



TOWN COUNCIL EMERGENCY MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020 • 10:00AM

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11 **1. CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Hellyer called the emergency meeting to order at 10:00 am. Mayor Hellyer, Mayor Pro
12 Tempore Scoles, Councilmembers Pellegrino, Drake, Dietrich, Holder, and Keating were in attendance via telephone.
13 Others present Town Attorney Crosby, Town Administrator Pieper, and Town Clerk Sheri Medina, also via telephone.

14 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

15 January 28, 2020 – Regular Meeting, February 12, 2020, Special Meeting, February 14, 2020, Special Meeting, and
16 February 25, 2020, Regular Meeting, March 10, 2020, Regular Meeting.
17 Councilmember Keating made a motion to approve the January 28, February 12, February 14, February 25, and
18 March 10, 2020, minutes as presented. Councilmember Dietrich Second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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20 **3. PUBLIC COMMENT VIA EMAIL**

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22 Mayor Hellyer read the public comments submitted by email.

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24 A. Mary Beth Mabry, I am asking, begging that the Town of Surfside Beach mandate a stay in place order like the
25 one Charleston has just voted on. Their Ordinance includes what businesses can stay open. We ask for two weeks
26 starting the following Sunday. Also, I am asking that the beach remain open with a minimum of 2 ambassadors on
27 duty to keep social distancing practices. The governor, unfortunately, is leaving bold and necessary mandates to
28 the municipalities. Please be bold to protect our citizens. Thank you. Mary Mabry

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30 B. Carol Lucas, 524 Cypress Drive. I hope the council will follow North Myrtle and Myrtle Beach and vote this
31 morning to immediately close all-new short term rentals in our Town until further notice.

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33 **4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

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35 A. **ORDINANCE #20-916** - Emergency Ordinance of the Town of Surfside Beach, COVID-19, Teleconferencing.
36 Councilmember Scoles made a motion to adopt Ordinance 20-0916. Councilmember Keating Second.
37 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

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39 B. **ORDINANCE #20-917**- Emergency Ordinance of the Town of Surfside Beach, Rentals
40 Councilmember Keating stated a sentence in the second paragraph needed to be corrected to ensure proper
41 enforcement. Councilmember Drake made a motion to adopt Ordinance 20-0917. Councilmember Scoles second.
42 Councilmember Pellegrino stated he understands that Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle Beach have adopted the
43 same Ordinance but feels that having it active until April 30 is too long. This means people will not book rentals in
44 our Town until after that date and it could be possible that it will not be needed that long. Councilmember Keating
45 stated it could always be repealed if needed at any time. Councilmember Pellegrino asked why the time has to be
46 7:00. Who came up with that time? Mayor Hellyer stated that Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach and Horry County
47 have all adopted similar Ordinances. Surfside's Ordinance is not as restrictive as the others. But we do need to be
48 consistent with the others. He also stated he received a call from Tyler Servant saying that Georgetown will be
49 adopting the same Ordinance. Councilmember Pellegrino stated that just because other towns have made the
50 irrational decision doesn't mean we have to. Mayor Hellyer stated if the time is made for later in the day when
51 vacationers come to the beach and find the other beaches closed, they will come to our Town. That will not be
52 good for our residents. Councilmember Scoles stated she understands the point of view of the business owners,
53 but all municipalities and the County need to be consistent. Councilmember Pellegrino made a

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54 motion to amend the Ordinance to change the time to 11:00 am. Councilmember Scoles second. Ayes:
55 Councilmembers Scoles, Keating, Pellegrino, Holder Dietrich, and Mayor Hellyer. Nays: Councilmember Drake.
56 **MOTION CARRIED.** Councilmembers Drake, Scoles, Keating, Dietrich, and Mayor Hellyer voted in favor of
57 adopting Ordinance 20-0917. Councilmembers Pellegrino and Holder voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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59 **5. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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61 A. Councilmember Drake thanked everyone for tuning in. He stated for everyone to be safe and keep your
62 distance. Say a prayer.
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64 B. Councilmember Scoles thanked everyone for calling in today. Also, continue to check on your neighbors. We
65 are a tight-knit community, and we will get through this.
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67 C. Councilmember Keating thanked everyone for listening. If anyone has any additional questions or concerns,
68 please feel free to reach out. We all need to do our part. Travel only when necessary. Do not rely only on hand
69 sanitizer. Wash your hands often. Be safe.
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71 D. Councilmember Pellegrino thanked everyone for listening. Keep your distance and keep washing your hands
72 and be safe.
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74 E. Councilmember Holder thanked everyone for calling in. He stated he feels sorry for the businesses, and I
75 understand what you are going through. Keep your social distancing and God Bless.
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77 F. Councilmember Dietrich, good morning everyone. Council has an obligation to the Town to keep everyone
78 safe, and that is why we are doing this. God Bless.
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80 G. Mayor Hellyer, Mayor Hellyer thanked everyone who called in. Continue to check on your neighbors and
81 practice Social Distancing. Thank you and God Bless.
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83 **6. ADJOURNMENT**

84 Councilmember Scoles made a motion to adjourn at 10:33 am. Councilmember Drake Second. All voted in favor.
85 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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89 Approved: **Surfside Beach Town Council**

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95 David L. Pellegrino, Town Council

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97 Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council

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99 Cindy Keating, Town Council

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101 Michael Drake, Town Council

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103 Debbie Scoles, Mayor Pro Tempore

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105 Paul Holder, Town Council

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107 Sheri L Medina

108 Town Clerk

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112 interested parties via the Town's email subscription list. The agenda was posted on the entry door at Town Council
113 Chambers. The meeting notice was also posted on the town website at www.surfsidebeach.org and the Town's LED
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