



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2014 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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7 **1. CALL TO ORDER.**
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9 Mayor Samples called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore
10 Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith, and Stevens were in attendance. A
11 quorum was present. Others present: Town Administrator Fellner; Finance Director King; Police Chief
12 Keziah; Fire Chief Cimini; Public Works Director Adair; Recreation Supervisor Ellis, and Town Clerk
13 Herrmann.
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15 Mayor Samples said that residents who had broken tree limbs in their yards from the ice storms
16 could cut broken branches without a permit, because they are safety hazards. Place the limbs curbside,
17 so staff could pick up the debris until clean-up was completed. He said, however, no one should cut
18 down a tree without first contacting the building department.
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20 **2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.**
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22 Dr. David Powers, pastor at The Pilgrimage Church, gave the invocation. Mayor Samples lead
23 the Pledge.
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25 Mayor Samples said it was customary to introduce Town Council candidates, and asked those
26 present to introduce their self: Sandra Elliott, Carrie Johnson, Beth Kohlmann, Ralph Magliette, David
27 Pellegrino, and Rod Smith were present.
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29 **3. AGENDA APPROVAL.**
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31 Mr. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Dodge seconded.
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33 Mr. Stevens believed the board of zoning appeals appointment did not need to be discussed in
34 executive session, because everyone knew Mr. Ott, and proceeded to explain his qualifications.
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36 Mr. Johnson called *point of order* saying this was agenda approval.
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38 Mayor Samples said Mr. Johnson's point was taken, and Mr. Stevens' comment noted.
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40 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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42 **4. MINUTES APPROVAL.**
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44 Mr. Stevens moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting as submitted. Ms.
45 Dodge seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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47 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items (3 minutes.)**
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49 "Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North. Number 8, discussion, and I'd like to know how, first of all, how that
50 differs between number 10, council comments, and how it defers [sic] from the *Lambries* decision and the
51 fact that you may speak about something, say something and there's a citizen sitting home watching
52 Jeopardy that would like to speak about that, but he's not here, or her, she's not here, so she can't speak
53 on it, but the council is opening the floor to it actually. I know you're not gonna vote on it, even though
54 you have voted under this discussion and it was the naming of a park. You did, you made a motion and
55 voted on it. But, that's what bothers me that you may say something. What, how, what can we do that
56 we can't do in council comments, and why it's even in there? That's my question to you." Mayor

57 Samples said normally responses were not made to public comments. He said council could either
58 suspend rules to allow a response; refer Mr. Ott to the administrator, or after the meeting discuss his
59 questions with him. Mr. Ott: "I'm finished, or you can talk about it in council comments. Thank you very
60 much."

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62 "(***) Mary Maruca, 7th Avenue South. I would like to speak on the parking. I don't, I don't think
63 they'll ever be a good answer for the parking. I'm just gonna give a couple of takes on myself. I live in
64 that, that R-3 district, and I have property there. I have a business there. It all affects me in every which
65 way, which I don't think anybody on council except for Ms. Kohlmann can actually relate to that. I know
66 one of the ideas that was muddled around is permit parking only on the side streets between Ocean
67 Boulevard and Dogwood. I, I would like to ask anyone of you councilmembers if you would like to give
68 permission for people who parking permits or meters or whatever to go and park their car every day in
69 front of your yard. Your yard in front by the street is not your property. I understand that area in front of
70 my yard is not my property. I'm asking you how you would feel if all these people that were coming to the
71 beach came and parked their cars in front of your yard. So, again, I know there's no good issues; and
72 there's no good turnouts here, but at least give some thought to these things, and if I'm a renter, I have
73 the same rights and privileges as an owner. So, if I'm renting a house, what makes you think I want to
74 look out my window and see two, three, four cars parked where I'm renting the property? Just as if you
75 went to rent your house, it would be the same. You'd have the same issues. So, be careful about the
76 parking. You know, they're not using that 13th Avenue South parking lot. It is never full. So, why should I
77 have to put up with a car in front of my house when you have that parking lot down there completely
78 empty? Move the people into the parking areas. Don't move them onto the side streets, and don't think
79 permit parking only on the side streets is a solution. I don't want 'em there. I don't want them on my, my
80 property, in front of my property, excuse me. I know it's not mine. So, please consider all these issues
81 before you make a decision. Thank you."

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83 "Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North. This is pertaining to item 11.B. At the February 11th, 2014
84 Town Council meeting, I asked the following questions: how many lawsuits are still pending against the
85 town? Who are they from? What is the status of these lawsuits? I got no answers from anybody. I had
86 no idea a fiscal bomb was going to drop on us. A couple of days later, *BAMB!* (*Speaker's emphasis.*)
87 Jackie Donevant wins a \$300,000 verdict against the town. Add to that, Andy Christensen's winning one
88 for about a \$100,000 a couple of years ago. Then add Ty Taylor. He won it. How much did he win? So,
89 again, I ask, please answer my questions. There are two constants in these lawsuits we lost to quote a
90 current councilmember's statement from last week, and we know who that is." Mayor Samples said he
91 normally would not say this, but he suggested that Mr. Dodge speak with his wife about the lawsuits. Mr.
92 Dodge responded from the floor (**.)

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94 "Ralph Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive. I'd like to talk about business item 7.A. the second reading
95 of Ordinance 14-0770. What I did since the last time, there were modifications made to it, I went on the
96 internet and looked for any municipality in South Carolina that has an informal application to serves on
97 boards on the agenda, and I couldn't find any. So, I think we're going in the right direction where we need
98 to have some standard format for the volunteers to submit, and so what I did was, I went and looked
99 probably at 27 different forms that they have throughout the state of South Carolina and what I was able
100 to do was I found one, which I think meets the general needs, because I think you need to have an actual
101 application, and I have copies of it here. It's the one from the application for Columbia, South Carolina.
102 Can I bring them forward?" Mayor Samples asked Mr. Magliette to hand them to the administrator. Mr.
103 Magliette: "(***) ...answer some of the questions that we had last time. It just asks for general
104 qualifications. Very briefly, everyone would fill out the same form; a level playing field - your name; your
105 address; your mailing address; if you work, your occupation; are you a resident of the city; how long have
106 you been here, and then very general questions, which we had talked about. Why would you like to serve
107 on this board or commission? Do you presently serve on any commission, board of the city, state, if so,
108 please list. Have you served on any commission, if so please list. Are you currently in a position of
109 responsibility with an organization or board that has received or is seeking funding from the City of
110 Columbia, if so, list the position and date? Please list any community activities that you are involved in.
111 What are your goals and objectives, if appointed to the commission or board? You fill that out. You sign

112 it. You either can do it electronically or you bring it to the clerk. So, I think this general format is really the
113 perfect vehicle for what we're looking for. It standardizes it. It's a, it's in a form that we had talked about
114 having general qualifications, and I hope that before you consider it, your second reading, you could take
115 a look at it please, and maybe add some of these items to whatever you finally decide. Thank you."

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117 Dr. David Powers: "Yes, sir, 6.A.ii, (**) Recreation. I just wanted to let you know my kids are
118 getting ready to start their second year with the Surfside Youth Sports Association, I believe that's the
119 name, and I just wanted to let you know they're doing an excellent job managing the baseball. The kids
120 love it; not that the town's doing a bad job, but just wanted to let you know that with the changes it has
121 been great."

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123 "Gene Maruca, 116 7th Ave. South. I wanna speak about the parking for a few minutes. When
124 this council, when the council appointed a parking committee, it did so for one reason. We had parking
125 lots that were empty. We wanted to force people in our parking lots, because they had meters. Well, in
126 some form or fashion, we went crazy. As chairman, our first chairman of the parking committee; our
127 recommendation was for 50, or excuse me, 30 to 50 parking meters. God knows what we have now, and
128 I'd like to commend Mayor Pro Tem Mabry for suggesting the east of Ocean Boulevard should be
129 landscaped, benches, make it a welcoming thing. You know, how many parking meters do we really
130 need, and is money the real issue. Do we actually need that money? And, I understand that we're
131 actually talking about increasing it. I don't know. There's gotta be a better way. I think we should move
132 slowly. Take your time. If we miss this season, big deal. We still have meters to put up. We don't have
133 to add any more burden to people who live in that district. Incidentally, it was one of the councilors [sic]
134 that made it a business district. It hadn't been R-3 from when I got here. It was residential. Now, it's R-3,
135 and I think you had something to do with that. I'm looked at the agenda going back all that way, but that's
136 all I have to say. Please take your time. Move slowly."

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138 "Carrie Johnson, Harbor Lights Drive. I came to the parking workshop last week, and there were
139 only two people on the parking committee that showed up for the workshop, and those two people are the
140 two that have been driving the parking changes. Then what I heard from those two people was it is this
141 way in New Jersey, and this is how it was in New York. Then one of our councilmen talked about how
142 they do it in Charleston and Key West. Surfside Beach is unique. It is not New Jersey, New York,
143 Charleston, or Key West, nor do we want it to be. So those people that want to change Surfside Beach to
144 the way they do it in New Jersey, New York, Charleston, Key West or wherever, I would say the road runs
145 both ways. Maybe you should go to where you like the way they do things. As far as purchasing 100
146 plus signs to tell people what they can and cannot do, more big government, you can save money and
147 purchase two signs. One for the north end and one for the south end of Business 17 that simply says
148 you're now entering the Town of Surfside Beach. You are not welcome here; go home, because that's
149 what all of this is speaking in a roundabout way to the people that come here. Then everyone can expect
150 their taxes to double in order to keep the services that we've grown accustomed to, because all the
151 restrictions on parking is [sic] driving people away. The very people that frequent the beaches and I do
152 say *the (speaker's emphasis) beaches*, because they are not our beaches. They belong to all the people.
153 We're driving the people away that rent the properties that pay the taxes and keep the taxes down for
154 permanent residents. Thank you."

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156 "Harry Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard. I wasn't gonna get up, but when people mistake what
157 people say, you just gotta get up. I said I didn't want it to be like New York or Coney Island. I didn't want
158 everyone in the whole world coming here. I wanted to keep it like it was 20 years ago, but unfortunately,
159 there are a lot of people who moved into developments on 707, Deerfield, Caropines; it's not like it was
160 20 years ago. When I was the parking committee chairman, we suggested first and foremost there would
161 be no parking on Ocean Boulevard for safety reasons, aesthetic reasons, and to push people into the
162 parking lots that weren't being used. We wanted people not to park within ten feet of a driveway for
163 safety, and we got flooded [sic] on that. We got flooded [sic] not having any people park on Ocean
164 Boulevard by some on council, because they want their friends and their relatives that don't live here to
165 be able to park wherever they want to. We said if you're gonna allow parking on Ocean Boulevard, only
166 have it on the west side, not on the east side, and the way you do it is first put up signs, and then

167 eventually, you put up landscaping and take down those signs, so it would look friendly. It would look
168 nice. You'd have palm trees. You'd have plantings. You'd have benches. That's not like New York City.
169 That'll be really nice, but, no, no, no. Somebody was yelling and screaming Henny Penny, the sky is
170 falling in. There'll be no place for anyone to park. We found 170, approximately 170 spots, not that we
171 wanted to be used, but that you could use, just to point that a person that there was ample parking there,
172 and we said we only wanted 30 parking spaces, and we outlined exactly where we wanted 'em on the
173 west side and in the areas that people were using, and no, no, no, we want to put in meters everywhere.
174 We didn't want that. We wanted 30 spots on the west side and they were gonna have to be metered,
175 because otherwise people wouldn't use the parking lots. It's changed all around. But, now, it's coming
176 back again. Like a famous Yankee ballplayer said, Yankee, Yogi Berra, it's déjà vu again. This is what
177 we wanted. We didn't want all these parking meters. We wanted to keep it a nice, quiet town, and
178 running tourists away, that's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard in my whole entire life. The rental
179 district on the south side is two blocks long. Those people do not use the meters. On the north side,
180 most of it is only one block long. They do not use the meters. What is going to run away the tourists here
181 is if I am sitting next to somebody who I don't know like in Coney Island that's what's gonna run away
182 people who are paying anywhere from \$2,000 to \$10,000 a week to come here. They do not want to
183 come to a packed beach. They will go somewhere else. If you want everybody in the whole world to
184 come here, and dirty our beaches, (*time ended*) you're doing a great job. Thank you."

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186 **6. COMMUNICATIONS.**

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188 **A. Department Reports.**

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190 **i. Finance.**

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192 Ms. King presented the written reports for November and December, 2013, and January 2014,
193 copies of which are on file. Of note from the December report was the year end parking information: net
194 for parking for 2013 was \$139,590. December showed positive revenue because \$129,000 in property
195 taxes were received that accounts for most of the property taxes due. The January 2014 report shows
196 property tax collections ahead of last year by \$278,000, because more money was placed in the general
197 fund instead of the capital projects fund. Based on the budget, there is approximately \$91,847 due for
198 property tax payments. Business licenses were due June 1st, so that revenue would be coming in of
199 about \$1.3 million. Year-to-date in general fund is \$540,200 to the good. Funds were received from Time
200 Warner Cable and State Local Government Funds, both of which are paid in the month following the
201 calendar quarter. There was no parking meter revenue this month. The Lanier bill for January will be
202 booked in February. Capital projects fund will pay for an improvement project on 6th Avenue South. The
203 accommodations taxes received were for the second quarter in the amount of \$54,000, which is down
204 \$26,000 from last year. The State has implemented a new system to correctly appropriate
205 accommodations tax revenue, and nobody knows exactly how that will impact revenue. Hospitality took
206 in \$21,000, and Local Accommodations ~~\$3.3 million~~ **\$3,300 (correction requested by finance director,**
207 **D.Herrmann)**. Those funds are on budget. There was only a little interest income for January in the pier
208 fund, but a total of \$197,000 was received this fiscal year. Sanitation fund revenue was \$98,000 in
209 January and a total of \$785,000 for this fiscal year. There were 25 new businesses this month; 8 were in-
210 town; 2 home businesses; a consignment business; the hotel has a new owner, so that was counted as a
211 new license; one person started an auto detailing business; 2 hair stylist opened in the Wild, Wild West
212 building complex, and a new insurance/real estate business.

