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PUBLIC NOTICE: PBZ Workshop Thursday, October 3, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the draft Comprehensive Plan, in Council Chambers to explain the importance of the plan and to answer questions the public may have about the proposed plan. There will be a PowerPoint presentation and time allotted for questions and answers. Everyone is

PUBLIC NOTICE: Town Council Workshop, Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. to meet with the Stormwater Committee to hear a presentation by Dr. Susan Libes, Coastal Carolina University; Dr. Erik Smith, and Natural Resource Agent Ben Powell with the Clemson Extension Service on the storm water retention ponds.

**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA ♦ COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 ♦ 6:30 P.M.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Douglas F. Samples
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Pastor Oakie Landers, Pine Drive Gospel Church
3. **AGENDA APPROVAL**
4. **MINUTES APPROVAL** - Regular Meeting September 10, 2013
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only.** (3-minutes per speaker)
6. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - A. Department Reports
 - i. Finance
 - ii. Recreation
 - iii. Public Works
 - B. Administrator's Report - Update on Current Events
7. **BUSINESS**
 - A. First Readings of Ordinances
 - i. #13-0761 to amend §7-26 to delete \$15 price for Moby cart, Director Adair
 - ii. #13-0762 to amend FY2012-2013 Municipal Budget, Director King
 - B. Huckabee Complex, Administrator Fellner
 - C. Budget Workshop Location (April 30 & May 1, 2014), Administrator Fellner
 - D. 6th Avenue South Pond, Director Adair
 - E. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Recommendation – Award plaque to Horry Georgetown Technical College regarding signage design and branding



- F. Committee Appointments – (May be deferred until after executive session)
Business Committee – 1 vacancy

- 8. **DISCUSSION** – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.

- 9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)

- 10. **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- 11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person to a public body (see Business Item 7.F.)

- 12. **ADJOURNMENT**



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 • 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Fellner; Finance Director King; Public Works Director Adair; Recreation Supervisor Ellis, and Town Clerk Herrmann.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pastor Oakie Landers from Pine Drive Gospel Church gave the invocation. Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL.

Ms. Dodge moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting as submitted. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items (3 minutes.)

There were no public comments on agenda items.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Department Reports.

i. Finance.

Ms. King presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Business and permit fees exceed last year by \$7,000. There were 26 new business license accounts opened in August; 10 new rentals, 8 contractors, and 5 new local businesses. Three businesses located outside the town obtained licenses to work here. Over all general fund revenue and expenses exceed the prior year due to the parking revenues and expenses being recorded in the general fund this year. In her opinion, it was very good to deposit the parking revenue in the general fund. Year-to-date revenue was \$236,904; expenses so far were \$716,405, so expenses exceeded revenue by \$481,680. But that only reflects two months of revenue. Property taxes will start being paid in November; the county mails the bills on October 31st. No local revenue or other governmental funds from the state were received. Those monies are paid quarterly, except for Grand Strand Water and Sewer Authority, which is paid monthly. The cash is sent the month following the end of the quarter. Lanier Parking generated \$79,564 for the general fund; \$12,578 was from by citations. During August in accommodations and special revenue funds more money was paid out than received, because those revenues are received quarterly. There were two specials events, the Guy Daniels Memorial Surf Off and the beach luau. Hospitality funds received \$150,329 during August, which was generated by visitors during the month of July. That amount is better than last year. Because property taxes are not being received yet and money was being spent on some stormwater projects, the capital projects expenses exceed revenue by \$18,256. The pier fund brought in \$134,394 year-to-date, which is more than last year. The net year-to-date for the pier fund is \$125,538 to

57 the good versus \$108,764 last year. Due to the rate increase and the summer service, the sanitation
58 fund brought in \$279,039 in fees; the net for that fund is \$149,762. The parking report shows the total
59 revenue received from Lanier in addition to what the town pays to Lanier. The schedules also
60 differentiate what revenue is generated for the general fund and pier fund.

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62 Mr. Smith asked if the parking report breakout of the general and pier funds was based on the
63 80:20 split. Ms. King said the report shows the actual money collected at the pier according to Lanier.
64 Mr. Smith asked if it was the pier parking lot. Ms. King said yes, the pier parking lot. The expenses were
65 split 80:20. At the end of the season, the expenses will be reevaluated to determine whether a different
66 formula should be used. The 80:20 split was consistent with past practices and was a starting point until
67 some actual data could be obtained. Ms. King believed the percentages were closer to 70:30, but, again,
68 that would be evaluated at the end of the season. Mr. Smith thanked Ms. King for adding the parking
69 expenses column and asked why \$2,747 was spent in August compared to \$1,042 spent in July. Ms.
70 King said two golf carts had to be repaired at a cost of about \$1,200 so that Lanier could continue to use
71 them, and merchant fees increase proportionately to meter revenue. Mr. Smith said expenses also
72 include merchant fee, plus other associated expenses. Ms. King said yes. Mr. Smith referred to the pier
73 fund and asked if another payment would be received from the restaurant lease. Ms. King believed there
74 were three payments that were scheduled in July, August, and September.

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76 Mayor Samples asked if that schedule was for both tenants. Ms. King said she would find out
77 and let the council know.

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79 Ms. Kohlmann referred to general funds public works, and asked why expenditures this year were
80 \$18,191 compared to \$10,484 last year.

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82 Mayor Samples asked if any lake maintenance cost was transferred to the general fund out of
83 capital projects. Ms. King said that money was from hospitality funds; expenses for the parks last year
84 were in hospitality funds, and now they are in general funds where they belong. That would explain part
85 of the increase, but there is possibly something else that increased the amount. Ms. King would check
86 and let the council know.

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88 Mr. Stevens referred to the pier enterprise fund and said meter income is \$12,594 and the August
89 2012 column states \$8,204. He recalled that that was the month that the town made \$8.

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91 Ms. Kohlmann said September 2012 was the month \$8 was made.

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93 Mayor Samples asked Mr. Stevens for his point.

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95 Mr. Stevens wondered why the report showed \$8,000 for August, because he recalled that only
96 \$8 was made at the pier. Sanitation revenue increased to \$279,039 compared to \$234,668; he asked if
97 that was because of the \$3.75 increase to the taxpayers of the town. Ms. King said the commercial
98 service and winter service fees were also increased.

