



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 27, 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 Town Administrator Shanahan, Town Attorney Crosby, and Town Clerk Sheri Medina. Absent was Councilmember Dietrich.
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - A. The Invocation was given by Franklin Ward of Timberlake Baptist Church.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Hellyer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING** – None
4. **MOTIONS RELATING TO AGENDA** - None
5. **MINUTES APPROVAL** Councilmember Keating made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for April 13, 2021as presented. Councilmember Holder seconded. All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only** - None
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. **Proclamation** – Lupus Awareness Month. Mayor Hellyer read the proclamation.
 - B. **Public Works Monthly Report**, given by Director Adair.

Councilmember Scoles stated I mentioned at the last meeting for you to look into the Melody Lane, the situation people were turning off a 17 onto Melody and immediately trying to turn into the gas station there. Director Adair stated he had not gotten a response as of this time.

Councilmember Drake asked about the intersections and Surfside Drive, all the intersections. When we come up to them, if you're in the low riding vehicle, such as a golf cart, you can't see past the right of way. Some of that needs to be trimmed back.

Director Adair stated that public works does that on an ongoing basis. Our ordinance says that we have a 20-foot line of sight on every corner. Unfortunately, people plant things too close to the right of way, and we have to address them.

Councilmember Drake also asked about tree limbs near the power lines. Does Santee Cooper tend to that?

Director Adair stated Santee Cooper does come through town every one to two years and check all the lines and cut trees. If you call them about a specific tree, they will come out and trim it.

Councilmember Pellegrino asked about a completion date for the Ocean Blvd Dogwood Swash. Director Adair stated he is unsure at this time, but believes it will be completed by the end of May, maybe a bit longer.

- C. **Finance Report** – given by Administrator Shanahan.

Councilmember Keating asked where are we accounting for other professional services, such as what we need to pay Haggerty and Collins Engineering, some of the third party inspections, and some of the other town's scope of work for the pier? At this time, we seem to be only tracking Consensus.

Mr. Shanahan stated on page eight that it shows all of those numbers. I don't think we're going to have to spend all of that bond money with the way things are going. We're pretty sure that we're going to be very, very close on our completion date, if not before July, unless something drastic happens.

8. BUSINESS

A. SECOND READING ORDINANCE #21-0926 - AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AMENDMENT OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH HORRY COUNTY.

Councilmember Keating made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance #21-0926 for an amendment to the Intergovernmental agreement with the Horry County Election Commission. Councilmember Drake second.

Councilmember Keating stated there is a corresponding ordinance that will make modifications to Chapter 5 - Elections. We will present it for second reading once this agreement with Horry County has been executed.

All voted in favor. **Motion Carried.**

B. Resolution #21-0134 - Hazard Mitigation Plan

Councilmember Keating made a motion to accept resolution #21-134 acknowledging the town's participation in the Horry County Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2021. Councilmember Drake second.

All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Lynn Manchester at 1414 North Ocean Boulevard. I love this town and this Council. Thank you so much for the proclamation for Lupus Awareness Month. This is a horrible disease. In South Carolina, we have 25,000 people that suffer from this. In Horry County, we have 2000 people who suffer from this that are documented in the National Registry. I cannot thank you enough on behalf of my daughter and the Manchester family. You don't know what this means to our family.

10. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

A. Councilmember Scoles – I would like to thank everyone here this evening and those who called in. I appreciate the reports that we got from finance and Mr. Adair. I hope everyone has a good evening; thank you.

B. Councilmember Holder - Thanks to everyone who came out tonight and the online people. I would like the Administrator to talk with the Historical Society and see what actions can be taken to move forward. I rode with the police department from three o'clock in the afternoon to three o'clock in the morning, with officer Pinto and his canine Sif. It was an exciting night because it gave me a greater understanding of some of the challenges they're facing. That was a rewarding night. Thank you.

C. Councilmember Keating - As with everyone else, I appreciate everyone coming out, dialing in and watching online. This is probably a record meeting for the quickest turnaround of an agenda that we've had! It's a breath of fresh air since the last two agendas were pretty jam-packed with the topics. As always, I appreciate everyone's feedback and comments. I do have a couple of items that I'd like the Administrator to consider just from comments I have received. I'll give the details of those items offline; there's nothing critical. The comment reflects some recommendations about different events we could potentially have in town, and operational improvements. Thank you very much. Have a good night, we'll see you in two weeks.

D. Councilmember Pellegrino - Thanks for coming tonight. We did have one meeting under 30 minutes. So, this is the second-fastest meeting. Thanks for coming, have a great night.

E. Councilmember Drake, I'd like to thank you for coming out also. I'd like to thank My Olive Shack for what they've been doing with the craft market on Thursday's until mid-December. The artwork and other displays are very lovely. The hot dog man is out there. I want to thank Ms. Shanahan for presenting the budget to us. It was very informative. Mr. Adair, thank you for what you do to make our town look good.

F. Mayor Hellyer - I want to thank everybody and especially the town employees, for the hard work to get all of our initiatives done. We have a whole lot of stuff going on. We have the issue with the mold and how we're going to alleviate that. We still have the pier and the swash and the roads getting paved. Everybody's doing an outstanding job at getting it done.

I want everyone to remember that this Friday at 10am is the tree planting for Arbor Day. We've put this together with Mr. Pellegrino and Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful. We're going to be down at 6th S and Willow at 10 am on Friday to plant an oak tree. Hopefully, this will be the first of many. Thank you all for coming, and you guys have a good, safe trip home. We'll see you next time.

11. **ADJOURNMENT** - Councilmember Keating made a motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Councilmember Drake second. All voted in favor. **Motion carried.**

Surfside Beach Town Council

Robert Hellyer, Mayor

David L. Pellegrino

Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council

Cindy Keating, Town Council

Michael Drake, Town Council

Debbie Scoles, Mayor Pro Tempore

Paul Holder, Town Council

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