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214 Mayor Samples asked if the town was recognizing more revenue than budgeted. Ms. King said
215 yes. Mayor Samples said that was good. Ms. King explained that some of them were one-time receipts.
216 Mayor Samples said everyone needed to be aware that it took time to turn the ship around, and in his
217 judgment, they were not done, but they were turning. Ms. King said she did not mention that the loan
218 payment from the pier fund to the general fund was made. Those payments are now made quarterly,
219 both interest and principal. That will more effectively reflect the balances throughout the year, instead of
220 making a transfer at the end of the year, when there might not be sufficient funds. The balance is now
221 \$774,250 with the next payment due in April for this fiscal year.

222 Ms. Mabry asked Ms. King to explain what happened with meter money. She thought there was
223 a misconception about where that money went. Ms. King said a report was received every month from
224 Lanier, the parking contractor, stating the amount of money collected with a separate total from the pier,
225 and all the pay stations and parking meters located elsewhere in the town. The expenses were allocated
226 with 20-percent being charged to the pier, and 80-percent to the general fund. A study was completed
227 and it was determined that 30-percent of revenue was generated at the pier, so next year, Ms. King would
228 propose that the pier be charged with 30-percent of the expenses, instead of 20-percent.
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231 Mayor Samples said historically, when the first meters were put in place at the pier many, many
232 years ago, the purpose for using parking meters was to collect revenue for the purpose of buying
233 additional grounds to develop for parking. Like so many other things, in his judgment, the town moved
234 away from that plan. Ms. King said the money was still set aside in general fund. Mayor Samples
235 reiterated that the purpose for the parking money was to purchase land for parking. Former
236 councilmember Tom Higgins, may he rest in peace, was instrumental in getting the first meters at the pier.
237 Mayor Samples explained that he wanted everybody to be aware of the initial purpose for parking meters.
238 The revenue is a designated fund balance.
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240 ii. Recreation

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242 Ms. Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Due to holidays and weather
243 events, she had not presented a report since November. She belatedly thanked everyone for attending
244 the Christmas parade even though it was raining. The 50th Anniversary banners were hung throughout
245 town. A list was included of all the 50th Anniversary events; they were all open to the public. She agreed
246 with Dr. Powers that the booster club was doing a good job with the athletics. She did not have an
247 update on the number of teams or children registered, because Mr. Flood was in Florida. That
248 information will be presented in her next report. Participation was down a little in the Turkey Trot. Mr.
249 Shank and the Rotary Club plan to attend the last meeting in March to present a check and propose this
250 year's event plans. There were 61 people at the senior's dance. A commendation letter for the employee
251 luncheon was sent to Piggly Wiggly. Its president and CEO, David R. Schools responded. A copy of his
252 letter was included in the package and is on file. The Farmers Market report was also included, and Mr.
253 Lanford was introduced to make comments and answer questions. The BBQ Festival is Saturday, March
254 8th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Surfside Drive. The 50th Anniversary Ceremony is Friday, March 14th at the
255 Surfside Beach Library. The St. Patrick's Day dance is Saturday, March 15th.
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257 Mayor Samples said former town dignitaries would be recognized at the 50th Anniversary
258 Ceremony on March 14th. Everyone was invited, and refreshments would be served to celebrate the
259 town's official birthday. Ms. Ellis said birthday cake would be served.
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261 Ms. Dodge thanked Ms. Ellis for doing excellent work.
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263 Ms. Kohlmann asked if Mr. Lanford would like to address council about the success of the
264 Farmers Market. She personally enjoyed the market very much.
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266 Mr. Lanford said the market at Surfside Beach was one of the most successful last year. There
267 were also markets in North Myrtle Beach, Conway, and Myrtle Beach. The growers said there was more
268 positive response in sales in Surfside Beach than any other market. Last year was the first year in
269 Surfside; some other markets had been open for as many as five years, some have permanent
270 structures, but the foot traffic did not compare to Surfside Beach. Vendors were very excited about
271 coming back to hold tent and table style markets. The site is limited, but can accommodate up to 17
272 vendors. Setting up and promoting the market should go smoothly this year, and they were excited about
273 holding it again. An economic impact report was submitted to council; some of the numbers were
274 profound. Data is collected all season and fed into a software system for analysis. The market on any
275 given day has a pretty good impact on the town.
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277 Mayor Samples thanked Mr. Lanford and the Waccamaw Market Cooperative. The market is an
278 additional attraction for the town, (*applause*) – the applause said it all.
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280 **iii. Public Works.**

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282 Mr. Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Residential sanitation had five
283 carts delivered in January. The sanitation supervisor responded to four calls regarding ordinance
284 enforcement; 37 calls regarding late curbside placement and questions about bulk and yard debris.
285 Commercial service routes continue to be updated based on business needs. Plantation Pancake House
286 and Crabby Mike's have resumed service for the season. The supervisor explained collection schedules
287 to four new businesses: The Tasty Platter; P&M Auto Care; Wild Mane Hair Salon, and Surfside Shine.
288 One business was advised to replace their dumpster due to corrosion. A delivery of 108 new 65-gallon
289 recycle carts was received and distributed in the R-3 and C-3 districts. The carts were budgeted. The bid
290 package for the new commercial front loading trash truck will be held this Friday at 10:00 a.m. In
291 January, staff collected 256 tons of solid waste; 22-plus tons of mixed debris; 40 tons of recyclables, and
292 102 tons of yard debris. The yard debris is expected to be substantially larger in February, because of
293 the ice storm. The storm cleanup continues by streets and drainage crews. Crews work daily and
294 weekends to remove debris. The goal is to finish two passes of the town the second of which had begun.
295 His preliminary estimate was 320 tons of vegetative debris to be removed from town as a result of the
296 storm. Due to weather, the 50/50 ditch pipe program was suspended for the season. The one paid
297 project will be completed. Other interested parties were notified by mail that they would be contacted
298 next fall when the program is reactivated. The 12th Avenue South 12-foot x 12-foot deck and beach
299 walkover are completed. Work started on the 12th Avenue North beach access deck and walkover that
300 will be the same size. New blue street name signs are being installed as time permits. Six reports were
301 sent to Santee Cooper identifying faulty street lights. The grounds division cleaned post storm, and all
302 town parks are open. Safety of residents and visitors is the primary concern. The 50th Anniversary
303 banners were installed. Roofing repairs were made at all beach bathrooms. The fleet maintenance
304 mechanics completed 58 repairs on town vehicles and equipment, and 35 additional preventive
305 maintenance checks. A tile floor was replaced in the police department by the facilities crew. The crew
306 also did renovations to the planning, building and zoning offices. The next project is a restroom floor in
307 town hall. The pier parking lot renovations were completed in January by J. W. Hardee, Inc. New
308 landscaping was also installed, and a couple of palm trees will be planted near the handicapped ramp.
309 The pier resumed paid access as of February 14th. The pier restaurant roof was replaced in January. Mr.
310 Adair congratulated James Behrens who was a grounds employee on his transfer to the fire department
311 as a fire fighter.
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313 Mr. Smith asked what the status was of the 3rd Avenue South project. Mr. Adair said the swash
314 restoration project at 3rd Avenue South bid opening was set for next Tuesday, March 4th, he believed.
315 The final Army Corp of Engineer permit was received February 20th. Staff is prepared to award that bid
316 once they are opened. Mr. Smith asked about the stormwater projects on the north end. Mr. Adair said
317 DDC Engineers was in discussion with SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation) regarding
318 the encroachment permitting. Some of the streets that have to be crossed belong to SCDOT. Mr.
319 Townsend of SCDOT in the Florence office asked DDC to provide some calculations about the impact to
320 stormwater. Mr. Smith said the projections were still at the engineer's in the design phase. Mr. Adair said
321 yes. Once the encroachments were received from the state, the bid would be let.
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323 Ms. Kohlmann thanked Mr. Adair and his staff; actually the whole town staff for their efforts during
324 and after the storm for their efforts. Many people told her they were very, very impressed with their work,
325 as she also was.
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327 Mayor Samples was sure that all members felt the same way. Several members commented
328 absolutely, and yes. (*Applause*)
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330 **C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events.**

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i. Update on Current Events.

Ms. Fellner reported that

- Magazine sales: \$4,500 more in sales were made, for a total of \$27,952.50. Technically, sales are now closed, but there may be a few more ads sold to people that committed to, but payment had not been received. The good news is that the magazine will be within the \$25,000 budget. The magazine was reduced eight pages and it is being saddle-stitched to lower production costs, but she believed it was well worth it.

Mayor Samples asked how many pages that would be. Ms. Fellner said 74 pages, including the cover. Mayor Samples said it would still be a significant document. Ms. Fellner said yes, it is.

- Documents given to council at the last meeting concerning docks, the link to the town's MS4 Permit and all the other documentation presented was immediately forwarded to Ms. Morris for distribution to the planning commission members. She did so, and the dock issue is on the March 4, 2014 planning commission meeting agenda for consideration. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m., if anyone is interested in attending.
- The US Army Corp of Engineers granted a permit for the 3rd Avenue South swash bank stabilization project under the town's Nationwide Permit #13, as Mr. Adair just reported. That was the final permitted needed to complete that project.
- The pay stations were installed today, and the parking meters will be installed on Thursday, because it was supposed to rain tomorrow.
- To inform the public as she believed Town Council was aware, that with the new digital recorder a link is being posted on the town website so people can listen to the meeting audio, until such time as the draft minutes are posted. There is a time lag, because the clerk cannot complete the minutes in one day.

Mayor Samples said that sounded exciting. *(Laughter)*

ii. Consensus Item – Sunburn Trailer Location.

Ms. Fellner asked at a prior meeting if the sunburn trailer could be placed somewhere that the workers could have use of an electrical outlet for a fan. Ms. Kohlmann had asked for additional time to look at the area. She had another location that she thought might be good. Ms. Fellner said she and Mr. Adair viewed the suggested location. Basically, for space considerations and line-of-sight issues, they were concerned with the suggested location. Ms. Fellner said staff prefers that the trailer be located at the third handicapped space that is the closest spot to the old pier ramp, and asked for council consensus.

Ms. Kohlmann appreciated that staff went to look at other options. She went prior to the meeting and noticed that palm trees were planted in her proposed location since her last visit. She had a problem with using a handicapped parking space, because she noticed that those three spaces were always full. She felt horrible taking a handicapped space away from anybody. Ms. Fellner understood, and said there was a line-of-sight issue; it would also not be pleasing aesthetically if it were in the middle of the parking area. Also, an outlet would have to be installed at the proposed location. The recommended location already has an electrical outlet.

Mayor Samples trusted staff's judgment, with no offense to Ms. Kohlmann.

Mr. Smith preferred staff's recommendation, too. People with a handicapped sticker or license can actually park free in any space. Ms. Fellner said they could.

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388 Mayor Samples said that was the general consensus; **there were no objections to staff's**
389 **recommended location for the sunburn trailer.**
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391 Mayor Samples asked Ms. Fellner to prepare a summary of public information regarding litigation
392 in which the town was involved for presentation during her report at the next regular meeting. **COUNCIL**
393 **CONCURRED.**
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395 **7. BUSINESS.**

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397 **A. Second Readings of Ordinances**

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399 **i. #14-0770 to amend §2061(b) to require Volunteers to submit a brief summary of**
400 **background, Administrator Fellner.**
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402 Ms. Fellner presented the ordinance for second reading explaining that first reading was held at
403 the February 11th, 2014 regular council meeting, during which the word "resume" was changed to "brief
404 summary of background" by approved amendment. That change was made as directed.
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406 Mr. Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #14-0770. Ms. Mabry seconded.
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408 Ms. Kohlmann said Mr. Magliette went out of his way to find a form for volunteers and asked if
409 council would take time to review the form, before making a decision. Ms. Fellner distributed the form to
410 councilmembers. Councilmembers were given the opportunity to review Mr. Magliette's suggested form.
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412 Mayor Samples commented that the form was from Columbia, which was a different setting in
413 terms of the boards and the pool from which to appoint volunteers. He believed council did a good job
414 last meeting balancing what the council wanted. Mayor Samples asked if there were any other
415 comments; there were no other comments.
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417 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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419 **ii. #14-0071 to amend ii. #14-0071 to amend 9-8 Definitions, Dates and Times of**
420 **Enforcement, to change parking hours to 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Administrator Fellner**
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422 Ms. Fellner said adoption of second reading would enact the recommendation of the parking
423 committee to change all parking hours from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. If the
424 ordinance is not adopted, all parking hours would remain at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as currently stated in
425 the Town Code.
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427 Mayor Samples asked what the approved Lanier budget was predicated upon. Ms. Fellner said
428 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mayor Samples said the second reading is consistent with the Lanier budget, if
429 council did not adopt the ordinance it could potentially have an impact on the approved Lanier budget,
430 because if the 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. hours were retained that would be two more hours per day. Ms.
431 Fellner said it could, because there would be incremental income as well as incremental expenses.
432 Mayor Samples said thank you, he simply wanted to point out to fellow councilmembers that failure to
433 adopt would have incremental increase in costs, and revenue. He asked if \$16,000 was the amount
434 collected last year during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Ms. Fellner said yes.
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436 Mr. Smith said if the ordinance was not adopted, there would be a net positive revenue to the
437 town of about \$10,400. Ms. Fellner said that was correct.
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439 Mayor Samples explained that if the ordinance failed, the hours would remain unchanged. Before
440 any additional discussion was heard, a motion to suspend the rules was needed.
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442 Ms. Dodge moved to suspend the rules to allow discussion. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in
443 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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445 Ms. Dodge would like the hours to remain at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and also raise the rate to
446 \$1.25 per hour.

