



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING DAY – MONDAY, BECAUSE TUESDAY IS ELECTION DAY  
REGULAR MEETING JULY 27, 2015 ♦ 6:30 P.M.  
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**Town Council Meeting**

**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

Mayor Samples called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Childs, Johnson, Mabry, Magliette, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann; Finance Director King; Fire Chief Otte; Planning Director Morris; Police Chief Keziah; Public Works Director Adair, and Supervisor Ellis.

Mayor Samples congratulated Mr. Johnson on his appointment to the Municipal Association of South Carolina Board of Directors and Mr. Childs on his appointment to the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors. He said it was an honor to have them appointed to the boards. Both agencies can help the town. We are all very proud of them.

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

A. Invocation: Reverend Oakie Landers of Pine Drive Gospel Church gave the invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

**3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Childs moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. MINUTES APPROVAL**

**Regular Meeting July 14, 2015.** Mr. Childs moved to adopt the July 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only.** (3-minutes per speaker)

Ms. Ann Wescott, Cedar Drive North, said she was stopped beside two golf carts at the light at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North a few weeks ago. Highway 17 is a major 4-lane highway with a median and 45 miles per hour speed limit. She was in her Suburban truck wearing her seatbelt as required by law, and protected by front and side airbags. The golf cart passengers were of varying ages and sizes, none of whom had the benefit of a safety restraint. The youngest passenger was an infant that could not have been more than a few weeks old being carried on the shoulder of one of the ladies. If she had been pulled over with a child that young not in a car seat, she probably would have been written a ticket and charged with endangering a child. Ms. Wescott asked if anyone other than she thought something was wrong about this picture.

Ms. Janine Gorline, 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, said she has a rat issue that is addressed under Sanitation. She had sent email messages to all the councilmembers with her concerns. Ms. Mabry was the only one that responded, which she appreciated. Ms. Gorline had an in-depth discussion with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). She was directed to Ms. Vicki Blair, who is a town resident, with whom she had an in-depth conversation about the rat situation. Her next door neighbor rents. Saturday afternoon, a group of seven women arrived at the house to be welcomed by a bunch of rats running from her swimming pool to their swimming pool. It did not go well,

57 and was not a welcome sight. All the women were on their cell phones within seconds; they were "nuts."  
58 Ms. Gorline said the renters contacted the news media. The news came and did a report. The rat  
59 problem was brought to council's attention last summer. Nothing has been done. Now, the rats have  
60 moved from the dunes and the beach into our backyard. The rat [sic] would not get out of our pool, even  
61 though my sister was going nuts. The rats are not afraid of us. She realizes that part of this, according to  
62 Ms. Blair, is because of the garbage in the rental district. The biggest problem is the garbage on the  
63 beach. The beach cans are not being emptied. People that rent come on Saturday, empty their trash  
64 and it stays there. Rats will not be here if there is no food source. Ms. Blair told her that the town is  
65 considering feral cats. Ms. Gorline said, "That was the most ridiculous, disgusting thing I ever heard of."  
66 When she came down in March, she found a dead feral cat in her patio furniture where it hid from the  
67 cold. It was a huge mess and cost hundreds of dollars to replace the damage caused by that cat. She  
68 said there was a huge feral cat problem to start with, so why were these feral cats any different than  
69 regular cats? If those cats are not eating the rats, why would feral cats? According to her research, if  
70 feral or other cats do not have a food source, they will go wherever the food is. Cats carry parasites, and  
71 toxoplasmosis in addition to other diseases. She suggested changing the garbage; get the garbage  
72 picked up. If the garbage is not there, there is no food source for the rats and they will go someplace  
73 else. She hopes (*time ended*) that another year does not go by without this being addressed.

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75 Mr. Harry Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard, also wanted to talk about sanitation. He said a few  
76 years ago he brought up picking up trash on Saturday. The problem is overflowing garbage cans in the  
77 rental area where houses were rented for a week or two, not the second homeowners. Ninety-five  
78 percent of the rental homes check in and check out on Saturday, year around. Renters empty their  
79 refrigerators, pantries, and other storage and put into the recycle or garbage cans. They also throw away  
80 their floats, blow-up toys, broken beach chairs, sand toys, etc. Cleaners come in after the renters depart  
81 and add to the garbage and to the recycle cart. Then new renters check in later in the afternoon. The  
82 first thing they do is go shopping, which generates another round of garbage and recyclables. This  
83 causes the carts to be filled beyond capacity, so people place bags around the carts. The trash is not  
84 picked up until about 24-hours later. This gives rodents a food source for way too long. A possible  
85 solution is to change the pickup day from Sunday to Saturday year round with pickup beginning at 10:00  
86 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. or later. Put out carts a couple of hours earlier, add second carts, or have  
87 an additional pickup for recycling. The pros are no overflowing garbage carts, no trash bags around the  
88 garbage carts, no food source for rodents, and when renters check in they will have empty garbage carts.  
89 The town will look cleaner. There will be less recyclables in garbage carts, which cost the town money,  
90 because the town is charged to dump garbage, but it is not charged to dump recycling. No extra money  
91 for garbage pickup, because Sunday pickup would be dropped. At times the sanitation schedule might  
92 have to be adjusted and full time residents might have to learn a new schedule. Town workers would  
93 have to work later and on Saturday instead of Sunday. More money for additional recycle carts or  
94 pickups, if needed. Also, the condos do not have enough recycle carts or have none at all. All condos  
95 should be issued recycle carts for the number of units they have. He recently went to a condo that had  
96 one recycle cart that belonged to a year-round resident. The renters were trying to put their recyclables in  
97 that cart. When the recycle cart was filled; the recyclables were put into the garbage cart. Some bars  
98 have few or no recycle carts. Drinks were served in cans or bottles. Mr. Kohlmann asked why it was not  
99 mandatory for bars to have recycle carts. (*Time ended.*) The beach needs to be picked up that day, not  
100 24-hours later.

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102 Mr. Ott, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, thanked Mr. Magliette for the fine report on WMBF News saying good  
103 things about the town. He asked how long the rat situation had been going on; he was embarrassed that  
104 it had been going on this long. This should have been taken care of immediately. If you had to bring in  
105 the "Pied Piper;" bring him in. Get the rats out of here now. This is the height of our tourist season. This  
106 is where our revenue comes from. Let us not have this problem back here next meeting.

## 107 108 **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

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110 Mayor Samples said this is the first meeting where all department directors would make their  
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**A. Department Reports.**

**i. Fire.** Chief Otte presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and made a part hereof by reference.

Mayor Samples thanked Chief Otte for the report, which was much more thorough with year-to-year comparisons. It had a lot of good information.

**ii. Finance.** Director King presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and made a part hereof by reference. Ms. King explained that the June report would not be finalized until the end of August so that any expenses or revenue for the fiscal year ending 2015 could be booked.

Mayor Samples said that Santee Cooper was scheduled to deliver its franchise check next Wednesday. He asked whether Ms. King projected revenue for the year would be over or under budget. Ms. King said revenue is currently \$72,000 ahead, and she expects around another \$100,000 to be received. She reminded council that \$300,000 was taken out of general fund and put into capital projects to fund the north end stormwater project, which is the reason expenses were higher than revenue. The project was completed, which was one of the goals. Mayor Samples said that was good news.

**iii. Events and Recreation.** Supervisor Ellis presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and made a part hereof by reference.

Mr. Childs said the Sunday Serenades have been very successful with between 50 and 60 people attending every week. Every year attendance grows.

Mayor Samples said it was a very nice event that is free and located in the Passive Park next to the library. Mayor Samples said he disliked that name, "Passive Park," and perhaps council would consider changing the name one day. There are quite a few people attending and the music was good.

Mr. Magliette asked if everything was ready for the South Strand Helping Hand Food Drive that begins August 1<sup>st</sup>. He had flyers to distribute; the event will be published on the town calendar and the website. Drop off locations will be at BI-LO, Piggly Wiggly, the fire station, and town hall. Ms. Ellis said collection bins would be put at each location.

**iv. Planning, Building and Zoning.** Director Morris presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and made a part hereof by reference. She introduced the new building official, Michael Farria, who came to the town from Horry County.

Mayor Samples said that the strip mall at 779-795 Highway 17 South being demolished was good news. That property was the most commented on "eyesore" on Highway 17 in the town. Mayor Samples asked councilmembers if he was correct in saying that staff had Town Council's full support. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.**

Mayor Samples asked what the next step was toward condemnation. Ms. Morris said a summons would be issued each day that the building was not removed. Chief Otte will be working with the process as he wrote the initial condemnation order. She understood that additional charges were made by the police department, which also requires new summons by her department. They were in contact with Mr. Lennon, the owner, who has an attorney.

Mr. Stevens knows Mr. Farria. The town got an excellent employee. Mr. Farria was an asset to the county and he will be an asset to the town.

**v. Police.** Chief Keziah presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and made a part hereof by reference.

