



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

May 11, 2010 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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8 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

9 Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro
10 Tem Truett and councilmembers Johnson, Martin, Childs and Samples were present.
11 Councilmember Blair was absent. Newly elected councilmembers Dodge and Smith
12 were present. A quorum was present. Staff present: Appointed Interim
13 Administrator, Fellner; Clerk, Pinnell; Public Safety Director, Christenson; Fire
14 Chief, Packard; Finance Treasurer, Hursey; Public Works Executive Assistant,
15 Saleem and Recreation and Special Events Supervisor, Ellis. Also present were
16 Officer Bailey, Communications Coordinator Small and Public Works, Neal Johnson
17 for their recognitions. Attorney Mr. Smith was also present.

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

20 Councilman Truett gave the invocation and Mayor Deaton led the pledge of
21 allegiance.

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23 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

24 Mr. Martin made a motion to move item 4, Public Comments to appear after Item 7,
25 Elected Official Installation. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. **All present voted**
26 **in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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28 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL** – Regular meeting minutes April 27, 2010 and Special
29 Meeting held May 4, 2010. Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the minutes from
30 April 27th and May 4th, 2010 as submitted. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **All**
31 **present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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33 **5. BUSINESS-2010 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

34 Clerk Pinnell read the resolution which is on file. Mr. Johnson made a motion to
35 approve the resolution #10-094. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All present voted**
36 **in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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38 **6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

39 Councilman Sammy Truett was acknowledged for 10 years of service. Mr. Martin
40 was acknowledged for 8 years of service.

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42 **7. ELECTED OFFICIALS INSTALLATION**

43 Ms. Ann Dodge and Mr. Doug Samples were sworn into office by Judge Blanton. Mr.
44 Rod Smith was sworn into office by Judge Wentz. Each new member and returning
45 member took an oath and took their seats at the dais.

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47 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS** Agenda items only, 3 minutes per speaker.

48 There were no public comments.

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51 **9. MAYOR PRO TEMPORE ELECTION**

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53 Mr. Johnson made a motion that the vote be deferred until which time there is a full
54 council since Ms. Blair was absent. It was assumed this would be the next council
55 meeting. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION**
56 **CARRIED.**

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58 **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

59 **a. Presentation: Officer of the Year Travis Bailey**

60 Director Christenson recognized Officer of the Year, Travis Bailey.

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62 **b. Presentation: Becky Small, Police Communications Coordinator, 10 Years**

63 Director Christenson recognized Becky Small for 10 years of service.

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65 **c. Presentation: Neal Johnson, Public Works, 25 Years**

66 Mayor Deaton and Public Works Executive Assistant Joan Saleem recognized
67 Neal Johnson for 25 years of service.

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69 **d. Fire station Checklist: Mike Pry DP3 Architects**

70 Mr. Mike Pry from DP3 Architects stated that DP3 has been involved with the
71 fire station project since its inception in 2007. Mr. Pry reported that the
72 construction project is drawing to a close with a few outstanding items related to
73 the construction. DP3 is working with Mashburn Construction to close the
74 project out. The checklist items will hopefully be completed in the next 30 to
75 60 days. Mr. Pry reported that he met with town staff, Ms. Fellner and Ms.
76 Donevant, that afternoon to close out a few Certificate of Occupancy issues;
77 Mashburn Construction will address these within the next couple of weeks and
78 the town will have an official certificate of occupancy for the building at that
79 time.