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448 Ms. Mabry said the business owners that were supposedly going to benefit from this ordinance,
449 Mr. Howard and Mr. Roth from Surf Diner, were kind enough to tell her that they really did not see any
450 benefit for their business by the changed hours. If there was no benefit to the business, she saw no
451 reason to change. She believed they knew how to operate their business successfully, and if they were
452 happy with the hours, there was no reason to change.

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454 Mr. Johnson moved to reconvene regular session. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor.
455 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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457 Mayor Samples called for a motion. **ORDINANCE FAILED DUE TO LACK OF MOTION.**

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459 **B. Accommodations Tax Committee and Staff Recommendations for 2013-2014**
460 **Expenditures re: Accommodations Tax Fund Amendments, Director King.** *(To clarify questions from*
461 *the accommodations tax committee, this portion is verbatim.)*

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463 Mayor Samples: "Mrs. King, this is the accommodations tax committee and staff
464 recommendations for 2013-2014 expenditures regarding accommodations tax fund amendments. That's
465 a mouthful."

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467 Ms. King: "It is a mouthful; this entire deal. The short of the whole thing is there is a \$142,000
468 left over from last year after we did the fiscal year audit in the a-tax fund that needs to be spent. We took
469 that to the a-tax committee on February 6th with our recommendations, which are on page, well, it doesn't
470 have a page number on it. It's the fourth page of the handout for a-tax. The top of that page is what I
471 gave to the a-tax committee with our recommendations of what we suggested that that money be spent
472 on, and right about the middle of the page there's a big bold that says mid-year adjustments, \$23,000 for
473 the beach truck, \$8,500 for a gator, \$43,500 for the fire department, \$50,000 going into beach
474 renourishment.

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476 Mayor Samples: "Ms. King, I'm going to stop you and make sure everybody is on the same page,
477 cause I don't think we are. What page is it? Can you show us?"

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479 Ms. King: "It doesn't have a page; it looks like this (*displaying page.*)"

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481 Mayor Samples: "Alright, I think its..."

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483 Ms. Kohlmann: "It's right after the resolution."

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485 Mayor Samples: "The a-tax has made formal, the a-tax committee has made formal funding
486 recommendations to council."

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488 Ms. King: "Right, this is what we gave them and they made different recommendations than what
489 we suggested, so that was why we were back here, because you do have the ultimate say."

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491 Mayor Samples: "That's why we have a committee."

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493 Ms. King: "You look at the resolution; the middle of the resolution is things for next year. We are
494 strictly dealing with \$142,000 for this year, 2012-2013 [sic] which is left over from 11-12 [sic.] Their
495 recommendations were that the \$23,000 for the beach truck be denied...."

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497 Mayor Samples: "Can I stop you and say is, are their recommendations reflected in the
498 resolution?"

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500 Ms. King: "Yes. On the resolution on page one of two."

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502 Mayor Samples: "Why don't we take everybody to the resolution that they prepared so we can
503 see it."

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505 Ms. King: "Okay. The grant requests were for Franklin G. Burroughs-Simeon B. Chapin Art
506 Museum by Director Goodwin, \$10,000 was denied. The Guy Daniels Memorial was granted \$5,000, and
507 the Sunday Serenades for \$400, but those would be for the 2013-2014; no 2014-2015. I'm sorry. They
508 are for next year, so they don't really apply to this discussion. In number two, the staff recommendations
509 for 2013-2014 Municipal Budget remaining funds, which total \$142,000. The \$23,000 for the beach truck
510 was denied; \$8,500 to purchase beach service utility vehicles was recommended; \$43,000 [sic] to
511 purchase the water rescue equipment, \$50,000 for beach renourishment, and an additional \$23,000 from
512 the truck that denied, they wanted to also put in beach renourishment, and all excess funds were to go to
513 beach renourishment."

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515 Mrs. King continued: "So, since then, we've had had another scenario, which is on the bottom of
516 that same page I gave you, which is the next page after the resolution. So we have three scenarios here.
517 The one we presented to the committee; the one the committee approved, and now I have another
518 scenario, and that would be because I don't believe we're gonna get in as much money next year as we
519 originally thought, but we do want to spend this \$142,000 to the best of our ability. In addition, there's a
520 \$9,000 that I need you to approve that were budgeted for Movies After Dark in a-tax. It has come to our
521 attention after doing surveys down there that they're not, the event is not attended by tourists. It's
522 attended by locals, so that \$9,000 cannot be spent in a-tax. It needs to be moved to general fund, which
523 would give us \$9,000 additional to spend in a-tax. So, it's \$142,000 plus the \$9,000 for this current fiscal
524 year that we're in. Since then, we've also talked to the state and determined we won't get as much
525 money and we had some other things that have come up. We wanted to get the beach rake and so
526 we've realigned them again. So the suggestion now is \$8,500 for the gators, the truck would still not be
527 funded, \$43,500 for rescue, \$50,000 to beach renourishment, and to buy the beach rake, which we could
528 get between now and June, so we could use that and have it this season on the beach, for a total of
529 \$152,000 [sic.] There are decision papers attached that we gave to the committee for both beach trucks
530 and the police department, for the rescue equipment from the fire department, and for the beach rake for
531 Mr. Adair, and any of them would be happy to tell you what they wanted to spend the money on. The
532 decision is council's as to how this money is spent, \$142,000 the name of the game is to spend it before
533 the end of the year so we don't lose it and have to give it back to Columbia. Not something we would
534 want to do."

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536 Mr. Smith: "I'd just like to ask one question. Now, the beach rake, the staff is recommending?"

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538 Ms. King: "Um huh."

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540 Mr. Smith: "And that hasn't gone to the a-tax committee?"

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542 Ms. King: "That's correct. We have an a-tax committee meeting on Thursday."

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544 Mr. Smith: "Does that need to go to a-tax committee?"

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546 Ms. King: "Council has the ultimate; if council approves it, we will go back to the committee."

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548 Mr. Smith: "And, then will you have to come back to us for it?"

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550 Ms. King: "No."
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552 Mr. Smith: "Okay."
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554 Ms. Kohlmann: "How many beach rakes do we presently have? The amount of time we've had
555 them, their condition, and the need, when did we decide we needed that?"
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557 Mr. Adair: "Well, this was gonna be in next year's a-tax budget. We moved it forward to this year
558 based on the finances available and less money projected for next year. This is about a \$60,000 piece of
559 equipment, with a \$10,000 trade in for about \$50,000 net expense. We purchased, we traded in the other
560 4-foot, we have, there's a 4-foot beach rake made by Barber, a leader in the industry, which we've had.
561 Two years ago we traded one and got a 6-foot beach rake. It's hot tipped galvanized; it's corrosion, more
562 corrosion resistant. It has a finishing attachment, which leaves a nice finished look on the beach when
563 you're done. The wider width results in less passes on the beach, so you get off the beach a little faster.
564 It's safer that way, and the second one, the second 4-foot model that we have, the 2006 which is getting
565 fair to poor condition, needs, it's about to need a whole lot of repairs."
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567 Ms. Kohlmann: "How many rakes does the town..."
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569 Mr. Adair: "Two."
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571 Ms. Kohlmann: "We have two. We have a 4-foot and a 6-foot."
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573 Mr. Adair: "Correct."
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575 Ms. Kohlmann: "And, the 4-foot is how old?"
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577 Mr. Adair: "2006."
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579 Ms. Kohlmann: "And, the 6-foot?"
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581 Mr. Adair: "Two years ago, 2011 or 12. But given the amount of repairs the 4-foot model's
582 gonna need for this season and the trade in value, it makes sense to replace it."
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584 Mayor Samples: "Fifty thousand, that's a \$50,000 item."
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586 Mr. Adair: "That's right."
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588 Ms. Kohlmann: "What has been our expenses to repair them? When you say we have to repair
589 them and that it'd be costly, what kind of repairs do we make to these rakes? Do you mean mechanism
590 wise, or what is it, because they're dragged behind the trucks, right?"
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592 Mr. Adair: "That's right. To this point this 2006 model hasn't incurred a lot of expenses, but it's
593 about to. The chain system is stretched and needs to be replaced. There's rust on it; it's not, not a hot
594 tipped galvanized model, so it has rust. It has dry rot on the hydraulic hoses. To be in service this whole
595 summer, it's gonna need several thousand dollars worth of repairs. So, to avoid that, I'd rather just trade
596 it in."
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598 Ms. Kohlmann: "And how often do we rake the beach, how many times a week?"
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600 Mr. Adair: "Three times a week, April through October, six months."
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602 Mayor Samples: "What is the expected life?"
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604 Mr. Adair: "About 10 years, probably on the galvanized model."
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606 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Adair, the 6-foot versus 4-foot, how [much] quicker can you finish using a 6-foot
607 rake versus the 4-foot rake?"
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609 Mr. Adair: "It takes a good hour off of the time it takes to rake the beach. In the morning,
610 Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, on season, one rake does the north side and one does the south
611 side of the pier, and they do as many passes as they need to do to rake the beach. So obviously, with a
612 6-foot wide rake it's gonna take less passes to complete the task. You know, as those people start
613 showing up on the beach there's less maneuvering around people. There's less asking people to move.
614 It's just a better situation for everybody, and it leaves a, what's nice about the 6-foot one is it has a nice
615 finishing attachment, which leaves a nice smooth look to the beach. It's nice to have a uniform look
616 throughout."
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618 Mr. Smith: "But it saves about an hour in manpower?"
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620 Mr. Adair: "Close to an hour per instance, yeah."
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622 Mayor Samples: "How many weeks a year do we rake?"
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624 Mr. Adair: "Six months, April till October, so that's 26 weeks at three times a week, that's a..."
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626 Mayor Samples: "Okay, okay, that's three hours times 26, yeah, 75 hours [sic.] What are the
627 druthers of council? Do you wish to discuss each item or do you want to look at the a-tax
628 recommendations?"
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630 Ms. Kohlmann: "I like a-tax recommendations and putting that truck money into the beach
631 renourishment, as well as the \$50,000."
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633 Mayor Samples: "I would agree with that."
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635 Mr. Johnson: "I do have a question about the Movies After Dark. If we take that \$9,000 away
636 from a-tax, where will it come from?"
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638 Mayor Samples: "It's part of the budget amendment that will be considered later on. We need a
639 motion to suspend rules for discussion."
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641 Mr. Johnson moved to suspend the rules to allow discussion. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in
642 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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644 Mr. Johnson: "So that will come out of the general fund?"
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646 Mayor Samples: "I have some questions about the, the fire rescue boat. What's the purpose for
647 this? Tell us what it is that was approved by the a-tax committee."
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649 Chief Cimini: "A water surface boat for being able to launch in the surf for water rescue. We
650 have no capabilities right now to do that."
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652 Mayor Samples: "Who does? Who's the nearest group who has that capability?"
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654 Chief Cimini: "It's gonna depend on the time of day. If it's during the day time, Beach Patrol
655 would be first in, and we would be bringing the equipment to the beach."
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657 Mayor Samples: "Okay, I'm sorry. What I meant was what other entity? Does Myrtle Beach
658 have this capability?"
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660 Ms. Kohlmann: "Municipality? What other?"

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662 Mayor Samples: "Yeah, what other municipality or the county?"
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664 Chief Cimini: "Myrtle Beach has one. North Myrtle Beach has one. Murrells Inlet-Garden City
665 has one."
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667 Mayor Samples: "Does the county?"
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669 Chief Cimini: "County has several, yes."
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671 Mayor Samples: "Do they?"
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673 Chief Cimini: "Yes, but they're spread out. We can't rely on the county. We realized that in July,
674 when we lost the young man in the surf."
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676 Mayor Samples: "That was after hours, right?"
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678 Chief Cimini: "Correct. We have no idea when we, you know, again when you (**) and wait, you
679 know, if we're asking for Horry County and Horry County's boat's in Little River, that's a two hour run by
680 water."
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682 Mayor Samples: "And I understand. It would be nice to respond to, to every crisis, okay. My
683 concern; I have several concerns about it, and what, what I'm, and I think council would benefit from
684 additional information in terms of the water rescue system manning; training, because we are a small
685 department, I mean, and I'm really concerned about the safety of our own personnel."
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687 Chief Cimini: That's one of the reasons we asked for the equipment. When we had the rescue in
688 July, we had personnel in the water using a Daisy chain. These people should've had the equipment.
689 They did not have the equipment. We are not prepared to handle water rescues, Mayor."
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691 Mayor Samples: "I noted that fire and rescue, the volunteers had some kind of a boat."
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693 Chief Cimini: "Yes, sir. But if you looked at it, it's not functional. It's got a tube that's blown in the
694 system and it's owned by them. The night of the call, they didn't even respond to the rescue, to the tone
695 out. It's council's decision. I'm giving you the information that we need equipment; we need it to make a
696 rescue that we couldn't make, because we didn't have the people to have the necessary equipment. We
697 have one jet ski that is in the police department is in not great condition. So we're asking for the boat and
698 the jet ski to be manned at the station, so that when they have a call, we can get there promptly with the
699 equipment and get it in the water to make a rescue. We don't know what time of the day and night;
700 people use the beach at all hours. This call happened to come in, it's almost eight o'clock at night or a
701 little after eight. There's no beach patrol; there's no lifeguards. It depends on us. We took the necessary
702 steps after that, Chief Keziah and I, to place 16 people through a training class, which is called a swift
703 water rescue class to get them certified in surf rescues. One of the tools that is used in the surf rescues
704 is what they call a surf boat. It has a hard bottom on it. It's a lightweight boat, and it has a jet drive
705 engine, so we don't have a propeller to be found in the water, just similar to the jet ski. That allows two
706 people to be out in the water, if we need a, if we find someone, we can bring 'em on board and start CPR
707 (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation). You can't do CPR on a jet ski. The jet skis are used to get, deploy
708 people to the water. The boat is deployed to bring people in so that we can start CPR on a person on the
709 back of a jet ski or on, on a floatation device in the ocean. You have to get them to land. That's valuable
710 time that we would lose in bringing that person back. That's really why we've asked for the equipment.
711 Fire Department has never asked for equipment. In the past the chief didn't believe that we should be in
712 water rescue. We're 24 hours a day 7 days a week. We're here and we're capable to respond to that
713 call. With the training that we've given our people and we will do ongoing training on a regular basis with
714 the equipment once it's received, I feel comfortable that we'll be prepared to be able to stand on our own
715 to make a rescue, if we need to. That is the whole object, but it's council's choice."