168 Ms. Mabry said the town seems to have many drug-related arrests, and asked how the  
169 department benefited from seizing drug paraphernalia. Chief Keziah said all of the paraphernalia was  
170 destroyed, but the department did receive cash seized through the court process. Ms. Mabry asked if a  
171 report was available at the end of the year. Chief Keziah said the Drug Enforcement Unit generally  
172 distributes the money in October; a report will be made once any funds were received.  
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174 Mr. Stevens was not surprised that Lieutenant Hofmann was recognized by the Optimist Club.  
175 He said that Lieutenant Hofmann was one of the main teachers in the Citizens Police Academy, and he  
176 was very good at his job. Mr. Stevens commended Chief Keziah, Captain Miller, and Lieutenant  
177 Hofmann for the work they did on the academy.  
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179 Mayor Samples said that Lieutenant Hofmann did a media spot recently that talked about how  
180 tough the town's police department is on "the bad guys who are drug offenders." A constituent  
181 misunderstood the report and concluded that the drug problem was bad in town. Mayor Samples said  
182 drugs are everywhere. The fact is that the town's police officers work to encourage those people carrying  
183 drugs to drive outside of the town's limits as they head north and south. The town has tools in place to  
184 take care of business.  
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186 Mr. Magliette had received several calls about public intoxication on the beach. He was on the  
187 beach at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue North on July 4<sup>th</sup> where several people were intoxicated. He knew it was July 4<sup>th</sup> and  
188 many tourists were in town. He asked if Chief Keziah could comment. Chief Keziah said the data would  
189 not break out where intoxicated persons were ticketed. He suggested beach patrons contact the beach  
190 patrol officers or a lifeguard when there is a problem.  
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192 Mr. Childs said a beach patrol officer recently wrote a citation for drinking beer on the beach.  
193 They are aware of the problem.  
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195 **vi. Public Works.** Director Adair presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached  
196 and made a part hereof by reference.  
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198 Mr. Childs asked since the fall season was approaching and parking was eliminated along Ocean  
199 Boulevard, if public works could start sodding where cars have destroyed the grass. Mr. Adair said  
200 absolutely. Staff has an opportunity now to improve those areas.  
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202 **C. Administrator's Report.** Ms. Fellner reported the following updates:  
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204 Special Clinic Arrangements.  
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206 Ms. Messall and she visited the Myrtle Beach clinic last week and met with Coleman Randle their  
207 Director of HR to discuss the logistics of their clinic. He could not answer a number of questions  
208 regarding the finances. A follow-up meeting with the chief financial official will be scheduled for additional  
209 information. They will also be meeting with the town's provider to see what discounts, if any, are  
210 available for special clinic arrangements. Ms. Fellner will, of course, be bringing this information forward  
211 to the finance focus group, if it is determined that any economies can be realized.  
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213 New Town Website.  
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215 The new town website was activated late Wednesday afternoon. This has been almost a year-  
216 long project. Ms. Fellner thanked Ms. Messall for her assistance with all the logistics. The new site  
217 renders on all devices and is far more interactive than the old site. The public can now report potholes  
218 online, signup for rollouts, etc. She encouraged the public to begin using the site and to email any input  
219 to the individual department directors as they now manage their own pages.  
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224 Traffic Safety Instructor Designation.  
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226 Congratulations to Chief Keziah who was awarded the designation of a TSI (Traffic Safety  
227 Instructor) at the State Awards Ceremony for efforts in Traffic Safety last week. Out of over 12,000  
228 certified law enforcement officers in the state, Chief Keziah is now one of only 50 officers who have  
229 received this award. The award recognizes state instructors who have been trained to instruct other  
230 officers specifically in the area of traffic safety. Those who receive this designation must have undergone  
231 numerous hours of specialized instructor and collision reconstruction training and be certified as a state  
232 collision reconstructionist.  
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234 Consensus Items.  
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236 There were no consensus items for this meeting.  
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238 Responses to Questions from Public.  
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240 *Comment:* A resident stated that we could make the Highway 17 corridor look better with some  
241 mulch. Public works worked on it but never completed the job. There are only a few cars parking on  
242 Ocean Boulevard, and more cars are parking in the lots, which is what we wanted. However, the 13th  
243 Avenue South lot is still not used. He thinks the problem is sign placement and wants the town to look at  
244 relocating the signs. There is still a problem with trash pickup on Ocean Boulevard causing a smell and  
245 rats. If the trash cans are overflowing, the houses should be given a second can. There are rats in the  
246 dunes and on the sidewalks. The town needs to do something different to solve the problem.  
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248 *Response:* With regard to the mulch, the resident is correct, only one bed was completed.  
249 Unfortunately other projects were given a higher priority. Concerning the rats and garbage there are a  
250 number of strategies we are using to approach the problem. Currently we have authorized baiting and this  
251 is being done by Lane's. In addition, we are carefully watching the overflow of garbage in the R3 district  
252 and issuing an additional can after more than one instance. We have also sent a letter to all of the  
253 commercial customers in the R3 district specifically outlining their responsibilities and noting that,  
254 henceforth, enforcement will be zealous. We have looked at changing to a Saturday pickup and also at  
255 adding an additional pickup and are still awaiting pricing from a private hauler. We are also looking into  
256 other strategies to help combat the problem. The most promising of these to date is a program facilitated  
257 by DHEC involving the controlled introduction of feral, neutered, vaccinated and tagged felines into  
258 problem areas. This includes a cooperative maintenance and feeding program. Myrtle Beach and some of  
259 the islands around Charleston have successfully used this strategy within the last five years. After the  
260 introduction of approximately 20 program cats in Myrtle Beach, DHEC complaints regarding rats went  
261 from a 2-inch stack per year to being virtually nonexistent. Some benefits feral cats provide include the  
262 following: they can minimize rodent problems while being the "green" alternative to pest control. While  
263 they cannot hunt rats and mice into extinction, cats keep their populations in check and discourage new  
264 rodents from moving into the area. Most feral cats, however, cannot survive for long by hunting alone and  
265 without assistance from caretakers their lifespan is roughly two years as they would naturally succumb to  
266 starvation, disease, or be killed by predators. While some people feel that cats (feral or domestic) attract  
267 rodents because of uneaten cat food, the opposite is true. Rodents prefer to stay clear of cats and other  
268 predators. Rats and mice generally gravitate to fields containing smaller rodents, reptiles and insects, as  
269 well as dumpster areas with access to discarded food. Cat food is not the culprit in attracting rodents. In  
270 fact, many restaurants and businesses where dumpsters and other rodent food sources are available  
271 accommodate and manage feral colonies simply for rodent control. An established, vaccinated, and  
272 sterilized colony of feral cats will also deter other stray and feral cats from moving into the area. This  
273 actually decreases the chances that people will encounter an unvaccinated cat, and will virtually eliminate  
274 problem behaviors like fighting, yowling, spraying and roaming.  
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276 *Comment:* A resident stated that they were walking on Ocean Boulevard on Friday night, and it  
277 smelled like dirty diapers. A statement was also made that there were rats and that the situation is not  
278 good for tourists arriving on Saturday.  
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280           *Response:* Ms. Fellner said the rat situation was addressed in the response to the prior question  
281 and it will be addressed sanitation, in general, tonight under discussion.

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283           *Comment:* Another resident stated there are rats and that the problem is that we have  
284 department heads that do not live in town and leave Friday and don't return until Monday. The resident  
285 asked that we please not cut the residents short and listen to them as they know what is going on in town.

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287           *Response:* Ms. Fellner said the response is the same as the prior question.

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289           **7. BUSINESS**

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291           **A. First Second Reading Ordinance #15-0807 to amend §6-28, §12-23(b), §7-62(b), §7-**  
292 **91(e)(2), §7-99, §9-16(4), §12-62 to properly reflect responsible staff; to clarify long-standing**  
293 **codes, and to repeal §12-86 Registration of sailboats, Administrator Fellner.**

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295           Mayor Samples asked if Town Council wished to address the codes separately or as a whole.

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297           Mr. Childs said the only section in question was 9-16-(4) *Beach access parking*. New language  
298 was submitted by the parking committee, which had a subsequent revision to clarify that those with  
299 parking decals on their golf carts may continue to park at pay station lots and metered spaces pursuant to  
300 other paragraphs in Section 9-16. Draft copies with the exceptions noted were placed on the dais for  
301 each member at the beginning of this meeting. In his opinion, the ordinance could be addressed as a  
302 whole.

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304           Mr. Childs moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-0807. Mr. Stevens seconded. Mayor  
305 Samples asked if the updated ordinance would be published for the public. Ms. Herrmann said it would  
306 be added to the website. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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308           Copies of the decision paper and ordinance are on file.

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310           **B. Parking Committee Recommendations, Councilmember Childs, Committee Liaison.**

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312           Mr. Childs said one of the issues the committee took up was the issue about beach access  
313 parking. He introduced Parking Committee Chairman Harry Kohlmann and asked him to present the  
314 decision paper, a copy of which is on file.

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316           Mr. Childs moved suspend the rules to allow discussion. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in  
317 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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319           Mr. Kohlmann presented the following recommendations:

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321           1. Establish one Ten (10) minute only parking space on Surfside Drive.

