



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 21, 2014 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

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

Mayor Samples welcomed Councilmembers-elect Bob Childs and David Pellegrino. He also introduced Candidate Ralph Magliette, who was in the runoff election being held April 22nd with Candidate Sammy Truett.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Pastor Carlton Davidson of Grand Strand Community Church gave the invocation. Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL.

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

4. MINUTES APPROVAL.

Ms. Dodge moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014 meeting as submitted. Mr. Smith seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Proclamation #14-90, May – Mental Health Month, Mr. Michael Stewart, Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center.

Mayor Samples presented the proclamation declaring May as Mental Health Month in the Town of Surfside Beach. Ms. Herrmann read the proclamation into the record saying:

Proclamation #14-90, May is Mental Health Month, “Do More for 1 in 4”

WHEREAS, one in four American adults experience a mental illness at some point in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, one in ten American children experience mental illness in childhood; and

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, all Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives; and

56 **WHEREAS**, prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health
57 conditions; and
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59 **WHEREAS**, there is a strong body of research that supports specific tools that all
60 Americans can use to better handle challenges, and protect their health and well-being; and
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62 **WHEREAS**, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation; and
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64 **WHEREAS**, with effective treatment, those individuals with mental health conditions can
65 recover and lead full, productive lives; and
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67 **WHEREAS**, each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider,
68 organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to
69 promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.
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71 **THEREFORE**, I, Douglas F. Samples, do hereby proclaim May 2014 as Mental Health
72 Month in Surfside Beach, South Carolina. As the Mayor, I also call upon the citizens, government
73 agencies, public and private institutions, businesses and schools in Surfside Beach to recommit
74 our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our
75 citizens can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible
76 services for all people with mental health conditions.
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78 **BE IT SO PROCLAIMED** this 21st day of April 2014.
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80 Mr. Stewart accepted the proclamation noting that it would be used to promote mental health
81 awareness during May. (*Applause*)
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83 **B. Department Reports.**

84 **i. Finance**
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86 Ms. King presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Revenues in the general fund
87 exceed last year by \$804,000 due to three major items: moving parking revenue \$134,000 to the general
88 fund; non-recurring revenue \$218,000, and internal transfers from other funds \$327,000, which consists
89 of fixed asset sales \$22,000; insurance claims \$11,000, and underground utility reimbursement \$185,000.
90 Internal transfers exceed the prior year by \$327,000, but that was because transfers are now done
91 quarterly, where in previous years transfers were only made annually. Three revenues are expected to
92 exceed budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year: penalties from property taxes have already exceeded the
93 budgeted amount; permit revenue, and parking revenue, since the fees were increased. The estimated
94 increase for these three items is \$67,000. Business licenses and permit fees exceed the prior year by
95 \$31,000, with 33 new business license accounts opened in March consisting of 5 new rentals, 17 new
96 contractors, and 5 new local businesses, and 6 businesses located outside the town limits obtained local
97 licenses. Approximately 3,000 business license renewal notices were mailed on April 7th. Revenue from
98 renewals will be received during the next few months, along with license fees collected by the Municipal
99 Association. Salaries and benefits exceed prior years, because salaries that were previously in
100 hospitality funds were transferred to general fund, and benefits costs increased. Current costs are below
101 budget, but reflect an unanticipated increased labor cost due to the winter storm cleanup. Finance will
102 continue to monitor and advise Town Council, if an adjustment is needed. Operating expenses in general
103 fund exceed last year by \$105,000; \$65,000 of which is due to the cost of Lanier, which was previously in
104 hospitality funds; \$40,000 was due to the increase in tort insurance, utilities, legal fees, etc. which were all
105 cited in the budget amendment last month. Expenditures in the capital project fund total \$92,000 this
106 year for various stormwater projects. Special revenue funds include accommodations tax expenditures
107 for \$301,000 that includes beach events, police patrol, and advertising with Myrtle Beach Area Chamber
108 of Commerce. An accommodations tax check for revenue collected from January through March from the
109 state should be received within the next two weeks. Hospitality funds show collections exceeding last
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111 year by \$22,000. Overall the fund has decreased revenue, because parking revenue was moved to
112 general funds. Local accommodations tax revenue year-to-date equal \$101,000, which about the same
113 as last year. Admissions in the pier fund total \$156,000, which exceeds last year. Parking revenue
114 began in March; over \$57,000 has been received this year. Pier expenses are more than last year due to
115 the interest payment to the general fund. Lanier expenses and depreciation that is now booked quarterly
116 makes the pier net total less. Sanitation revenue exceeds last year by \$164,000; expenses are currently
117 within budget, but may increase as the storm debris tipping at the landfill is booked. Staff will monitor the
118 account and advise council if an amendment is necessary. There are two Lanier parking reports; one
119 reflects this year, and the other is for last year. Citation and parking revenue collected year-to-date equal
120 \$192,000 for the season. Lanier expenses for managing parking equal \$75,000. The net revenue from
121 Lanier is \$116,000; but deducting the cost of meters shows actual net revenue of \$90,000. Staff was
122 working diligently on the budget and expects to have everything completed by the end of the week. The
123 fixed asset project is underway and should be completed soon.

