



TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH ♦ TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
April 12, 2011 ♦ 6:30 P.M.

TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Deaton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Mayor Deaton, Mayor Pro Tem Childs and councilmembers Blair, Smith, Dodge, and Samples. Mr. Johnson was absent. There was a quorum. Staff present: Administrator Duckett; Deputy Administrator, Fellner; Clerk, Pinnell, Police Chief, Frederick; Building Permit Coordinator, Shmaruk and Building Director Donevant. Attorney Mr. Smith was also present.

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

Councilmember Ann Dodge gave the invocation and Mayor Deaton led the pledge of allegiance.

3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** – Regular meeting held March 22, 2011.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from March 22, 2011. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS- Agenda Items only 3 minutes per speaker**

There were no public comments.

6. **COMMUNICATIONS: Presented by Administrator Jim Duckett**

a. *Employee Recognition*: Sue Shmaruk, Building Permits, 5 Years  
Sue Shmaruk was recognized for 5 years of service.

b. *Presentation by Jackie Donevant: FEMA plaque National Flood Insurance Program*

Ms. Donevant presented a plaque to the Mayor and Town Council for the participation in the community rating system with the National Flood Insurance program. This is recognition for towns that go above the minimum standards in their floodplain. Town rating has gone from a 10 to a 9 which results in a 5 percent savings in flood insurance previous policies. There are approximately 2,488 flood policies in the Town and with the flood savings it should amount to \$25 per policy.

c. *Building Report*

Mr. Duckett reported on the Building Department. They issued a total of 100 permits totaling \$16,209.08 in the month of March. 25 business licenses were issued including renewals totaling \$6,730.75. There were 33 office consultations; 60 inspections and 15 code enforcement occurrences.

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d. Police Report

Mr. Duckett reported on the Police Department. Personnel, effective April 1<sup>st</sup>, David Reyher was promoted to Corporal and is now the team 3 supervisor in the patrol division. With the Councils' approval a part time Victims Advocate, without benefits, was hired. The Town was able to recruit an excellent candidate, Lauren Clovier; she was formally a Myrtle Beach Police Officer with more than 6 years tenure. This position is fully funded through the retention of designated criminal fines; it does not cost the Town any additional expenditures. Two parking enforcement officers from last year's crews have returned, Walt Benz and Jim Cavanaugh. The Beach Patrol, Beach Patrol Services, and Bicycle Patrol functions have been reviewed and adjusted for the upcoming season. One Beach Service Officer from last year was brought back, Ron Levesque. One new Beach Service person was hired, Chesley Wilson. The department is utilizing part time officer Greg Richardson in the third seasonal slot and during high volume days off-duty officers will fill in as needed. Training; the Department now has several bicycles, patrol trained officers resulting in increased flexibility and coverage with regard to bike patrols. The officers filled over a dozen training slots and various courses during the past month; all officers completed monthly in service line of duty training via the Internet. All officers have been re-qualified with their firearms at the Myrtle Beach Police Department indoor weapons range. High Risk Law Enforcement Activities; the Police Department conducted one vehicle pursuit during the month of March; there were no injuries or damages. Notable Events; The Heroes Helping Heroes Torch Run was held in the area on April 6th as the kick off for the Special Olympics; it raises funds and awareness in Horry County to support the spring games. It helps Horry County send families to the State games in Columbia each year. Eight Surfside Beach police officers participated in the torch run and six of the officers completed the entire 12 mile course.

e. Fire Report

Mr. Duckett reported on training during the month of March. Fire personnel received the following training, pre plans and apparatus placement at emergency scenes; aerial operations as it applied to high rise incidents; operation and deployment of mechanical equipment. Four firefighters completed the Nascar firefighter course. In addition, multiple instructors were used in an assortment of classes in an effort to keep all instructor certifications current. Calls and incidents: there were 57 calls in the month of March; 52 in March 2010 and 51 in March 2009. Calls responded to were 3 for mutual aid, 31 for rescue and emergency medical service, 1 motor vehicle accident with injuries, 1 hazardous condition without fire, 14 service, 3 good intent and 4 false alarms.

f. Administrator's Report

Update on current events

Mr. Duckett reported that staff will shortly be bringing to Council for consideration, a signed lease from a proposed tenant for the pier restaurant space. Work is progressing on the streetscape; the concrete slab has been poured in front of the fire station on Poplar; it is expected to be drivable in approximately ten days and the plan is to reopen Poplar to traffic in approximately five to six days.