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Mayor Samples: "No, and we appreciate that, and how do I want to say, again, I would like council to understand the long term implications, because there must be some kind of manning requirements associated with it, because there's gotta be ongoing training. The worst thing you could do is put somebody out there who hasn't been properly trained, or, or their certification is expired, or something along those, those lines."

Chief Cimini: "How many do you have, Chief? How many people do you have?"

Chief Keziah: "Six."

Chief Cimini: "You have six."

Mayor Samples: "That's throughout the department."

Chief Cimini: "So we have a total between the fire department and the police department, we have about 20 people. Seven of those people are career, and the balance are volunteer, and like any of our calls, we're gonna rely on the people at are gonna come, and hopefully, with training and ongoing training, we will be prepared. It's no different than us fighting a fire. We teach our people to wear air packs to go into a burning building. It doesn't say that I'm gonna have all those people at a call. You know, but we have the equipment to make the necessary response, and that's how we rescue."

Mayor Samples: "What would the standard be when you responded to an event in the marine environment? How many people would have to respond?"

Chief Cimini: "Initially, we'd run two people to get the boat in the water, which we would have, because we have a 24 crew of two people. Once the tones go out, we, we average right now, we're averaging about 14 people to a call that would be able to assist. Again, it's not just the boat and trailer going down there. It's the other rescue equipment. It's the life jackets, the vests, cause it's not just a trailer and jet ski and boat that we've asked for. We've asked for life jackets, helmets, wetsuits and the things that are needed in the water rescue field. The night that we had the incident, we requested mutual aid from Myrtle Beach, from Murrells Inlet-Garden City, from Georgetown; no one was available to respond, because of the weather conditions. I can't rely on mutual aid. But, we'll do the best no matter what council gives us we'll do the best we can. I have a real heartburn with putting my people in the water not having the proper protective equipment or the equipment to be able to do a rescue. It'd be no different than if we didn't have the air packs to send someone into a burning building."

Mayor Samples: "And I do appreciate that, and we do a great job. There's no question about it. In my opinion, the professionalism has stepped up. Having said that, I'm surprised we didn't get any response to a mutual aid call, since we do our best to help, to help others."

Chief Cimini: "Conditions that evening did now allow for mutual aid. It wasn't that they didn't want to come. They couldn't get here in a timely fashion. The jet ski, our own jet ski, we couldn't launch our own jet ski. It got beat to death. If we had a boat, we would've been able to get out to in the edge. That's the reason we have a hard bottom surf boat. But, the companies that respond; would respond mutual aid were responding with jet skis. The closest boat is Little River, or the county could've trailered [sic] a boat to us, which would have taken an hour and a half to get here. Actually, the boat was deployed, but it never got here in time to make, to be useful. Rescue was completed by the time that boat would have arrived."

Mayor Samples: "So the nearest boat is in Little River?"

Chief Cimini: "Well, the nearest water based boat is in Little River. The county has several drivable trailered [sic] vehicles, but they are deployed to different areas, so you know, when we put a call into dispatch, we have no idea where they're at. Dispatch is gonna tone just like they would for any other

771 mutual aid call. We tell them we need, what we need and they're gonna tone and come back tell the
772 incident commander unable to respond. Unable to respond at that point, we have no idea, but later on
773 asking the questions Murrells Inlet said that they couldn't launch their boat. They couldn't get their boats
774 in the water, because it was too rough. Their jet skis, they don't have boats."

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776 Mayor Samples: "And in the unincorporated part of the county north of us, where, where..."

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778 Chief Cimini: "North Myrtle Beach is the only that has a water rescue unit that has a (**) boat."

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780 Mayor Samples: "I'm thinking more of the campgrounds. Who would respond there?"

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782 Chief Cimini: "It would be, a, I mean mutual aid call. They might, if we had a boat they would call
783 us. The county would be deploying boats. We, we have started after this incident we actually have
784 started a Coastal Marine Rescue Task Force. What we're trying to do is have a system up and down the
785 beach where we would be able to help each other. The closest two units would respond. Again, it's not
786 that putting one person in the water or one boat in the water, it's about getting a group. If a person goes
787 under there's a lot of things that we have to take into account: (**), how far, how far the wind is pushing
788 someone down, how far they went in, where they went in, there's a lot of options and the incident
789 commander has to look at when he's making a call for mutual aid."

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791 Ms. Kohlmann: "I think that the package that you presented was very well presented, even with
792 pictures, diagrams. I called up, up and down the coast to different police and fire units, and I was
793 surprised that we didn't have this already. I have seen since I've lived here our police officers go into that
794 ocean to save people. I've seen them save people. I have watched visitors go out there to bring people
795 in. When we first moved here, my son went out to get an intoxicated person in there, and I had a fit,
796 because there's a teenager going out to save a intox [sic] person. We all know you don't just go up there.
797 You'll get pulled under. But it happens, and I think it happens a lot more than the people of this town
798 know it happens, and I have a problem with putting our first responders in danger, and we all have to
799 realize that if something like this somebody's life, you can't put a price on a life. You really can't, and it
800 could be anyone of your kids or grandchildren or somebody visiting any of us. I have no problem
801 whatsoever in giving this to our first responders. None at all, because we, we should have had this, as I
802 spoke to you after that child, the incident in July, which I was down on the beach. I was blown away that
803 we didn't even have search lights at that time, and we spoke about that. I spoke with some of the
804 people."

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806 Chief Cimini: "We do now."

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808 Ms. Kohlmann: "I know you do now, but it just blew my mind. We live in a beach community,
809 because people do go in that water at night. Whether they should or not is irrelevant. We all know
810 people do what they want to do. So, I'm gonna cut this short cause we always have too long a meetings,
811 and I support you a hundred percent on this."

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813 Chief Cimini: "Thank you, ma'am."

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815 Mr. Stevens: "I would concur with Councilman [sic] Kohlmann. Life saved would make the
816 biggest difference in the world for the parents and the loved ones that had that person. I, I served as a
817 lifeguard and I know that if you get out in the waves, time is of the essence. The closer we are to get to
818 you, to that person on the beach the better off we are. So, I, I, I support this one hundred percent, and I
819 think the accommodations committee made a good recommendation."

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821 Ms. Mabry: "Yes, I'm gonna support the rescue equipment. I want to make sure that everybody
822 understands. A-tax money is money that comes from visitors staying on our beach. They put their heads
823 in hotels and these beach houses. They deserve their money to be spent in a wise way. I understand
824 that, but nothing is gonna be more important than the safety of our visitors, our citizens; there's just
825 nothing that's gonna trump that. So, I'm gonna one hundred percent, I want you to have all the

826 equipment that you need to do the job. I would have a proviso that everyone remains trained. That is a
827 big concern for me that if you're gonna have the equipment that you have trained personnel to operate it."

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829 Chief Cimini: "Yes, ma'am, and I agree with you."
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831 Mr. Smith: "I support the fire water rescue equipment, also, and I'd like to ask you a question
832 about training. Is there an additional cost for this training?"
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834 Chief Cimini: "No, sir. It's already included in our training budget. We have an agreement with
835 the county, Horry County Fire Rescue, and the South Carolina Fire Academy. Our personnel will be
836 trained and we will have ongoing; we'll have what they call in-service training, which we will make sure
837 that all water rescue trained personnel will maintain and keep up just like we do our fire certifications."
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839 Mr. Smith: "Okay. Thank you."
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841 Mr. Johnson: "I do concur. I think you can't put a price on, on a person's life. We are a, a beach
842 side or sea side town. My only question is for, for clarification, does this include the 4-wheel drive beach
843 F150 truck? The equipment?"
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845 Chief Cimini: "No, this is just the equipment, the trailer, and the jet ski and the a, boat and the life
846 saving equipment for our personnel."
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848 Mayor Samples: "How long will the boat last?"
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850 Chief Cimini: "Mayor, I, I really and honestly, I don't see why it wouldn't last us 10, 15 years. I
851 mean, it's gonna be kept in the fire station, and being maintained. I don't know if there's a life longevity,
852 short of it going out being destroyed in a surf accident or something when we're doing a rescue, I don't, I
853 don't really see it not lasting. We have a great maintenance division in town and I'm sure that they will
854 assist us in taking care of the engine. The boat itself is like any other boat. If you care for it, it's gonna
855 last us a while."
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857 Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor, I make a motion we come back under regular rules."
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859 Ms. Mabry: "Second."
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861 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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863 Ms. Kohlmann: "I make a motion to approve the accommodations tax committee and staff
864 recommendations as presented."
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866 Mayor Samples: "I don't think they are one and the same."
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868 Ms. Kohlmann: "Well, the accommodations tax committee's as presented."
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870 Mayor Samples: "The a-tax committee recommendations as presented, including?"
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872 Ms. Kohlmann: "All of them."
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874 Mayor Samples: "All of them. There's a motion on the floor. I need a second."
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876 Mr. Stevens: "Need information first."
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878 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion on the floor, I need a second."
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880 Mr. Stevens: "Second, second.:"

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882 Mayor Samples: "There is a second, Mr. Stevens. Now we're in discussion. Do you have a
883 question, Mr. Stevens?"
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885 Mr. Stevens: "Okay, alright, let me see if I understand it. We're, we're, you approved the
886 resolution as written?"
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888 Ms. Kohlmann: "Correct."
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890 Mr. Stevens: "Okay, alright, that's all I have."
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892 Mayor Samples: "Okay, any other discussion?"
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894 Mr. Smith: "I'd just like to ask the finance person in the a-tax recommendation it says all excess
895 funds to be designated for beach renourishment, so that additional \$9,000 that we're putting back into a-
896 tax will go to beach renourishment?"
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898 Mayor Samples: "No we're taking it out."
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900 Mr. Smith: "We're putting it back."
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902 Ms. Kohlmann: "No, we're taking it out."
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904 Mayor Samples: "Well, we're creating; Mr. Smith is right."
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906 Mr. Smith: "We're putting \$9,000 back."
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908 Mayor Samples: "But, we're taking out the movies out of a-tax, which results in \$9,000, right."
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910 Ms. King: "If you do the a-tax's recommendations, the \$43,500 for the boat; \$50,000 for beach
911 renourishment; \$8,500 for the gators, that's \$125,000. We have \$152,000."
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913 Mayor Samples: "Well, they also said in their resolution all other excess funds to be designated
914 for beach renourishment. (**multiple speakers at once) In their recommendation, and that is the motion
915 that was made."
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917 Ms. Kohlmann: "Correct, they wanted the \$23,000 that was going for the F150 [truck] to go to
918 beach renourishment, in addition to the \$50,000. So as written would be what the a-tax committee at
919 their meeting suggested. That's my motion."
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921 Mr. Smith: "Therefore, of that \$142,000 plus the \$9,000 that needs to be spent, there would be
922 no money left over, if we approve this."
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924 Ms. King: "If everything is spent according to budget, yes."
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926 Mayor Samples: "Right, and whatever is excess, whatever the actual excess is, we'll roll into
927 beach renourishment. Okay, everybody good with the motion? Understands it? Any other comments?"
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929 Ms. Mabry: "I really would like to see that rake put in there, and the reason I wanted to talk about
930 staff's recommendation was we're gonna have to buy one sooner or later. I'd rather buy it sooner than
931 later. We're gonna purchase it and this time we'll have it for this season and we'll get something out of
932 the one we have now. If we keep hanging on to it, then it's gonna be worth nothing. So, I mean, and
933 remember who's buying it, please. We need to keep our beaches just as clean and neat and pristine as
934 they can be. It's a piece of equipment we're gonna buy. Now, we're gonna buy it now or we're gonna
935 buy it later, but we are gonna buy it."

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Mayor Samples: "Any other comments? I have a comment, it, it, you know, it is perfectly acceptable to make a motion to amend, okay, and I want to remind everybody of that. You know, I mean when people feel strongly about something, if, if you want to make a motion to amend, okay, but you're gonna need a second, and then we're gonna have a vote on that, and it's gonna pass or fail, and then we'll go back to the primary motion. Right now, we have a primary motion. Any other comments?"

Mr. Stevens: "May I ask a question? If we were, Ms. Mabry mentioned a rake, if we, if we were to get that rake, does that mean we would take away our \$50,000 for beach renourishment?"

Ms. King: "No. We would still do the gators. We'd still do the beach rescue. We'd do only \$50,000 to beach renourishment, and \$50,000 for the rake. But if there is anything extra when this year is over we will use whatever (**multiple speakers at once.)"

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor, may I? My motion is based strictly on what a-tax said, and those numbers don't have the same numbers."

Ms. King: "That's correct. There are three scenarios here."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay, my motion stands."

Mr. Smith: "I'd like to make an amendment. I move that we add the beach cleaning rake to this at \$50,000, and use some of the money that was to be set aside for beach renourishment for the, for that expense, still leaving the \$50,000 recommended by the a-tax committee for beach renourishment."

Ms. Mabry: "Second."

Ms. Dodge: "I will second it."

Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Johnson, Kohlmann Dodge (correction requested by Ms. Kohlmann; scrivener's error, D. Herrmann) Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples and Councilmember Kohlmann voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. King: "Okay, can I summarize, please? We're gonna do the \$8,500 for the gators; the \$43,500 for the rescue equipment; \$50,000 for beach renourishment; \$50,000 for the beach cleaning rake. Anything extra after the end of the year, we will put into beach renourishment. Correct?"

Mayor Samples: "Yes, and you're also gonna go back to a-tax and you're gonna make clear to them that the grant requests, which some were approved, they're having a meeting on 14-15, correct?"

Ms. King: "That'll, those'll [sic] be in 14-15 year."

Mayor Samples: "Okay, and you're gonna help them understand that they really didn't need to consider that, apparently."

Ms. King: "Well, we were gonna do it both things at once, but it just didn't work out that way."

Mayor Samples: "Well, whatever, you'll be, staff will be there to explain it to 'em."

Ms. King: "We will. Thank you."

Mr. Smith: "We need to, we had an amendment, we need to (**)."

Mayor Samples: "Okay, thank you. Primary motion."

991 Ms. Kohlmann: "I'm confused."
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993 Mayor Samples: "We have, we have amended the primary motion to add the \$50,000 to
994 purchase the beach rake, and we want to know how much money we get on the trade in. Any other
995 discussion on the primary motion, which is Ms. Kohlmann's as amended?"
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997 Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Smith and
998 Stevens voted in favor. Ms. Kohlmann voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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1000 **C. First Readings of Ordinances**
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1002 **i. #14-0772 to amend §§9-7, et seq. re: Parking, Administrator Fellner.** *(This portion*
1003 *verbatim due to complexity of the parking issues.)*
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1005 Ms. Fellner: "Well, this can be a little confusing, because there are different motions in this.
1006 These are the recommendations resulting from the Town Council workshop on parking, which held
1007 February 18th, and this is to provide Town Council with information they requested in an effort to codify
1008 parking recommendations regarding permit only restricted parking, to establish parking fees for the 2014
1009 parking season, and codify merchant and patron discount rate validation information. Mr. Mayor, this is
1010 pretty lengthy. I'm not sure what you would like for me to go over..."
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1012 Mayor Samples: "What I think is, why don't you take it in the order of your decision paper, and
1013 why don't we just vote the options up or down until we get to the end."
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1015 Ms. Fellner: "Okay, number 1 is to restrict parking in specified areas to permitted vehicles only.
1016 Presented are two options for restricting parking on Dogwood Drive. If both options fail, then there will no
1017 restrictions on parking on Dogwood Drive.
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1019 Option A – the first option for a motion to restrict parking in subscribed areas by permit
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1021 **Motion #1:** To restrict parking to vehicles identified with a town permit on Dogwood Drive from
1022 Melody Lane to 17th Avenue North and on all side streets between Dogwood Drive and Ocean Boulevard
1023 and on Yaupon Drive from 3rd Avenue South to 3rd Avenue North. Parking shall be allowed by all
1024 vehicles on Dogwood Drive at the following areas of exception; the three areas that council had wanted
1025 listed in there were:
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- 1027 • On the west side of Dogwood Drive between 6th Avenue South and 7th Avenue South, which is
1028 Martin Park
- 1029 • On the west side of Dogwood Drive between 3rd Avenue South and Lake Court and that's the
1030 Floral Lake Deck
- 1031 • On the west side of Dogwood Drive between 10th Avenue North and 12th Avenue North and
1032 that's the Dogwood Lake Deck
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1034 To accomplish this purpose the town shall purchase 163 signs at a cost not to exceed \$7,500.
1035 That's the first option for a motion. The second option for a motion..."
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1037 Mayor Samples: "Let's stop right there, let's stop right there. Does someone want to make a
1038 motion to support that option?"
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1040 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion to adopt Motion 1 as written."
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1042 Ms. Dodge: "I would second that."
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1044 Mr. Smith: "I'd like to make an amendment. I move that the restricted parking signs, 163 signs,
1045 will have the words "No parking except with permit," in addition to the other words and markings required."

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1047 Mr. Stevens: "Second."

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1049 Ms. Dodge: "Second."

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1051 Mr. Smith: "The sign that's currently being proposed say parking by permit only and I feel that
1052 when you see the word parking, psychologically you think you can park there. I think it's important that
1053 these signs say *No Parking (speaker's emphasis)*, except with a permit. To imply first off that there is no
1054 parking and then the second little phrase would be, if you have a permit, it's okay. If we say parking by
1055 permit, most people will just ignore the permit park and see the word parking, and that's why I'm
1056 proposing this amendment."

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1058 Mr. Johnson: "I do have a question, and then probably a comment. I received an email this
1059 afternoon around four o'clock and I just wanted to find out if this amendment was part of that email."

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1061 Mr. Smith: "Yes, it was. It was the item number one."

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1063 Mr. Johnson: "We are under discussion, so I, I will make my voice known. I think it's really
1064 disrespectful for somebody to send out an email just prior to four o'clock on a Town Council evening with
1065 proposed amendments. It's not only disrespectful to the fellow councilmembers, but the town residents,
1066 as well, and so, I, I cannot support this."

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1068 Ms. Mabry: "I don't think anybody in the room has any doubt about how I feel about the
1069 residential area, and how I feel about R-3. R-3 is precious to us, whether you believe it or not. They pay
1070 all your bills, except about \$340,000 a year, along with the businesses, and they are a business. I don't
1071 see that this is going to help them. I don't think it's gonna help the town. I think paying for meters and
1072 signs is [sic] about the worst thing we can do. To throw \$30,000 at signage that say you're not welcome
1073 to me is just absolutely unbelievable that we would even think about it, so absolutely I won't be supporting
1074 any part of this."

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1076 Ms. Kohlmann: "Parking'll [sic] make you lose your mind. We all agree on that. I have a rule
1077 where I don't like to get anything on the day of the meeting, and we did get this last minute, and I have
1078 struggled with it since four o'clock. But, y'all know I live in that R-3 area, and with that struggle came
1079 even my own children saying where are my friends gonna park at my house, and it is a difficult situation.
1080 It is. However, we do have a problem with the side streets, and if you look at what having parking by
1081 permit only does not hurt the residents. It doesn't, because if you come to my house in the summer, it's
1082 not people that live in town that are parking on our lawns, and I know that we live in the resi [sic.] in that,
1083 in that area in the rental zone, but like Ms. Maruca said, you want a car on your lawn? You don't.
1084 Nobody does. But, if you do it this way, they're not gonna be on your lawn, it's protecting. You drive the
1085 length of Dogwood there's very places that the residents don't have enough parking. There, it's a
1086 different area. It's a bigger area so people that wanna go to the beach; this is to protect the people that
1087 live on Dogwood, because the people that come from all the developments around us, they want to park
1088 and walk to the beach from Dogwood. If you live there, you can park there. You have a sticker, but
1089 you're not gonna have to, because you have plenty of parking anyway. It's to prevent those people from
1090 parking there. It's to have them help us support our beach, to give their dollar to the beach, and I know, I
1091 know my neighbors aren't gonna agree with me, and my kids aren't gonna agree with me, and I don't like
1092 the idea of not having the capability of using that, but I have to work around that, too, and I'll have to put
1093 my cars out at the meter and let people park under my house when I have to. I think that I don't like any
1094 of it, but like I said, we have this issue, and everybody always runs away from the issue, and I don't know.
1095 There has to be some more solutions to this, there has to be more solutions to help in the real estate
1096 companies, to help in the rental houses, but I don't know what we need to do to get it together and not
1097 make it into what it doesn't have to be. We have to understand this town's growing. It's growing. Around
1098 us is growing more than we're growing. So, I don't know the answer. I really don't know the answer, but
1099 doing nothing is not an answer."

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Regular Town Council Meeting
February 25, 2014

1101 Mr. Stevens: "Ms. Fellner, could you explain to the audience and to the council who qualifies for
1102 a permit in this town?"
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1104 Ms. Fellner: "Well, if you're a resident here, you qualify for a permit for every vehicle that you
1105 own. A property, property owners who are not residents qualify for one sticker and then they can
1106 purchase others for an additional \$40 per sticker. That's it. That's who qualifies. And, and town
1107 employees, as well."
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1109 Mr. Stevens: "Okay, so this permit is not a permit for people in Socastee, in Forestbrook, in
1110 Deerfield, or any place like that? It's only for town residents, so it only benefits the town residents, is that
1111 correct?"
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1113 Ms. Fellner: "Well, and as I said the, the non residential property owners as well."
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1115 Mr. Stevens: "How does it benefit them?"
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1117 Ms. Fellner: "Well, because they would get one sticker and be able to purchase additional for
1118 \$40, so they could potentially benefit from it as well, because they could have a permit."
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1120 Mr. Stevens: "And how does it benefit the town residents?"
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1122 Ms. Feller: "Well, because they can park there. They have that sticker."
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1124 Mr. Stevens: "So, in the event that our parking meters are filled up from one end to the other,
1125 then town residents can go within the R-3 area from Dogwood to Ocean Boulevard and they can park. Is
1126 that correct?"
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1128 Ms. Fellner: "That's correct, under this scenario, yes, sir."
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1130 Mr. Stevens: "One, one other question. Councilman [sic] Mabry mentioned \$30,000. Where did
1131 that come from?"
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1133 Ms. Fellner: "That is not the cost for the signage that was included. The signage for the, or what
1134 the parking committee recommended, the 163 signs, is \$7,364.64, and well, we haven't gotten to the
1135 other motion, yet, so I won't confuse the issue."
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1137 Ms. Mabry: "Can I answer that, please. The figures came from purchasing 30 more meters to
1138 replace the loaner meters, in addition to buying the signs, and that's where that money came in. So, in
1139 other words, we're gonna end up spending a ton of money."
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1141 Ms. Kohlmann: "How many of those stickers did we give out to second homeowners, not
1142 residents, but second homeowners? It wasn't a significant amount, right? I remember it was a smaller
1143 number. It was larger than last year, but it was not a significant number."
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1145 Ms. Fellner: "And, I don't want to misspeak. I don't have that number."
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1147 Ms. Kohlmann: "But, it's not a huge number."
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1149 Ms. Fellner: "No, it isn't, but people are, word is getting around and now they're starting to...it'll
1150 be bigger each year."
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1152 Ms. Kohlmann: "Like the growth in the area. Okay, and, one other point that I'd just like to make
1153 is that people are parking there now without paying anything. They are parking there now on the side
1154 streets and on Dogwood, they're parking there now."
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Regular Town Council Meeting
February 25, 2014

1156 Mr. Stevens: "One thing I want to point out, number one is this, you know, this is for the
1157 residents. Number two, I believe we just spent \$43,000 for rescue equipment. We spent \$50,000 for
1158 rakes, \$8,500 for beach vehicles, and I realize that came from accommodations tax, but the fact is we are
1159 paying to keep our beaches safe for the people of the surrounding areas. That's, that's just the way it is,
1160 and when they come here, they get that benefit. I mean that's, that's a plain fact. I don't see anything
1161 wrong with us investing to keep our beaches clean, which we just now did, to provide police, fire, and
1162 what else do we have, a, what other services do we have on the beach? What other services do we
1163 have?"

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1165 Mayor Samples: "You mean legal services? Go ahead, okay. Trying to lighten it up a bit, okay?"
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1167 Mr. Stevens: "(**multiple speaking at once) ...we provide bathrooms, showers. We provide
1168 beach accesses where they can go down there. We provide basically a safe beach for them. Right? So,
1169 anybody that visits this town, you know, I used to live out in the country before I lived in Surfside, and I
1170 used to come down here, and if it would've cost me to pay to come and visit the beach, I would've been
1171 glad to. Now, I moved in Surfside Beach, but, the fact is it benefits everybody that comes to our beach
1172 that we have all these things here available for 'em."
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1174 Mr. Smith: "I'd like to make one comment. Council people have the privilege of amending
1175 motions. You don't have to tell anybody ahead of time what you're gonna do. You can just make an
1176 amendment. I thought it was a courtesy to let the other councilmembers understand what I was gonna
1177 propose, and that's why I sent the email out. The amendments are simple, until you read 'em, and then
1178 they appear complicated. I felt like I needed to inform the councilmembers; give 'em at least a heads up,
1179 so when I read a complicated amendment, they can read it right in front of them. So, it was a courtesy to
1180 send them that information. Now, Mr. Mayor, could we have a vote on the amendment?"
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1182 Mayor Samples: "Well, well I would like to make a comment. There is, there is no, how far do we
1183 go with restricting parking? Like it or not, there're gonna be people that come in. They're gonna see
1184 signs saying parking by permit only, and say well those signs end at Dogwood; because, you're right,
1185 Dogwood's one street up. So tell your kids not to worry, they're young. I, too, grew up near a beach that
1186 had parking meters, and we didn't pay. We parked, we walked. All we're doing is we're gonna push this
1187 parking further back. This was the, a concern that I had when we started down this road. These other
1188 people that you're talking about, they live in our community, many of 'em. They don't live in the Town of
1189 Surfside Beach. I'm not gonna support it, but I'm one vote, and that's all I have to say."
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1191 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, could we have a vote on the amendment, which is the wording on the
1192 signs?"
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1194 Mayor Samples asked the clerk to read the amendment. Ms. Herrmann read "The signs will
1195 include these words, "No parking except with permit," in addition to other words and markings."
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1197 Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor
1198 Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**
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1200 Mayor Samples: "We're back to the primary motion."
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1202 Mr. Smith: "I'd like to make another amendment. This is number 2 on the email that you don't
1203 want to look at. I move that a vehicle without a permit is exempt from the parking by permit restriction, if
1204 the vehicle is associated with the property owner or person renting the property and the vehicle is legally
1205 parked within fifty feet of the property or rental property. If ticketed, the ticket may be appealed to show
1206 the association between the vehicle and property."
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1208 Ms. Dodge: "Could he read that again, please?"
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1210 Mr. Smith: "This is one of the complicated ones. I move that a vehicle without a permit is
1211 exempt from the parking by a permit restriction, if the vehicle is associated with the property owner or
1212 person renting the property and the vehicle is legally parked within fifty feet of the property or rental
1213 property. If ticketed, the ticket may be appealed to show the association between the vehicle and
1214 property."
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1216 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor, just a *point of information*, I've got the thing that Debra put on the; it
1217 says ten feet, not fifty feet."
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1219 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, I changed it when I read it."
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1221 Mayor Samples: "There is a motion to amend. Is there a second? Hearing none, it dies."
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1223 **MOTION TO AMEND FAILED DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.**
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1225 Mayor Samples: "Do you have additional amendments?"
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1227 Mr. Smith: "I do. Number 3, I'm not gonna do. We're gonna go to number 4. I move that the
1228 property owners in the restricted parking area will be notified and restricted parking enforcement begin
1229 May 15, 2014."
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1231 Mr. Stevens: "Second."
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1233 Mayor Samples: "Is there any discussion? Is there any reason why we're waiting until May 15th?
1234 I mean, how did you come up with that?"
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1236 Mr. Smith: "Mr. Mayor, it'll take about six weeks to get the signs, and then they need to be put
1237 into position, and I discussed it with the administrator and we thought that May 15th was an appropriate
1238 time to start it."
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1240 Mayor Samples: "At what point will we notify the people in the district? What is; your
1241 enforcement is gonna begin May 15th. When do you recommend that we notify people in the district,
1242 property owners?"
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1244 Mr. Smith: "As soon as the administrator can do it."
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1246 Mayor Samples: "Ms. Fellner, when might that be?"
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1248 Ms. Fellner: "As soon as council makes that decision, we can go out with those letters. It's not a,
1249 it's not a problem, and the reason it's gonna take till May 15th is because if we do the 163 signs, it's over
1250 \$5,000 and we have to bid it. So, that's why it's gonna take a six to eight week window."
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1252 Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor
1253 Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**
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1255 Ms. Mabry: "I'd like to amend 14-0772 to say remove all meters along the east side of Ocean
1256 Boulevard to avoid the overuse of no parking signs, plant comprehensive landscaping, with benches and
1257 bike parking; take the 40 meters that are removed from Ocean Boulevard and replace those that had
1258 been loaned to the town, and I believe that's about 30, take the remainder and place along side streets in
1259 front busy crossovers, and that should be ten, that are, have one family beach day and close all meters
1260 for that day. That day would happen before school would starts."
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1262 Mayor Samples: "That's a long motion."
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1264 Ms. Mabry: "I know, and that's it. We'll go with that one; that's enough."

