



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2012 ♦ 6:00 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Samples called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge (*arrived at 6:10 p.m.*), Johnson, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance; a quorum was present. Staff present: Interim Administrator Fellner. Also present: Councilmember-elect Kohlmann, Town Engineer Strickland, Town Attorney Moss, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

BUSINESS.

Mayor Samples said the workshop was to review the updated conceptual drawings for the pier expansion and to hear public input on the same.

Mr. Strickland presented conceptual drawings of the proposed changes to the pier that would meet Americans with Disability Act (ADA) requirements. He asked everyone to make written notes and submit them to the clerk for delivery to him. Mr. Strickland proceeded to explain the drawing in detail, noting that it is an option to construct a single water closet could be used by everyone. The ramp with handrails is designed with landings that will accommodate the existing sand dune that cannot be disturbed. Changes were proposed to the handicapped parking to create more spaces that would be located on the landward side of the OCRM (South Carolina Department of Environmental Control Ocean & Coastal Resource Management) baseline, which would also create some additional driving space.

Ms. Mary Maruca asked why an elevator had not been included. There were several ocean-front elevators that operated very well. She personally believed it was a better option than a ramp. Mayor Samples said an elevator was discussed in the past. He personally believed the cost to maintain an elevator would be on-going and a ramp is more aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Stevens agreed saying the Second Avenue Pier in Myrtle Beach had a lot of maintenance on its elevator.

Mr. Strickland estimated the cost of the ramp at \$100 per square foot. The projected size is 1,400 square feet so that would be approximately \$140,000.

Mayor Samples said land is the most valuable commodity at the pier. There is inadequate parking. If the existing ramp remains, it would be a disservice to the town. A ramp is needed for suppliers to make deliveries. The town must consider life cycle and maintenance costs as well as acquisition costs.

Mr. Cramer from Pier Outfitters said the new ramp would divert fishermen and visitors from walking through his shop which would impact his ability to collect fishing and admission fees. He urged council to determine a way to keep that traffic moving through his store so they could monitor entry. He was unsure how fishermen would react to the longer ramp walk.

Mr. Smith believed the existing ramp should be kept in addition to building an ADA compliant ramp. He believed additional parking was unnecessary, because the Yaupon parking lot is close by. The existing ramp makes it easy for fishermen and vendors to access the pier.

Mr. Stevens asked how much revenue was received for one parking space on an annual basis. Ms. Fellner estimated annual revenue at \$5,800 per space provided that the space was occupied during every hour during the season. Realistically, the estimated annual revenue is between \$3,800 and \$4,000.

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557 and back to her. Thanks for coming out."
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559 **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

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561 Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss the engineering contracts for proposed work to be
562 done on the Surfside Beach Pier.
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564 Prior to entering executive session, Earthworks Group and DDC Engineers were given the
565 opportunity to present respective conceptual plans for the Surfside Beach pier Americans with Disabilities
566 (ADA) compliant improvements. Renderings, copies of which are in file, were displayed and explanations
567 offered for town council to consider.
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569 Mr. Smith moved to enter executive session at 9:10 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in
570 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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572 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session at 9:52 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in
573 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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575 Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session.
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577 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

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579 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 p.m. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.
580 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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582 Respectfully submitted, /

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586 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

587 Approved: August 14, 2012
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592 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

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595 Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

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598 Ann Dodge, Town Council

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601 Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

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604 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

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607 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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615 without grammar corrections. When used, staff members' given names are replaced with surnames.
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