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125 Mayor Samples said the finance committee, consisting of Ms. Mabry, Mr. Stevens, and himself,
126 met today. The first draft of the budget narrative was reviewed. He hoped this would be helpful for
127 everyone, including the public, so when the budget was adopted there would be a context in which the
128 budget could be placed instead of just a lot of numbers. Mayor Samples asked if everyone followed Ms.
129 King's comments about the transfers from special revenue funds, accommodations taxes, hospitality
130 taxes, local accommodations tax, and sanitation, were being made quarterly so the budget more
131 accurately reflects the real time picture. Quarterly booking is now being done in the enterprise funds for
132 depreciation, which also more accurately reflects totals throughout the year.

133 134 **ii. Special Events and Recreation**

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136 Ms. Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. The town's annual Pet Fair was
137 held at the Barc Park on Saturday, April 12th. There were 11 vendors present including Grand Strand
138 Humane Society, Grateful Golden Rescue, Coastal Animal Rescue, Friends of Abandoned Cats, Sav-R-
139 Cats, Phoenix Rising Border Collie Rescue, the Noah Program and New Spirit 4 Aussie Rescue as well
140 as the pharmacy from the new Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market who offers pet medications. Three dogs
141 were adopted that day, and 68 dogs received vaccinations. A huge thank you goes to Dr. Dede Mavris
142 and Ark Animal Hospital for participating each year and making this event a success. The Easter Egg
143 Hunt scheduled on Saturday, April 19th was canceled due to inclement weather. The field conditions were
144 too muddy to allow the children to get on them. Most of the goody bags and all of the prizes (bottles of
145 bubbles and stuffed animals) can be stored until next year. The "Town of Surfside Beach" night was
146 held at the Pelicans' game on Saturday, April 19th. Tickets were sold for \$9.00 each with \$4.00 of each
147 sale going to South Strand Helping Hand. The Farmers Market reopens May 6th and will be Tuesdays
148 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Town will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary with a Founders Day
149 Weekend beginning Friday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 4th at the pier. Activities are as follows:

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- 151 • Wednesday, April 30th – Sculpting begins on a professional sand sculpture sponsored by the
- 152 Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and will be completed by Friday, May 2nd.
- 153 • Friday, May 2nd – WPDE will conduct a live remote for "Live With Amanda" at the pier beginning
- 154 at 5:15 a.m. Sea Cruz will perform from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the pier parking lot and staff will
- 155 sell concessions.
- 156 • Saturday, May 3rd – An old fashioned carnival will be held in the pier parking lot from 11:00 a.m.
- 157 to 3:00 p.m. with a carousel, stilt-walker, juggler, magician, carnival games, cotton candy,
- 158 popcorn, and candy apples. Hamburgers, hot dogs, corn dogs, fries and drinks will be sold by
- 159 Surf Diner as well as ice cream and sno-cones by Pier Outfitters. A 10 to 15 minute fireworks
- 160 display will begin at 9:00 p.m. off the end of the pier to finish the day. 50th Anniversary
- 161 merchandise will be available for sale.
- 162 • Sunday, May 4th – A Blessing of the Beach will be conducted at the pier beginning at 7:00 a.m.
- 163 with the opening prayer by Low Country Community Church, music by Journey Church and St.
- 164 James United Methodist Church gospel choir, message by Surfside United Methodist Church and
- 165 closing prayer by First Baptist Church of Surfside Beach. A picnic will be held from 1:00 p.m. to

3:00 p.m. at the Passive Park. Box lunches will be available for purchase or bring your own picnic. Music provided by Glenn Hanson and friends.

There was no update available from Dan Flood, president of the Surfside Youth Sports Association at this time.

Upcoming events include:

1. **FOUNDERS DAY** – Friday, May 2nd thru Sunday, May 4th – Pier area
2. **FARMERS MARKET** – Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – beginning May 6th
3. **MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT** – Sunday, May 25th – 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Surfside Drive
4. **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE** – Monday, May 26th – 2:30 p.m. – Veterans Memorial

Mr. Johnson said it would be a very busy weekend.

Mayor Samples said quite a bit of marketing was done about the 50th Anniversary events, so he hoped there was good attendance. Ms. Ellis said WPDE Channel 15 was also doing a commercial.

iii. Public Works.

