



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
January 26, 2010 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR
MEETING MINUTES

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10 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

11 Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem
12 Truett and Councilmembers Blair, Johnson, Martin, Childs and Samples were present.
13 A quorum was present. Staff present: Administrator Booth; Clerk Pinnell, Finance
14 Treasurer Hursey and Recreation Supervisor Ellis. Attorney Mr. Smith was also present.
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16 **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**

17 Mayor Pro Tem Truett gave the invocation. Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.
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19 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL**

20 Mr. Truett made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Mr. Samples seconded
21 the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**
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23 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL** – Workshop/Regular meeting held January 12, 2010.

24 Mr. Samples made a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2010. Mr. Truett
25 seconded the motion. **All present voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**
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27 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

28 There were no public comments.
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30 **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

31 **a. *Omar Shriners presentation-Rusty Jones***

32 Mr. Rusty Jones stated that Ms. Ellis contacted the Myrtle Beach Chamber
33 regarding BBQ. The Omar Shriners provide the BBQ competition for the Beach
34 Boogie and BBQ. They have been providing BBQ for the Family Kingdom
35 doing 2 per year with having provided 10 so far. The Chamber had
36 recommended using the Shriners to Ms. Ellis. Ms. Ellis suggested to Mr. Jones
37 that they run the BBQ portion of the towns' upcoming festival. Mr. Jones stated
38 that the Surferside Beach event would be a charitable event; 100 percent of the
39 money would go to the children's hospital. Anyone sponsoring or applying
40 would be 100 tax deductible. Mr. Jones stated that the Shriners already have
41 about 7 or 8 commitments from outside cook teams and he has 5 or 6 Shrine
42 teams. Yaupon lot can only accommodate 20. They would begin the power and
43 water set up on Thursday and on Friday the cook teams would set up and start
44 cooking all night Friday night. The street would be shut down on Saturday for
45 the festival which will also include bands. Mr. Jones stated that on Friday night
46 they would host a chili and soup contest. There will also be hot chocolate and
47 coffee available. Mr. Jones formerly invited councilmembers to be some of the
48 celebrity judges for the night. Saturday judging would be done by Horry
49 Georgetown Culinary Art students. Mr. Jones stated that they have experience
50 in these types of events and will provide supplies. They are concerned with the
51 weather and they can adjust this by either giving less meat to the teams to cook

52 or they can add meat in the anticipation of a large crowd. Mr. Jones stated that
53 the competitors will be cooking BBQ pork but since some people do not eat pork
54 they will add BBQ chicken and hot dogs for the kids. The Shriners have been
55 soliciting for sponsors for the BBQ portion so that they can make more money
56 for the children's hospital. Council had approved giving \$3,000 to go towards
57 the trophies and prizes for the event. The Shriners have enough people to assist
58 serving all day Saturday from 11Am to 4PM; they have tents that they will set up
59 at the parking lot. The Shriners have also requested power to the poles for
60 electric, garbage pickup, water usage and port-a-potties from the town. Mr.
61 Jones stated that some of his team is glad about having an event in February
62 since they currently do not have any in February. Mr. Jones stated that the
63 Shriners have a lot of support teams that are willing to show up at any event they
64 put on. Mr. Johnson asked if the Shriners have ever done anything like this in
65 February and asked why it was scheduled for this time of year. Mr. Jones stated
66 that he was originally contacted by Surfside Beach with a plan to have the event
67 in November; there were several Shriner events going on at that time and they
68 could not accommodate the town and suggested February. Mr. Jones commented
69 that the weather in November is similar to that in February. Mr. Jones stated that
70 February is a slow period for the Shriners and they were able to accommodate
71 the town with a BBQ event; their next event is scheduled for April. The cook
72 teams run a circuit and February was a time that worked for his cook teams and it
73 was also presented to the events committee with agreement that February would
74 be a good time to have an event since the town currently does not have any
75 scheduled then. Mr. Jones stated that it is a gamble and assured council that the
76 Shriners can pull it off; they have the capability to add or subtract supplies at the
77 last minute depending on weather. Mr. Jones stated that the manager at the
78 Piggly Wiggly is a Shriner and would assist them with anything they needed. It
79 was confirmed that the proceeds would go to the Shrine hospital. Mr. Jones
80 explained that there are different Shrine clubs or units that would work together
81 on this event.

