  
498 Thank you."

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500 **Tom Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar Drive:** "I want to thank Mr. Duckett for getting more  
501 information to the public. Our last administrator treated us like mushrooms as the  
502 Council did but Mr. Duckett is now trying to get information to us at the Council  
503 meeting of what's going on and what has happened and I appreciate that. At the last  
504 Council meeting there were big kudos to Chief Frederick for his manifesto. I read  
505 his manifesto, while I agree with most of it, I do not agree with him saying publicly  
506 'be nice to everyone but have a plan to kill them'. I would like to know if he has a  
507 plan to kill me and what it is? I'm a citizen here, I pay taxes, I pay his salary and he  
508 has a plan to kill me. I just find that very offensive and just really not good at all.  
509 Thank you."

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511 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

512 **Mr. Smith:** "I'd just like to reemphasize that if we're interested in getting rid of the  
513 frontage roads we have to start somewhere."

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515 **Ms. Dodge:** "I have just a couple of things. Thank you sir. I've received e-mails that  
516 suggest we bring back the Beautification committee which we had a very active one I  
517 guess until about the end of last year and they came up with some really good ideas,  
518 unfortunately, they're not being followed but I still think that they would be a good  
519 addition. We need citizens to speak out. I also received an e-mail regarding  
520 bringing back the façade grants. They would be especially helpful right now on  
521 Surfside Drive for those businesses because of redoing Surfside Drive and also I want  
522 to give thanks to a citizen who walks every day and picks up trash on the beach and  
523 Ocean Blvd. I know there are a number of people but this woman really amazes me,  
524 one day we were riding and we saw cardboard walking down the street with two feet  
525 sticking out from it. It was Kathy Andreas and she was covered with cardboard that  
526 she had picked up down on the beach. To her and all of you who do that sort of thing.  
527 I think it's wonderful. Keep it up.

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529 **Mr. Johnson:** "My only comment is thank you for coming out this evening, ladies  
530 and gentlemen, drive safely and remember this is your town. Contact us please via e-  
531 mail or phone calls if you have any concerns. Thank you."

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533 **Ms. Blair:** "I just wanted to say quickly that we've had two very good meetings to  
534 start out the new year and we all are on the same page with hoping that those types of  
535 open and informative meetings will continue, to that end, we also, nationwide, had a  
536 very disturbing incident that occurred a couple of weeks ago where one of our State  
537 representatives, of course not locally, was severely injured. Her brother-in-law who  
538 is the current International Space Station Commander, Commander Scott Kelly had a  
539 quote that I thought we could remember in our efforts to maintain the normalcy, the  
540 calmness, the respectfulness that we hope that we can continue with from both sides

541 as we discuss issues and plans for the next year. What Commander Kelly said was  
 542 ‘these days we are constantly reminded of the unspeakable acts of violence and  
 543 damages we can inflict upon one another, not just with our actions but also with our  
 544 irresponsible words’. I think many of us have been guilty of using irresponsible  
 545 words in the past in trying to get a message across and as we’ve seen in the last two  
 546 meetings where we’ve had a lot of issues to start the year, while everybody hasn’t  
 547 been happy and never will be with every decision that’s made, we can still  
 548 communicate those feelings responsibly and still be sensitive to others but with  
 549 passion. With that being said, in response to Mr. Dodge, I did commend the manifesto  
 550 with the exception of that statement and I had asked that that statement be removed or  
 551 be rewritten. I, very much like you, was disturbed by that statement so I just wanted  
 552 to say that in public. Thank you all for coming. It is probably still nasty weather out  
 553 there, so be careful driving home. We hope to see you soon. Thank you.”

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 555 Mayor Deaton: “Thank you very much everyone. Please have a safe trip home.  
 556 Good night.”

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 558 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

559 Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All present**  
 560 **voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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