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323           Members of council were approached by a store owner on Surfside Drive who requested a short  
324 term parking space with a maximum of 10 minutes parking allowed so that customers would be able to  
325 pick up and drop off merchandise on Surfside Drive. Presently there are a limited amount of parking  
326 spaces (26) along Surfside Drive including four handicap spaces. Parking is at a premium and  
327 sometimes it is hard to find a space to pick up merchandise since spaces are used for lengthy times  
328 because of people dining at the various restaurants and bars in the area. The parking committee spoke  
329 to 90-percent of the businesses on Surfside Drive. All of whom stated that they would not have a problem  
330 with one (1) designated space for short term parking. Some even stated that it could help them on pick  
331 up orders called in. There was not one negative reaction to the suggestion.

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333           Mr. Johnson asked if the limited time space was for one or all the businesses. Mayor Samples  
334 said it would be for all business patrons' use, but it would be close to the dry cleaners. Mr. Kohlmann

335 said during business hours, the cleaners plan to monitor the space to report anyone parked there for a  
336 long time. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.**

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338 2. Relocate Value Parking Signs.  
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340 Presently there are Value Parking directional signs located at 16th Avenue North and Ocean  
341 Boulevard, 5th Avenue North and Ocean Boulevard, and at Melody Lane and Ocean Boulevard. The  
342 parking committee agrees with using signs to help increase parkers at 13th Avenue North parking lot.  
343 The sign at 16th Avenue North and Ocean Boulevard is next to a parking lot which struggles to attract  
344 parkers. The sign at 5th Avenue North and Ocean Boulevard is a half a block from the new parking lot  
345 that the town just constructed at 4th Avenue North and Ocean Boulevard. The parking committee feels  
346 that this was not very well planned out and will adversely affect the amount of parkers utilizing these  
347 parking lots. The parking committee recommends that the Value Parking directional signs be repositioned  
348 to the southwest corner of Surfside Drive and Ocean Boulevard. A sign is already at 10th Avenue South  
349 and Ocean Boulevard, but he had not seen it even though he passes that intersection frequently.

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351 Mayor Samples thought there were enough signs on Surfside Drive. He suggested placing the  
352 value parking sign in the Yaupon Drive parking lot. Mr. Pellegrino thought the pier is the first lot visitors  
353 checked, so overflow could be directed to 13th Avenue South. Mr. Childs supported the recommendation  
354 to remove the sign at 16th Avenue North. He agreed with the chairman's recommendation to place it at  
355 the pier lot. Mr. Kohlmann said near the southwest corner. Mayor Samples said since the council was  
356 involving itself in this level of details, i.e. micromanaging, council should do it right. Mr. Childs said the  
357 Yaupon lot was a good suggestion. **COUNCIL CONCURRED to move the value parking sign from**  
358 **16th Avenue North and place it at the Yaupon Parking Lot.**

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360 3. Establish three parking spaces on Floral Drive North.  
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362 Mr. Kohlmann said since a parking space was being limited to 10 minute parking on Surfside  
363 Drive, the committee unanimously recommended creating at least three (3) new parking spaces on the  
364 east side of Floral Drive North, which is 19-foot wide.

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366 Mr. Childs said that Chief Otte opposes any parking on Floral Drive North, because it is not wide  
367 enough to accommodate parking and allow safe passage for the town's fire apparatus. Mayor Samples  
368 recalled that 20- or 21-foot was the minimum road width allowed. Mr. Adair said that Floral Drive North is  
369 actually 18-foot wide, but the town has a 25-foot right of way. Therefore, this recommendation was  
370 withdrawn.

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372 4. Directional Pavement Markings at 1st and 2nd Avenues North.  
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374 Mr. Kohlmann said for some reason drivers are not obeying the directional signs. There was a  
375 unanimous recommendation to add directional pavement marking arrows at 1st and 2nd Avenues South.

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377 Mr. Childs said one way arrows were discussed a short time ago. The police chief assured him  
378 that the area would be monitored for offenders before any additional arrows were placed on the street.  
379 This recommendation can be revisited at a later date, if necessary.

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381 Ms. Mabry said she said she had done the same thing. After driving a road for so many years,  
382 even with the big sign, it was easy to go wrong way, because it was habit. She was sure if she received a  
383 ticket, she would remember. But, part of the problem is that we drive on automatic pilot, especially when  
384 you have lived here for any length of time. Over the years, it will change, but it will not change overnight.

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386 Mr. Childs said if Mr. Kohlmann would agree, he would like for this issue to be revisited after the  
387 chief has time to monitor the area. Mr. Kohlmann said that was fine.

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389 Mr. Childs moved to reconvene regular session. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.  
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Mr. Childs moved to adopt parking committee recommendations as concurred to during discussion, i.e. establish one ten (10) minute only parking space on Surfside Drive and move the value parking sign from 16th Avenue North and place it at the Yaupon Parking Lot. Mr. Pellegrino seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Samples asked if these recommendations required a second reading. Ms. Fellner said no.

**C. Town Tourism Brochure for Local Businesses, Councilmember Magliette.**

Mr. Magliette said wanted to present a budget amendment for \$1,500 so the town could print additional brochures that focus on town businesses, and do a pilot program with brochures and place laminated maps at town hall, the pier, and the library to draw attention to the brochures. The plan is to deliver 25 copies to 62 town businesses. He and volunteers would deliver the brochures and follow-up after 10 days to see whether they were taken by the business patrons. The peak season is only 14 weeks, which is about 100 days. This is not a large amount of money, but would be an invaluable resource and value for the town's businesses. It is a wonderful way to promote the town's businesses and introduce our guests to the town's amenities.

Mr. Johnson moved to suspend the rules to allow discussion. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Childs said the town pays the Chamber of Commerce \$150,000 a year. He thought this type expenditure would be covered under that allocation. He asked who would deliver these maps and brochures.

Mr. Magliette said since it was a small experiment, he and a few volunteers would deliver them. There would be no cost to the town. Ms. Fellner advised him that the brochures were printed using accommodations tax funds, and there was a limit that could be utilized locally, because they are designed for out-of-market delivery. There are no resources to print additional copies.

Mr. Childs thought if the map were put in the visitors center in town hall, in the real estate packets, and delivered to the Chamber that was sufficient for distribution. Restaurants and businesses often do not have any counter space for additional brochures or maps. How would the brochures be monitored; do they need more? Printing is expensive and he would prefer to wait until the visioning meeting to discuss this.

Ms. Mabry said Ms. Creel from the Chamber said she would like to have some town brochures. The Chamber distributes information to the local areas and refills the racks. If handled through the Chamber, the brochures would be an accommodation tax expenditure, because they distribute to areas where they get the most out of town people. Ms. Mabry had no problem giving the brochures to the Chamber, because it knows where they were distributed and what the success rate is going to be. Ms. Mabry thought Mr. Magliette had a wonderful idea of making sure the brochures were distributed, but she thought the Chamber of Commerce should handle it.

Mayor Samples asked if two different things were being discussed. He remembers clearly a statement about laminating a map, and also brochures. He could understand where a laminated map would be beneficial for some businesses. The other brochures are already printed and there are thousands of them available. What would the \$1,500 pay for? Ms. Fellner said the brochures ran out last year. The brochures have to be distributed out-of-market to qualify for accommodations tax funding, because they are printed using accommodations tax money. There are no extra brochures. Ms. Fellner explained that when she first began there 100 thousand brochures printed, which did not make sense, because information changes every year. Now, only the number expected to be used are printed. Usually, the brochures run out about two weeks before the new brochures are delivered.

Mr. Magliette attended the business committee meeting for Mr. Stevens when he was at the Municipal Association Summer Meeting. The committee embraced the brochure distribution program.