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83 Ms. Blair stated that council was provided with an expense sheet indicating the
84 need for \$11,273 to run this event and asked if this is what the Shriners are
85 requiring to run the event. Mr. Jones explained that all they need is \$3,000 for
86 prizes and trophies. Mr. Blair asked Ms. Ellis to explain the need for the funds.
87 Ms. Ellis explained that the additional cost would include bands, stage,
88 advertising, overtime and inflatables for the kids. Ms. Blair asked if there was
89 any way for the town to make any money. Ms. Ellis stated that the town is
90 charging the vendors a fee of \$50 each. There have been three vendor responses
91 to date. Ms. Blair stated that she would like to recuse herself from any vote
92 adding that originally this was her husbands' idea to be a total Surfside Beach
93 event and is personally connected. It was confirmed with council that this was
94 not a voting item. Mr. Samples asked if the advertising would promote the fact
95 that this was a charitable event. It was confirmed that the town would advertise it
96 this way.

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98 Mr. Childs stated that the month of February came up due to the schedule of the
99 Shriners adding that the town currently does not have events in February and the
100 committee thought that this might be a great opportunity for the town to get

101 something going on in February. Mr. Childs stated that it is just as much of a
102 risk having an event in February as it is in having one in November adding that
103 he feels it will turn out to be a good event. Mr. Jones added that there could be a
104 storm in July as well.

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106 **b. *Finance Report***

107 Mr. Booth reported that the town will begin managing directly on expenses. The
108 town is a little over on personnel and the town has some staff leaving; the town
109 will delay in hiring back. Mr. Booth stated that the following year will be
110 different regarding issues in the State. Mr. Booth reported that he attended a
111 meeting the previous week; the funds the town gets are going to be greatly
112 reduced. Mr. Booth stated that the budget will be a challenge and after a year the
113 town will probably have to make some hard decisions since the economy does
114 not look like it is getting much better and will not for the next couple of years.
115 Mr. Booth stated that the Town of Surfside Beach is in a better position than
116 most other South Carolina communities. Mr. Samples stated that he appreciated
117 the assistance from staff on some questions he recently had. Mr. Samples stated
118 that one good sign is that property collections are ahead of what they were last
119 year; given the state of the housing market individuals are still paying their
120 property taxes on time and in advance. This year there has been a 25 percent
121 increase from prior years and he hopes that this is a sign that things are
122 bottoming out. Mr. Samples stated that council needs to be cognizant on adding
123 any additional projects to the budget since things are going to be very close this
124 next budget year. Mr. Samples asked Mr. Booth if there are any surprise costs in
125 regards to the fire station with 2.4 million currently shown in total costs. Mr.
126 Booth stated that the town has looked at the mods very closely and have
127 disapproved many of them. The town performed the stormwater work and the
128 town is watching everything since contractors usually make money on mods.
129 Mr. Booth stated that of the 2.4 million; \$300,000 comes back from Santee
130 Cooper. It was confirmed by Ms. Hursey that approximately \$125,000 actually
131 comes back.

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133 **c. *Public Works Report***

134 Mr. Booth stated that he is currently in charge of Public Works and gets the
135 crews going in the morning. The pier project will resume by the end of the week.
136 There is a projected end date by the end of February. Mr. Booth stated that the
137 contractors have removed a lot of the planking and the town has given them new
138 wood to replace the old wood. Mr. Booth stated that the town is also performing
139 50/50 work. The town still has room for 4 or 5 additional 50/50 projects. Mr.
140 Booth reported that the town is currently working on new bocce ball courts; it is
141 highly used and was in need of repair. Within the next 30 days the first
142 enhancement project of the year will begin on Floral Lake. The town will be
143 going out for labor to place decking on the front of the pier and to also work on
144 the crossovers. Mr. Booth stated that the town had perhaps tried to do too many
145 in-house projects and will now be directing the crews to work more on town
146 projects like the 50/50 projects. Mr. Samples asked to be provided information
147 on the sanitation services for Caropines in the next council package. Mr.
148 Samples asked for the days it occurs, the number of customers and the total
149 revenue the town has generated. Mr. Samples stated that it was his