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1266 Mayor Samples: "You want to..."

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1268 Ms. Mabry: "You want me to read it again?"

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1270 Mayor Samples: "Yeah, just for clarification so people know what we're voting on."

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1272 Ms. Mabry: "Okay; alright. Remove all meters along the east side of Ocean Boulevard; take the
1273 40 meters that are on the east side of the boulevard, replace 30 with the town look, loaners, take the
1274 other ten and replace in front of busy beach access crossovers."

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1276 Mayor Samples: "There's a motion on the floor. Is there a second? The motion dies due to a
1277 lack of a second."

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1279 **MOTION TO AMEND FAILED DUE TO LACK OF SECOND.**

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1281 Mayor Samples: "Are there any other amendments that need to be considered before we get
1282 back to the primary motion? Any other discussion of the primary motion?"

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1284 Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples, Mayor
1285 Pro Tempore Mabry, and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.**

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1287 Mayor Samples: "We are moving along. We are now at the number 2 option. I thought we were
1288 done with parking. Are we still on parking?"

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1290 (**multiple speakers)

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1292 Ms. Fellner: "Number 2, the increase for the parking fee. Currently the parking fee is set at \$1.00
1293 per hour for all pay stations and parking meters. Presented are two options for increasing the parking
1294 fee. If both options fail, then the parking fee will remain at \$1.00 per hour. The first option for a motion to
1295 increase the parking fee is:

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1297 **Motion #1:** To increase the parking fee to \$1.25 per hour for all pay stations and parking meters
1298 and to offer all day parking for \$8.00 per day expiring at 7:00 p.m.

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1300 The second option for a motion to increase the parking fee is:

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1302 **Motion #2:** To increase the parking fee to \$1.50 per hour for all pay stations and parking meters
1303 and to offer all day parking for \$8.00 per day expiring at 7:00 p.m."

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1305 Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor, I'd like to make a motion to adopt number 1, Motion #1, as read."

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1307 Mayor Samples: "Which is the \$1.25?"

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1309 Ms. Dodge: "Second."

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1311 Mr. Stevens: "Yes, and the all day parking at \$8.00 dollars per day."

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1313 Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor, this is the staff recommendation, correct, Micki, to keep us in line
1314 with surrounding areas?"

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1316 Ms. Fellner: "Yes, it is. Yes, ma'am. The \$1.50 is the parking committee recommendation."

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1318 Ms. Kohlmann: "Okay, and the amount of that, that increase of, of less than a soda a day would
1319 benefit us in, what's the number, \$44,000?"

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Ms. Fellner: "Approximately, I don't have those numbers in front of me. I'm sorry."

Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor, I have a question. How would the all-day parking work? Will they be able to go to a station and purchase this and park on Ocean Boulevard?"

Ms. Fellner: "I talked with Lanier about this. We're actually going to program a button so that we don't have overuse of, you know, everybody is calling Lanier all the time to get this or that. So, it would actually be something on the pay station that they could put in and get it, and meters, as well. It would be a choice that they would have."

Ms. Kohlmann: "Mr. Mayor, I just went back and found those numbers. For an increase of 25 cents it would be \$44,055.50 in revenue. For 50 cents, which is the parking committee's, it would be revenue of \$88,111. I just wanted to [let] everyone to know the numbers."

Ms. Fellner: "Yes, ma'am."

Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples and Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Fellner: "Which carried?"

Mayor Samples: "The \$1.25, that was the motion."

Ms. Fellner: [Number 3] "We have the Merchant and Patron Validation Information, which basically Surfside Beach offers daily and weekly rates to merchant customers and beach patrons at the reduced rate of \$8.00 per day and \$40.00 per week. All pay stations are equipped to offer these rates and accept credit cards, cash, and coin (exact change only.) Merchants may also be issued validation codes and passes, which must be obtained by directly contacting the town's parking management company. Merchants should contact Town Hall (843-913-6111) to obtain the correct contact information. A three day notice will be needed for programming and code issuance, and that would be specifically the merchant validation part of it."

Mr. Stevens: "Mr. Mayor, I move that we adopt number 3 as written."

Mr. Smith: "Second."

Mayor Samples: "Other than folks calling in, how are we gonna market this? How are we gonna make people aware of this?"

Ms. Fellner: "Well, the Lanier ambassadors, they, what we did this past summer was we had a sheet with everything, all the information written out on it, which they handed out, because we had already finished our parking brochure. This year we'll put it in our parking brochure, and it'll be disseminated. It'll also be, we should have it at the library. We should have it in rental; give it to the rental companies."

Mayor Samples: "Will it, will it harm, will it harm our primary business, if we put it on our website?"

Ms. Fellner: "No, of course it would be on our website."

Mayor Samples: "So, it will be on the website?"

Ms. Fellner: "Yes, sir."

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1375 Mayor Samples: "And for an individual patron, the three days that, that applies to the merchant?"

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1377 Ms. Fellner: "That applies to the merchant validation code."

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1379 Mayor Samples: "But the three days doesn't apply to the individual patron?"

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1381 Ms. Fellner: "No, but they could get an \$8.00 a day pass or a \$40.00 per week pass. That would
1382 apply to them. Yes, sir."

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1384 Mayor Samples: "Okay, that'll be something that'll be on the website."

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1386 Ms. Kohlmann: "May I make a suggestion? You know every beginning of the season before the
1387 season starts we all, you send out the business license applications that you have to fill out? When you
1388 send those out, cause all the rental houses have to get them whether they're with a real estate or whether
1389 they're doing it VRBO [*vacation rentals by owner,*] or whatever way. I've always gotten just that business
1390 license. I think it's an opportunity for us as a town to utilize that mailing to get the (**two speaking at
1391 once.)

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1393 Ms. Fellner: "I think that's an excellent idea."

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1395 Ms. Kohlmann: "Anything and everything you want these people to have, you want them to have
1396 a magnet that says shut off your lights, because of the sea turtles, or you know, our rules of the beach,
1397 golf cart rules, no firework rules, and in addition to that there's parking, because that's was, has been a
1398 concern of yours, as well, that people don't know about it, and if people don't know about it, if people
1399 don't know about it, it leaves a really bad taste in their mouth, and they can't utilize that merchant
1400 validation program, if they're not aware of it. So, I think that's a great tool for us to use for anything we
1401 want to tell 'em about parking."

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1403 Mayor Samples: "I agree with you a hundred percent. So we'll plan that for next, next year."

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1405 Ms. Fellner: "We'll, we'll do it. We'll do it this year."

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1407 Ms. Kohlmann: "This year (**multiple speaking at once.)"

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1409 Ms. Fellner: "We're, we're working on the parking thing right now."

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1411 Mayor Samples: "Your package? Excellent, very good."

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1413 Mr. Smith: "Ms. Fellner, do we need to have a motion that says we're gonna adopt first reading of
1414 this ordinance 14-0772, cause what we've talked about is what we want populate that ordinance with?
1415 Don't we need a motion to adopt first reading."

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1417 Ms. Fellner: "Yes, we do."

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1419 Mr. Smith: "I move that we adopt first reading of 14-0772."

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1421 Mr. Stevens: "Second."

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1423 Ms. Kohlmann: "Did we have to do anything on that number 3 for the business...did we vote on
1424 that one?"

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1426 Mayor Samples: "I think you were asking a question after the vote. Am I right or wrong, Ms.
1427 Herrmann? We need to vote. All in favor of the motion as presented?"

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1429 Mayor Samples: "The motion carries."

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1431 Mr. Stevens: "That was, that was for this."

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1433 Ms. Kohlmann: "We just did two motions at the same time, I think."

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1435 Mayor Samples: "Now we're gonna adopt the primary motion, if you will. Any further discussion
1436 of the primary motion?"

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1438 Councilmembers Dodge, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Samples and
1439 Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1441 **ii. #14-0773 to amend 2013-2014 Municipal Budget Expenditures, Director King.**

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1443 Ms. King presented the ordinance for first reading citing amendments to the 2013-2014 Municipal
1444 Budget. Changes were positive, because revenue was also adjusted, which was never done in the past.
1445 The town received more revenue than budgeted in the general fund, sanitation fund and pier fund. The
1446 accommodations fund ended 2012-2013 with a surplus that was not anticipated and those amounts will
1447 be included in the ordinance for second reading based upon Town Council's adopted motions in Business
1448 Item 7.B. during this meeting. Excess funds must be spent prior to June 30th. The net changes to the
1449 Fiscal Year 2013-2014 budget are:

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1451 GENERAL FUND	\$ 64,103 - increase fund balance
1452 HOSPITALITY FUND	\$ 4,460 - increase expenditures
1453 PIER FUND	\$ 2,460 - increase fund balance
1454 SANITATION FUND	\$107,175 - increase fund balance
1455 ACCOMMODATIONS FUND	-To Be Determined, See Business Item 7.B.

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1457 Ms. King said the 2013-2014 Municipal Budget need to be amended to reflect Town Council's approval
1458 for expenditures made during the fiscal year. Some adjustments are the result of budget corrections, and
1459 others are due to unexpected expenditures. Town Council is required to approve all appropriations, i.e.
1460 expenditures. Known adjustments to revenue and transfers are also included for consideration. Ms. King
1461 explained the major expenditure changes for each fund:

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1463 **The General Fund**, major changes totaling \$165,730

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- 1465 • insurance premium increases for workers compensation, tort, vehicle, medical and
1466 unemployment compensation coverage totaling \$66,575.
 - 1467 • error in the budget presented in June 2014. Expenditures: \$24,300 (beach cleaning and raking
1468 reimbursed by A-Tax were not reflected as expenditures in General Fund, however the revenue/transfer
1469 was reflected in the budget)
 - 1470 • Movies After Dark - expenditure \$9,000 is more appropriately a general fund event due to the
1471 lack of tourist attendance,
 - 1472 • Professional fees for bond hearings and trial prosecutor totaling \$20,000.
 - 1473 • Building and Zoning funds appropriated for professional services, \$25,000, which is a positive,
1474 because the work was now being performed in house.
 - 1475 • Capital expenditures and transfers are being amended to reflect approved amendments since
1476 the budget was adopted:

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- 1478 • the purchase of a truck \$18,225
 - 1479 • parking meters \$ 21,500
 - 1480 • signs \$ 8,920 (that amount may have been amended)
 - 1481 • \$2,925 not used for the Huckabee fence removed from the budget
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1483 **Revenues:** Revenue not budgeted in General Fund for 2013-2014 totals \$ 229,833. Most of this
1484 is reimbursement for the underground utilities project completed last year. In addition the town has

1485 received payments for insurance claims, grants for overtime and safety vests in the police department.
1486 The town has sold unused assets and collected donations for specific projects. In total the General Fund
1487 budget revenues are expected to increase \$229,833 and expenditures to increase \$165,730 for a net
1488 change of \$ \$64,103 added to fund balance.

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1490 **Hospitality Fund:** The change in Hospitality Fund is due to the additional cost of the paving at
1491 the Pier. An additional \$4,460 should be transferred to completely reimburse the Pier Fund for the
1492 paving.

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1494 **Pier Fund:** The change in this fund is due to the additional cost of the paving at the Pier. In
1495 addition Town Council approval is requested for the cost of capital items in the enterprise fund. The
1496 additional capital items total \$30,962 for the roof and the paving. It is expected that the depreciation
1497 expense will increase \$2,000 due to these changes.

