



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

September 21, 2010 ♦ 2:30 P.M.

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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem Childs and councilmembers Johnson, Dodge, Smith and Samples were present. Ms. Blair arrived shortly after start of meeting. Staff present: Appointed Interim Administrator, Fellner; Clerk Pinnell; and Finance Treasurer, Hursey.

2. **BUSINESS**

First Reading Ordinance #10-0689: Amendment to Millage pursuant to rollback calculation for the year ended June 30, 2011

Mr. Samples made a motion to approve 1st reading. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr. Smith asked the administrator to fill council in on some information regarding the ordinance item. Ms. Fellner reported that the council needs to pass two readings of the ordinance by September 30th, 2010 amending the tax millage from 44 mills to 40 mills. It needs to be for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This is necessary due to the State law requirement of governments to rollback millage rates when total property valuations increase through a reassessment so that more property revenue is not collected than the previous year. The County just finished their assessment last week and notified the town at the end of the week what it would be. The result is what is reflected in the proposed amendment to the ordinance. If we do not comply by September 30th the County will have to manually remove the towns tax notices from their mass mailing on October 1st and then the town would have to pay them for their time, materials and postage to re-mail the notices. Mayor Deaton stated that this is a standard procedure when the assessments are done; the town is bound by State law. Mr. Johnson stated that it was his understanding that assessments were down but they are not they are actually up. Ms. Fellner stated that they are up for this area. It was confirmed that the same percentage would be prorated for the millage breakdown. Mr. Smith asked if projected loss for appeals on legal residents were standard percentages used each time. Ms. Hursey stated that they were provided by Horry County based on historical data for the town and the legal residents are for people that are applying for the 4 percent tax rate versus the 6 percent. This is based on historical data. Mr. Samples asked if the rollback was based on actual collections versus what is billed adding that there is a percentage billed but not collected. Ms. Hursey stated that this is based on actual collections that Horry County received and then remitted to the town for last year. Ms. Hursey stated that the town does have a good collection rate and it is only budgeted at a 95 percent collection rate. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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3. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Approved: October 12, 2010

Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk

K. Allen Deaton, Mayor

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Vicki W. Blair, Town Council

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Douglas F. Samples, Town Council

Mark L Johnson, Town Council

Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor Pro Tempore

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