150 understanding that the town awarded a contract to Carolina Marine strictly to
151 replace the six pilings. Mr. Booth stated that there were also some cross pieces
152 that needed to be replaced which was also part of the contract. Mr. Samples
153 stated that the town staff was to work on replacing the deck during the winter.
154 Mr. Booth stated that the town is still doing this; the town is currently waiting for
155 the pilings to be replaced. Mr. Booth stated that the contractor, in order to get to
156 the pilings, pulled up a number of decking boards and the town has provided the
157 contractor with the new wood the town has stocked so that he can replace the
158 boards with the new wood as opposed to the old wood. The town will then
159 continue replacing the rest of the decking and the railings. Mr. Booth confirmed
160 that it was expected to be completed by the end of the year. Mr. Booth stated
161 that the replacement of all of the boards would be an ongoing project. There was
162 some discussion regarding adding this to the next budget year. Mr. Booth stated
163 that the town already has the materials and any additions to the budget would be
164 minor and it would be town labor. It was confirmed that the work currently
165 being performed is for the pilings and the decking will be an ongoing project.
166 Mr. Booth reported that the Public Works position was just recently advertised
167 and with the current job market being the way it is the town would probably
168 upgrade the qualifications. The town should be able to get some real quality
169 resumes.

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171 **d. Recreation Report**

172 Mr. Booth reported that the town has had many successful events held in
173 December. The Surfside Rotary 5K race will be held the following weekend; it
174 begins at 10 AM and the Mayor will start it off. Mr. Childs stated that he
175 apologized for not being at the last meeting and continued to thank Julie Samples
176 for working with the Special Events Committee and making it possible for Saint
177 James High School to be a part of the Holiday parade and for providing the
178 Mayor and council with cars adding that without her help and her connection
179 with the Rotary Club the town would not have been able to do that. Mr. Childs
180 stated that he also hopes that the Special Events Committee is reinstated.

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182 **e. Administrators Report**

183 Mr. Booth reported that on February 1st there will be a rehearsal for the budget
184 retreat held in council chambers and the public is invited. Mr. Booth stated that
185 one thing he recently learned was that this state does not require cities and towns
186 to have audits and Surfside Beach is one of the few that have the standards that it
187 has. The state is looking into requiring this and added that Surfside Beach is well
188 ahead of other communities. Mr. Booth stated that he will make the same
189 presentation to council as presented in the rehearsal. This will be done on
190 Saturday during the budget meeting and on Sunday the council will discuss other
191 town items. On February 9th the staff is requesting a workshop with council to
192 discuss the zoning ordinances. Mr. Booth stated that he has a CTC meeting
193 scheduled during that time and would need to be excused from the February 9th
194 workshop.

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196 Mr. Booth reported that the town had a fairly successful garage sale at the fire
197 station and would like to propose having a community garage sale in May; sites
198 would cost \$15. There was a consensus of council to hold a community garage

199 sale. Mr. Johnson inquired about employees who take vehicles home. Mr. Booth
200 stated that he had restricted employees from taking vehicles home; only certain
201 police officers are allowed. There are four public safety and one fire employee
202 who take vehicles home. Mr. Booth confirmed that these are for the people on
203 call 24 hours. Mr. Samples asked if employees understand that civilians cannot
204 be driving in these vehicles; it exposes the town to liability. Mr. Booth
205 confirmed that this is correct, no civilians can drive along with any employee in
206 town vehicles.

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208 **7. BUSINESS**

209 **a. *Resolution #10-092: Candidate Filing Date change for 2010 Election***

210 Mr. Samples stated that since he is the only candidate in the upcoming election
211 he would like to recuse himself from voting on the resolution. Clerk Pinnell read
212 the resolution. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr.
213 Martin seconded the motion. **All but Councilman Samples approved the**
214 **motion. Mr. Samples recused himself from voting. MOTION CARRIED.**

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216 **b. *Decision Paper: Surfside Drive Redevelopment Plan-Councilman Childs***