101 The milling has been completed on both sides of Surfside Drive. Landscaping is  
102 complete on the south side and in the median; concrete and brick edging around  
103 the tree grates still need to be installed, uplighting still needs to be installed. The  
104 lamp posts are on both sides. The pouring of concrete on the north side is well  
105 underway. The alley has been paved. The estimated completion date for Surfside  
106 Drive is April 30<sup>th</sup>; the estimated completion date for North Poplar Park is May  
107 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Duckett reported that Brookgreen Gardens does not loan statues therefore  
108 the Town will need to find an alternate focal piece for the center area of the park  
109 that faces Surfside Drive. The GSATS funding for the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue partial closure  
110 of the frontage road has been reallocated to fund projects in other municipalities.  
111 Mr. Samples asked for expansion on the Brookgreen Gardens statuary idea. Ms.  
112 Fellner stated that she had contacted the person in charge at Brookgreen Gardens  
113 and was informed that Brookgreen does not lend art and had no alternate solutions  
114 to recommend. Ms. Fellner stated that she got some ideas from Faye Creel of the  
115 Myrtle Beach Chamber. Ms. Fellner reported that she had a meeting this coming  
116 Friday with a local artist to pursue looking at some kind of sculpture rather than  
117 putting in a fountain that would require constant maintenance. It was confirmed  
118 that the location of the piece of art is being proposed to be place on the Surfside  
119 Drive portion of Poplar Park. Ms. Fellner stated that she feels there is a need for a  
120 focal point in the park. Mr. Childs stated that he thought at one time the  
121 committee recommended flags. Ms. Fellner stated that recommendation was for  
122 the streetscape portion; the plan was reengineered and the center portion was  
123 removed so there is no longer room for flags in that original proposed area. Mr.  
124 Samples asked about the alternatives being developed over the course of short  
125 term and would Council or the public have the opportunity to participate in this  
126 project. Ms. Fellner stated that Council will have the opportunity, right now she  
127 is just collecting ideas; she is not sure of the scope or cost. She is exploring this  
128 with a local artist and is not sure about money and materials at this point in time.  
129 Mr. Samples stated that it is not essential for the focal point to be in place prior to  
130 Memorial weekend.

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132 **7. BUSINESS**

133 a. Decision Paper: Beach Ordinance Recommendations

134 Mr. Duckett stated that at the last Council meeting there was a discussion item on  
135 beach regulations proposed by the Coastal Alliance. The Mayor had explained in  
136 detail the efforts and goals of the Coastal Alliance with one of these goals being  
137 to accommodate tourists by trying to bring some of the local beach regulations in  
138 line with each other to avoid confusion when vacationing from one area of the  
139 Grand Strand to another. Council directed staff to place this item on the next  
140 agenda as a business item. At this time, prior to preparing a first draft ordinance,  
141 staff would like direction from Council as to which of the proposed regulations  
142 they would like to amend from our current Town ordinances, which they would  
143 like to adopt, which ones they do not want to adopt. Mayor Deaton stated that  
144 there are twenty three recommendations; they have been worked on by all of the  
145 beach professionals of the Grand Strand. These recommendations are consistent;  
146 there are variances in different areas because of the width of the beaches and  
147 different demographics. Mayor Deaton stated that he would like Council to pair it  
148 down and asked if there were any objections to any recommendation; he would  
149 like to address these first. Mr. Childs stated that he read the recommendations