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100 **ii. Recreation**

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102 Ms. Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. The Recreation/Special Events
103 Committee was scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 18th at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was
104 cancelled; only two of the five members attended. The next meeting is scheduled Wednesday, October
105 16th at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Department. Details were being finalized on the upcoming Family Festival
106 being held on Saturday, October 5th. Entertainment includes the Josh Brannon Band and the Tim Clark
107 Band. Fifteen minute demonstrations were scheduled by Marla's School of Dance; Elite Dance Centre;
108 Coastal Carolina University Dance Team; a Mad Science show, and a hula show. The town will have a
109 tent with town merchandise for sale, as well as 50th Anniversary merchandise. There will be a petting zoo
110 and rock climbing wall. The police department will have a dunking booth with the proceeds being
111 donated to Special Olympics. The town will conduct its annual Health Fair in conjunction with
112 Georgetown Hospital on Friday, October 11th at the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center. Employee hours are

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113 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to participate from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Information on
114 tests and services being offered are available on the website or at the front desk in town hall. Flu shots
115 will also be available. According to Dan Flood, acting president of the Surfside Beach Youth Sports
116 Association, they are currently running Coach Pitch and Machine Pitch games Monday through Thursday
117 on Field #2 at Huckabee Complex. The Association held its first annual meeting on September 3rd.
118 According to Mr. Flood, attendance was extremely poor. They are in the process of updating their
119 website for the upcoming spring season. The Beach Sweep was Saturday, September 21st. About 185
120 people participated. Karate World brought every child that takes classes along with at least one parent,
121 as Karate World requires its student to do community projects. Ms. Ellis gave a very big 'thank you' to
122 Karate World for participating every single year. Highlights of the Beach Sweep collection include 1,533
123 cigarette butts; men's underwear; 233 food wrappers; 209 fireworks; 209 bottle caps, and many other
124 items. Upcoming events include the Skyhoundz Disc Contest, Saturday, September 28th beginning at
125 10:00 a.m. at Martin Field; the Family Festival on Saturday, October 5th, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on
126 Surfside Drive; Health Fair on Friday, October 11th, 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center; Nathan
127 Black 5K Race on Saturday, October 26th, beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Surfside Pier, and the Farmers
128 Market continues on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through October 29th. Sunday Serenades ended
129 and had a good season.

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131 Mr. Smith asked again for the number of cigarette butts. Ms. Ellis said 1,533 based on the tally
132 cards turned in; not everyone turned in a card. Mr. Smith said if all those people received a ticket it would
133 generate about \$25,000 for the town. Maybe the police force needed to be a little tougher enforcing that
134 code. In regard to sports tourism, Mr. Smith asked if people use the town's ball fields during the winter,
135 and whether that could be classified sports tourism. That term is frequently heard in Myrtle Beach and
136 North Myrtle Beach. He asked if anything was being done in that arena; the town has many events, but
137 was anything being done to promote the town's ball fields for tournaments, and so forth. Ms. Ellis said
138 the town used to host 15 or 20 tournaments a year; but now that function was handled by the Youth
139 Sports Association. To her knowledge, there have been no tournaments so far this year. Mr. Smith
140 asked if the Youth Association had to be contacted to use the fields. Ms. Ellis said yes.

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142 Mr. Stevens concurred with some of the information Mr. Smith talked about. Mr. Stevens said in
143 the past, he personally was involved with a soccer team in Mount Pleasant, and according to reports, the
144 tournaments generated over \$350,000 for the city in revenue, hotels, and restaurants and so on, not
145 including other revenue (***) by the parks, recreation and tourism. Mr. Stevens asked how many booths
146 were set up for the Family Festival, and if any were still available. Ms. Ellis said there were a few
147 available out of the 142. Over 100 vendors had reserved booths; some reserved two spaces. She
148 expected at least the same number of vendors as last year.

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150 Mr. Johnson asked why the End of Summer Celebration was cancelled. Ms. Ellis said the beach
151 luau was added to take its place, and the celebration last summer was not successful. The End of
152 Summer Celebration cost about \$5,000 and only about 200 people attended.

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154 Ms. Kohlmann said for the record, "It wasn't Beth Kohlmann that did away with the End of
155 Summer Celebration. I want to make that perfectly clear."

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157 **iii. Public Works.**

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159 Mr. Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Residential sanitation service
160 had seven carts repaired and three were replaced. Eight carts were removed from locations no longer
161 experiencing overflow. Commercial service routes continue to be updated based on business needs.
162 One account increased service; 14 accounts reduced service days. The supervisor explained
163 commercial collection schedules to two new businesses: Lazer's Pizza and Coastal Sign Service. Two
164 accounts, Original Benjamin's and Wild Water and Wheels have closed for the season. Nine recycling
165 carts were delivered to town residents upon request. The department received a payment of \$374.40
166 from Allen's Scrap Metal for scrap metal recycling materials collected in July and August. Three times a
167 week summer sanitation service and Sunday commercial dumpster service ended on Sunday, September
168 8th. Winter one time a week roll-out of Moby carts and recycle carts in the R-3/C-3 districts began on

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169 September 11th and will continue until May 8th, 2014. The next household hazardous/e-waste drop off
170 event will take place at Public Works from Friday, September 27th through Sunday, September 29th from
171 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Crews were raking the beach and swash outlets were being dug out twice a week to
172 ensure proper water flow, weather permitting. Beach cans were being serviced twice a week, and on
173 weekends, weather permitting. The volleyball poles at 1st Avenue South were removed for the season.
174 Director Adair reported that he attended the SCASM (South Carolina Association of Stormwater
175 Managers) conference recently held in Columbia. On October 22nd he will attend the DHEC (South
176 Carolina Department of Health and Environment Control) Solid Waste and Recycling conference in
177 Columbia. Mr. Adair was asked to speak at the conference about coastal recycling and the town's beach
178 recycling programs. Crews were completing repairs and maintenance along Surfside Drive in preparation
179 for the Family Festival. Renovations and beautification work started on the outfall area of Magnolia Lake
180 at 16th Avenue North. Quotes were being obtained to replace the welcome sign at Melody Lane that was
181 destroyed in an auto accident. Some additional golf cart parking was created at the 7th Avenue South
182 Beach access, in addition to 1st Avenue North and 2nd Avenue South. Five reports were sent to Santee
183 Cooper identifying street lights that were not functioning properly. The grounds division removed two
184 trees posing safety concerns at All Children's Park. Replacement of the outfield fence at Huckabee field
185 #2 was completed (under budget.) Crews were completing repairs and maintenance, as well as installing
186 mulch, in Fuller Park in preparation for the Family Festival being held on October 5th. Extra watering was
187 being done on all town plantings due to lack of rain. From August 21st through September 18th, the fleet
188 maintenance mechanic completed 55 repairs on town vehicles and equipment; 4 vehicles had flats
189 repaired; 4 vehicles had tires replaced; 30 other vehicles had preventive maintenance performed. The
190 facilities crew repainted all beach access posts blue and white. Maintenance at the pier included
191 brackets installation on the light poles to allow the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful committee to hang
192 flower baskets on them. The bid opening for pier parking lot improvements was held on Friday,
193 September 20th; the bid was being reviewed. A meeting was held with supervisors where they discussed
194 not leaving cans tipped at the empty residences, and not leaving engines running when they were out of
195 the trucks.