217 Mr. Childs reported that the subcommittee met with Steve Strickland from
218 Earthworks and reviewed 5 proposals. The merchants and residents were invited
219 to attend an open house to review some proposed plans. Input was received and
220 most of it was positive. Mr. Childs stated that the redevelopment of Surfside
221 Drive is long overdue and he feels it will be a big improvement to the town. Mr.
222 Childs stated that on behalf of the Downtown Redevelopment Subcommittee he
223 would like to make a motion to adopt the recommendations as presented. Mr.
224 Truett seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Booth to explain where the
225 financing of this project would come from. Mr. Booth reported that last year the
226 town received \$160,000 from the State for streets; this was amended by council
227 and it brought the total budget to \$286,000 in street funds. The town spent
228 \$114,000 of this to date. The funds are fenced; they cannot be used for anything
229 other than streets. This left \$171,000 and the town also budgeted \$88,000 for
230 beautification and the town has spent \$31,000 of this to date. The cost of this
231 project would be \$135,000 which could come out of the \$171,000 and the
232 remaining \$58,000 of beautification. Mr. Samples stated that he supports the
233 project but had some questions. Mr. Samples asked if the existing lights would
234 be reused. Mr. Booth stated that the lights are rented from Santee Cooper. Mr.
235 Samples asked if there was any additional design work that needs to be done.
236 Mr. Booth stated that council currently has the basic design which needs to be
237 engineered. Mr. Booth confirmed that the engineering would be an additional
238 cost but it would be under \$5,000. Mr. Samples asked if all of the property
239 owners are on board in the area. Mr. Booth stated that the Village Restaurant
240 was not pleased with losing a parking spot in front of their building but all of the
241 other owners are for it. Mr. Samples had a question regarding the scheduling of
242 the improvements with traffic control being an issue. This project would cause
243 Surfside Drive to be closed at times and there is a concern for staff to address this
244 adequately. This would need to be done before the season starts. Mr. Booth
245 stated that this was an issue brought up by the committee and Earthworks assured
246 the committee that this project could be done with minimal disruption. Mr.
247 Samples stated that prior to the start of the project he would like to see a clear

248 schedule that the contractors can adhere to. Mr. Booth agreed that the owners
249 would want this schedule as well. Mr. Childs stated that the subcommittee is
250 hoping to have this project completed before summer. Mr. Martin stated that he
251 is sorry to hear that this plan includes removing the live oaks and adding palm
252 trees.

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254 Ms. Blair stated that she was glad to be a member of the subcommittee recalling
255 the numerous conversations and presentations that the town has had regarding
256 downtown development. When she and Mr. Johnson were on the Planning
257 Commission they were presented with plans and the town has never moved
258 forward on anything. This began as a beautification project but the town needs to
259 enhance the area to attract new businesses to come in. It was a challenge to not
260 only work on the aesthetics of the business block but it also included adding
261 more parking, address the sidewalks and give visibility to the businesses on
262 Surfside Drive. Ms. Blair stated that she feels that the subcommittee worked
263 well together in coming up with the best solutions for this area. The rendering
264 was available for public view at the meeting. Ms. Blair thanked everyone who
265 came to the open house and thanked Mr. Strickland for his time. Ms. Blair stated
266 that she has every hope that this will open up the area to hold future events.

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268 Mr. Truett stated that part of the bid package will be to include a work schedule
269 and the contractors will know in advance that they need to work around the
270 businesses and their operational hours. The hope was to have it done by
271 Memorial Day. Mr. Truett stated that the redevelopment will add a lot to the
272 town and enable the town to have another location for festivals adding that it is a
273 long time coming. Mayor Deaton stated that he feels it is a good idea and that it
274 needs to be done but he has concerns that it did not go through a budget process
275 although funds are available through the street improvements but another
276 concern is traffic; this is a major intersection and thoroughfare and he hopes that
277 a traffic engineer and all of the impacts will be considered. Another concern he
278 had was the trees; the town worked hard on the tree ordinance and he hoped that
279 there will be sufficient replacement trees in other places in town. Mayor Deaton
280 stated that he hopes that the town will step up and meet more than the minimum
281 replacement tree requirement adding that the town is currently taking steps to
282 once again become a designated tree city.

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284 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Childs thanked everyone
285 involved in the project including the Beautification Committee.

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287 **c. *Decision Paper: Engineer for Underground Wiring Recommendation***
288 Mr. Booth reported that the Underground Wiring Subcommittee met to review
289 engineers for the next underground wiring projects. After careful review and
290 evaluation the committee chose DDC Engineers for the project. Mr. Truett made
291 a motion to use DDC Engineers as presented. Mr. Samples seconded the motion.
292 Mr. Samples stated that Santee Cooper normally does the engineering but they
293 were clear that they prefer not to engineer projects where main feeder lines are
294 involved. The councilmembers on the Underground Wiring Committee are Mr.
295 Martin, Mr. Truett and Mr. Samples. Mr. Johnson pointed out that this was a

296 town expense but the town would be reimbursed. **All voted in favor. MOTION**
297 **CARRIED.**

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299 **d. Decision Paper: Façade Grant Application, Surfside Hardware**