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81 Mr. Samples asked about the resolution to the concrete floor issue. Mr. Pry
82 reported that they are still working on the floor issue. The quality of the floor is
83 not up to the standard expected; they are currently dealing with the
84 manufacturer on trying to determine whether it was the installation or was there
85 a deficiency in the product or does the PSI rating of the concrete not adapt well
86 to that particular product. Mr. Pry stated that they are trying to narrow this
87 down and Mashburn Construction is currently working with their supplier and
88 hopefully there will be an answer shortly. Mr. Pry stated that there is no
89 direction or solution yet to give council on how this will be rectified. Mr.
90 Childs stated that this must be a “monumental problem with that concrete floor,
91 I mean, we’re not talking about a little closet, we’re talking about a large area”.
92 Mr. Pry stated that the best thing to put down on a floor that takes the kind of
93 abuse a fire station floor takes is a concrete sealer. The product that was
94 selected is suited for this application and he believes there is some installation
95 issues that need to be addressed and Mashburn will address this. Mr. Johnson
96 stated that this will apparently not be an easy fix. Mr. Pry stated that an
97 involved fix would possibly take a week to repair and a spot patch would take
98 less time and any fix would need to be coordinated with the fire department.
99 Mr. Johnson asked if the smaller items on the punch list have been addressed.
100 Mr. Pry stated that some of the items have been addressed adding that there are
101 a couple of lists. Mr. Pry stated that they are in the process of addressing the

102 certificate of occupancy which concerns two items related to stormwater; there
103 is currently a component missing from the pond and regarding the SCDOT
104 issues there is some water standing on Poplar and they plan on getting the
105 shoulders sloped into the catch basins and once these are completed this would
106 allow the certificate of occupancy. The small items will also be addressed. Mr.
107 Johnson asked for an updated list at the next council meeting. Mr. Pry stated
108 that he hopes to generate a list this week and will give it to Ms. Fellner and she
109 can forward to council. Mr. Pry stated that he enjoyed the project. Mr. Samples
110 asked about the retention remaining on the project. It was confirmed that it was
111 about \$90,000 that the town would be holding until the items are addressed and
112 the certificate of occupancy is issued.

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114 e. Building Report

115 Ms. Donevant reported that there was \$9,154.80 brought in the past month; 89
116 permits were issued; one new construction residential was issued. There were
117 329 phone calls and 156 inspections. The building department is also still
118 working on the zoning ordinances. Ms. Donevant reported on the CRS rating.
119 The town has 2,488 flood insurance policies and in October when the rating
120 come into effect the town will save approximately \$62,000 on flood insurance
121 which is about \$25 to \$30 saving for each person who has a flood insurance
122 policy. The town would move from a 10 rating to a 9. Ms. Donevant stated that
123 there are options to work towards this to also increase the savings to the town.

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125 Mr. Childs asked Ms. Donevant to bring council up to date on the county library
126 project. Ms. Donevant stated that she received the plans for the library the
127 previous Friday; she reviewed them and spoke with the plan reviewer for Horry
128 County and he was hoping to have his review done by the end of the week and
129 now the town is waiting on stormwater. Ms. Donevant stated that it looks like it
130 will come together in the next two weeks. Mayor Deaton clarified that this is a
131 county project; he explained that the county has submitted their plan to the town
132 so that the town can apply all of the town ordinances and requirements to it.
133 This is the first time the town has seen the final plans.

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135 Ms. Donevant stated that the owners of Sea Dogs at the pier has requested the
136 town to possibly allow them to put up a temporary sign since the town has not
137 gotten to putting up signage at the pier. Ms. Donevant stated that she thought it
138 may be a good idea to allow each business owner at the pier to put up a
139 temporary sign at the roadway where the previous sign stood. Ms. Donevant
140 stated that she would bring the layout to council. Mayor Deaton suggested
141 placing this on a future agenda for discussion. Mr. Samples stated that he
142 agrees that it has been too long getting a replacement sign but was questioned
143 whether this would present any legal issues. Attorney Mr. Smith stated that
144 there are two legal issues; one is that the town has an ordinance that governs
145 signs and the council could not circumvent its own ordinances and another is
146 that Sea Dogs is a sub tenant of Pier Outfitters and the actual tenant of the town
147 would need to request this. There was consensus of council to add this item as a
148 discussion item for the next meeting.