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447 Mr. Magliette visited 12 businesses and they all were interested in having brochures. One of them did not  
448 know the brochure existed even though his business was listed in it. The town does not do a good job  
449 promoting its local businesses. There is no welcome packet for new residents, day trippers, overnight  
450 guests, and others who would benefit from the brochures. Realty companies and the hotels could place  
451 them in their lobbies or rooms so people would know about the town's wonderful restaurants,  
452 amusements, and shopping venues. Mr. Magliette said, "If we can't spend \$1,500 to promote 62  
453 businesses in this town, then there is something really wrong with the view. The view is our job is to  
454 promote local businesses and provide that information to our tourists, and our residents in town."  
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456 Mr. Pellegrino agreed with Mr. Magliette. He asked whether [\$1,500] was enough. Council  
457 continually discusses promoting town businesses, but really did not invest in that effort. The Chamber of  
458 Commerce is a great organization, but it promotes the Grand Strand, which does not necessarily promote  
459 our local businesses. He did not understand why it was being discussed; \$1,500 was a small amount of  
460 money. Mr. Pellegrino said council should just move forward.  
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462 Mr. Stevens concurred with Mr. Magliette and Mr. Pellegrino. The bigger picture was to promote  
463 Surfside Beach businesses. That was what brought in revenue for the town and keeps our taxes down.  
464 We need to be proactive and actively promote businesses so the businesses in town can be successful.  
465 Everything we do to help them make money is an added value. We have to get off this non-promotion of  
466 business and get on promoting businesses. It was time to "step up to the pump and do it."  
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468 Mr. Johnson was not against promoting businesses. As a small business owner, any publicity  
469 was good publicity. He was asked if there were any brochures on hand now that could be used. Ms.  
470 Fellner said yes, but they were paid for with accommodation money. Mr. Johnson asked if the brochures  
471 could be printed quickly enough for distribution. During the fall, many businesses close for the season.  
472 He was concerned that brochures printed now would be outdated before they were used in the spring.  
473 Ms. Fellner estimated three to four weeks to get the brochures printed; it would depend on the printer's  
474 schedule.  
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476 Ms. Mabry said \$1,500 was not an issue. She did not mind anytime the town promoted its  
477 businesses. She wanted to make sure that everyone understood that the town does promote its  
478 businesses. She cited these examples:  
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- 480 • Established the Business Committee and Town Council works closely to promote all its efforts;
- 481 • Established an Overlay District to ensure the town is well kept, and designed to attract  
482 businesses;
- 483 • Businesses that violate health codes and ordinances are summonsed to protect surrounding  
484 businesses;
- 485 • The town is more active in the Chamber than it has ever been before promoting our businesses  
486 and promoting the town;
- 487 • Each business that has a website has a link on the town website, if they so choose, to promote  
488 their business;
- 489 • Each business that is linked to the town is also linked to the Chamber of Commerce. The web  
490 links are free to anyone that has a town business license;
- 491 • The Fire Department achieved an ISO 1 rating, which directly affects businesses insurance  
492 premiums with a substantial reduction;
- 493 • A crime prevention and landscape program was adopted (CPTED – Crime Prevention through  
494 Environmental Design) in which both the police chief and planning director are certified. Either of  
495 them will go to any business free of charge to help them prevent crime through landscape  
496 design. Very few towns in the State of South Carolina offer this service;
- 497 • The town has a response time of less than 5-minutes for any business, as a general rule;  
498 The town police regularly performs "keep check" for all businesses;
- 499 • There is an "Open for Business" booklet that will walk every new business through the steps  
500 necessary to start a business;

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- 501 • The town performs as many free on-site visits as it takes to make sure a new business is  
502 successful and opens with as few headaches as possible;  
503 • The town has a mapping department that ensures town businesses can be found on Google  
504 Earth; you can also view surrounding buildings, and the empty buildings have a red line around  
505 them.  
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507 Ms. Mabry said the town is proactive. She cannot think of another town that offers as much as  
508 Surfside Beach. The town's planner spends a great deal of time trying to entice new businesses to come  
509 into town. To say that the town has not done anything or that the town has not "stepped up to the pump"  
510 is not so. The town goes out of its way every single day to promote our businesses in every way that we  
511 can. We do big things, not small things; big things. Ms. Mabry said she would take exception when  
512 somebody said we did not promote businesses in Surfside Beach.  
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514 Mr. Childs moved to reconvene regular session. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.  
515 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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517 Mr. Magliette moved to amend the budget to fund \$1,500 to print brochures and laminate tour  
518 guide maps. Mr. Stevens seconded.  
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520 Mr. Pellegrino thanked Ms. Mabry for the information about the town's efforts to promote  
521 businesses. This discussion was all about marketing, because the public just does not know about the  
522 services. Mr. Pellegrino said that information needs to be publicized, because they are great services.  
523 Any effort the town can take to market itself is positive.  
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525 Mayor Samples explained that the town was prohibited from using accommodations tax money  
526 for this proposal, because the brochures and maps will be distributed locally, which was why it requires a  
527 budget amendment.  
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529 Mr. Childs asked if they would be out-of-market if the Chamber distributed them. Mayor Samples  
530 said not necessarily, his only knowledge was that he, Mr. Childs, and Mr. Ott attended a Durham Bulls  
531 ballgame in North Carolina for "Surfside Beach Day," where they distributed boxes and boxes of literature  
532 at the gate. That is how the state law works with accommodations tax money.  
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534 Mr. Stevens said Surfside Beach is a year-round resort now. People come during all months of  
535 the year; some stay for as many as two months at the time. Any money the town can spend to promote  
536 its businesses will potentially add to the town's bottom line through hospitality and accommodations taxes  
537 paid, because the business makes more money.  
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539 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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541 **D. Motion or Direction to Town Administrator regarding Executive Session held July 14,**  
542 **2015 at 6:00 p.m. pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss the proposed sale or purchase of**  
543 **property.**  
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545 Ms. Mabry moved to direct the town administrator to execute the closing documents to purchase  
546 Lots A, B, and C, Block 5, Ocean Terrace Section. These lots are identified as TMS #195-03-041-031;  
547 #195-03-041-032, and #195-03-041-018. The cost to the town for the three lots for the purchase of these  
548 lots total \$330,000 to be paid for using a portion of the existing land fund that is generated by parking  
549 revenues. The property is commonly known as the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South and Willow Drive South,  
550 and is associated with the Ark Plantation, which is of historic importance and beauty to the community.  
551 Mr. Childs seconded.  
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553 Mayor Samples asked if everybody knew where the old oak trees are. The town has talked about  
554 purchasing this property for years and years. We are going to buy it.  
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556 Ms. Mabry was so proud to purchase this property. This is the homestead for the Ark Plantation  
557 that was established in the 1700's. The town is very proud to own this historical site. There are many  
558 plans for improving the land, including historical markers, and creating spaces that the public will enjoy.  
559 She hoped that everyone appreciates and enjoys the purchase. Funds to purchase the lots came from  
560 the land acquisition fund which is funded by a portion of the meter revenue.

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562 Mr. Pellegrino thought the lots were great, and the trees were beautiful. But, he thought the  
563 agreed upon price was too much.

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565 Mr. Magliette suggested that the town seek grants from Horry County to help improve the  
566 property since it was formerly a plantation and slave cemetery. The town wants to honor those people. It  
567 does not hurt to request help.

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569 Mayor Samples thought once the county officials saw that the town purchased the property, they  
570 would be willing to participate. Applications will also be submitted to other agencies for assistance where  
571 there are grant opportunities.

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573 Mr. Stevens hoped this proves to be a piece of history that Surfside Beach can hold on to and  
574 that will benefit every citizen. He called for the vote.

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576 Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Childs, Johnson, Mabry, Magliette, and Stevens voted in  
577 favor. Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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579 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

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581 **A. Sanitation, Mayor Samples.**

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583 Mayor Samples said any time there is what is perceived to be a public health issue, this town is  
584 very concerned. Town Council needs the facts. He believed there were two issues: one is an aesthetic  
585 issue created by trash cans along Ocean Boulevard; the second relates to vermin. He knows staff has  
586 discussed the issue with DHEC staff, because DHEC is responsible for keeping people in the State of  
587 South Carolina safe. They have encountered this problem before. The alternatives and solutions that  
588 DHEC proposes may not be what people expect, but they are the experts. Mayor Samples asked  
589 councilmembers for any introductory comments, and cautioned members against "beating up on public  
590 works."

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592 Mr. Stevens asked which days summer service was done. Mr. Adair responding by asking him to  
593 be allowed to give the general schedule sanitation service:

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- 595 • Monday – north side of town is picked up
  - 596 • Tuesday – south side of town is picked up
  - 597 • Wednesday, Friday and Sunday – Beach route, summer service in the R-3 District
  - 598 • Thursday – recycling town wide
  - 599 • Saturday – no pickups, except for commercial service
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601 Mr. Adair said discussions have been held for years about adding service, but staff cannot pick  
602 up trash on Saturday and Sunday, because the Horry County Landfill closes at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.  
603 There is nowhere to dump the garbage picked up on Saturday so another load can be collected on  
604 Sunday. On Monday mornings, the trucks are taken to the landfill to dump before Monday collections  
605 begin. Switching from Sunday to Saturday is a possibility. The challenge is to determine when to collect  
606 trash: after cans are loaded by departing guests, after the cleaning crews have discarded cleaning  
607 debris, but before visitors check in. There are times certain ranging between nine o'clock in the morning  
608 until three o'clock in the afternoon. It was important to set the collection time to ensure everyone had an  
609 empty can when they arrived. Rollout service begins as many as four hours before the collection begins.  
610 Rollback takes about the same amount of time after the collection is finished. It takes about 12 hours to  
611 complete the collection. Mayor Samples had asked Mr. Adair to contact Waste Industries for a quote to

