



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING Civic Center, 115 US Highway
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TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, November 9, 2021, • 6:30 PM.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - Mayor Hellyer called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Mayor Hellyer, Councilmembers Drake, Holder, Keating, Pellegrino, and Mayor Pro Tempore Scoles were in attendance. Others present were Town Administrator Shanahan, Town Attorney Crosby and Town Clerk Sheri Medina. Absent was Councilmember Dietrich.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - a. **Invocation:** Councilmember Pellegrino performed the Invocation.
 - b. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Hellyer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **PUBLIC HEARING - None**
3. **MOTIONS RELATING TO AGENDA - None**
4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** – Councilmember Keating made a motion to accept the October 21, 2021, Workshop Meeting minutes as presented. Councilmember Drake second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only - None**
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - a. **BUILDING AND CODES MONTHLY REPORT** – Carol Coleman gave the Building and Codes monthly report.
7. **BUSINESS**
 - a. **SECOND READING ORDINANCE 21-0943 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH TO AMEND CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE II thru VIII OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA.** Councilmember Keating made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 21-0943, conditioned upon a minor change to section 4-149, to remove the word "formally" from the parenthetical statement. Councilmember Holder second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**
8. **MAYORS PRESENTATION** - Mayor Hellyer presented Mrs. Debbie Scoles and Mr. David Pellegrino with a plaque of appreciation for their service on Town Council. A plaque will be provided to Mr. Bruce Dietrich personally.
9. **ELECTED OFFICIALS INAUGURATION** - Mayor Hellyer swore in Mr. William Kinken, Mr. LaVerne Kreklau, and Mr. Chris Stamey as the newly elected councilmembers.
10. **MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ELECTION**

Councilmember Drake nominated Councilmember Keating for Mayor Pro Tempore, Councilmember Kreklau second.

Councilmember Stamey nominated Councilmember Holder for Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilmember Kinken second.

Councilmember Drake stated Mrs. Keating had shown overwhelming ability with the ordinances, communicates to the residents, and I feel she would do an outstanding job. Councilmember Kreklau stated Mrs. Keating had done a lot of work with our ordinances. She posts information to the residents about the upcoming meetings and always tells why she voted for things.

Councilmember Stamey stated that Mr. Holder had the most votes at the last election and would represent the residents well.

Mayor Hellyer asked Councilmembers Keating and Holder if they would like to comment.

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Councilmember Keating stated the only comment I would make is, again, I appreciate the very kind words from my co-councilmembers, and the overwhelming support that I received from many of the residents for what I do for the town. Being a mayor pro tempore in the event of the Mayor's unavailability, and let's hope that never has to happen, needs to be someone willing to step up and understand how to run the meeting; how to engage with all of the stakeholders of the town. I think I've demonstrated the ability to do that for the last two years. There is a broader role for the Mayor Pro Tempore to be taking a proactive approach to things in driving for change and accomplishments.

Councilmember Holder stated it is more of a figurehead position, and it only comes into play when the Mayor is not available, and that hasn't happened in two years. It is an honorary position.

A vote was taken by a show of hands. **Councilmember Keating was elected Mayor Pro Tempore with 4 votes.**

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Town Services or Business Conducted - None

12. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND/OR COMMENTS

a. Councilmember Stamey stated I will do the best I can. If you should have any questions, please reach out to me. You need to speak your voice. We cannot fix things if we don't know. I hope we can all work together for the next two years. I want to thank all the people who supported me during the campaign and the ones who came out tonight. I do appreciate it.

b. Councilmember Holder stated it's great to see a full crowd. Thanks to Debbie and David for their service. I want to welcome the new Councilmembers, and I believe we will all be able to work together and have a great council. Also, thank you to all who ran; they worked hard.

c. Councilmember Keating, I want to thank everybody for coming out tonight; it's nice to see a full house for our meetings. The more engagement we get with our residents, business owners, and general stakeholders, the better for the town. As usual, thanks for all the support on Facebook; the questions and comments and emails are always well appreciated, and I try to do my best to answer them the best I can or at least research it and find the answers for you. This has been a very short meeting in the scheme of things, so everybody should be happy with that. I do welcome aboard the new councilmembers. I've met with most of them; and the last one I'll meet with tomorrow. I look forward to that, and I look forward to what we can accomplish moving forward as a team in the coming years. Please stay safe, stay healthy. We'll see in two weeks.

d. Councilmember Kreklau, first I'd like to say thank you to all those listening that voted for me and all of you here that voted for me. I'd like to say to the ones that ran and didn't win, that I'm an example that you can do it a second time. I have my information out there. If you want to call me or send me an email or text, I will get back to you. I may have to do a little research because there's a lot, I don't know yet, for sure. With that said, have a good night.

e. Councilmember Kinken, I first want to thank the people that voted for me. I hope I do not disappoint you and the people that didn't vote for me, and I want to thank you too. I want you to keep me straight. Please reach out to me with any questions you may have. I want to thank David and Debbie for their work and the many years that they put in. I enjoyed watching them it's I know it's not an easy job because I watch what goes on, and I want to thank the standing members. They've all reached out to us, and I appreciate that I think it makes the whole process go smoother when you don't feel like it's us against the old guard, and they have been very forthcoming, and I appreciate that it was a great campaign; a lot of work was put into it. It is a great town we all here for a reason; that's because we love this town, and that's why we want to serve to thank you all for coming out; thanks for the people that are listening in and have a good night; see you in two weeks

f. Councilmember Drake, I'd like to thank everybody for tuning in online and in-person, and the audience tonight had a great crowd again. I want to thank Debbie and David for their service; they did a great job. We'll see you in two weeks, thank you.

g. Mayor Hellyer, first of all, I'd like to thank the residents of this town and the people that ran that did not get elected for running such a good campaign. I didn't see any undermining stuff or mailings go out. I'm really happy that it went well. I'm really happy with the people who got elected, and I sat down with each of them last week and had a conversation with them, and we talked about where we're going in the future. The Town Administrator and I took the new people and gave them a behind-the-scenes tour of the pier and took them down and showed them everything. There's a lot of information that the new council needs and we're willing to give them all the information that they want. I look forward to working with everybody, and I thank everybody for their participation in this meeting.

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Keating made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. Councilmember Holder second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Surfside Beach Town Council

Robert Hellyer, Mayor

Cindy Keating, Mayor Pro Tempore

Paul Holder, Town Council

Michael Drake, Town Council

LaVerne Kreklau, Town Council

William Kinken, Mayor Pro Tempore

Chris Stamey, Town Council

Attest: _____

Sheri L Medina, Town Clerk

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