Mr. Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is on file. Residential sanitation service delivered four carts, one once the certificate of occupancy was issued and three per owner request. Commercial service routes continue to be updated based on business needs. Sixteen businesses increased dumpster pick-up service. Nine accounts required extra pick-up services due to overflow. One account, Sophia's Ice Cream, has resumed service for the season. The supervisor explained commercial collection schedules to one new business, The Wooden Crate. Nine recycling carts were delivered to town residents upon request. The Household Hazardous/E-Waste Drop Off is scheduled from Friday, April 25th through Sunday, April 27th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the public works yard on Sandy Lane. Acceptable items include paint, household chemicals, and household electronics. Summer Service has had 359 exemption requests have been received and processed. Three times a week roll out service begins on Sunday, May 11th. Crews transported nearly 655 tons of storm debris to the landfill. The storm debris total is still being counted for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) reimbursement; 655 tons of storm debris and the associated tipping fees would be included in the reimbursement. In March we collected 319.22 tons of solid waste, 22.99 tons of mixed debris, 46.03 tons of yard debris, 431.51 tons of storm debris, and 37.39 tons of recyclables. Last year in February and March combined, about 350 tons of yard debris. This February and March the combined total was about 750 tons, which is more than doubled, but using the same amount of equipment and manpower. Staff has been working evenings, weekend, and any other means necessary to get it to the landfill. Mr. Adair said everyone's patience with the clean-up effort was appreciated. Street and drainage crews continue to dig out the swash outlets to ensure proper water flow as needed. Beach is being raked twice a week, weather permitting. Beach trash and recycle cans are being serviced twice a week and on weekends as needed. On-going special projects:

- Three bids were received & opened for the 3rd Avenue South Channel Bank Stabilization project on Friday, April 4th. DDC Engineers, Inc. has recommended that the bid be awarded to Tim's Construction Services, Inc.
- Repairs were made to about 50-feet of the 14th Avenue South sidewalk. Encroachment permits were just received to repair about 200-feet of 10th Avenue South sidewalk in the next few weeks.
- Crews continue to remove debris and clean out ditches and storm drains.
- Work has been completed on the rebuild/repair to 12th Avenue North crossover and the 1st Avenue South Beach access beside Scotty's was replaced.
- Additional new blue street name signs are being installed as time permits.
- Twice a week spraying for mosquitoes will begin town wide in May.

- 220 • Two reports were sent to Santee Cooper identifying street lights that were not functioning
221 properly.
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223 The grounds division crew either completed, or continue, work on:
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- 225 • Crew painted the concession stand and restrooms at Huckabee. Ball fields are being prepared
226 as needed for games.
227 • Inspection of playground equipment is taking place. Necessary repairs are being made to insure
228 the safety of our children.
229 • Spring clean up and mowing is being done at all Town properties, including entrance beds on
230 Highway 17.
231 • Shuffleboard courts have been installed at Martin Park with a laminate material that is more
232 durable than the painting.
233 • Repairs were made to the nets at the tennis courts.
234 • Repairs/replacements are being made to fountains & lights in town lakes. Debris clean up and
235 spraying of lakes will begin in the near future.
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237 From March 20th through April 16th our fleet mechanics completed 70 repairs on town vehicles
238 and equipment. "Preventive" and "Scheduled" maintenance (consisting of lube, oil & filter changes, brake
239 inspections, tire rotations and fluid checks) along with "winterization" were performed on 34 town vehicles
240 and/or equipment.
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242 The facilities crew completed:
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- 244 • Bid to replace the Courthouse/Council Chambers roof was awarded to Howard's General
245 Contracting. Work was completed as of April 12th.
246 • Town Hall was pressure washed.
247 • New signage was ordered and will be installed at the T.J. Harrison, Sr. Memorial Park.
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249 Projects at the Surfside Pier include:
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- 251 • A new 9-foot bicycle rack was installed at the Pier.
252 • Crew fabricated and installed a planter box beside the old ramp.
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254 Mr. Stevens asked what was being done at 3rd Avenue South. Mr. Adair said two stacking block
255 retaining walls were being constructed.
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257 Ms. Dodge said there was an awful lot of debris on the roads, and asked how often it was picked
258 up. Mr. Adair said a lot of that was second and third round cleanings from the storm; some owners were
259 not here and are just now cleaning it. It would be picked up as quickly as possible. During the first
260 month after the storm all of the crews worked together to service every block in town three times.
261 However, as normal operations, yard debris resumed the once a week schedule. He reiterated that the
262 volume has more than doubled this year compared to last year, even though the number of staff
263 members and the available equipment have not changed. Of course, staff would take every opportunity
264 to pick up debris, but also to maintain regular services.
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266 Mayor Samples said initially the ice storm that the debris was dumped at Scipio Lane to get it out
267 of town; staff then had to reload it to take it to the landfill. Mr. Adair said that was correct; smaller trucks
268 shuttled loads to Scipio Lane, which was reloaded and hauled to the landfill. The town received
269 temporary authorization from DHEC (South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) to
270 do so. All of the debris was removed from the temporary dump site now. Mayor Samples believed there
271 would be marked improvement this week. Everyone appreciated the efforts, but wanted to underline the
272 priority, particularly with the season quickly approaching. Mayor Samples asked for the status of the
273 stormwater project. Mr. Adair said the bid package was advertised on the construction sites last