300 Mr. Booth stated that the continuation of the façade grants would be discussed at
301 the budget retreat. There was a question regarding postponing a vote on this item
302 until a discussion is set at the budget meeting. There was a question regarding
303 landscaping being included in façade grants. It was confirmed that the landscape
304 request portion of this application was withdrawn. Mr. Truett made a motion to
305 approve the façade grant as submitted. Mr. Samples seconded the motion. Mr.
306 Childs stated that guidelines were drawn up and the town seems to be getting
307 away from following them. The intent was for hardscape and not landscape; the
308 only provision was to provide landscape for new construction. Mr. Childs stated
309 that now that the town no longer has a Beautification Committee to review these
310 applications they should be placed on hold until one is reestablished or make sure
311 someone is designated to review them. Mr. Samples stated that he agreed with
312 Mr. Childs and would like to re-evaluate the process and hold off on accepting
313 applications at this time. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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315 **e. Decision Paper: Façade Grant Application, Benj Bakery Sub Shop**

316 Mr. Booth stated that the request came in totaling \$3,209.00. Part of this
317 included flood lights and power washing which was excluded. The request is
318 now for half of \$2,486.00 which is \$1,243.00. Mr. Truett made a motion to
319 approve this façade grant application as recommended by staff. Mr. Johnson
320 seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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322 Mr. Samples made a motion to direct staff to develop an ordinance which
323 codifies the façade grant program. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All voted**
324 **in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**

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326 **8. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 5 minutes per speaker**

327 **Ann Westcott, 413 Cedar Drive North:** “I must be dense but I never imagined that you
328 would close Surfside Drive. There are plans in the works to enlarge Glenn’s Bay Road
329 and I can only imagine the mayhem that is going to happen when people find they get
330 off Glenn’s Bay Road, four lanes wide, and they can’t figure out how to get to the beach.
331 That is really going to make them happy. If your plan is to close this road have you
332 advertised it in the paper? Have you put a public notice in the paper? Will you put a
333 public notice in the paper and all the people who live around Surfside Drive are going to
334 be really thrilled when all this traffic goes by their front doors. How are you planning to
335 handle that? Thank you.”

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337 **Joe Zoltak, 414 Pine Drive:** “It’s good to see the Surfside Drive improvement project
338 moving forward. I was very much impressed tonight by discussion that the town should
339 follow its own ordinances. Not only that but they should raise the bar on itself; I’m
340 really impressed upon that and that discussion, if what I heard tonight was correct, is
341 going to be applied to the tree ordinance. I hope that this council takes that same
342 thought process to other public projects and specifically I urge you to look at the tree
343 ordinance with respect to the proposed 30 some trees that are going to be removed from
344 Veterans Park to create a parking lot for the expanded library. I don’t know if any of

345 you have looked at it or not and how are you going to address the removal of those 30
346 some trees and provide replacement trees on that property? Secondly, with that same
347 project I hope that you will follow your own stormwater ordinance. If that project is
348 calculated right it is in violation of the stormwater ordinance; to get the stormwater in
349 pervious requirements by the ordinance someone has been clever enough to combine
350 two separate properties, the Veteran's Park and the Horry County Library property to
351 calculate the impervious property area and it still doesn't meet the impervious area for
352 an R-2 district. Thank you."

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354 **Anna Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar Drive:** "First I would like to thank the council and the
355 administrator for moving forward on the Surfside Drive project. The former
356 Beautification Committee worked really hard on that project and some suggested some
357 great ideas for improvement. The council committee, Ms. Blair, Mr. Truett and Mr.
358 Childs along with Mr. Strickland from Earthworks expanded upon those ideas and the
359 results were shown at the open house last Monday. It's going to be beautiful and thank
360 you all. I would also like to thank the police officers who handled the two unfortunate
361 instances in town involving the Public Works Director and the Mayor. Those officers
362 acted with strong professionalism and are to be commended for doing a great job. Last,
363 this town received a great deal of bad publicity from the two incidents I mentioned. It is
364 sad that neither of the two people appeared to feel that an apology to the citizens of
365 Surfside Beach was in order. I disagree. Arrogance doesn't cut it, Mr. Mayor, you owe
366 us an apology."