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197 Mr. Smith liked the household hazardous waste drop off, but it happened that he was out of town
198 every time the event occurred. He asked if could drop off his items on Thursday. Mr. Adair said
199 absolutely. Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Adair would change the drop off days to include Thursday, just in case
200 he was out of town for the weekend again.

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202 Ms. Kohlmann asked if the weekly rollout was in effect and whether residents would be notified of
203 the opt-out program as was done in the past. She did not believe notices were sent now. Mr. Adair said
204 the ordinance stipulates that it was the citizen's responsibility to contact public works to opt out. To his
205 recollection, notices had not been sent. Ms. Kohlmann thought it would be the same way it was done
206 before, because she did not believe that it stated the ordinance before that the town was required to notify
207 them; she thought they should be notified, because it was the right thing to do. Ms. Kohlmann asked how
208 often the street sweeper was used. Mr. Adair said it was used Mondays and Fridays, weather permitting.
209 The town was split into four segments; staff has four factory-trained operators, and it was going very well.
210 The equipment was holding up well, also.

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212 Mayor Samples asked if trash pickups were done on Wednesdays in the R-3 district at the beach.
213 Mr. Adair said yes, that is the one day roll out schedule. Mayor Samples asked what the progress was on
214 the 3rd Avenue South channel. Mr. Adair said it was surveyed and engineers were currently preparing a
215 bid specification package, which he hoped to receive in October. Mayor Samples asked about the bids
216 for the pier parking lot. Mr. Adair said there was only one bid submitted, although four companies
217 showed up for the pre-bid conference. One bid was received late, and it was considered nonresponsive.
218 The sole bidder was informed that his bid would be reviewed and his check references, but the town
219 reserved the right to reject the bid and possibly re-bid the job. Mayor Samples asked how long the bid
220 was published. Mr. Adair said about three and a half weeks. Mayor Samples asked if it was published in
221 South Carolina Business Opportunities (SCBO), and how many times it was published. Mr. Adair said
222 yes, it was put in for the first cycle. Mayor Samples said unless SCBO was notified the bid should be
223 published multiple times, it would only publish once. SCBO is published three times a week. Mr. Adair

224 said Palmetto Corp. was at the pre-bid conference, but chose not to submit a bid. Boggs Paving was
225 advised, but did not show up.
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227 **B. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events, Administrator Fellner.**
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229 Ms. Fellner reported that since 2007, the town has used Iron Mountain for storage of archival
230 documents. Staff will re-inventory the contents of the 79 boxes stored there. She asked Iron Mountain to
231 return all boxes to the town. Over the next few months the documents will be reviewed and originals will
232 be scanned for digital storage. Ms. Fellner said the contract was cancelled, which saves the town
233 approximately \$2,000 a year. A workshop will be held just before the regular meeting on October 22nd at
234 5:00 p.m. regarding what is in the town retention ponds, and their suitability for recreational use. Drs.
235 Libes and Smith from Coastal Carolina University will speak, and a statement will be presented from Ben
236 Powell, a natural resources agent with Clemson Extension Service. The stormwater committee was
237 invited to attend, as well as the public. A meeting is scheduled October 3rd at 5:30 p.m. regarding the
238 comprehensive plan. All department directors will attend. Staff was asked to consider the
239 comprehensive plan as the 5-year business plan for the town, and to tie all initiatives to it. She asked that
240 matters in conflict with the comprehensive plan not be brought forward, except when she had been so
241 directed by Town Council. The discount combo for the Yaupon parking lot has begun and will run until
242 October 31st. This discount enables those that purchase a daily fishing license to park all day for \$5 only
243 in the Yaupon parking lot. An example of the flyer was distributed to council for information. The
244 program was managed through a coupon validation code programmed into the Yaupon lot pay station.
245 This program was used for the past two years and has worked very well bringing in more fishing revenue.
246 The program was good for the town and for Pier Outfitters. Review work had begun on the personnel
247 manual and will continue through the winter. A list of needed changes in accordance with the MASC
248 (Municipal Association of South Carolina) updated documentation was being compiled. A revised version
249 will be presented to Town Council after review by the labor attorney, and hopefully, on day two of the
250 budget retreat.
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252 Mr. Johnson asked who would scan the archival documents. Ms. Fellner said probably a
253 volunteer. Mr. Johnson was concerned that sensitive information might be misused. Ms. Fellner said the
254 information was public. She said to be very honest, we have found that when boxes were retrieved from
255 Iron Mountain, many of them were half full with information that was not required to be retained. The
256 town pays \$158 a month just for the flat storage fee. She reiterated that they need to look at the contents
257 of the boxes, and explained that the descriptors on the boxes were insufficient and inaccurate. It was
258 hard to determine which box should be retrieved and 10 or 12 boxes might have to be retrieved to locate
259 the needed documents. Mr. Johnson was concerned with potential identity theft, social security numbers,
260 and that type of information. From what Ms. Fellner was saying was that the documents would be
261 reviewed before they were scanned. Ms. Fellner said yes; there are two sets of documents. The first
262 set pertains to the clerk's duties; she would review those boxes. The second set pertains to the finance
263 director's duties; she would review those boxes. The documents will be reviewed to ascertain whether
264 they are archival, and then a catalog would be created for each department. A representative was
265 coming to the last staff meeting in October to discuss document management, and the finance director
266 was also going to Greenville to look at document management that would input directly into CSI
267 accounting software, which would eliminate this problem. Mr. Johnson said for the most part, these were
268 not personnel documents. Ms. Fellner said that was correct.
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270 Mayor Samples asked how many years worth of documents were stored at Iron Mountain. Ms.
271 Fellner said items have been stored there since 2007, but she had no idea what was in the storage
272 boxes. There may be very old documents, but it was very hard to tell based on the descriptors. Mayor
273 Samples said without going through them. Ms. Fellner said yes.
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275 **7. BUSINESS**
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277 **A. First Readings of Ordinances**
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279 **i. #13-0761 to amend §7-26 to delete 415 price for Moby cart, Director Adair.**

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281 Mr. Adair presented the consideration paper, a copy of which was on file, and explained that the
282 sanitation ordinance was recently reviewed as a whole. Since then, it came to his attention that a
283 reference to the old fee was stated in Section 7-26. The amendment would eliminate the dollar amount
284 and simply state that additional Moby carts could be obtained for an additional fee. Fees were spelled out
285 very clearly in Section 7-12.