150 carefully and feels the Town has covered everything that needs to be covered. He  
151 would like to ask for a consensus of Council to remain with the Towns current  
152 ordinances. Mayor Deaton stated that he would prefer that Council adopt the  
153 document in some form; there was a tremendous amount of work done and added  
154 that all of the municipalities involved in the Alliance do have ordinances and they  
155 have addressed these recommendations. The idea is to create some kind of  
156 continuity and to give some type of understanding to our visitors. Mr. Samples  
157 made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted**  
158 **in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Samples stated that it is clear that a lot of  
159 work had gone into the documents and that he believes that all of Council is in  
160 favor of the concept of making things easier for all of our visitors as they visit the  
161 Grand Strand and move from one community to another. Often with simple good  
162 ideas “the devil’s in the details”. Mr. Samples stated that he spent time going  
163 through the Coastal Alliance ordinances adding that writing ordinances and  
164 putting simple language into law is the hard part because there are differences in  
165 demographics and market niches in communities in the 60 mile area. Mr.  
166 Samples stated that in reading the ordinances in contrast to the Coastal Alliance  
167 ordinance he did not see a lot of difference. There are a few differences such as  
168 the dogs on the beach ordinance; the current Town ordinance prohibits dogs on  
169 the beach for the season. Also noted in the Coastal Alliance recommendations a  
170 number of them include a blanket exception that gives the individual  
171 municipalities leeway to say they are uniform but they do not have to be uniform  
172 if the individual body passes something different. Mayor Deaton stated that the  
173 idea is an attempt to create continuity; it is not an attempt to make everything  
174 completely uniform. The goal is to get a general consensus of the municipalities,  
175 including the County, to say these rules are very similar but all have exceptions.  
176 Municipalities have the option to opt out. The object is to participate on a  
177 regional level in the Grand Strand area to make it easier for our visitors. The  
178 Mayor stated that there is no political agenda. If this Council wants to step aside  
179 and keep our laws as they stand then it does not need to participate in the Grand  
180 Strand recommendations. Mr. Childs stated that he believes that the Town covers  
181 all of the recommendations in its current ordinances. Mayor Deaton stated that all  
182 of the municipalities have; if someone has a 10 AM rule and another has an 8 AM  
183 rule it tries to bring the unison to 9 AM. The tent rules were a major concern; the  
184 Town of Surfside does not currently address tent size in its ordinances and others  
185 do. Mayor Deaton stated that there are some things that stand out and need to be  
186 addressed as the Town becomes more populated adding that the Town can benefit  
187 from these rules. Other areas that have increased rapidly in tourism have  
188 experienced problems that the Town of Surfside Beach can benefit from. Ocean  
189 Lakes and Lakewood Camp Grounds have problems with people coming out and  
190 staking their territory at 4 AM. This inhibits safety rules. Every professional that  
191 has worked on the beach every day worked as a committee to put these  
192 recommendations together; every municipality has their own ordinances that are  
193 similar. The committee tweaked the ordinances that were not similar to each  
194 other and came up with the recommendations. The committee included public  
195 safety and beach service personnel from all of the local communities.

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197 Mr. Childs stated that he had some language he would like to strike. Ms. Dodge  
198 referred to the Coastal Alliance ordinance 13 the Town ordinance currently states