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1499 **Sanitation Fund:** Expenditures are expected to exceed budget due to the increase in insurance
1500 premiums noted in general fund. The anticipated increase is \$10,525. The revenues collected this year
1501 exceed last year by \$117,700, which is the amount collected so far this fiscal year, which requires an
1502 adjustment.

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1504 **Accommodations Tax:** Budget amendment recommendations were presented to Town Council
1505 in Business Item B. The Town Council approved items will be added to Ordinance #14-0773; the amount
1506 will be populated for second reading.

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1508 Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #14-0773. Mr. Smith seconded.

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1510 Mr. Smith pointed out that he was really pleased to hear that the general fund balance had
1511 increased by \$64,000. That means that the town will be positive in the general fund by about \$354,000, if
1512 these numbers held up.

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1514 Mayor Samples agreed that if the numbers held up, the town was headed in the right direction.
1515 He said these items were reviewed by the finance committee in much greater detail.

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1517 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1519 Mayor Samples said the updated accommodations tax amounts would be populated for second
1520 reading.

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1522 **D. Committee Appointment – Board of Zoning Appeals, Ron Ott (may be deferred until**
1523 **after executive session.)**

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1525 Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Mr. Ott to serve another term on the board of zoning appeals.
1526 Mr. Johnson seconded. Mr. Stevens said Mr. Ott was well qualified and had proven his qualifications by
1527 his service.

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1529 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1531 Mayor Samples thanked Mr. Ott, who was in the audience, saying the town appreciates his
1532 service.

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1534 **8. DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town**
1535 **Council.**

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1537 Mayor Samples said a question was asked earlier about discussion. He explained that since he
1538 was seated as mayor, he wanted to add the item called discussion to allow councilmembers the
1539 opportunity to raise a concern or a question in a public forum about whatever it was they had on their

1540 minds. He thought the discussion was used to allow councilmembers to talk about issues before moving
1541 forward with business. In his opinion, that allows a little more transparency with the individual
1542 councilmembers or several councilmembers being able to present recommendations to determine interest
1543 by the council as a whole without potentially wasting staff and other's time.
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1545 Mr. Smith said it was his understanding that the stormwater committee made a recommendation
1546 that information be added to the town ordinances that would allow keeping waterfowl off property. So far,
1547 this had not been presented, and he would like the administrator to provide the information from the
1548 stormwater committee and its recommendation to councilmembers by email so they may study it. If the
1549 administrator has an opinion on the matter, he would like that to be part of the message, so council may
1550 consider the recommendation and information to decide whether an ordinance is needed.
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1552 Mr. Stevens concurred with Mr. Smith. He was testing water this morning and members of the
1553 stormwater committee asked him why the recommendation had not been presented to council. He
1554 believed it would be good for the administrator to bring the recommendation to the next meeting.
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1556 Mayor Samples agreed, and said he would like to be certain that it was a committee
1557 recommendation documented in the committee minutes.
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1559 Ms. Mabry said the stormwater committee chairman sent an email this afternoon in which she
1560 requested a meeting with Ms. Fellner and another committee member to discuss the details so the
1561 recommendation could be presented to council. That is why it had not yet been presented to council.
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1563 Mayor Samples thought the proper method was to work through Ms. Fellner, and asked if she
1564 had information to share. Ms. Fellner said she met with the stormwater committee chairman and Mr.
1565 Adair to discuss this. The committee wanted the opportunity to go back and discuss at the committee
1566 level regarding the discussion she, the chairman, and Mr. Adair had. She was waiting for the committee's
1567 recommendations as explained in an email message sent not more than 48-hours earlier. Once the
1568 committee's formal recommendation was made, it would be presented to council.
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1570 Mayor Samples said that was the way the process worked, and he thanked Ms. Fellner.
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1572 Ms. Kohlmann wanted to say with regard to the mayor pro tem's motion to remove meters from
1573 Ocean Boulevard, that she would have supported that, but she could not support putting meters on the
1574 side streets. She would be willing to stay on course with that to beautify Ocean Boulevard, because she
1575 knew that many people would like to see benches and palm trees there. She did not think it would ever
1576 be easy for anyone that served to work through parking, but she didn't think it was right to give up
1577 because it was difficult. Ms. Kohlmann said you have to just keep plugging along and trying to work
1578 together. She looked forward to coming up with some ideas with the mayor pro tem to get the view that
1579 she has of Ocean Boulevard.
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1581 Ms. Mabry said they would have to do it quickly before the 30 meters and 163 [sic] signs were
1582 ordered.
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1584 Ms. Kohlmann agreed and said she was ready.
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1586 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments (5 minutes.)**
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1588 "Gene Maruca, 116 7th Ave. South. I live across from Martin Park. I was there for the first set of
1589 movies, and I was there for the last. It was one of the best things I've seen in that park. Now, there may
1590 have been a problem the last time simply because our tourists get the kids ready to go to school,
1591 especially if they're from north of North Carolina. Was it a success? You bet your life it was. I was there.
1592 I counted, and you took it away." Mayor Samples interrupted and explained the event was not cancelled;
1593 the funding source was change from accommodations tax funds to the general fund. The town was
1594 concerned about using the a-tax money, because the surveys were showing there were not adequate

1595 numbers of tourists attending the movies. Movies will continue; in fact, the company owes us three
1596 movies because of rain-outs last year. Mr. Maruca: "I see it as a growing thing at that park. It can only
1597 get better. That's one thing." Mayor Samples asked Mr. Maruca if he was happy. Mr. Maruca: "Kind a!
1598 (*Laughter.*) I'd like the definition of accommodations tax. Where's it come from, what's it for?" Mayor
1599 Samples said it was well defined in state law; it was inappropriate to discuss at this time. Mr. Maruca:
1600 "That's a big help. It may be in the state law, but how does this council see it? He saw it all over the
1601 board tonight. Did we need everything? Sure. We'll always need something. Can we afford it? That's
1602 something else. I was here for Hugo. We're putting \$50,000 into beach renourishment. That won't take
1603 care of one house on the beach. It's a joke. I don't know. Good luck."

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1605 Mayor Samples said that this council, unlike previous councils, was setting aside monies for
1606 renourishment. He believed there was about \$119,000, so it was on the right track.

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1608 "Harry Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard. First off, I'd like to thank the council for giving the
1609 equipment for the first responders. Being an ex-first responder, you know, we'll do it with whatever we
1610 have, but you have to give the correct equipment. These guys are gonna go in the water, and they don't
1611 have the right equipment, forget about the person who's drowning, one of these people who risk their
1612 lives is gonna drown; possibly get hurt or drown. I, I, that was a no brainer, but I don't understand why
1613 the chief was questioned so much. I just didn't understand to me, especially since the public works
1614 director came up and said he wanted a new rake just about the same price, and okay. If any of you've
1615 gone down to the beach lately, pretty soon we're only gonna need one 6-foot rake, just go straight along
1616 the line. We don't have any money. I know you put \$119,000 aside, but that's nothing. Pawleys Island, I
1617 believe, when Mr. Servant was up, he was saying I think they have \$9 million." Mr. Servant: "Seven, 7.3
1618 million." Mr. Kohlmann: "Seven million. Seven million, folks. That rake, we could of waited for a year or
1619 two. You do it Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays. One of 'em breaks down, you use the same one.
1620 You do it Tuesday, Thursdays, and Saturdays. We'll have something to rake. If we don't renourish the
1621 beach, we'll have nothing to rake. We did it about six or seven years ago. I don't know how long it lasts.
1622 Maybe ten years; maybe 15 years." Mayor Samples said two more years. Mr. Kohlmann: "Two more
1623 years. Two more years, folks. I think it, someone told me it cost \$10 million to do. Two more years.
1624 Where's the money coming from? Think about it. Everybody think about it. We're gonna have a nice
1625 rake; we're gonna have no beach. Thank you."

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1627 "Ralph Magliette, 104 Harbor Lights Drive. I just have a few thank you notes and a statement for
1628 South Strand Helping Hand. I'm sorry that the notes are so late, but we had storms and whatever, so I'll
1629 try to get all my comments done within the five minutes, we don't have a repeat of what happened about
1630 two months ago when I was up here talking about South Strand Helping Hand. A thank you note to
1631 Hallelujah Singers Sweet Adeline Quartet, especially Sue Meyers. She performed free performance an
1632 interactive Christmas program at South Strand Senior Center, Myrtle Beach Senior Center, Carolina
1633 Forest Senior Center, and the Surfside Library. I'd also like to thank Glenda Hemingway, manager of the
1634 Surfside Beach Library, for the senior citizens monthly movie day and free snacks, the senior monthly
1635 activity programs, which are a variety of live performing groups, and events provided through a small
1636 library grant used specifically for the seniors and her support and encouragement for new activities and
1637 craft clubs through the library. The third one, which is very, very late, I'd like to thank Mark and Carrie
1638 Johnson for helping me providing me assistance and contact information on the Tabernacle of Meeting,
1639 which is also known as the House of Nations Church, located at 530 North Azalea Drive, Surfside Beach.
1640 The church has a food bank and resource center, which also provides clothing and furniture for the poor
1641 and needy in our area. If anyone is in need of these services, they should contact and ask for Daniel, or
1642 his wife, Ruth, for further information and assistance. Currently, there is no income verification needs for
1643 assistance. Their contact number is 843.712.2863, and the reason that I'm so happy that they were able
1644 to help me is that sometimes we have surplus food. It has to stay in our service area, and unfortunately,
1645 if we can't use it, it has to be disposed of. I talked to them about it, and Pastor Daniel was very good if we
1646 have surplus we can drop it off there and it can serve the community so that the food doesn't have to go
1647 to waste. So thank you very much for that. That's a true blessing. Very quickly, I'd like to talk, talk to you
1648 about the, our summary for South Stand Helping Hands. Our January 2014 newsletter, written by Susan
1649 Alexander, our director, it says we helped 516 families in the following ways: 407 were helped with food

1650 with a total of 1,199 people; 99 people were helped with electric; 16 people were helped with water; 6
1651 people were helped with lodging; 66 were helped with clothing; 11 were helped with diapers; 3 were
1652 helped with prescriptions; 8 were helped with gasoline, and 3 were helped with rent. Our food supply has
1653 certainly been hit hard this month. Without the help of our churches, schools and community, we would
1654 have to turn people away. On a sad note, in the month of January we had a \$15,500 deficit, and because
1655 of that and since the two years that I've been active in it and as vice president, unfortunately, we had to
1656 reduce the amount of food that we can provide our clients. We've had to reduce our financial support to
1657 help them with utilities, which is really tragic because we do supply and try to help people in our entire
1658 service area, which is the greater Surfside Beach area. So, having said that, and because this is such a
1659 great forum to tell people when I come up here and speak about it, I get donations, people see what they
1660 can do. So very, very briefly, I have just written something, my own words and I hope I can get through
1661 with the whole thing. Compassion provides those who are in need with what they need. If compassion is
1662 trying to give someone what he needs and they need food, then having compassion on that person would
1663 be trying to give them food. Many people will answer this challenge with I'm only one person, what can I
1664 do? This problem is too big and too complex for me. There is nothing I can do about it, or I am
1665 powerless to make a difference. That is not true. Each one of us can make a difference. Mother Teresa
1666 said if you can't feed a 100 hungry people, then feed just one. You have the power to make a difference.
1667 You can help feed one person. Each one of us can help and together we can make a difference and feed
1668 the poor and hungry that live in our community. That is what South Strand Helping Hand does. It is a
1669 crisis intervention center aiding families and individuals who are facing emergencies. We provide food
1670 and financial assistance to those in need in our community. In order to continue our mission work, we
1671 need your help. It is critical now. If you can make a donation, we need you. If you can provide food,
1672 meat, tuna fish, peanut butter, dried beans, and rice, we need you. You'd like to become a volunteer, we
1673 need you. We cannot service the needs of the people that need our help without your support. If you can
1674 help us, our phone number is 843.238.4594 or our physical address if you'd like to see us is 812 Poplar
1675 Drive South, Surfside Beach, South (time ended) Carolina 29575. Thank you." (Applause)

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1677 "This was a pretty tense meeting here tonight; let's end it with a little levity. Disneyland is gonna
1678 raise their rates \$4 a day. Four dollars! (Speaker's emphasis.) So that means that all the people that
1679 were going to go to Disneyland are now coming here. Good night!" Mr. Dodge was asked to state his
1680 name for the record. "My name is Sid Caesar! No, my name Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North."
1681 (Laughter.)

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1683 "Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North. I want to thank Ralph for all the work he does down there at South
1684 Strand Helping Hand. I've been blessed that I've never been in that predicament, and I've gone down
1685 there a few times with Ralph and seen that. If you don't see it, you don't believe it exists. But, it does
1686 exist, and these people didn't ask to be put in that position. A lot of 'em are caught and they get, they get
1687 trapped in that position, and it's hard to get out, and like he said, if anybody can dedicate anything to it,
1688 please do. I wanna thank you for the vote of confidence tonight. The board of zoning appeals is very
1689 important to your way of government. It gives the people, all the citizens, a voice. Their constitutional
1690 right to come in front of residents and speak and say what they think should've happened and maybe,
1691 and also the board has to uphold the ordinances the way you have put 'em, laid 'em out and voted on
1692 them. It's been a privilege of mine to sit on that board. At times it's very hard to tell people no. I'd like to
1693 give everybody, you know, what they want, but you can't a lot of times. That's why they're there. There's
1694 a great group of people that dedicate themselves that come and sit on that board. It's not an easy thing
1695 to do. I didn't understand exactly what it did until I actually got there, and seeing as how it's not an easy
1696 thing. You need to have a lot of thought, and education on to the process. And it, the a, our government
1697 here needs to trust the people that are on there, because our decisions do not come back to you. They
1698 are final. So, you do have two judicial boards in this town and that's one of 'em. I thank you very much.
1699 In the parking, boy, that gets complicated. I sit back there and I think how complicated it is. I know I have
1700 some great neighbors across the street from me and for a long time they were holding yard sales once a
1701 month for the church. All benefits go to the church. Wow, everybody was parking on my lawn, and I
1702 couldn't imagine people parking there every day. Boy, that must be really something, and just to see how
1703 these people feel that they have all these people just, because they get out of their cars, stuff falls out of
1704 the car, or they just throw it out. After every yard sale there was stuff all over my lawn and stuff, and

1705 that's you know, we don't, we don't consider that. But in that R-3 zone, no, I don't think anybody really
1706 thought it was gonna happen, and it is there, it's a... The Town of Surfside Beach is a gem. It's, it's an
1707 oasis inside of a maddening crowd for six weeks out of the year, and I think some, I think maybe we're
1708 underselling it. Really, it's worth a lot more. You think about this beautiful beach that we have here. It's
1709 un-crowded and it's family friendly. It is, because you have some privacy when you sit on the beach,
1710 because it's not like Myrtle Beach; it's not like Garden City and the other places in the area where they
1711 are jammed. It's, it's a hidden gem and we should keep thinking of it as it is. Thank you."