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287 Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #13-0761 to amend Section 7-26. Ms.
288 Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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290 **ii. #13-0762 to amend FY2012-2013 Municipal Budget, Director King.**

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292 Ms. King presented the consideration paper, a copy of which is on file. She explained that the
293 amendments were basically "clean-up" so that the financial statements could be finalized for the audit,
294 which she expected to be completed soon. Town Council has to approve all expenditures, but not
295 revenue. The general fund was changed to remove the SCDOT (South Carolina Department of
296 Transportation) road project. The fire department budget adjustment was for unbudgeted personnel costs
297 and acquisition of a weather station needed for hurricane season. The decrease to general fund
298 expenditures was \$750,570, making the total expenditures \$6,366,130. The accommodations tax fund
299 received approximately \$165,000 more in revenue than budgeted. The increase in revenue requires the
300 town to pay additional percentages to the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce and to the general fund.
301 The amount to the Chamber increased by \$49,475; the general fund increased by \$8,250, making the
302 total increase \$57,725, which brings the total accommodations tax expenditures to \$594,809. The pier
303 fund expenses had to be adjusted for depreciation; interest on the loan to the general fund, and the water
304 bills for the bathrooms that exceeded budget expectations. The auditors also recomputed several items
305 that were capitalized on the pier. Those items increase pier expenditures by \$11,340 for a total of
306 \$178,033. Supplies to maintain the stormwater system purchased from the capital projects fund was
307 exceeded by \$4,625, making total expenditures \$58,000.

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309 Mr. Smith said the SCDOT was \$780,000 and he knew that maybe \$20,000 of that amount would
310 not be refunded. He asked if the amendment should reflect what would actually be received. Ms. King
311 said that was considered, but the professional/contractual services budget has a sufficient balance to
312 cover that \$20,000.

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314 Ms. Kohlmann referred to the general fund operating expenditures of \$26,205 for fire department
315 additional expenses, and asked if there was any one specific item, because the description "retirements,
316 medical leave, and turnover" seemed very generic. Ms. King explained that salaries had to be paid,
317 because people were on medical leave, and other people had to be paid to work during the absences.
318 Staff that left had to be paid their accrued PTO (paid time off.) Ms. Kohlmann asked if she could see
319 details later. Ms. King said PTO was added to the salary expense line. Overtime might be available, she
320 would have to check. She believed overtime was under budget, but salaries were over budget so the two
321 amounts were netted.

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323 Mr. Stevens referred to accommodations tax and asked if the \$8,250 amount was revenue or
324 expenditures. Ms. King explained that the accommodations fund had to pay it to the general fund, so it
325 was an expense to the accommodations fund. Mr. Stevens referred to the capital projects fund grounds
326 department and street drainage, and asked which lakes the supplies were purchased for. Ms. King said
327 those were supplies for all the maintenance on the lakes and the stormwater projects.

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329 Ms. Kohlmann asked if a motion was in order to suspend rules for discussion. Mayor Samples
330 said this was clarification; not discussion.

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332 Mayor Samples referred to Mr. Stevens question about the \$8,250 that comes from
333 accommodations tax and is transferred to the general fund, and said state law stipulates that 5-percent of
334 the accommodations tax revenue the town collects goes to the general fund. Regarding Ms. Kohlmann's
335 question about the fire department salaries, Mayor Samples said PTO was one of the issues that this

336 council had to deal with. The administrator, he, and others had discussed PTO, which has been used for
337 the past several years. The sick leave and annual leave (vacation time) used to be separated. Under a
338 previous administration, and previous administrator, the two were combined. Mayor Samples said he did
339 not support PTO then, and he did not support it now. PTO is a long-term growing liability for the town,
340 and they were going to have to do something about it. He wanted everyone to understand, because
341 moving forward it affects the town's financial health.
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343 Mr. Stevens said if what Mayor Samples said was true, he asked whether council should direct
344 the administrator to change the policy.
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346 Mayor Samples said the administrator was preparing the information for council now. There was
347 a lot involved, because it affects each and every employee, their benefits, and all the pay grades. He
348 asked Ms. Fellner when she thought the information might be ready. Ms. Fellner said she planned to
349 present the information to the finance committee in November.
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351 Mr. Smith moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #13-0762 to amend Fiscal Year 2012-2013
352 Budget. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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354 **B. Huckabee Complex, Administrator Fellner.** 355

356 Ms. Fellner said at the last meeting Town Council asked her to determine the options of land
357 availability at Huckabee Complex for construction of a new senior center by Horry County. Since that
358 time, Amy Blinson of SCPRT (South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism) had informed her that the
359 entire 10 acre complex was subject to the land use restriction as recorded in Horry County Deed Book
360 885, page 567, and SCPRT would not release a portion of the property, because it was not large enough
361 to do so. The only option would be for the town to do a land conversion, which would be costly and time
362 consuming. Therefore, Ms. Fellner said since the entire complex is subject to the land restriction in
363 perpetuity, and the expenditure to purchase land to do a conversation was not budgeted, her
364 recommendation was to not move forward.
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366 Mr. Smith moved to suspend rules to allow discussion. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor.
367 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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369 Mayor Samples had spoken with several members, and he thought there was a growing
370 consensus that this was more appropriately a county responsibility. There were 50 acres on Scipio Lane
371 that the county received about ten years ago. Since then, the county built a recreation center and
372 government complex on the property. There were still sufficient grounds upon which a senior center
373 could be built. Senior centers are not tied to municipalities in this state; senior centers are tied to the
374 county or senior citizen agency, as the case may be. Horry County has one recognized agency under the
375 federal Older Americans Act: the Horry County Council on Aging (HCCA). The HCCA operates a small
376 senior center on 10th Avenue North, which is a collaboration between the county and the town with
377 respect to ownership of the building and the land. Revenue is derived from federal Older Americans Act
378 funds and, within the past ten years, Horry County voters approved a designated tax millage to support
379 senior citizen programs. Horry County is one of the few counties that have designated a tax millage to
380 support senior citizen programs. Mayor Samples did not believe it was in the town's business to be
381 involved directly in senior citizen programs.
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383 Ms. Mabry said she worked with, but not for, the HCCA in Georgetown and Williamsburg
384 counties. She remembered when the library was on 10th Avenue and the county asked permission to
385 locate a senior citizens center there. At that time, the building was adequate. At that time, the area was
386 not as built up as it is now, so it was very convenient for the town and for the town's senior citizens. Now,
387 it is outdated; she did not think anyone would argue that. It is a county responsibility. As a small
388 municipality, the town cannot take that over, even if it wanted to. Ms. Mabry said the expense and
389 regulations would be prohibitive. Scipio Lane was the logical place to put a senior center, because of the
390 recreation, although she had no intention of telling Horry County what it could or could not do with its own

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391 property. If the senior center should move, as far as she knows, and she believes she was correct, that
392 building reverts to town ownership.