199 that no one can launch a boat at all except on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and asked if this  
200 included jet skis. Mayor Deaton stated that it would include any type of motorized  
201 flotation device or a sailboat. Ms. Blair stated that she does not feel that anyone is  
202 not taking this seriously and added that she supports the Coastal Alliance and  
203 appreciates all the work and effort put in. Ms. Blair stated that to play devil's  
204 advocate, on the one hand the Alliance is trying to have ordinances in tandem  
205 with other municipalities and on the other hand each one can be independent and  
206 change their own rules. The question is; how would the tourists know if they  
207 were in Garden City that rules may not be the same as Surfside Beach. Ms. Blair  
208 stated that most municipalities have exceptions and wondered what the Town  
209 would be gaining by changing what it already has. Mayor Deaton stated that the  
210 Town would try to come close with bringing as many agreements as possible  
211 together. Ms. Blair stated that she understands the intent adding that it is an  
212 admiral goal but wondered how the visitors would know which communities were  
213 not the same. Mayor Deaton stated that the first phase is education. Ocean Lakes  
214 is currently in the process of distributing information to all of their campers. The  
215 County, Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach and Atlantic Beach are currently in  
216 their second reading and Briarcliffe is presenting it at their next meeting. North  
217 Myrtle Beach is currently doing refrigerator magnets as an education process. The  
218 education process will allow people to become aware of what is allowed and what  
219 is not allowed. Mayor Deaton stated for an example that Surfside Beach currently  
220 has no ordinance about sleeping on the beach. Ms. Blair stated that she agrees  
221 that there are some topics not currently addressed in the Town ordinances and  
222 perhaps should be adding but feels that this could have been done without all of  
223 this work having been done by all of the professionals. Mr. Samples stated that  
224 Council is just trying to be constructive and they do support the goal. The staff is  
225 asking for specific direction as to which ordinances Council is interested in  
226 addressing rather than spend time, effort and money only to have to change it.  
227 Mr. Samples stated that he appreciated staff asking for direction. He feels that  
228 specifics are something that could be addressed in a workshop. Mr. Samples  
229 stated that he is surprised that other local governments are that far down the road  
230 adopting twenty three ordinances. The Town could benefit from them adopting  
231 these ordinances; once Council elects to adopt these uniform ordinances they  
232 would not be spending taxpayers' money reinventing the wheel. Mayor Deaton  
233 stated that some issues vary; there are very few variances. Mayor Deaton stated  
234 that Council would not be trying to change everything; just trying to adopt a  
235 consistent format with other municipalities. Ms. Blair made a motion to go back  
236 into general session. Ms. Dodge seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**  
237 **MOTION CARRIED.** Ms. Blair made a motion on ordinance 22G stating it  
238 shall be unlawful between the hours of 7 PM and 8 AM for any person to leave  
239 upon, put, place or set equipment on the beach including but not limited to. "I  
240 understand the intent, I know it's that we don't want people staking out places and  
241 leaving tents and boogie boards and chairs on the beach but to not be able to place  
242 and use after 7 PM in the summer is, I mean, our own ordinance says 9, that's just  
243 a bit early; it's not even dark; to not even be able to use the beach after 7 so I  
244 definitely would not agree with that." Ms. Blair moved that CA ordinance 22G be  
245 amended to the hours of 9 PM and 8 AM. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. Mr.  
246 Samples stated that he agreed with the motion as presented but he believes this  
247 should be a workshop. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Samples

248 made a motion to remand this item to a workshop for further discussion. Mr.  
249 Samples stated that he would like to invite the public to participate. Mr. Samples  
250 wanted to ask the police chief if sleeping on the beach in Surfside Beach is a  
251 problem. If it is a problem then it should be addressed. Mr. Samples stated that  
252 what he is afraid of “is that we may be, we may have a solution in search of a  
253 problem, if it turns out that, in fact, we don’t have these wide deviations in terms  
254 of rules between the beaches and frankly I support local rule, local home rule.  
255 Some of these ordinances, as I read them, they’ve been in place since 1969 and  
256 we haven’t changed them so there must not be a problem.” Ms. Blair seconded  
257 the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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259 b. Decision Paper: Appoint New Transportation Committee Members

