



SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2017

Administrator's Report

1. *Updates*

- A. Just a quick update regarding the pier, FEMA and SCEMD grant funding. We had a phone conference on Thursday, November 16th with FEMA and SCEMD officials and it went well. The “next steps” portion of the conversation revolved around FEMA Region IV staff agreeing to review the materials we have presented over the past few months and trying to provide a path forward which includes the requested mitigation elements. Mark O’Mara, our structures in water expert from Hagerty, also sent FEMA staff the project number for a boardwalk in Region II in which the 428 was successfully used. The circumstances involving the boardwalk and our pier are almost identical and they agreed to review that as well. The timeline for completion of the review is on or before November 30, 2017. That is all the information I have at this time. I will, of course, keep Council and the public apprised.
- B. Resolution #17-183 calls for an itemized accounting of what was spent on Hurricane Irma by the town to be reported to Town Council and the public prior to December 6, 2017. The reimbursable expenditures for pre-event emergency protective measures totaled \$8,355.90. The non-reimbursable expenditure for debris removal (i.e., stump grinding and tree removal) totaled \$1,750. This is non-reimbursable because Horry County did not meet the dollar threshold to qualify for post-event emergency funding which includes such things as debris removal.
- C. Two weeks ago we received the new planting species and location plans from Dr. Padua’s students at Clemson University. Subsequently, I shared this information with the local Clemson extension and town staff. Deputy Administrator Harrah, Director Adair, and I met with extension staff members the week before last at Town Hall and also on Ocean Boulevard. Their feeling is that soil preparation will be the largest part of the cost associated with the landscaping project. They are coming back in December to meet with Director Adair and Deputy Administrator Harrah to take measurements and assess the soils from 6th Avenue North to 6th Avenue South on Ocean Boulevard. Once this is accomplished they will recommend soil remediation needs, bed arrangements, species, placements, and associated costs so that this can be brought forward to Town Council at the Vision Meeting in February.

2. *There are no consensus items tonight.*

3. *Public comment responses*

- A. A resident asked, "... if the encumbrance is lifted, how would the town fund both the appropriation of additional property and the changes to Huckabee Complex." The response is that any appropriation for additional property would be funded through parking revenue which is partially designated for land purchases. Also, at present, there are no approved changes to the Huckabee Complex.

- B. The same resident questioned the motive and timing with regard to the creation of a new entertainment zone in the current C3 pier area. The response is that this was brought to the Planning Commission in June of 2016 but was never brought back by the Director for a public hearing or additional committee follow-up. Since restoration of the pier is imminent, this is the ideal time to consider rezoning a portion of the C3 into an entertainment area. This will make that area more of a destination and should help drive additional customers to the local businesses especially during the evening hours.