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394 Mayor Samples said she was correct.

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396 Ms. Mabry continued saying that the facility was used by a lease, but at no cost. She was pro
397 HCCA; she always has been. She knew the good work they do; its efforts keep many people out of
398 nursing homes, and allowing them to live a good, fulfilled life. Ms. Mabry said this was very hard to say,
399 but her job was to protect the Town of Surfside Beach, and protect its land. She could not see that a
400 really good service would be done for anyone, even if the land could be given away. Therefore, she said
401 she would have to be in favor of the senior center moving elsewhere, should they ever want to move.

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403 Mr. Stevens understood that the HCCA took care of senior citizens for Horry County. As he
404 looked at the crowd he saw a lot of senior citizens. He knew that the town had senior citizens. It was
405 unfortunate that the town did not have the land, but (***) eventually there may be something in this area.
406 He would still support the senior citizens, because that was the backbone of the town. Mr. Stevens said
407 he reckoned they were at a standstill at this point.

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409 Ms. Dodge thought the idea of helping seniors was a good one. She was a senior citizen herself,
410 and if she needed help, she would want somebody to be there working for her. But, this was a county
411 project. It was not something the town should interfere with, she did not think. That was her opinion.

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413 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.
414 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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416 Ms. Kohlmann moved to take the town administrator's recommendation to take no action since
417 the entire Huckabee Complex had a use restriction in perpetuity, and the town does not have money
418 budgeted for a land conversation. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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420 **C. Budget Workshop Location (April 30 & May 1, 2014), Administrator Fellner.**

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422 Ms. Fellner said that Town Council agreed on the budget retreat dates of April 30th and May 1st,
423 2014, at the last meeting, but not on the venue. She was directed to bring this back when all
424 councilmembers were present. These dates were chosen so that all seated councilmembers and
425 councilmembers-elect could attend the budget retreat. Council also requested that first reading of the
426 budget be moved to May 27, 2014. Estimated cost to hold the budget meeting at the Wampee
427 Conference Center in Pinopolis, South Carolina, was about \$3,200.

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429 Mr. Johnson personally believed based on the last meeting that this council or any council would
430 be better off having budget retreats offsite and in Pinopolis. Offsite meetings create more cohesiveness
431 among the councilmembers. There are some expenses involved, but he thought in the long run that it
432 was worth it. Council was not distracted when they were at Pinopolis, and worked together. Every year
433 that he attended a retreat at Pinopolis, the council got things done. The argument that going out of town
434 did not give the public the opportunity to attend the budget retreat was off the table, because it was held
435 here last year, and there were very, very, very few people who showed up. There were even
436 councilmembers that did not show up. He supported going to Pinopolis, if for no other reason, as an
437 investment for this council and for the town.

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439 Ms. Kohlmann respectfully disagreed, and said when the meeting was held in Pinopolis she and
440 Ms. Mabry, both of whom were not on council at that time, attended the meeting in Pinopolis as town
441 residents. It was a long drive, and from what she saw, there were a lot of breaks, and a long lunch. She
442 felt as a citizen that she was putting them out, because they sat there when they went to eat, and it was
443 jolly and all that kind of stuff. She said maybe they did get a lot of work done, she did not know. She
444 personally did not want to go there. If one person in town attends the budget meeting, that one person
445 needs to be able to come. What if they cannot drive to Pinopolis, or what if they do not want to go to
446 Pinopolis, but they want to see what the council was doing. If Town Council cannot focus in town hall,

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447 then we have a problem. We should be able to focus wherever we are, and that was the main priority.
448 She knows there were a lot of workshops; more than any other council probably ever did on the budget.
449 Part of that might be inexperience, she did not know, but she thought that the council worked really hard
450 and every single councilmember worked hard. Some people missed some of the budget, but some
451 people missed regular meetings. Some people missed special meetings. She did not think it could just
452 be said in that frame. She personally would not want to go to Pinopolis, and she would like to know the
453 administrator's feelings and what she thinks is best for the town, and the council. If it was about staff,
454 assign a time for them to attend and do not make them sit here for two or three days. If there were
455 questions, a list could be made and staff could be called. Ms. Kohlmann said she had been told a million
456 times we are a small two square mile town; two minute response for the police. She thought staff could
457 get here pretty quickly to answer council's questions. Her belief was that the town does not have any
458 money; spending over \$3,000 in her opinion was a waste.
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460 Ms. Dodge heartily agreed with Ms. Kohlmann. She said it was very relaxing and it was a good
461 experience being out of town, but they owe it to the citizens of this town to do business in their presence
462 so they know what was going on. She thought it would be only right that council do so, the budget in
463 particular, in their presence.
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465 Mr. Stevens said Ms. Fellner had given council the fee schedule for Wampee, and Wampee was
466 a short drive down Highway 31; the cost for Pinopolis were not given.
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468 Mayor Samples said that Wampee was located on Highway 31, but the name of the conference
469 center in Pinopolis was the Wampee Conference Center.
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471 Mr. Stevens said what Ms. Fellner was saying was the cost was \$3,204.75 to go to Pinopolis.
472 Ms. Fellner said the cost was \$1,764; the other piece of the puzzle was mileage, which she estimated to
473 be about \$1,440.75, so the total cost would be about \$3,204. Mr. Stevens said okay, it would cost \$3,205
474 to go to Pinopolis. He personally believed that this was a waste of taxpayers' money when everything
475 could be done in chambers. (**) Town Council can meet right here in chambers, and like Ms. Kohlmann
476 said, they could schedule staff in when they need to answer questions. The town would not have to pay
477 mileage to drive to Pinopolis, South Carolina, so that would save the taxpayers quite a bit of money, and
478 any person that wanted to come, instead of having to drive all the way to Pinopolis to find out what the
479 council was talking about, could come right here to talk to council. Mr. Stevens said he did not know if it
480 was true, but he heard rumors that they go down there and they have beer and things like that there.
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482 Ms. Mabry called *point of order*.
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484 Mr. Stevens said if he went down there and they did that, he would not want to go.
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486 Ms. Mabry again called *point of order*.
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488 Mayor Samples said thank you, and recognized Ms. Mabry.
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490 Ms. Mabry said she brought this up, and she was the one who said she would never bring it up.
491 So, evidently there were many things that made her change her mind. One, never say never, because
492 you would be the very first one to have to eat your words. The council held between nine and 12
493 meetings. The budget adoption was the most important action this council takes. There is nothing that it
494 will do that would top it. To give the budget the attention it needs, the council needs to be out of town.
495 True, there was not a quorum the second day. Forget the times that the staff sat here with nothing to do.
496 Budget retreat was very intense, as it should be. Town Council was doing the most important thing it
497 could do as a councilmember. Members need to be sitting around a table working as one unit. Ms.
498 Mabry said they had been a fractured council since day one. The mayor had done everything in his
499 power to bring them together, and have them all work as a unit. This was one time that the council could
500 once again try to do that, and do it for the town. She knew \$3,000 sounded like a lot, but in a \$9 million
501 budget, it was not. Ms. Mabry said what the council did while in Pinopolis might offset that cost. It was
502 important that the council go out of town, that council talk to the staff, and spend time with each other,