260 Mr. Duckett reported that the transportation element became a requirement of the  
261 Comprehensive Plan under the South Carolina Priority Investment Act which  
262 passed in 2007. In an effort to work on these long term transportation goals for  
263 the Town, Council voted on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2010 to appoint a subcommittee of  
264 Council to act as the Transportation Committee. The goal of this committee  
265 would be to interact with and aggressively pursue a direct dialogue with any  
266 agency that can assist the Town in implementing any and all transportation  
267 components contained in the transportation comprehensive plan and thereafter  
268 report and recommend to the full Council the options available for improving our  
269 transportation needs with the emphasis on US Business 17. A transportation  
270 subcommittee was formed consisting of three members of Council; two of the  
271 three members have chosen to step down leaving two positions vacant. Mr.  
272 Samples made a motion to suspend the rules. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.  
273 **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Samples stated that there is  
274 currently a committee that only has one member; he would like to see the  
275 vacancies filled or to disband the committee. Mr. Childs made a motion to go  
276 back into regular session. Ms. Dodge seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**  
277 **MOTION CARRIED.** Samples made a motion to appoint two new members to  
278 the committee. Ms. Blair seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION**  
279 **CARRIED.** Mr. Childs made a motion to appoint Mark Johnson and Ann Dodge.  
280 Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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282 c. Resolution #11-105: Support of Horry County Solid Waste Management Plan

283 Clerk Pinnell read the resolution that is on file. Mr. Smith made a motion to  
284 adopt resolution #11-105. Mr. Childs seconded. Mr. Smith stated that the Public  
285 Works Director, John Adair, participated in the management plan and he was on  
286 the advisory committee. **All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.**  
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289 **8. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

290 • Golf Carts Councilman Johnson

291 Mr. Johnson had requested this item be placed on the agenda and since he was not  
292 in attendance a motion was made. Mr. Childs made a motion to move this item  
293 to the next agenda. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **All voted in favor.**  
294 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
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**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items only – 5 minutes per speaker**

*John Wright, 710 S. Hollywood Drive:* “I’d like to thank the Council this evening for taking the time to realize we needed a workshop on this to bring out all the details. Surfside is different, it has always been different and I hope that when you have this workshop you will carefully examine these new and some of them are not new; some of them are very similar. Ms. Blair that was good looking . . . to catch that. The beach, the summertime; is a very enjoyable place to be. Our Town is starting to look, with the construction on Surfside Drive almost finished, Poplar, construction will be able to be finished. Traffic will flow freely, we hope and we trust but let me encourage you to think long and hard about this little Town called Surfside Beach. The residents here moved here because it was Surfside Beach. We want to keep it that way and I applaud the decision tonight to look hard at where we’re at before we change. Thank you.”

*Tom Dodge, 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N:* “Over the last year the Mayor has said the population of Surfside Beach was 6,000 and 7,000 people. According to the Municipal Association of South Carolina 2010 census we have 3,837 people; we are down 588 people since 2000. This is 13.3 percent since the Town is in the process of working on the 2011-2012 budget I suggest we go back to the 2000-2001 budget and reduce that budget by 13.3 percent or at least go back to 2006-2007 budget. Please do not continue to operate this Town like the Federal government operates and this has been a pet peeve of mine ever since I moved to Surfside Beach; this body in front of me should call the Town Surfside Beach, not Surfside, very bothersome to this old cowboy and I would like to ask that when there’s a vote taken that you please raise your hand and not just mumble because the audience cannot hear who votes for and who votes against. The County has a lighting system; I don’t think we have to go that far but you know who votes for what when you’re in the County. We, as the audience, do not know a lot of times who votes for what and who votes against it so I would appreciate it if you could just raise your hand; a little bit of exercise really never hurt anybody. Thank you.”