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150 f. Public Safety Report

151 *i. Police*
152 Director Christenson reported that newly hired officer Sanabria was
153 chosen as a leader at the Criminal Justice Academy. Recently the
154 Victims Advocate attended some mandatory training in Charleston
155 South Carolina. Two of the instructors within the police department
156 just finished their re-certifications. Recently the police met with the
157 Special Events coordinator Ms. Ellis in the efforts to assist in the
158 planning of this years' Memorial Day Car Show. Director
159 Christenson reported that the residential burglaries have started to
160 decrease; the police caught and incarcerated several groups since
161 January 1st. Director Christenson stated that the burglaries have also
162 decreased due to some of the previously vacant houses that are now
163 being rented and used. The police have also arrested some
164 individuals with the intent to break into some houses. The
165 investigative unit, consisting of one person, has been busy; the past
166 month 15 criminal cases were initiated and 9 warrants were sought.
167 The police department has been busy with the influx of visitors this
168 week; it is much less than in years past but they are still busy.
169 Director Christenson stated that the 2 AM closing time ordinance is
170 in effect and there are officers out ensuring this takes place. Director
171 Christenson highlighted some stats on the April report which is on
172 file. Director Christenson reported on the meter revenue. In April
173 2010 there was just under \$7,000 more taken in than in April 2009.
174 The money received in 2009 up to this point in time was \$15,065
175 and this year it was \$22,019.

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177 *ii. Fire*
178 Director Christenson reported that in April the fire department
179 responded to three mutual aid cases and one fire. There were 28
180 rescue/emergency medical incidents; 3 hazardous conditions with no
181 fire incidents; there were 2 service calls and 2 good intent calls.
182 Total incident count for the month was 39 and this was down from
183 last year at this time. The fire department has completed 79
184 inspections in April and have 13 pending inspections; they did 4
185 public education events, 3 pre fire plans; 5 businesses that have
186 closed were removed and they did 5 new businesses.

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188 Mr. Johnson asked how many female officers the town has. Director
189 Christenson stated that they had one who resigned about a year ago
190 to attend law school in Michigan. Mr. Johnson asked if the town
191 was required by State law or any other law to have one female
192 officer on staff. Director Christenson and attorney Mr. Smith both
193 stated that they were unaware of any such law. Director Christenson
194 added that the town has a minimal amount of female officers apply.
195 Mr. Johnson asked when the beach patrol officers would begin full
196 time duty. Director Christenson stated that they have been in full
197 effect; there were a couple days where no one was on the beach
198 because the department had to perform their annual in-service
199 training with the county. Mr. Samples asked if the town has extra

200 officers on duty this coming weekend. Director Christenson
201 answered that there were a minimal amount of extra officers on duty
202 since the crowds are down this year; there will be one extra officer
203 out Thursday through Saturday. Director Christenson, Captain
204 Miller and Lieutenant Matyjasik will be out which is no extra cost to
205 the town since they are salary.

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207 **11. BUSINESS**

208 *a. First Reading Ordinance #10-0683: Police & Fire*

209 Mr. Childs made a motion to adopt first reading of ordinance #10-0683. Mr.
210 Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson noted that the ordinance does
211 include the proposed changes from the draft discussion at the last meeting.
212 The ordinance gives council more latitude in some situations and appoints the
213 mayor as opposed to the town administrator as the town emergency operations
214 director. Mr. Childs stated that the changes were placed to give council the
215 final word on hiring of the chief of police and fire chief and it was always his
216 understanding that during an emergency the mayor was in charge.

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218 Mayor Deaton stated that this is a major step, separating public safety.
219 “Obviously we had problems when they were separated before and we created
220 a public safety department and it’s run its cycle at this point in time. My
221 concerns are, after reading all the information that both the chiefs provided in
222 comparisons and organizational information and things of that nature, I’m not
223 qualified to try to recreate two departments. I think that we would probably
224 be prudent if we would seek outside information or outside consultants to
225 guide us through this process. The process being, creating two streamlined
226 departments, balancing and equalizing and making sure that we’re doing the
227 best thing for the future of Surfside Beach. I think that would be more prudent
228 than the council attempting to do it. We have an interim administrator starting
229 tomorrow but we’re in the absence of an administrator. I would make a
230 recommendation that we would move forward to contact a consulting firm
231 that works in this environment on a day to day basis and they can give us good
232 solid recommendations on where we need to go with these changes. They’re
233 very important changes and this is going to determine where we are for the
234 next decade or two decades. It’s not simply a name change.”