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503 and that council gets the work of the town done efficiently. Ms. Mabry said she was 100-percent ready to
504 go out of town and do the town's business as a complete unit.
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506 Mr. Smith asked if the \$3,000 included the members-elect, if they decided to attend. Ms. Fellner
507 said they were included; and the totals were assuming that there were three new members, as well as the
508 seated councilmembers. Mr. Smith thought there was a benefit to going to Pinopolis. He understood that
509 the work could be done here in town, but when they wanted to focus for eight hours plus, he thought it
510 was wise to be out of town. He had to leave a number of other meetings, because he was here, it was
511 easy to leave. If he had been in Pinopolis, he would not have left, because it would not have been easy
512 to leave. Mr. Smith said when you are in town, if you get a call or have something scheduled, it was so
513 easy to skip out on part of the meeting. He thought if they really wanted to focus on the budget, they
514 should go out of town, so he would recommend going out of town. Mr. Smith said since the town saved
515 some money on the Huckabee fence that would probably be about \$2,000 that could be applied towards
516 this, so it probably would not impact the general fund if they spend that money, because there was
517 savings in places. Mr. Smith reiterated that he would be in favor of going out of town.
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519 Mayor Samples did not feel strongly either way. The turnout for budget workshops had been
520 disappointing when they were held in town. He thought he would support going out of town.
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522 Ms. Kohlmann said she asked earlier if the administrator could give her opinion on what was best
523 for the town, the council, and the people. Ms. Fellner did not believe she could comment on what was
524 best for the town. She did say that from the administrator's point of view, it was always nice to have your
525 staff available so if there was an issue, someone could handle it. For two days, the town's seconds in
526 command were literally sitting in meetings.
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528 Mayor Samples said this would be the twelfth time he participated in the budget process. He had
529 participated in budget meetings in town and out of town. He thought council should delve into the
530 substance of the budget on the first day. He would not have a problem sending everyone except the
531 administrator and the clerk home. Then council and the administrator, with proper recording, could
532 discuss some issues that the town faces. If anyone in the public wanted to attend, they could come.
533 Council was making progress, but the last budget adopted was still, for all total spending, a continuation
534 of six years of spending more than was being received. Mayor Samples said that had to be fixed; it could
535 not continue. Mayor Samples said that he previously called the presentations during some former
536 administrations amateurish. He reiterated that staff should be prepared to get to work. Town Council
537 attended many meetings and spent days going through the budget; his expectation was it was
538 unnecessary to cover much of that territory. He thought council should think more strategically; discuss
539 planning, and to answer Ms. Kohlmann's question, 'what is best for the town,' Mayor Samples said this
540 council has that obligation and responsibility to determine what is best for the town.
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542 Mr. Johnson moved to hold the budget workshop in Pinopolis in the year 2014. Mr. Smith
543 seconded. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Johnson and Smith voted
544 in favor. Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, and Stevens voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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546 **D. 6th Avenue South Pond, Director Adair.**
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548 Mr. Adair presented the consideration paper, which is on file. He said the approved land
549 disturbance permit was received from DHEC (Department of Health and Environmental Control) so staff
550 could proceed with the filling in of the pond at 6th Avenue South should Town Council give him that
551 direction.
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553 Mr. Smith asked Mr. Adair to restate the cost for the project. Mr. Adair believed the estimate was
554 around \$7,000; no more than \$10,000. Mr. Smith asked if that amount only included pipes and filling in
555 the pond; not the benches or amenities as shown in the photograph. Mr. Adair said that was correct. Mr.
556 Smith asked if plans were in place to add those amenities. Mr. Adair said the photograph was for
557 informational purposes to show councilmembers what could be done; the project is to add pipes, fill in the