*Gene Marruca, 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.:* “I have a couple of requests that I would ask the Council for help, especially you, Mr. Mayor. The sidewalk located at 621 S. Ocean Blvd. is in dire need of repair. Over the years it appears that our rubbish truck has crushed the sidewalk to the point where there are drops in the concrete 3 to 4 inches deep, before someone does get hurt there and before our next tourist season, I believe that should be addressed immediately since we are pouring concrete in the Town it wouldn’t take a whole lot of effort. Second thing I have to ask is on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave South between Ocean Blvd. and Dogwood we have numerous potholes at the streets edges where people walk, not in the middle of the road, they took care of the middle of the road fine but the edge of the pavement where it abuts properties there are potholes all along and since we don’t have sidewalks on 7<sup>th</sup> Ave this is where our traffic walks and we have tourists constantly going to the ballpark, coming directly down 7 to our ballpark. That should also be addressed before our next tourist season. The last I would ask that the light across from 7<sup>th</sup> Ave south next to the ballfield on the corner of Dogwood and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave has been out for a couple of months. We reported it to the highway department and it wasn’t their light; they informed us that we should get in touch with Santee Cooper, we did call Santee Cooper, they informed us that we had

345 to get every digit on the pole and letter on the pole to them so they can identify it; we  
346 did that, their response is, it's not our pole. I've been across from the light for twenty  
347 years, it has gone out numerous times, someone changes the bulb, I don't know who  
348 the light belongs to but can we get a bulb?"

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350 Mayor Deaton referred Mr. Marruca to Mr. Duckett.

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352 **Harry Kohlmann, 1610 S Ocean Blvd.:** "I just want to thank the Council,  
353 specifically Ms. Blair, Ms. Dodge and Mr. Childs for pushing to get Surfside Drive  
354 done. It looks 110 percent better; it's unbelievable how beautiful it really looks. It's  
355 well lit, it's well landscaped, it looks modern and you can see the stores. I know  
356 people have been trying to get this done for the last ten years, it's finally been done  
357 but I'd also like to thank the Beautification Committee who really got this thing  
358 started, again. Oh, we don't have a Beautification Committee, what happened to the  
359 Beautification Committee? They did a wonderful job; most were little old ladies  
360 from the neighborhood. They were doing nothing but good for this Town and we  
361 swept them away. I don't understand why. Where was the threat of these people and  
362 why did we get rid of them? There's so many good things they did for this Town but  
363 maybe, I don't know, I don't understand, maybe someone knows what they did wrong  
364 and why they got banished. Hopefully now somebody or some of you up there will  
365 stand up for these people; these good residents and push to get these people back on  
366 this committee so we can have more good things done. The people in this Town  
367 should have a say to what goes on. I really don't understand, you know, we had a  
368 Rec Committee; that was taken away also, why? Ask yourselves why. I bet you some  
369 of you know why. Ask yourselves if you know the reason why, was it fair? Was it  
370 the right thing to do? Thank you."

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372 **P.L. Mabry, 15<sup>th</sup> Ave N:** "I respectfully request that if we could have tonnage picked  
373 up in our recycling. If this represents 128 dollars a ton it would be able to inform the  
374 public as to how much they were able to save on our sanitation costs by not having it  
375 go into the landfill and pay the additional fees for the garbage to go there so I think it  
376 would help them out in knowing how much money they've been able to save, our  
377 sanitation department, about what was recycled and not put in the green containers  
378 because we paid 128 dollars a ton for what goes in the green containers if I'm not  
379 mistaken, I doubt if I am but thank you very much I appreciate it if you would  
380 consider that. I think the information would help the public and it would also spur  
381 more people to recycle even more. Thank you."

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383 Mayor Deaton stated that this was an important point.