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612 perform a Saturday pickup. He had done so, but it had not arrived. Staff would continue the Sunday  
613 collection. The beach is collected seven days a week during the summer. Sanitation tonnages for  
614 commercial and residential are up about 20-percent over last year. He realizes that dumpster were an  
615 important factor. Letters were sent today to all condominiums on Ocean Boulevard that have dumpster  
616 service advising them of their responsibility to clean the dumpster areas. The letter cited the ordinances  
617 that state it is the property owners' responsibility. Summonses will be issued to those who do not comply.  
618 Mr. Adair said the town cannot be lenient when public health is concerned.  
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620 Mr. Adair said several complaints about rats were received last year. This year, complaints  
621 began early. Some exterminating companies were contacted, and six beach accesses were baited for  
622 rats: Melody Lane and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, where most of the sightings occurred; 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South; 6<sup>th</sup>  
623 Avenue South; 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue North, and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Based on staffs' observations, rodents are  
624 usually at the busier parking lots, which accounts for the baiting locations and more baiting traps may be  
625 necessary. The exterminator recommended year-round maintenance, because rodents do not hibernate  
626 and they are rapid breeders. A one-year agreement was signed with Lanes Pest Control to bait the six  
627 locations.  
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629 Mr. Adair said when the trash was rolled out, staff makes notes of locations where overflow is  
630 found. Overflow is not when the can lid is up and things are showing at the top. Overflow is when there  
631 are bags of trash that will not fit into the cans. Their reports are brought to the sanitation office. If it was  
632 the first overflow incident, nothing was done. If it was a second event, then immediately an additional  
633 rollout can was issued to that address. Saturday two weeks ago, there were 21 addresses recorded. Mr.  
634 Adair said this past Saturday, there were 45 cases of overflow. Clearly, the town is very, very busy. Of  
635 those 45 noted last Saturday, any that had a second incident will receive another cart. This year there  
636 are 59 doubles, which is more than double the amount issued last year.  
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638 Mayor Samples said there are over 1,000 customers in the R-3 rental district; 559 of those  
639 customers have three times a week rollout service. Of that group, between 10- and 15-percent have  
640 multiple carts. The reason they all do not have multiple carts is we charge them for the additional service.  
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642 Mr. Childs said years ago he asked that two cans be placed at many locations. In the town's  
643 ordinance states that it is at the discretion of the sanitation supervisor where he sees a need. Mr. Adair  
644 said that was exactly what staff was doing; adding carts when it was a second event of overflowing trash.  
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646 Mayor Samples said Town Council could make a policy decision that one event requires a  
647 second cart, if it chose to do so. Mr. Adair said each cart is about \$77 per month.  
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649 Ms. Mabry talked with two rental agents and both agreed that each house in the R-3 rental district  
650 needs two trash cans. Clearly, it was unfair to charge two trash cans in the winter months or shoulder  
651 season. The town could negotiate that so the cans were paid for four months of the year, and not the  
652 others. It does not matter whether you rent the home or not. If you have a six bedroom house, it is about  
653 how much trash is generated. Quite frankly, if she had a beach house and her immediate family came,  
654 there would be 22 people there. One trash can would not be enough. There has to be a cost effective  
655 way that would not punish the rental district, but they need two trash cans. You do not know if that family  
656 of four will turn into 22 people. There is no way to predict how many people will be in the houses.  
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658 Mr. Adair said the second cans were collected at the end of the summer. He said a possible  
659 strategy could be comparing historical records to determine who needs a second can at the beginning of  
660 the summer. There is just no way to predict overflow. A house with 10 or 12 guests this week might have  
661 20 guests next week.  
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663 Mr. Pellegrino asked if the overflow problem was generally on Saturdays when people clean out  
664 the houses. Mr. Adair counted eight or nine cans with overflow last Tuesday night after the stormwater  
665 meeting. It depends on the habits of the tenants.  
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667 Mayor Samples said the problem needed to be solved. He asked how much 500 more carts  
668 would cost. Mr. Adair said if carts were issued to everyone, 300 to 400 more carts would be needed.  
669 The cost would be about \$30,000. Mayor Samples asked how long a cart lasted. Mr. Adair said easily up  
670 to ten years, which helps offset the cost. Staff time would increase for the additional rollout service and  
671 the collection service. Some staff is working six days a week; four hours one day, and four hours another  
672 day to avoid overtime. Mayor Samples asked if it was time to increase sanitation. Mr. Adair said if a  
673 Saturday service in-house is added, then another person would be necessary. With the current  
674 schedules, he believe staff could manage.  
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676 Mr. Pellegrino said it was good that Lanes was contracted to bait the rats. He believed council  
677 needed to leave the meeting with a consensus that the trash collection in the R-3 would be changed from  
678 Sunday to Saturday later in the day but still allow collection to be completed, or contract with a private  
679 firm to perform the Saturday trash collection, for which council needs the price. Something needs to be  
680 done quickly, if there is an infestation the rats need to have their food source eliminated.  
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682 Mayor Samples thought Mr. Pellegrino summed up the consensus items very well.  
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684 Mr. Johnson agreed. Action needs to be taken now. He would like to have the costs from the  
685 private contractor. That would change the whole mindset. Mr. Adair said those numbers would be  
686 available in a few days. If the collection is changed to Saturday, then both of the other collection days  
687 have to be changed. Instead of Wednesday-Friday-Sunday, the collection days would be Tuesday-  
688 Thursday-Saturday schedule. That would also change the south end trash collection from Tuesday to  
689 Wednesday, and town-wide recycling would change from Thursday to Friday. Mr. Adair said cost would  
690 be incurred for new can stickers and notification to residents.  
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692 Mayor Samples said they did not want to turn the town upside down, but they did want to solve  
693 the problem. He agreed, for the reasons that were stated earlier, the dump is not open on Sunday and  
694 closes at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, we do not want the garbage sitting in the town trucks, because that  
695 would create complaints from Caropines neighbors and also attract vermin to their neighborhood.  
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697 Ms. Mabry said people are saying that Town Council will receive many phone calls, because four  
698 months out of the year these will have to have two trash cans. That is \$308 for four months. She hated  
699 it, but somebody had to pay the cost. She said, "We are certainly able to do that also, but we can't, I can  
700 guarantee you it's gonna cost a fortune to have these people come in every single week." They start  
701 cleaning the house after ten; they do not have to leave before ten. Check in is not until four o'clock,  
702 unless they get special permission. She spoke with two cleaning companies that work on the beach.  
703 Sometimes they are still cleaning at four in the afternoon; not often, but they do. When would the trash  
704 be picked up? Now, trash would have to be picked up after four o'clock, because it could not be rolled  
705 out until after all the people leave. Two trash cans could do the same thing. Mr. Adair said that point was  
706 made earlier; spending \$30,000 on additional cans may in the long run actually be cheaper than  
707 contracting out the service. He just need to get the quotes.  
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709 Mr. Magliette asked if there was any to negotiate with Horry County to keep the landfill open later  
710 on Saturdays. Mr. Adair did not think they wanted to pay staff for one municipality to dump two trucks.  
711 Mr. Magliette could not believe that the town was the only municipality with this problem. Mr. Adair said  
712 he would inquire about it. Mr. Magliette asked if the blue trash cans at the beach could have lids attached  
713 that would automatically close, which would deprive access by rats. He asked if larger containers for  
714 trash and recycling could be purchased with auto-closing lids. Mr. Adair said those would good points,  
715 and he would check the options. The cans cost about \$65 each, so there would be cost involved. Mr.  
716 Magliette said it was also a quality of life issue. The town wants to give excellent customer service to our  
717 tourists. If money had to be spent to provide quality service, then that was what had to be done.  
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719 Mr. Stevens asked how other towns handle trash overflow. Mr. Adair said all the coastal towns  
720 were busy during the summer. The Cities of Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach had their own transfer  
721 stations. The private hauling companies run into the same problems that the town does with Saturday  
722 and Sunday dumping. Mr. Stevens was concerned with the primary season, the 100 days from Memorial

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723 Day to Labor Day, when the most revenue was made. He wanted to be sure the town did not have trash  
724 piled up that would cause visitors to go other places. In his opinion, the most important issue was how to  
725 take care of the trash collection during this period of time. Mayor Samples asked what Mr. Stevens  
726 suggested specifically related to sanitation. He wanted to focus on that, because everyone had  
727 grandstanded. Mr. Stevens said the council had to do something.

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729 Mr. Childs was sure some vendor had trash cans with spring loaded lids that could be used on  
730 the beach. Mayor Samples said that was a good idea and would be good for the beach. Mr. Adair said  
731 research would be done.

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733 Mr. Pellegrino asked how many spare cans were on hand. Mr. Adair said 100 to 200. Mr.  
734 Pellegrino asked how long delivery would take if more cans were ordered. Mr. Adair said three to four  
735 months. Mr. Pellegrino said ordering cans was not an option for this summer, but the cans on hand  
736 should be delivered to the worst cases.

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738 Mayor Samples currently there are 59 houses with two cans. Another 100 cans would make a  
739 big dent. He said this issue would have to be revisited at the vision meeting.

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741 Mayor Samples asked if Town Council was prepared to change the town's collection schedule,  
742 which would impact every collection day except Monday. The change would not occur quickly, because a  
743 plan had to be developed and notices would have to be given.

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745 Mr. Pellegrino agreed with Mayor Samples, but said something needed to be done quickly, which  
746 was why a contractor was reasonable. Mayor Samples said that was why he asked Ms. Fellner and Mr.  
747 Adair two weeks ago to contact a private hauler. Mr. Pellegrino said that last summer there was the same  
748 problem with rats. This was the excuse last summer; it changes the "whole world" if you have to  
749 reschedule everything. The town has a problem, and it has to do something.

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751 Mr. Johnson asked if some of the extra carts could be put in service immediately. He did not  
752 know whether the resident would have to be charged at this point, because it did seem to be an  
753 emergency situation. Mr. Johnson asked what would do to staff. Mr. Adair said it would take longer to do  
754 the rollouts, and roll in. He was concerned about the ordinance that requires a charge for additional carts.