558 pond and plant grass in the area. Mr. Smith asked if money was budgeted for the project. Mr. Adair said
559 yes, it would be paid for from the stormwater improvement budget.
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561 Mr. Stevens asked how much money had been spent on engineering and permitting. Mr. Adair
562 did not know the exact amount, but believed it was around \$4,000 between the Army Corps of Engineers
563 wetland determination and impact; the notice of intent, and drainage plans that were submitted to DHEC
564 for the general permit. Mr. Stevens asked how much additional cost would be for engineering, materials
565 and any other costs to complete the project. Mr. Adair said there would be some additional engineering
566 costs to insure grading was done correctly. Materials were priced locally, and he believed the total
567 additional costs would be about \$7,000. Mr. Adair said they have the fill material; they just had to prepare
568 the infrastructure. Mr. Stevens said the monies would not have to come extra out of the budget from out
569 of stormwater [sic.] Mr. Adair said there was \$410,000 budgeted; the small amount taken out of there
570 would not affect the larger projects that were scheduled. Mr. Stevens noticed that a picture was given to
571 the council, and asked if the plan included putting in gazebos or things like that. Mr. Adair said no, that
572 was just a graphic that he created to show what might be done. Mr. Stevens said so he was just going to
573 cover it in sod. Mr. Adair said a grassed area would be created; no fixtures would be installed at this
574 time.
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576 Ms. Kohlmann thanked Mr. Adair for meeting with councilmembers individually to tour the area
577 and explain the project in detail so they would understand everything.
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579 Mr. Stevens asked if right now the pond met all state, DHEC, Army Corps of Engineers, and
580 OCRM (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Services – Department of Ocean and
581 Coastal Resource Management). Mr. Adair said yes. OCRM's consistency section has also approved it.
582 Mr. Stevens asked if all approvals were in hand. Mr. Adair said yes.
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584 Mayor Samples asked how long the approvals were good, in the event the project was deferred.
585 Mr. Adair said approvals were good at least a year.
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587 Mr. Smith moved to proceed with filling in the 6th Avenue South pond. Ms. Dodge seconded. All
588 voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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590 **E. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful (KSBB) Recommendation--Award plaque to Horry**
591 **Georgetown Technical College (HGTC) regarding signage design and branding, Administrator**
592 **Fellner.**
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594 The KSBB voted to award a plaque to HGTC for the efforts put forth by both the staff and
595 students with regard to the signage and branding campaign. The cost was minimal, about \$50, if council
596 wished to proceed. Since the students had already graduated and the town wished to perpetuate
597 cooperative efforts between HGTC and the town, it might be of greater service to present the plaque to
598 HGTC and ask Professor Bunal to accept it on its behalf.
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600 Mayor Samples and Mr. Johnson agreed.
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602 Mr. Smith also agreed, and asked how many students participated in the project. Ms. Fellner said
603 there were a lot of them.
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605 Mayor Samples said probably 30 or 40 students.
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607 Ms. Kohlmann said there were four different teams with five members, there were directors, and
608 players. She suggested a certificate for each student.
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610 Mr. Smith said Ms. Kohlmann was thinking like him; he also thought each student needed to be
611 recognized.
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613 Ms. Kohlmann said to give the plaque to HGTC, because the students had already graduated.
614 She wondered if a certificate might be more appreciated by the students. Ms. Fellner said it would be
615 very difficult to find the students once they graduated. Ms. Kohlmann thought the students did a really
616 great job and she thought that would be a very little effort on the town's behalf to recognize them.
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618 Mayor Samples agreed, and said in his opinion, it was important to maintain and grow the
619 partnership between the town and the local technical college, which was a free asset.
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621 Ms. Kohlmann said it was enjoyable.
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623 Mayor Samples said it was enjoyable, and some of the 50th Anniversary products and signage
624 will, hopefully, be purchased during the next year will be the results of their efforts, which did not cost the
625 town anything.
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627 Mr. Johnson suggested presenting a plaque in perpetuity, and in the future awarding certificates
628 to the students that participate.
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630 Mayor Samples agreed and suggested certificates be given at an earlier date.
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632 Mr. Smith asked if an attempt would be made to deliver certificates to students that participated
633 this year. Ms. Fellner would contact Professor Bunal to see if that was practical. Mr. Smith suggested
634 that a plaque be given to Professor Bunal for the college, and certificates be given to him and let him
635 distribute them. Ms. Fellner was willing to do so. Mr. Smith thought if certificates were given, it should
636 start with this year's students.
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638 Mayor Samples asked if there were objections to Mr. Smith's suggestion. **There were no**
639 **objections.**
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641 Ms. Dodge displayed a drawing of a welcome sign and said it was beautiful. She thought it might
642 be considered for a welcome sign.
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644 Mayor Samples suggested Ms. Dodge talk with the administrator and send the drawing to the
645 appropriate committee.
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647 Ms. Fellner said since the desire was to make this an on-going cooperative effort, she thought a
648 more expensive plaque might be purchased that would give them the ability to have this year's class and
649 initiative, and then add future class names and annual initiatives. **There were no objections.**
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651 Mr. Smith moved to give a plaque to Horry Georgetown Technical College and certificates to
652 students regarding their work on the design and branding project. Ms. Kohlmann seconded. All voted in
653 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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655 **F. Committee Appointment (may be deferred until after executive session) – Business**
656 **Committee – 1 vacancy.**
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658 Mayor Samples said there were no nominations to present and moved to discussion.
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660 **8. DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town**
661 **Council.**
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663 Mr. Stevens recognized Steve and Dianna Taylor for winning yard of the month. *(Applause.)*
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665 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments (5 minutes.)**
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667 "Wanda Burgess, 311 15th South. This, (**) I'm a dog person. I have a little dog, and me and
668 Jackson walk on Ocean Boulevard every other day. I'm anal retentive and I'll tell anybody that. I carry

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669 two bags; 99-percent of the people on Ocean Boulevard don't have even one. Could we not put little
670 doggie bags in the disposal areas there at the beach accesses along Ocean Boulevard, particularly for
671 those people that walk a horse. *(Laughter.)* You know, I, I know the little ones, you know, need to be
672 picked up, too, but I mean the gigantic ones, it would really be nice to have something available so maybe
673 they could take the hint. Hey, maybe I need to pick up after my dog, if the town is providing bags for me
674 to do so. Cause I don't know of anyone that likes to step in a pile of dog crap. Other thing, I'm assuming
675 maybe parks and recreation, (**) sanitation. I don't know who, who handles it, but I know at 15th South
676 access there is a little smoking disposal thing, a little PVC (Poly Vinyl Chloride) thing. I've never seen it
677 emptied, and being a smoker, I notice that. But, I don't take my cigarettes to the beach, so I'm not one of
678 the 1,500 butts that you picked up, but that's just, you know, something I think that that needs to be
679 addressed, cause, you know, you're overflowing, falling all on the beach access, and maybe people
680 would pick up after their dogs, if there was [sic] bags, okay. Tourist season's over, think about Tybee
681 Island."

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683 "Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North. I'm glad that this fractured council voted themselves [sic] a free
684 vacation. I personally came to three or four of the budget meetings, along with a couple other
685 townspeople. In my humble opinion, if one person comes to a meeting of this town, it's a good thing, so
686 now I'm not gonna drive all the way to Pinopolis, so you won't have to worry about me questioning you
687 next year. I think it's a slap in the face of the townspeople to give yourselves [sic] a free vacation at my
688 expense. I, therefore, humbly request that my tax bill be cancelled. Thank you."

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690 "Ralph Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive. First, I'd like to thank you for trying to do what you could
691 for the Huckabee, for the senior center, and since that's not gonna work, we need to move forward, and I
692 think the idea was brought forward a while back to use county land and go up to, to the complex up on
693 Scipio Lane is a very good idea for a senior center. I think the most important thing is that we be
694 advocates for seniors and that we push for a new senior center, because in my humble opinion, without
695 that push and passion to get it done, it's not gonna get done, and that's okay, because we're here to do
696 the long haul, and thank you for your support, and again, it's important to remember that, you know, the
697 senior citizens, they have a right to age in place, and to live an independent life for as long as possible,
698 and to have programs and have access to those programs and recreational opportunities that can be
699 afforded to them. Anything that this council can do to push that agenda forward is well received. So, I
700 thank you for that. I don't have any hard feelings for that. I'm not that kind of person. I'm a Jesus
701 person, and as I always say, I am second and God is first. The other thing that I want to do and it's a
702 good thing, and I wanted to thank everyone; I sent everyone a note, but I'd just like to read it out loud to
703 give credit and thanks, and I'll read it directly, and it says: I would like to thank the Town Council,
704 Surfside Beach staff, police and fire departments for supporting South Strand Helping Hand during their
705 August canned food collection. We collected 1,250 pounds of food. Thanks to the police who donated
706 their time to help South Strand Helping Hand move the entire contents of our facility into pods so we
707 could install new floors. Thanks to the fire department who donated their time to help South Strand
708 Helping Hand move back into our facility after the new floors were installed. We could have not [sic]
709 completed this process without their help. Brad Thompson, president of South Strand Helping Hand is
710 sending out thank you notes to acknowledge your help and assistance to South Strand Helping Hand.
711 What a wonderful town. What a wonderful place for people who volunteer their times and talents to help
712 people, especially people in need. So, I thank you again, and God bless you."