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236 Mr. Samples agreed with the mayor and stated that he agrees that this review
237 is important. “We’re not just changing the names. The fact of the matter is
238 we did set up a public safety department for good reasons and while I agree
239 that the time has come to make a change and to split the departments
240 separately, I think it’s a significant enough change that we could benefit from
241 an outside look from a professional.”

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243 Mr. Samples amended the motion to include contacting a consulting firm to
244 give recommendations for the split of public safety into police and fire. Mr.
245 Johnsons seconded the motion. Ms. Dodge asked how much this consultant
246 would cost. Mayor Deaton stated that at this point council would instruct the
247 interim administrator to explore this and then council could make a decision
248 on which consulting firm they would chose and the cost would be based on

249 this choice. Mr. Johnson stated that this is his biggest concern, cost. He
250 agrees that this needs to be looked into soon and supports the amendment to
251 the motion. **Mr. Johnson, Ms. Dodge, Mayor Deaton, Mr. Samples and**
252 **Mr. Childs voted in favor of the amendment. Mr. Smith voted against.**
253 **MOTION CARRIED.** All voted in favor of the original motion. **MOTION**
254 **CARRIED.** Mayor Deaton instructed the town attorney, Mr. Smith to work
255 with the interim administrator regarding this.
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257 *b. Proclamation #10-70 Lyme Disease Awareness Month May 2010*
258 Clerk Pinnell read the proclamation which is on file.
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260 *c. Decision Paper: Purchase new Jet Ski for Police Department*

261 Director Christenson presented the issue paper on file. Director Christenson,
262 as instructed by council, went out and got quotes. He called the 4 vendors
263 they e-mailed the bid packages to. Yamaha of Lumberton's price quote came
264 in the lowest at \$7,491.00. Staff recommendation is to purchase the Jet Ski
265 with funds from the Accommodations Tax (Atax). \$50,000 had been
266 budgeted for a tractor for the beach and staff was able to purchase it at
267 \$34,000; there is \$16,000 remaining in this budget that can be used towards
268 the purchase of a jet ski. Director Christenson stated that he did, per request
269 from council, speak to Beach Services about having them provide a jet ski in a
270 100 percent capacity. Beach Services told them although they would like to
271 accommodate the police they did not have the money to fund this. They did
272 pay into accommodations tax and this is what accommodations funds are to be
273 used for and suggested this use. Staff would need to travel to Lumberton to
274 pick it up. Ms. Hursey confirmed that funds were available in Atax.
275 Councilman Smith stated that the drive to Lumberton would take
276 approximately 4 hours round trip and he would hate to see an officer off duty
277 for that long. Mr. Christenson stated that the Captain, Lieutenant or himself
278 would pick up the Jet Ski. The other option would be to save the 4 hour trip
279 and purchase the Jet Ski from Redline Power Sports which is located in
280 Myrtle Beach and it would cost the town roughly an additional \$500.
281 Councilman Smith made a motion that public safety get the money from the
282 current accommodations tax and purchase a new jet ski from Redline Power
283 Sports in Myrtle Beach for \$7,999. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **All**
284 **present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**
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286 *d. Decision Paper: Skate Park*

287 Mayor Deaton suggested that this item be deferred since no one is available to
288 present it. Director Christenson stated that Mr. Lazarus had offered the use of
289 an area by the water park to be used as a skate park. If the town would put the
290 fence up he would be willing to offer use of a 2,500 to 3,000 square foot area.
291 Mayor Deaton stated that constructing a skate park at the water park was
292 discussed back when the road was closed for the park. Mr. Childs made a
293 motion to defer/table this item. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Samples
294 asked when the closure of the 13th Avenue skate park would take effect. It
295 was confirmed that the skate park was to close June 1st. Mr. Samples stated
296 that he wanted to go on record as saying that "I certainly hope that we do not
297 close that park without having something in place." Mr. Samples stated that

298 many mothers and grandmothers stressed to him while he was campaigning
299 that it was important for teens to have recreational activities other than the
300 beach.