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385 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

386 **Ms. Blair:** "Thank you all for being here. Mr. Mabry that is a great point and very  
387 appropriate; appropriately timed with Earth Day upon us and I think that we would all  
388 be surprised at how much we actually do save by recycling and I would encourage  
389 each of you if you have never, and you may laugh, but if you have never taken a tour  
390 of the recycling facility especially the new facility that actually separates for you. As  
391 many of you recall we used to have to have a bucket for this, a barrel for this and a  
392 container for this and you had to separate and now you don't have to because the new  
393 facility does that for you. It's amazing to watch it in action and to see just the amount



394 of items that go through that so if you are ever interested I would encourage you to go  
395 out and take a tour of that facility; it really is amazing and it is something that we all  
396 need to be very conscious of doing on a regular basis. We are right abreast of the  
397 Easter season with Palm Sunday coming up; I encourage all of you to seek out  
398 something to do this weekend with regard to what we celebrate in Easter, attend a  
399 service somewhere, look around at the beauty that we have here in Surfside  
400 representative of the spring and thank you, Mr. Kohlmann, for your comments on the  
401 streetscape, I agree it's looking great and I can't wait until we can all have our own  
402 celebrations out there and not have to travel outside our own Town limits to have  
403 some of the events that we haven't been able to have because we haven't had a place.  
404 Thanks for coming and have a safe trip home."  
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406 **Ms. Dodge:** "I want to talk about the lake enhancements; I am just overwhelmed with  
407 how beautiful they are and I want to give some credit to the first person who started  
408 the lake enhancements, I believe that was Mr. Childs, he had a gazebo that was down  
409 at Martin Field moved to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North on the lake there and set it up. The  
410 Public Works staff put in plantings and spruced up the gazebo this past year, the lake  
411 is crystal clear and the residents on 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue North take great pride in their gazebo  
412 and use it frequently, that's a good thing. Also the Floral Lake on Dogwood South  
413 enhancement was just completed with the plantings and seeding then the one, is  
414 Dogwood Lake the big lake? The one on Dogwood Lake that has the roof, I think the  
415 Town's going to be getting requests from people to have weddings there, those places  
416 are absolutely spectacular and we should commend our staff in Public Works for all  
417 the work that they did on that. Thank you very much."  
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419 **Mr. Smith:** "I'd like to thank staff for the work on the community rating for the flood  
420 insurance. I appreciate the discount that I got and also to remind everyone that the  
421 pedestrian yield signs on Ocean Blvd; be sure to yield for the pedestrians. Thank you  
422 very much."  
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424 **Mr. Samples:** "I want to thank everybody for coming out tonight. I also want to let  
425 you know that I'm helping a local organization called CASA, that's Citizens Against  
426 Spousal Abuse, they're going to have a special event at the Market Commons, I  
427 believe it's May 21<sup>st</sup> and I think Councilman Johnson is also going to join me in  
428 wearing high heels and if you wish to make a donation, if I didn't already e-mail you,  
429 you can write a check or go on-line to casawalk.com. It goes for a good cause and it  
430 is a good local organization."  
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432 **Mr. Childs:** "First of all, thanks for the compliment, you don't get many of them  
433 here, as far as the Rec Committee goes I started the Rec Committee and had a young  
434 lady right in the back was one of the members, I thought that Rec Committee did a lot  
435 of good and I would like to see it come back. I think it's a very worthwhile  
436 committee. Surfside Drive was years and years coming. I think everybody will be  
437 pleased at the outcome, also stated by the gentlemen, I think it's going to make a lot  
438 of difference; the merchants complained forever and ever and now I believe it's really  
439 going to be a showcase. Mr. Marruca, I have found out personally that when lights  
440 go out on poles the best thing to do is call our Public Works Department, those  
441 numbers are not always on those poles, you can look all day long, you will not find a  
442 number but our Public Works Department, explain where it is, they do contact Santee

443 Cooper and they have a direct line to them. You will spend your day on the phone  
444 trying to get to the right person, so next time, call Joan Saleem and I guarantee you  
445 she'll take care of it quick. It must be a private pole because she is really quick to get  
446 on those poles and Santee Cooper told me once, once they're reported they'll have  
447 them fixed within two weeks, so, could be a snag somewhere that really is a  
448 legitimate reason.

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450 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

451 Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Childs seconded the motion. **All present**  
452 **voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.  
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