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714 "Good evening, Mayor and Town Council, citizens. I'm here to talk about the fence that was put
715 up at Huckabee park. When this fence was put up; I live right behind it. There's a drainage ditch, which
716 runs behind my house. Horry County has told me the ditch belongs to Surfside. When they put the fence
717 up, they pushed the dirt from the park side over to our side in the ditch. Now, we have a drainage
718 problem. I have 8-inches of standing water behind my house, which creates mosquito nests. It's
719 harboring snakes, now, harvesting [sic] snakes, which we never had to do before. Surfside does not
720 maintain the ditch at all. They've been there one time this past summer and cut the grass. I would like to
721 know what's gonna be done about it. We have ten homes back there affected by this ditch, now, because
722 of this fence."

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724 Ms. Kohlmann asked if the speaker could state his name and address for the record, please.

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"My name is Tom Steers. I live at 156 Summer Worth Circle on the other side of 17, in the Mallard Landing Village."

Ms. Kohlmann thanked Mr. Steers, explaining the information was needed for the record.

Mr. Steers: "Okay, that's fine."

Mayor Samples asked Mr. Steers to meet with the administrator.

Mr. Steers: "Okay, well, we've sent three, us and two personal emails to Mr. Adair, which were never answered. The homeowners association has sent a letter, which was never answered. You came out and looked at it yourself and I thank you for that."

Mayor Samples said he did go out, and reiterated that he needed to speak with the administrator, and introduced Ms. Fellner, who would schedule a meeting time to discuss the details.

Mr. Steers: "Thank you, very much."

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Ms. Kohlmann: "When Ralph was talking about South Strand Helping Hand, you left yourself and your wife off that list of people that were very, very important, and that were moving in and out that day, and also, Ron Saunders. So, don't sell, sell yourself short, because you were moving all that heavy stuff. I (**), I also just wanted to comment about the response from the police department and the fire department. When it came to just picking up the phone and asking can anybody help, they came on their own time. They didn't come on [sic] when they were working. They came on their day off, and they were doing heavy labor. So, I commend you, your wife, for all that you did at Helping Hand, but also to the police and the fire, the fire department and staff from the Town of Surfside Beach. They do a really, really good job, and they also do it on their day off as well. Thank you."

Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Magliette, don't give up on your dreams. It's gonna happen, eventually. Senior citizens are in Surfside, and I'm sure they're gonna appreciate all the work you've been doing. Mr. Dodge, I reckon I'm gonna have a vacation at your expense. Sorry. To all the rest of the folks out there, I thank you for coming in. Appreciate all the volunteers that work for this town, and the committees, and you're doing a great job. Keep on doing it, and don't forget to come to the family festival on October 5th. I believe it's Saturday. I was there last year as a vendor and it was great. Thank you."

Ms. Mabry: "Just want to thank everybody for coming out, and to address the not having any bags on the Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Adair is doing a comprehensive plan for plantings, and he has already, or let me just rephrase that, when I was talking to him about it, that was something that was definitely discussed; was being able to incorporate that with not only getting the bags, but getting the trash cans to put the bags in. So, we had talked about it. He had brought that up, and, and actually has all kinds of pictures and it really looked nice and they kind of blend in really nice, and I think it's gonna be a great thing to have those amenities, because nobody wants to see a nasty Ocean Boulevard or a beach. That's just because I have a dog, too."

Mr. Smith: "Thank you. I support having the doggie bags available on Ocean Boulevard, but I'm not sure we want the bag stand to blend in too much, because they won't see it. Maybe we should paint it red, so it's very, very visible, (*laughter*) cause what we want to do is for them to use it, and I find that, because I walk Ocean Boulevard a lot, I find that during the winter months there is a lot more mess, because of people who come down here for the a, few months at a time, and bring their dogs and, and forget that they're supposed to clean up. The summer guys don't seem to do as much, because they're so concerned about being on the beach they don't have enough time to walk their dogs. But, anyhow, let's don't let it blend in so that they can't see it."

781 Ms. Dodge: "I want to commend Mr. and Mrs. Magliette for their tireless work for this town, and
782 their dedication to the senior citizens of this town. I know there are other people who also do this, but I
783 have seen these two in action, and nothing stops them when they set a goal. They will get it done. I am
784 so proud to have them as neighbors in this town."
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786 Mr. Johnson: "Thank you folks for coming out. It's been a pretty good meeting. I just want to
787 mention South Strand Helping Hand. They are, are a great organization, and one thing that I didn't know
788 until a couple of years ago, but they do take donations. You know, you have a lot of places around here
789 that, that take donations and they may be 501 or 503 (C) organizations, but, but I would recommend
790 donating to South Strand Helping Hand. You know, keep it local. They do a lot for this community and
791 the area, and you know, they need our help, and again, thanks for coming out, and God bless you.
792 Thank you."
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794 Mayor Samples: "I want to remind everybody again we do have a workshop that's a Thursday,
795 October 3rd, Thursday at 5:30 to discuss the draft comprehensive plan. Is that plan on the website?" Ms.
796 Fellner said yes, it was. Mayor Samples: "So, the draft plan is on the surfsidebeach.org website. We
797 want your input, and I'll see you there."
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799 **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

800 Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person to a public body
801 (See Business Item 7.F.)
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803 Executive session was not held, because there were no nominations to the business committee.
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805 **12. ADJOURNMENT.**

806 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.
807 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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809 Prepared and submitted by,
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811 Debra E. Herrmann
812 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
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816 Approved: October 8, 2013
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818 Douglas F. Samples
819 Douglas F. Samples, Mayor
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821 Mary Beth Mabry
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824 Ann Dodge
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826 Mark L. Johnson
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829 Elizabeth A. Kohlmann
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831 Roderick E. Smith
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834 Randle M. Stevens
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839 In accordance with FOIA, meeting notice and the agenda were distributed to local media and interested parties. The
840 agenda was posted on the town website, the entry door at Town Council Chambers, and in the Town Hall reception
841 area. Meeting notice was also posted on the Town marquee. Public Comments and Town Council Comments are
842 transcribed as close to verbatim as possible. When (**) is used a section of the tape is inaudible.