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368 **Beth Kohlman, 7th Avenue South:** "I would just like to thank everybody for the skate
369 park and everybody's been using it. I'm sure a lot of you have gone by and the kids
370 really appreciate it so it's been a really great thing for the town, but my concern is that
371 we need to get the committees back and I don't know what's taking so long. I think that
372 with the summer coming, it's going to be here before you know it, and I think that a lot
373 of great ideas are being, kind of going to go by the wayside, and a lot of good energy
374 that could be shared with the people of this town is now just sitting in homes that, you
375 know, the community wants to be involved then let us be involved. Let's get the
376 committees going, get the ordinance, whatever it is, if you need help doing it, we'll even
377 help you do that, I mean, we're available. Let's utilize it but thank each and every one
378 of you, again, for the skate park, the kids are loving it. Thank you"

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380 **Tom Dodge, 1415 N. Poplar Drive:** "I would like to thank the police officers who did
381 their duty in our recent DUI cases. Considering the circumstances they are to be
382 commended. I guess we now know why the meetings go so fast. My biggest thank you,
383 probably of all time, is to the committee who pushed for the downtown redevelopment
384 on Surfside Drive. This project was started 10 or 15 years ago but it was all talk, finally
385 action. Thank you Ms. Blair, Mr. Childs, Mr. Truett, Mr. Booth, now let's get together
386 and beautify Ocean Blvd with palm trees. Some time ago Mr. Mabry submitted a very
387 workable proposal for that project when he was on council. Two months or more ago I
388 asked if we received stimulus money for the fire station. The administrator told us prior
389 to starting that project he felt we qualified, once again, did we get any or are we going to
390 get any? Thank you."

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9. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Childs: “I agree with the young lady that came up here. I think we do have to work on reestablishing some of these committees. I think they were very, very useful and I personally hope that this council is going to speed that process up and does something with the committees.”

Mr. Samples: “First I want to say thanks again for coming out. We had a bigger crowd last week but having you here is plenty and I agree that we do need to thank our Public Safety for the professionalism which they have shown. They did what they had to do. I want to pose an idea tonight that we’ve talked about informally and I think it’s even come up in the past before. I am convinced that we need to set up a formal committee, a subcommittee on the pier. The pier is a business that this town now owns and needs to run like a business. We need to maintain it; we need to protect it. We can’t treat it like it’s just another ordinary project because it’s not, it’s very important to this town so I’ll just pose that for future consideration of councilmembers that we formally set up that committee. I agree with some comments that the mayor made tonight and Mr. Zoltak made. The town also has to follow its own rules and I’ve come to the conclusion that this parking issue that we have or don’t have; we have at certain times of the year and then of course you can park wherever you want. None of us that live in the R-1 or R-2 want to live next door to a parking lot. It’s not permitted under our current zoning; it just isn’t and it’s an issue that is not going to be easy to solve if we believe we need parking away from the beach; if the town believes because it will certainly be very hot of an issue in a public hearing when folks that live in R-1 or R-2 that we might be considering permitting that. The fact of the matter is none of us support that, so we need to live by our rules. I just want to mention that, don’t forget Saturday is the 5K 10K Surfside Rotary. Hopefully we will have a nice day but if not come on out anyway and welcome those hardy souls who are out participating. Thanks for coming.”

Mr. Truett: “I agree with comments about the parking garage. I’ve read the parking study and I don’t think anybody up here is ready to spend 12 or 13,000 dollars per parking space on a multi-level parking garage. I think we can ex that idea. Just want to thank everybody for coming and drive home safely.”

Mr. Johnson: “Good evening ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for coming out, again, as you well know, I always say, this is your town and it is . . . we’re just up here to serve you. If we don’t do a good job, please let us know and most of you do and I actually appreciate that. I don’t know about the other ones but I do. Thank you very much and as far as Mr. Samples goes, his comments about the pier, I do believe that we do need a subcommittee for that and I would be more than willing to serve on that committee. Thank you.”

Ms. Blair: “Thank you again for coming and once again for the positive comments you made tonight regarding the project. I too believe that the committees desperately need to be reinstated and I posed that question a couple of meetings ago and I was told that there had been a request for a workshop before an ordinance could be written on those committees so if that is the case and if that’s what we’re waiting on I urge that workshop to be put on the agenda so that we can get that out of the way and move forward before we get into our tourist season and get those committees going. Thank you all for

441 coming, it is supposed to get cold again. I believe one of our neighbors said you just
442 begin to take a nice breath in the warm air and now it's going to be cold again so stay
443 warm and thank you for all your support. Drive safely.”
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445 **Mayor Deaton:** “Thank you for your community participation.”
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447 **10. ADJOURNMENT**

448 Mr. Truett made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All present**
449 **voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.
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451 Approved: February 23, 2010

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453 Sharon Pinnell, Town Clerk
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456 K. Allen Deaton, Mayor
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459 Joseph P. Martin, Town Council
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481 **file in the clerk's office. The agenda was posted on bulletin boards outside Council chambers and in the town hall reception area. Meeting**
482 **notice was also posted on the town marquee.**