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756 Mr. Stevens asked if any there was any other site, other than the county landfill, where the trucks  
757 could be dumped. Mr. Adair said no. Mayor Samples said that the Flow Control question was decided  
758 years ago by the people of Horry by vote.

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760 Ms. Mabry said the town does not have a rat infested beach. She wanted to make sure that  
761 everyone understood that there is a colony that lives between 15<sup>th</sup> and probably north Garden City.  
762 Perhaps if the extra 100 trash cans were distributed on the south end, because there is an issue there, [it  
763 would help.] There is also education, there is monitoring, and there is a working cat program. There  
764 were 20 cats put in Myrtle Beach, but only four cats would be put in Surfside Beach. The cats were  
765 neutered, spayed, tagged, and live the life. Houses would be provided for them, in addition to food and  
766 water. Ms. Mabry was concerned about using any type poison, because it would also kill birds and could  
767 be a libelous situation. The mayor tasked councilmembers to come up with ideas. After looking at  
768 programs all over Florida and South Carolina, Ms. Mabry said tips on keeping the beach clean would be  
769 an education effort that is low cost. There were many programs that could be implemented that are very  
770 cost effective. Please, no one in this room should think that the town's beach is not absolutely pristine.  
771 Yes, there is a colony, and the town would take care of it.

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773 Mr. Childs said a DHEC employee called him, because a resident complained that there was a  
774 rat. She told him that at one time Myrtle Beach had a problem, and did not want to use poison because  
775 of the birds, squirrels, and other wildlife. Using box traps was a logistic problem, because of collecting  
776 the rats from the traps. An article was written by a mayor's wife on one of the islands off Charleston  
777 about how they used feral cats to solve their problem. Myrtle Beach's problem has gone down to almost  
778 zero. He knew personally about its rat problem, because he used to stay in Myrtle Beach when he visited.

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779 DHEC will not bring in a truck and let 100 cats jump out; it is a controlled program that has worked in  
780 other places. Mr. Childs asked why the town would reinvent the wheel and spend a fortune with an  
781 exterminator when this is a proven option. DHEC can provide all the details, and he thought the town  
782 should try it. Mayor Samples agreed with Mr. Childs.  
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784 Mr. Magliette said a stop-gap is needed. Something needs to be done for the remainder of the  
785 season. He believed someone suggested a contractor for a Saturday pickup. If that was what needed to  
786 be do, he supported moving forward. He agreed with Mr. Pellegrino, that an action plan had to be made  
787 tonight.  
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789 Mr. Pellegrino also agreed with Mr. Magliette.  
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791 Mayor Samples agreed and said the cost was unknown. Generally Waste Industries would do  
792 whatever they were paid to do. He thought there were two issues, but they were related. One was the  
793 aesthetics of Ocean Boulevard. Just hire someone to pick up trash an extra day. The other issue was  
794 the rodents. Nature would address that. He liked the suggestion to use DHEC.  
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796 Mr. Pellegrino asked if council would concur to move forward with an extra collection day on  
797 Saturday for the remainder of this rental season, even though costs was not yet available. Ms. Fellner  
798 estimated cost would be 500 cans at \$80 each. Mr. Adair said the contractor would charge less if staff  
799 performed roll out and roll in service, but that would incur some staff overtime.  
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801 Mayor Samples said temporary staff might be needed, and called for concurrence. Ms. Mabry  
802 said she objected, because the price was not available. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.**  
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804 Mr. Adair noted that the town is the only entity authorized to pick up trash in the town's corporate  
805 limits. That would need to be overcome in some fashion. Mayor Samples said a special meeting could  
806 be held to adopt a resolution. Mr. Adair said sometimes there is an emergency health order that can be  
807 issued. Ms. Fellner said it was an ordinance, and a resolution would not override the ordinance. Mayor  
808 Samples said a resolution was adopted to allow horses on the beach. Ms. Fellner said another issue was  
809 the fee structure. If the fees are changed to the customers that is a "big deal," and requires public notice.  
810 Mayor Samples said the fees were not being changed. No one has discussed changing fees. The  
811 discussion was about adding a contract. Ms. Fellner said if an extra service day was added, the  
812 customers would be billed for that, unless the town pays the costs.  
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814 Mr. Magliette said the town was going to pay for the extra pickup for six weeks. Mayor Samples  
815 said using the same logic that this was an emergency, he said, "As a public health issue, and if we're  
816 going to use the same logic that it is an emergency, for six weeks we are going to have [the trash] picked  
817 up to mitigate that emergency." That is only one piece of this consensus.  
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819 Ms. Mabry said Ms. Fellner was trying to determine a price. Mayor Samples said it would be  
820 \$45,000. Ms. Fellner said it might be as much as \$55,000. Mayor Samples said the town would try it.  
821 This year the extra service would be gratis. If the people like it, great; they can pay for it.  
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823 Mayor Samples asked Ms. Fellner to discuss bringing in DHEC regarding the rats. Ms. Fellner  
824 had a number of conversations with DHEC. Today she spoke with Ms. Blair and she was given the go-  
825 ahead should the town want to engage DHEC as the facilitator for a feral program. Mayor Samples said  
826 that was all the town needed to do then. That is the item for consensus. **COUNCIL CONCURRED TO  
827 HAVE MS. BLAIR FROM DHEC ACT AS THE FERAL CAT PROGRAM FACILITATOR.**  
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829 Mayor Samples asked if there were any other solutions or items to be discussed to address this  
830 sanitation "emergency."  
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832 Ms. Mabry said she and Mr. Adair had discussed education. Without education, all the efforts  
833 taken will be worthless. Education and monitoring are really, really important. She hoped that a plan  
834 would be developed. There are several plans on the Internet. One was "Please just leave your

835 footprints," and there are dozens of other plans. We have to get the word out that we will not tolerate  
836 [trashing the beach] and we will educate you at the same time. Mr. Adair said education is a component  
837 of this that had not been discussed. Most people were here to have a good time, and were not thinking  
838 about what they were leaving on the ground. He suggested sending letters to the R-3 district customers  
839 advising on keeping a clean environment in and around their property. Mayor Samples agreed and asked  
840 whether all members supported providing education. **COUNCIL CONCURRED.** Ms. Fellner said  
841 brochures could be developed for the guests, since they are the ones that leave trash all over.  
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843 Mayor Samples said Town Council was taking steps; gathering information, and would learn from  
844 this. DHEC will be involved, the baiting will continue. Ms. Fellner said baiting may have to cease once  
845 the cats arrive.  
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847 Mr. Childs said in regard to the education discussion one of the realty companies in town decided  
848 to put a map in their tourists' package. Perhaps they would also add a flyer about cleaning up behind  
849 themselves. Mr. Adair definitely believed there was a component that needed to be addressed in that  
850 fashion.  
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852 Mayor Samples said that they have been successful increasing the level of town's business; it  
853 was not just the economy coming back. The town looks better. He thought that staff was doing an  
854 outstanding job keeping it clean. Some beautification has been done. We are trying to maintain the  
855 property that we have in town. The fact is that council has been working together. We are not in the  
856 paper or on the television news as an embarrassment. Town Council takes what it does very seriously.  
857 Mayor Samples said there were no perfect answers. Council and staff would learn together. If anyone  
858 comes up with a better idea, please bring it to council.  
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860 Mr. Johnson asked if the sanitation enterprise fund would pay for the extra sanitation service.  
861 Mayor Samples said definitely the sanitation enterprise fund.  
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#### 863 **B. Proposed Golf Cart Operation Ordinance, Chief Keziah**

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865 Chief Keziah presented the discussion paper and proposed ordinance, copies of which are on  
866 file. South Carolina Code §56-2-105 addresses golf cart operations. When the code was amended last  
867 time by the South Carolina Legislature a penalty phase was not adopted. Therefore, he requested that  
868 Town Council allow staff to bring an ordinance to mirror state law and add a penalty phase for offenses  
869 occurring in the town limits to enable the police officer to effectively control golf cart operations in town.  
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871 Mr. Childs asked what codes apply to low speed vehicles. Chief Keziah said there were distinct  
872 differences between a low speed vehicles (LSV) and golf carts. Golf carts are commonly referred to as  
873 slow speed vehicles. But an LSV has the same rights as a motor vehicle and is required to have a  
874 Department of Motor Vehicles LV license plate attached. It must have all the safety features, seat belts, a  
875 horn, etc. The proposed ordinance is to address slow speed vehicles and golf carts. Mr. Childs asked if  
876 the LSV could travel at nighttime. Chief Keziah said yes. Mr. Johnson believed the LSV code mirrored  
877 the golf cart code. Chief Keziah said if that were the case, the LSV had to travel on roads that were 35  
878 miles per hour or less; Highway 17 could be crossed to access other roads, but an LSV cannot drive on  
879 Highway 17. Mr. Childs said the proposal was basically what had been done in the past. Chief Keziah  
880 said there were no changes other than adding the penalty phase. The proposed penalty phase is less  
881 than the original penalty phase in the state law. The ordinance proposes a \$50 fine, plus court costs,  
882 which would total \$132 and change.  
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884 Mr. Stevens asked if adopting this ordinance would remove a liability that the town has by minors  
885 and unlicensed drivers operating golf carts. Chief Keziah said it would help with that. Pawleys Island,  
886 Folly Beach, and several other municipalities have reverted to local codes to manage golf cart operations,  
887 since the legislature has failed to add a penalty phase in the state code. Mr. Stevens said citizens have  
888 complained numerous times during council meetings about minors and unlicensed drivers operating golf  
889 carts all over town. In his opinion, adopting this code would keep parents from letting their young,  
890 unlicensed minors from driving golf carts, possibly causing accidents with severe injuries. Chief Keziah



891 said that was correct; it was a safety issue. Officers were currently trying to educate and warn those  
892 operating the golf carts illegally, but there was no enforcement mechanism if the operators failed to  
893 comply. Mr. Stevens said proof of liability insurance was necessary just as when a car was driving, and  
894 without that insurance, a fine could be imposed. Chief Keziah said that was correct.