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302 Mr. Childs stated that council also needs to take into consideration the people
303 who live next to the skate park. Mr. Childs stated that the council had heard
304 concerns from these individuals regarding noise and other issues with the
305 skate park and added that this group was very quiet and orderly and he would
306 hope that council would not forget them just because they did not come
307 storming through the door with demands. Mr. Childs stated that they are
308 residents and rental units and this is where the town's cash comes from and he
309 would hope that council does not overlook their concerns. Mr. Childs stated
310 that council has bent over backwards to accommodate the skateboarders and
311 he is behind them 100 percent but there is a little bit of give and take and if it
312 means going without a skate park for a couple of weeks he feels they would
313 be willing to do this. Mr. Johnson stated that council did discuss keeping the
314 skate park open until an adequate location was found and another one was
315 open. Mr. Johnson stated that recently there was a concern about safety at the
316 park and asked if this was addressed adding that it was temporarily closed.
317 Mr. Newell answered that there was some equipment that was not mounted
318 and the kids had brought in some outside items that were not safe. The items
319 were removed and now his department is checking the equipment and
320 maintaining the park and they are keeping a checklist every day. Mr. Samples
321 suggested putting a bid package together. Mr. Johnson stated that he does
322 have a concern with residents crossing 17 but now that there is this new option
323 he would like to see this avenue explored. Mr. Samples stated that the
324 original direction of council, when this item was first brought up, was to take
325 the area in front of the fire station and use this as a new skate park. Mr.
326 Samples stated that he would like to explore the other offer but the town does
327 not "have an actual offer in our hands". Mr. Samples stated that he has a
328 concern about taking the park away. Mayor Deaton stated that he feels that it
329 has been the consensus of council to keep the skate park open until a new
330 location is available. Mayor Deaton asked if any of the new councilmember
331 had any comments regarding this. Mr. Smith stated that he feels it is
332 important to leave the park open until a new location is open and added that as
333 a consideration to the neighborhood he would suggest closing it earlier so that
334 people can enjoy their evenings at home but feels it is important for the skate
335 park to be open during the summer. Mayor Deaton agreed with a time
336 change, currently the park is open from sun up to sun down and he would
337 suggest it be open 10 AM to 4 PM or 10 AM to 5 PM. Ms. Dodge stated that
338 she feels council should give the residents on 13th Avenue a rest adding that it
339 is summertime and feels they want to enjoy their yard. Ms. Dodge stated that
340 she likes the idea of having specific hours but feels that someone will need to
341 go by and police it because the kids do climb the fence. Mayor Deaton agreed
342 that monitoring is very important. **All present voted in favor. MOTION**
343 **CARRIED.**

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12. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 5 minutes per speaker

347 **Beth Kohlmann, 1610 S. Ocean Blvd.:** “Welcome to the new members and thank
348 you to the ones that have served for us. You did a great job. I just wanted to talk
349 about the skate park, again, and I just wanted to make a few points, if I may. We
350 have chosen to live in a rental area. That’s where we’ve chosen to raise our family
351 and we love living there, however, I know that those kids on 13th Avenue are nothing
352 compared to the renters that are in that area and that I can tell you from every single
353 night. We’ve had already nude people in our pool, streaking across the streets.
354 We’ve had a million different things and that’s all part of living there and we deal
355 with it and I understand that those people that came here, they do have a concern and
356 they do have an issue but I’ll tell you the language that the renters use is far worse
357 than the language that some of those kids use and that’s from living there and seeing
358 it every day. I do think that you need to come to a compromise but I want to remind
359 you all of something else. We had committees in place and I think that the
360 community needs to realize this and remember this as well. We had committees in
361 place and when that time frame expired, it expired, it went away, something really
362 good went away and I don’t see it coming back and I know everybody says it takes
363 time. How many months does it take to do an ordinance? I think that’s unfair to us
364 all. It’s unfair to you all; it’s unfair to all of us. You have a lot of energy out here
365 and a lot of people that are willing to work with this town and there’s just no
366 ordinance for us to come and help you do that with beautification and recreation. I
367 don’t think that they’ve had any problems; I mean Debbie did some phenomenal stuff
368 and we all worked together. I don’t think there were complaints about it and when
369 you took it away it didn’t come back so if you let this expire and the skate park
370 disappears, it’s not coming back; it really isn’t. That’s how I feel about it and that’s
371 how the kids are going to feel about it. You gave it to them and you said ‘ok, we’re
372 going to give it a shot’ and now it’s not going to come back and if you do put it at the
373 water park you must remember he’s a business, so if you think, it’s going to take
374 time, a very short period of time, and he’s going to say ‘oh, I can charge a buck, 2
375 bucks’; that’s no longer the teens of Surfside Park that becomes the water parks’ park;
376 that becomes every kids that anywhere on vacation, well they use ours too, I
377 understand that, but now it’s really our park. You put it across the highway, my kids
378 aren’t going to skate across 17, no way, and I don’t think a lot of parents are going to
379 let their kids skate across 17. You’re looking for disaster and I just hope that you all
380 think about that and I thank each of you for all you’ve done with the skate park and I
381 understand there’s a lot more to it than just my side of the story but trust me, you
382 want to see some renters, stop by my house any night you want and I’ll show you a
383 party.”