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1713 "Mary Maruca, 7th Avenue South. I was here a year or so ago and I had asked for a water
1714 fountain in the passive park, and there were some, you know, grumblings and what have you, and it's, it's
1715 been there for quite some time, and I've never thanked you, and I thought it's a blessing, and I know that
1716 it's well received quite often, so thank you, and another issue I had that the council probably would never
1717 even aware of, and, and Micki helped, Micki Fellner helped out with the underground utilities. (**) The
1718 company and my office, we had some issues, oh, I'm sorry, yes, Mr. Mayor was more than aware of
1719 them, and I thank Micki for her assistance and helping us out with that, too, so, that's all. Thanks."

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1721 "Hello, thank you. Patricia Magliette, 104 Harbor Lights. I'd just like to say thank you to our fire
1722 chief and to the council for considering the emergency rescue equipment. It is truly scary to have to an
1723 incident at the beach or any drowning related incident, because it only takes a few minutes for damage to
1724 the body, whether it's on a cellular level to the brain or the heart, that's very quick, very scary, sometimes
1725 irreversible. With emergency equipment, they can help people in what could be a deadly situation or a,
1726 a life changing situation, and once again, by letting us have some emergency equipment, you are showing
1727 that this is indeed the Family Beach as far as safety, and I thank you very much."

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1729 "David Pellegrino, 2nd Avenue North. I just want to make a comment. I think Mr. Ott said it well.
1730 Surfside is a gem. I worked for manufacturing for 20 years and, and lived in multiple countries. When we
1731 decided to find a place where we wanted to set permanent roots, we chose Surfside. We've owned our
1732 rental property here for about ten years, so we always came back here, and so, it is a great place, but as
1733 a couple of gentlemen said before, I really think for our decisions we really need to focus on the beach
1734 renourishment, because, I mean not only that, that's obviously the bread and butter for Surfside, but also
1735 FEMA still hasn't paid the people from Hurricane Sandy, and they are looking for ways to get more
1736 revenue, and these communities with beach renourishment plans, healthy beach renourishment plans,
1737 are put back on the list for, for the plan, plan reassessment. So, we don't want our flood insurance bills to
1738 be as much as our wind and hail, and we don't people, every person on Poplar to have to buy flood
1739 insurance. I mean, that's not good for our citizens. So, please, please take, keep that in mind as we
1740 make these decisions at each Town Council meeting on that, on where the funds are gonna go. I think
1741 that's a top priority. The, also, as far as the parking, we live in a, I own a business in Myrtle Beach, and I
1742 know all about complaints. We live in a society where people want instant gratification, right now. I
1743 mean, I get complaints for people being too friendly. It's ridiculous, but, but (**) I mean, you can upset
1744 someone one time and they will swear to never agree with someone; never come back to that place
1745 again, and the parking thing, please focus on the customer. The customers are the residents as well as
1746 the tourists, and please focus on them, because if we don't get people renting the houses, if we don't get
1747 people coming to the hotels, we get less a-tax. We get less hospitality tax. We get less sales tax.
1748 Businesses suffer. Residents suffer. Everyone suffers, so please, keep in mind people, people are
1749 different today. They get up. I mean they get upset about one thing; they will make a stand for the rest of
1750 their life and say I'll never come back to Surfside. So, please keep that in mind."

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1752 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

1753 Mr. Johnson: "Mr. Mayor, I have no comments."

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1755 Ms. Dodge: "First I thought I was gonna be quite, but I'm from the south and I can't shut up. So,
1756 here I go. I just, I was so impressed listening to Mr. Magliette. I know both Mr. and Mrs. Magliette, and
1757 the things that they do to help others. I think it's amazing what people can do to help somebody else
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1759 who's a little bit down and out and their not able to help themselves. Thank you to Ralph and Patti
1760 Magliette.”

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1762 Mr. Smith: “I’m gonna comment on what we’ve talked about, parking. I just want you all to know
1763 that at the January 22nd meeting in 2013 when we voted for the parking meters, there were six
1764 councilmembers present. The vote was 6:0. Six to zero. Nobody voted against the parking meters. The
1765 other comment I’d like to say about parking meters is this, you need to provide parking for the people who
1766 visit. On Ocean Boulevard, you have a number of choices. There were people who did not want any
1767 parking on Ocean Boulevard. There were people who wanted a small amount of parking on Ocean
1768 Boulevard, and then there were people who thought there should be a comp, compromise, and that’s
1769 where the parking meters came in. We wanted people to park in safe places; ten feet away from a
1770 driveway; ten feet away from a beach access; didn’t want you to park close to a fire hydrant or on the
1771 corner, and so, we thought that parking meters would be a way that could identify legal parking places.
1772 That was one of the justifications for getting parking meters. I think they’ve been satisfactory, even
1773 though a lot of people say we don’t like the way they look. Parking on Ocean Boulevard has been less
1774 than it has been in the past, because of the parking meters. The people have moved into the parking
1775 lots. Now we find out that because we have paid parking on Ocean Boulevard that people are moving
1776 back into the neighborhoods, and we’ve had some comments tonight that I don’t want the day trippers to
1777 park in front of my house. So what we passed tonight was to try to restrict parking to residents only,
1778 people with parking permits so that they would not be parking in front of your house. The amendment
1779 that I offered, the second amendment that I offered, was an attempt to give rental properties, the people
1780 who rent the property an opportunity to appeal a parking ticket, if they were on a side street or Dogwood,
1781 they had, had rented a place there, and they happened to get a parking ticket while parked in front of the
1782 place that they were renting. It would allow them a vehicle for appealing that parking ticket, and most
1783 likely not having to pay it. Because that was defeated, there’s no option now. If you get that ticket, you
1784 can argue all you want to, but they probably won’t forgive it. Again, that was to give the people who rent
1785 an opportunity to appeal a ticket, if they were parking in front of the place they had rented, or if somebody
1786 who is a permanent resident had their mother come by and they parked in front and got a ticket. They
1787 could appeal that ticket, but that was defeated. I think the parking meters and the pay stations are were
1788 working good. The complaint that I hear mostly is we just don’t like the way they look. Well, I don’t like
1789 the way all the cars look. But, we have to provide a place for ‘em. I think we’ve got a good solution and
1790 it’s gonna work out in the long run. It’s gonna provide revenue for the town, and it’s gonna be good for
1791 the businesses.”

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1793 Ms. Kohlmann: “Again, I wanna just thank staff, Micki, for the storm. I think that’s really important
1794 to thank them, and I, too, agree that the fire department, police department is a big thing for this town,
1795 and I support them, and I know y’all know I support them. With the parking, again, I hope y’all don’t forget
1796 everything else we do during the year and not take one issue and go with it, because that issue of parking
1797 is never gonna go away, no matter what we do; no matter what the next council does. It’s always gonna
1798 be there, and I would hope that councils after us would, would confront all their problems. You can’t just
1799 state you have a problem, and then you don’t have a solution. If it doesn’t work, we can tweak it. I don’t
1800 know what the answer is. I don’t think anybody up here knows what the answer is, and I hope if some of
1801 you know what the answer is, you would share your opinions with us, cause that’s really important.
1802 Although it does make your head spin, because you have so many different opinions coming at you from
1803 everywhere. So, I just hope you all realize that when everybody up here, regardless of what happens,
1804 and sometimes tempers get a little heated, I understand that, but I really do believe in my heart that
1805 everybody up here has everybody’s interest in mind. It’s just sometimes we have different ideas. Have a
1806 good night.”

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1808 Mr. Stevens: “I wanna thank everybody for coming out. I wanna first start with saying I’ve been
1809 going to the police academy, Citizens Police Academy, and find this, our police to probably be one of the
1810 best police forces anywhere around this area. They keep Surfside Beach safe. They catch criminals.
1811 We were just talking about the time they caught a lady who was parked in a car while her hus [sic], under
1812 a beach house, while her husband was going around stealing big screen TVs. Our police are out there,
1813 and, and I recommend everybody in this audience and everybody in town, if you haven’t gone to police

1814 academy, you should go, because you really won't understand what the police really do for us, and our
1815 fire department. Those guys went down there when that young boy was down there, and they were out in
1816 the waves and the water and the police department was down there. We took a step tonight towards
1817 making sure that if maybe you have a small child or a nephew or niece or somebody down at the beach
1818 that we can rush back down here. We don't have to wait for somebody from Little River to go down there
1819 and save that life. That's, that's a big thing. So, our public safety, fire department and police department
1820 is, I think is great. As far as the parking, like I say, there's no simple solution to that. We can only do
1821 what we think is the best. Maybe we, we may make mistakes, and I like some of the things that Ms.
1822 Mabry has suggested. Maybe we can revisit those things. She sent out a nice email about that and
1823 shared it with the rest of the council, and I just wanna thank Mr. Smith for sharing his amendments, as
1824 well. So, it's good for us to share things with each other. If we take this parking and we let it, I think
1825 we've done all we can need to do [sic.] If we let it go like it is, I think we're gonna be fine. People, and
1826 believe me, if I have a friend that comes down here and he's got a gripe about parking, I'll give him the
1827 eight dollars to buy a pass. I'll pay for his pass. If that, that's tears 'em up when he comes visit and he
1828 says I can't park. I'll pay, here's eight dollars. Go down there and, and stay for the day on me. It's
1829 revenue. Everybody in this town has to realize that we have certain things we have to do, and everybody
1830 up here doesn't have all the answers, and we're not perfect. We're just do [sic.] try to do the best we can.
1831 Thank y'all for coming out, and I wanna thank all the volunteers like Mr. Magliette, because he helps
1832 seniors and he helps other people in need. Mr. Ott who has served on the board of zoning appeals; Ms.
1833 Elliott who serves on the stormwater committee, and anybody else that serves on a committee, thank you
1834 for your service."

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1836 Ms. Mabry: "I wanna thank everyone for coming out. I pray that y'all have a great week next
1837 week. I think we're gonna have a little cooler weather, but it's been nice now, so I look forward to seeing
1838 everybody at the next council meeting, and thank you so much."
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1840 Mayor Samples: "I, I appreciate everybody being out tonight. For the record, the 6:0 vote that
1841 took place to approve the meters and the contract was a result of a special meeting that was called by
1842 four council people. I can count, I can count that meeting was called; Mr. Smith made the motion to
1843 purchase, I think it was \$170 thousand in parking meters. Having said that, I think the important points
1844 that were made tonight, the issue over first responders, and, and, and the reason, the reason that I felt
1845 necessary to ask the chief questions about it is because once we purchase something like that, we're
1846 gonna have it on an ongoing basis. This was the same group, the finances are looking good. We didn't
1847 give raises to the staff. We cut everything that we possibly could cut. We still don't have enough money
1848 in renourishment, beach renourishment. There are no federal grants coming down. Everybody knows
1849 that. It's not like the old days. The issues that were raised over the R-3 district, which is our tourist
1850 district, everybody knew that when they moved there. Okay. I hope we make money off those parking
1851 meters. They're very expensive to replace. We spent a quarter of a, quarter million dollars, close
1852 enough, \$225,000 on the equipment at that special meeting that was called, and as was mentioned early.
1853 We have a request to buy more. We are a tourist town. We're not a resort. We need people to come to
1854 support our businesses. Where's the revenue gonna come from? That's my question to my
1855 councilmembers. We can't buy everything for everybody. We cannot address every possibility. That
1856 certainly wasn't the kind of discussion we had at the budget retreat, and during the budget hearings.
1857 What I heard was where can we cut? Okay. We did a pretty good job for one year. Let's see where we
1858 go next year. Have a nice evening. Keep coming out. Study it. It ain't as simple as you think."
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1860 **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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1862 **A. Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person to a public**
1863 **body (See Business Item 7.D.)**

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1865 **B. Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss employment, compensation, promotion,**
1866 **demotion, discipline, or release of an employee.**
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1868 **C. Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss multiple proposed contractual**
1869 **arrangements.**

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1871 Mr. Smith moved to enter executive session at 9:23 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in
1872 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1874 Mr. Smith moved to reconvene regular session at 10:48 p.m. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in
1875 favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1877 Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session.

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1879 Mr. Smith moved to direct the administrator to move forward with the contract as discussed in
1880 executive session. Ms. Kohlmann seconded.

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1882 Mayor Samples believed the town was shortchanging itself again with the asset which it has.

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1884 Ms. Dodge agreed with Mayor Samples.

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1886 Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry and Councilmembers Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted
1887 in favor. Mayor Samples and Councilmember Dodge voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1889 **12. ADJOURNMENT.**

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1891 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor.
1892 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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1894 Prepared and submitted by,

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1897 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

1898 Approved: March 11, 2014

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1919 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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