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896 Chief Keziah was directed to bring the proposed ordinance for first reading.

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898 **C. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.**

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900 There were no other matters to be discussed.

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902 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)

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904 Mr. Ron Ott, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, said the sanitation debate was very good. It was to the point and  
905 showed that our council can do that very well. He enjoyed it. There were many choices made; good job  
906 on that. After watching Mr. Magliette's WMBF television report, he saw a marketing [opportunity] like  
907 when you enter a mall and see the information boards that state "you are here" and lists all the stores.  
908 The town's brochures would enable the tourists to go find the stores in town. We want to target the  
909 tourists so they know where to go buy a t-shirt. He was very proud that Town Council purchased the  
910 historical lots. He suggested turning it over to the beautification committee to develop plans for benches  
911 so it becomes a point of interest that would bring people into town. Thank you for your good job tonight.

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913 Mayor Samples thanked Mr. Ott saying he did not believe that Town Council had ever been  
914 complimented like that. Thank you.

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916 Mr. Harry Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard, said he was not going to compliment the council.  
917 He honestly did not understand; Saturday is the big day, but the director said he cannot pick up on  
918 Saturday. But, if an outside agency is hired, it can do it, and our staff might have to be brought in to roll  
919 out the carts. That would cost the town more money. What are they going to pick up on Sunday? Empty  
920 carts? This is crazy. The issue about sticking the garbage truck at Sandy Lane and it might have to sit a  
921 day before it can be dumped...are you kidding me? We have dumpsters all along Ocean Boulevard. The  
922 garbage sits in there between three and five days. He said, "I honestly did not think you got it; but, you  
923 did get it. I didn't get it, but now I got it. The only reason why you're not gonna change the schedule to  
924 Saturday, and that's all you have to do, it doesn't cost us any extra money, is because some full time  
925 resident might have to change his day to get his garbage picked up." There is no other reason, because  
926 if private sanitation can do it, the town can do it. If the town cannot do it, forget our sanitation people, let  
927 us get Waste Management in here to do the job. We need people here who are "can do" kind of people.  
928 We do not need employees who say excuse, excuse, excuse. This is ridiculous. Mr. Kohlmann said he  
929 was glad the town bought the property, but he asked, who would maintain it? Somebody wanted to  
930 donate a bench for the pier. Oh, no, do not get it, because who would maintain it. That was from the  
931 director. We have the state donated trees on the highway islands in five different places. They started  
932 putting mulch in the island, but there were other things that had to be done. Who is going to maintain the  
933 property? Why are there always excuses? He knows there are great employees in town, but let us not  
934 get crazy. Everyone is not a fantastic employee. Mr. Kohlmann said he was sorry, that was just the way  
935 the world is. This is crazy. We are going to spend x-amount of dollars, because someone might get  
936 inconvenienced for a week or two to change their pickup day. It is crazy.

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938 Ms. Beth Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard, said she was upset, because she was the one that  
939 brought [the rat problem] last year. This year when she emailed the councilmembers, no one even  
940 bothered to respond. She could not believe it. Total disrespect for a citizen in town. But, coming from  
941 council, she thought that spoke volumes. She sent pictures to the councilmembers and tried to be civil  
942 about the rat situation, but when you say 'lock up your children,' you know what? She had to do that. Her  
943 two year old grandson was visiting. They were standing at the end of her driveway, and rats were  
944 running three feet away from her grandson. That was disgusting. It was embarrassing, and she had a  
945 very clean house. She actually cleaned out her recycle and trash cans every week. Ms. Kohlmann  
946 appreciated what council did at this meeting, but she did not understand why a department director

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947 cannot make his own schedule. Ms. Kohlmann had never heard of that as a supervisor. Micromanaging,  
948 yeah, that was at its ultimate level. If the police department has an issue, he should be able to change  
949 his scheduling to make his job work. That is what she thought the director should be able to do. But,  
950 council was not allowing him to do that, and she did not understand why. She did not get it. If you really  
951 want to see something on your way home tonight, 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, the recycle bins are full. She has  
952 hundreds of pictures of the garbage. She did not share them with the media, but she has them.  
953 Councilmembers were welcome to call to see them. She also has video of the rats. She did not go to the  
954 beach today, because there were rats in the crossover. She knows the council is saying it is a small  
955 area, but that was where she lives, and where her children go surfing. She was proud of where she lived.  
956 She knew it was in the rental zone, and she knew that when she bought the house. It did not say rats  
957 come with it, and it is an issue, and it is a serious one. She did not want to see Surfside Beach blown up  
958 about it either, because she also has a rental property. What are these guys going to do on Sunday, sit  
959 around? Because there is not going to be any garbage on [Sunday] if you pick it up on [Saturday,] which  
960 is when you should pick it up. And again, on 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, the recycle bins are all full and they will  
961 sit there until Thursday. She thought it was time this council started to consider some things about  
962 mandatory recycling, because it was a really good thing. We pay for garbage to be tipped, but recycling  
963 has no tipping fee. People like recycling and it really makes a difference. Those cans out there are not  
964 just full of recycling, they also are full of garbage, too, because there is no place else to put it. Thank you.  
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966 Mr. Mil Servant, Surfside Realty, South Ocean Boulevard, said he appreciated the time spent and  
967 the job done by the council. He cautioned council about raising fees in the R-3 properties any more than  
968 already had been done. The R-3 zone already pays the vast majority fees for trash collection in the town,  
969 and that actually keeps the residents' fees artificially low. Mr. Servant thought it would be an unfair tax on  
970 those owners to raise the fee more. It was his experience that 10:00 a.m. was the checkout time for the  
971 vast majority of rental companies in Horry and Georgetown Counties. His company, Dunes Realty, and  
972 Garden City Realty, and other have instructions for their tenants to take out the trash. Departure maid  
973 service is provided for rental properties, but tenants generally remove most of the trash Friday night or  
974 early Saturday morning. In his opinion, Saturday was the most appropriate day to collect trash. After  
975 that, Monday was also an excellent day. As Mr. Kohlmann stated, people check in, buy their groceries  
976 and generate more trash. After that a mid-week pickup was needed, so he suggested Wednesday or  
977 Thursday. This schedule works well in Georgetown County and he has seen it work in Horry County, and  
978 seriously recommended that the town consider a Saturday, Monday, and either Wednesday or Thursday  
979 collection schedule. Mr. Servant said rats were everywhere. They were not just on the south end of  
980 town. They were throughout Ocean Boulevard, Horry County, and Georgetown County. It takes a multi-  
981 faceted approach to address the problem. Poison is the quickest and most effective way. His company  
982 deals with rats all the time. He thought Mayor Samples' comments were appropriate, while you can deal  
983 with rats with trash pickup, and it does help, rats will find food, and propagate. It is a year round problem.  
984 Mr. Servant said he would be interested to see how the feral cat program worked. Regarding the  
985 brochure and Mr. Magliette's efforts, he thought that was great. He said as an accommodations tax  
986 committee member, 25-percent of the town's collections, well over \$100,000 a year, is paid to the  
987 Chamber of Commerce. Five-percent of that amount money can be redirected by the accommodations  
988 tax committee to be funded in any way the committee desires. The Chamber will work with the town to  
989 produce brochures with that money. They will also help in other ways. The funds do not have to be  
990 appropriated entirely from other funds. He thought it would be appropriate for council to direct the  
991 accommodations tax committee to consider the 5-percent to produce brochures. He knew that rental  
992 companies in town would be happy to place them in the packets. There were ways to redesign the  
993 brochure to make it more appealing and easier to use. Chamber staff would be glad to help with that  
994 design. There were printings in the past that were wasted, but he thought the Chamber was involved in  
995 printing some of those. The election is tomorrow. He has a favorite son running. The question was  
996 asked of both he and his son on numerous occasions why is he running again so quickly after an arduous  
997 race for County Council. A group of business men on the south end approached numerous people about  
998 running. They were unsuccessful securing a candidate they thought was capable of running and met the  
999 requirements of living along the coast, specifically Surfside Beach and Garden City. (*Time ended.*) I'll  
1000 quit. Thank you.  
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1002 Ms. Wanda Burgess, 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, thought Mr. Magliette's brochure idea was good. She  
1003 asked if parks were listed on the brochure. (Mr. Magliette indicated yes.) Ms. Burgess said good, just  
1004 asking. She had an issue with the drainage canal between 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Avenues South. Mr. Adair tells  
1005 her it is cleaned every year. It certainly does not look it has been cleaned this year, and it stinks. It  
1006 needs to be on a regular maintenance schedule. The slope is so great at the lower end of that canal that  
1007 people's back yards are literally falling into the canal. The town needs to consider getting an engineer to  
1008 inspect the canal. One neighbor built a seawall a few years ago, but the town made him remove it.  
1009 Some type of seawall is needed to protect her neighbors' back yards. The ditch is smelly; full of garbage;  
1010 has dirt piled in it, and has vegetation growing in it. It is horrible. The ditch needs to be addressed and it  
1011 needs to be addressed regularly.