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385 **Randle Stevens, 412 1st Avenue North:** “First I want to welcome our new
386 councilmembers and our continuing councilmember and I’m sure that you all are
387 going to do us proud. What I want to talk about is the dog park. As you know it’s
388 located between 1st Avenue North and Pine Street. I noticed the dog park has been
389 expanded and some other work has been done on it but I also notice that people are
390 now using it and there was supposed to be grass planted on it. I want you to keep
391 aware that the dog park never, got permits and everything so I don’t know what the
392 situation is with that but I would like to see before the dog park is actually open, and
393 people are using it on a daily basis, that grass be planted there so we don’t have any
394 problem with stormwater wash off and the dirt going into the drains and going,
395 washing back into the lakes that we just dredged not too long ago and I also would

396 like to see more vegetation around the parks, basically the two parks kind of look like
397 a couple of prison camps and everybody asks me, 'I see you're the guy that got the
398 dog parks around your house'. I can live with those and I'm kind of thinking about
399 getting a new dog myself so maybe I can use them but the main thing is that I would
400 like to see the dog parks dressed up a little nicer. I mean, it's just right in the middle
401 of town; it's next to our library and see some more things done to it. I would hope
402 that we get some of those Leland Cypress that councilman Childs was talking about.
403 If we put some more mulch around it and really make the place look nice. I also want
404 you to address the people that are using it. Are we going to have people from all over
405 the county using it or are we going to have just people from Surfside? If people from
406 the county are using it, are they going to pay some type of fee where the town of
407 Surfside will derive revenue from the use of the park by other people from outside the
408 town of Surfside? I think that would really be important if you're going to let that be
409 used by other people outside the town of Surfside, that we do charge some type of fee
410 for them to use it and that those pets that come there are properly vaccinated for
411 rabies, whatever kind of disease that dogs carry. I know that they did have a problem
412 a few years back at the Myrtle Beach dog park, never took my golden retriever there
413 because everybody was spending 300 – 400 dollars at veterinarians because of some
414 kind of disease that they got there, so, I would like to see the place dressed up. Make
415 it not look like a prison camp but look like something nice and I'm sure that you all
416 know if you all had a dog park around your house I'm sure you'd want it to look a lot
417 nicer too and I would like to see trees all the way around the thing and make sure that
418 you got somebody; I don't know who is going to enforce these laws and these
419 regulations; the signs you got up in there but the park is being used now even though
420 it's not even open and Public Works is still working on it so I'd like to see a lot of
421 improvements into it. Thank you."