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1013 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**  
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1015 Mr. Pellegrino thanked everyone for attending. He thanked the parking committee for its  
1016 recommendations. That helps Town Council make decisions to move in the right direction. There were  
1017 many different issues discussed today. Surfside Beach is still a great place to live, which is why he lives  
1018 here and why others came to town. He believed Mr. Kohlmann made some valid closing comments  
1019 about the trash service, and he appreciated those. He was just pushing to do something different so the  
1020 town could move forward to begin addressing the problem. Obviously, if the food source is addressed,  
1021 that would help, and then a move to eliminate the population would be next. Hopefully, prices will be  
1022 provided in the next few days and the town can move forward quickly. Have a great night. Thank you for  
1023 coming.

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1025 Mr. Magliette thanked everyone for coming. He thought it was council's responsibility to do  
1026 something quickly about the garbage for the remaining six weeks of summer. He agreed that the pickup  
1027 dates should be reviewed. The town cannot just make those changes overnight; there is a process for  
1028 notification that takes time. He heard people say they wanted a quick fix now. This is a quick fix. Mr.  
1029 Servant said that Saturday, Monday, Wednesday is a good time based on his experience, and the  
1030 Kohlmann family has experience in rentals, they are the key stakeholders and should be involved in the  
1031 process when the schedule is evaluated. Council was trying to collect data to solve the immediate  
1032 problem. Town Council addressed this issue as an emergency and is going to spend money to try to fix  
1033 the problem. The long term problem also needs to be addressed with all the stakeholders at the table  
1034 based on data and what was good for the whole town. The council cares about the town's people. He  
1035 cared about everyone in town. Have faith that the Town Council will do what was right. It was okay if  
1036 residents were upset with council. Residents were supposed to let council know whether they were doing  
1037 a good job. Mr. Magliette said if Mr. Ott was still present, thank you. If council was doing a horrible job,  
1038 citizens have the right to say that. This was democracy at work in a small town. He valued everyone's  
1039 opinion. If you were unhappy with him, that was okay. But, he always tried to help people. Mr. Magliette  
1040 said the August South Strand Helping Hand Food drive begins Saturday. Flyers were available for the  
1041 food drive, and brochures from South Strand Helping Hand. He asked the public to please help distribute  
1042 them. Bless you for coming tonight and participating in our efforts to do what was best for the town and  
1043 its businesses. God bless you, and thanks for coming.

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1045 Mr. Johnson said thank you for coming out. He was in 100-percent agreement with all the  
1046 comments on the trash and the rats. If the town tried to change the schedule this week or next week, it  
1047 would be total chaos. They were trying to do a quick fix. Town Council will sit down and look at the  
1048 scheduling, but right now it was a matter of alleviating as much as possible. He had served on council for  
1049 seven years. Prior to that he was on the planning commission. The Ark Plantation property was always  
1050 in the conversation. It is one of Surfside Beach's gems. It is a wonderful piece of property and has a lot  
1051 of history. It is the town's heritage and he was really proud that the town was able to purchase it to  
1052 preserve it, and to give it the publicity that it deserves. It will take many agencies on the federal, state,  
1053 county and town level to accomplish what they want to have done.

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1055 Mr. Stevens thanked everyone for coming out. He jotted down notes about all the comments.  
1056 Ms. Wescott spoke about golf carts on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue North and Highway 17. He believed the proposed golf  
1057 cart ordinance from Chief Keziah would alleviate that problem. He agreed that the rats and the garbage

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1058 were problems that had existed for two or three years. It was time that council do something about it. He  
1059 agreed with Mr. Kohlmann and Mr. Servant, that Saturday, Monday and Wednesday are the better pickup  
1060 days. If the pickup days were changed, residents just take their carts roadside on the new day. It was no  
1061 big deal. The town has to get rid of the rats, because it must present a good image. The town does not  
1062 need to be in the media. It was bad, and he knew about critters. He had raccoons between his floors  
1063 chewing up his insulating and making a mess. The town should do everything it can do to eliminate the  
1064 problem. Ms. Burgess mentioned the canal at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. It has been messed up for years. He  
1065 saw it several years ago. Why has it not been fixed? He did not know. Mr. Servant cautioned council not  
1066 to raise fees. Mr. Stevens agreed with him 100-percent. R-3 district is the town's money maker. It brings  
1067 in revenue for the town. We do not need to nickel and dime the businesses that makes the town  
1068 accommodations tax money, and it is a "heck of a lot" of money. Thank you to Mr. Ott for his comments.  
1069 He agreed with Mr. Kohlmann's comments. Thank you about the proposal for brochures for the town.  
1070 Anytime we can promote our local businesses, it was good. The town was trying to polish its reputation  
1071 and make the town better for businesses. Anything the town can do to help its businesses be successful  
1072 produces more revenue, more hospitality tax, more accommodations tax, and higher license fees based  
1073 on their revenue. Again, thank you for coming out. He was glad they were there. Have a good week.  
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1075 Ms. Mabry thanked everyone for being at the meeting. She wanted to talk about the wonderful  
1076 acquisition of the property. That corner is the whole history of Surfside Beach. It was just full of rich  
1077 history. Most people do not know that George Washington came through here. It goes back to the  
1078 1700's. It is an amazing piece of property. We do want to make sure that we utilize that property for a lot  
1079 of things. We are going to immediately start after the closing, because you cannot apply for a grant  
1080 without the deed, applying for grants everywhere we can. We will get in touch with universities. We hope  
1081 to be able to do that to see if there is any interest in doing an archeological dig. Ms. Mabry said there are  
1082 many ideas that can be generated around this property that would actually bring a lot of people to town,  
1083 because they want to see it. It was that historically valuable and meaningful. She also said she voted no  
1084 to the sanitation contract, because she simply never voted yes when a price was not stated, especially  
1085 when they were discussing \$45 or \$50 thousand. Her conscious would not allow her to do that. The  
1086 town's director came out with a wonderful plan. He did mention Saturday pickup. We heard that we do  
1087 not need Saturday and Sunday, so it was redundant to collect two days in a row and it was expensive.  
1088 Hopefully, council will listen to the director who came up with a plan that seemed to be working. It  
1089 mirrored someone that has a rental company on the beach and is very, very familiar. She hoped that this  
1090 Saturday pickup with another company is extremely short-lived, while council hopefully adopts Mr. Adair's  
1091 ideas and get everybody notified. She understood that some time was necessary to notify people of  
1092 change. Thank you.  
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1094 Mr. Childs said many people might say the price was too much for the property at 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
1095 South and Willow Drive. It was a lot of money, but he remembered not too many years ago that council  
1096 was offered that same property for \$150,000. Maybe in ten years, people will say that was good buy at  
1097 \$300,000. He was glad the town was going to participate in the feral cat program. From his research, he  
1098 found it to be a successful endeavor. He thought residents would be happy after it was in operation for a  
1099 couple of months. If anyone wanted more details, Ms. Fellner has information. Thank you.  
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1101 Mayor Sample said you can please some of the people some of the time; you can please some of  
1102 the people all of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all the time. He believed that everyone  
1103 learned that in elementary school; especially the councilmembers. They are trying something to resolve a  
1104 problem. You can make suggestions on how to improve problems, but please do not criticize council for  
1105 addressing an issue that was brought to them. He thought it was probably a good idea to have a private  
1106 hauler in town for one day. The town brings in \$1.1 to \$1.3 million in sanitation every year, and that  
1107 money is spent. He had no problem considering alternatives to save money for people, regardless of the  
1108 zoning district, because they were all taxpayers in town. The town is the way it is because of the people  
1109 who live here. The people who live here elected officials who ensured that the building heights are where  
1110 they are. Mayor Samples said he did not move to Myrtle Beach or North Myrtle Beach. He moved to  
1111 Surfside Beach, because it is a family beach, where the neighborhoods are neighborhoods. Yes, if you  
1112 bought in the R-3 district, you deserve all the respect and rights of the residents, but you did know what

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1113 you were buying into. Mayor Samples said he would close with this, cleanliness is next to Godliness. So  
1114 maybe people need to clean up. We would not have as many rats in this town.

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1116 **11. ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m. Mr. Childs  
1117 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

1118 Prepared and submitted by,

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1120 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

1121 Approved: August 10, 2015

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1123 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

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1125 David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore

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1127 Robert F. Childs, Town Council

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1133 Ralph J. Magliette, Town Council

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