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423 Mayor Deaton referred him to set up a meeting with the Grounds Supervisor Mr.
424 Newell.
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426 **13. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

427 **Mr. Johnson:** "Thank you ladies and gentlemen for coming out. This is your town
428 please contact us if you have any concerns or needs or wishes. The longer I sit up
429 here the more I realize that the towns work is actually a work in progress. Just when
430 you think you get your hands around one situation something else comes up, but we
431 are up here for a reason, we are dedicated to try and improve this town and with your
432 help we can do that and I just like to thank you for coming out."
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434 **Ms. Dodge:** "I just want to say to all of you thank you for your support and
435 encouragement to me when I was running. I hope you'll keep it up because I'm
436 going to need it. I'm so proud and honored to serve you. If you have a concern you
437 can call me anytime, well, up until midnight. I would also like to thank Mr. Martin
438 and Mr. Truett for their service to the town and I'm glad Mr. Samples is still on
439 council. Thank you."
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441 **Mr. Smith:** "I'm honored to be your representative and I hope I'm worthy of it for
442 the next four years. Thank you."
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444 **Mr. Samples:** “Thank you all for coming out and keep coming out. I did want to,
445 and while I know I’m going to miss Sammy and Joe, I know that we have elected two
446 outstanding individuals that are going to do the best they can and I would just suggest
447 a little bit of sage advice that an old councilman, P.L. Mabry, used to say and a lot of
448 things that he did is ‘as long as you were thinking about what was right for the town,
449 you can’t go wrong’ but thanks for coming out, I appreciate it.”
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451 **Mr. Childs:** “I, too, would like to wish Mr. Truett and Martin the best in whatever
452 they get into and I’d like to welcome Ann Dodge, Rod Smith and Doug Samples back
453 and Ann I’m glad you’re on this side of the desk for awhile and it’s to the gentleman
454 that was making reference to the shrubbery around the park there, Brian, I had a long
455 time ago, on account of the way they grow, is Leland Cypress and Red Tip Fotinia,
456 neither one of them require much maintenance and they grow big and I think he’s
457 right, we should hide that fence the best way you can. Thank you.”
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459 **Ms. Blair was absent. Clerk Pinnell read a note from Ms. Blair:** “Dear Mayor
460 Deaton, fellow councilmembers and townspeople, it is with my sincerest apologies I
461 am not in attendance at this evenings’ meeting of Surfside Beach Town Council. My
462 job and my position on our local outbreak response team dictate that I attend the 2010
463 annual acute disease conference in Columbia. Unfortunately, my absence means that
464 I am, regretfully, missing the swearing in ceremony of our newest councilmembers,
465 Ms. Ann Dodge and Mr. Rod Smith and again Doug Samples. I just wanted to take a
466 moment to publicly congratulate them on their election and re-election and to extend
467 the warmest welcome to them as they join us in our governing efforts. I am excited
468 about working with them; duly ask their forgiveness for my absence tonight and look
469 forward to seeing you soon. I wish God’s blessing for all of you.”
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471 **Mr. Johnson:** I would just like to add, so I don’t get slapped around at home again
472 like I did last time. My wonderful wife reminded me that I did not publicly thank
473 councilmen Truett and Martin last time and I would like to publicly thank them for
474 their support and I welcome the new councilmembers and Mr. Samples.”
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476 **Mayor Deaton:** “I would like to say the same thing, I mean, it’s great to have our
477 new members up here and please show the respect for the office they have attained it,
478 they are willing to serve, respect is always a nice thing in this position because it’s
479 difficult, very difficult and I’d like to thank everybody for coming. We’re going to
480 entertain a motion to go into executive session for the appointments of Planning
481 Commission committee members and Board of Zoning Appeals and discussion
482 regarding a personnel matter with our interim administrator appointment. I don’t
483 know how long we’ll be in there. We’re going to move back into the conference
484 room. We will reconvene back here in Chambers but I’ll entertain a motion at this
485 time.”
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487 Mr. Samples made a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Smith seconded the
488 motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**
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14. EXECUTIVES SESSION

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15. REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Johnson made a motion to resume regular session. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Samples made a motion to appoint Marty Rhoades, Mary Ellen Abrams and Mikey Pruitt to the Planning Commission. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Gary Livesay to the Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority Committee. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Samples made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Approved: May 25, 2010

Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

Roderick Smith, Town Council

Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

Ann Dodge, Mayor Pro Tem

Douglas F. Samples, Town Council

Mark L Johnson, Town Council

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