274 Thursday for the north side drainage package. The information was published on South Carolina
275 Business Opportunities today. Bids will be opened on May 28th. The project includes four different areas
276 on the north side of town; bids are being received on the four areas so the most affordable bids can be
277 awarded in priority order.
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279 **C. Administrator's Report – Update on Current Events.**
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281 Ms. Fellner reported that the last two weeks were spent working on budget details, especially for
282 the new narrative format that the mayor mentioned earlier. The format consists of a written budget memo
283 from the administrator explaining the proposed budget, municipal funds in general, and the ordinances
284 involved. She hoped the budget books would be completed for council by Friday, at which time a copy
285 would also be posted on the website for review by the public. The finance committee met with Ms. King
286 and her this morning to discuss the new format, and the committee felt it would be a positive change.
287 Staff is currently finalizing the budget to distribute it Friday. As of this afternoon, Horry County changed
288 its predictions with regard to the first possible date for radio flashes for the P25 Compatible Digital
289 Radios. Consequently, the finance director was asked to remove the flashes for the police and fire radios
290 from the budget. The County's best prediction for implementation is Fiscal year 2017/2018, which gives
291 the town an additional year over which to amortize the associated costs. The cost for the flashes for
292 police and fire is estimated at \$56,800. There are new budget workshop agendas that should be on the
293 town website tomorrow. She explained that the public should keep in mind that once discussion on a
294 topic is completed that the council would move on to the next topic, regardless of the time. The times are
295 flexible, and if there was a particular part that an individual was interested in, they should arrive a little
296 early to determine whether the council was on schedule. The budget workshop begins at 8:00 a.m. on
297 Wednesday, April 30th, and ends Thursday, May 1st in the late afternoon. The public is, of course, invited
298 to attend.
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300 Mayor Samples said the budget meeting was Wednesday and Thursday of next week in council
301 chambers. Ms. Fellner said yes.
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303 Mayor Samples asked for an update on the magazines. Ms. Fellner said one full skid of
304 magazines was distributed, which was about 10,000 copies. About 8,000 more will be distributed to the
305 patrons that purchased smaller advertisements. All of the realty companies that placed ads, and the
306 hotels, and the library have already received copies. The advertisers may ask for as many copies as they
307 want, but if the number was sizeable, staff wants to know where they are being distributed. Ten thousand
308 magazines were sent out-of-market, which will be funded from accommodations tax monies sent to the
309 Chamber of Commerce, because distribution is over 100 miles outside this market. Other sites are being
310 considered for distributing additional copies. In July and August, if there are still a sizeable number of
311 magazines left, they will be taken to the two grocery stores where as many as 1,000 copies will be picked
312 up in one day. The goal is to have just enough magazines left to distribute at the fall festival and town
313 events. Copies are also available in town hall for anyone that wants a magazine. An updated will be
314 made in a few weeks to advise council.
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316 **7. BUSINESS.**
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318 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #14-0775 to repeal §3-51 Bird Sanctuary, and to amend §3-**
319 **52 Findings and Determinations, and §3-53 Prohibited Activity, Administrator Fellner.**
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321 Ms. Fellner presented the ordinance explaining that first reading was adopted at the April 7th
322 meeting. The ordinance was changed to reflect the omission of the word "molest" in Section 3-53,
323 paragraph (a), line two, as approved by motion during that meeting. The adoption of this ordinance would
324 achieve the recommendations of the stormwater committee to allow citizens to control the resident
325 Canadian Geese population in the town.
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327 Mr. Smith moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #14-0775. Mr. Stevens seconded.
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329 Ms. Mabry moved to amend the motion to include "molest/harass; you may harass geese by
330 habitat modification, planting strips of tall grass, bushes, fences, scare devices such as shooting, loud
331 noises, predator calls, flags, decoys, and the use natural repellants designed to alter the taste of the
332 grass. Harassing does not include the use of poison, touching geese, causing harm, or keeping adults
333 away from nests with eggs." **NO SECOND - MOTION FAILED**
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335 Mayor Samples and Councilmembers Dodge, Johnson, Kohlmann, Smith and Stevens voted in
336 favor. Mayor Pro Tempore Mabry voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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338 **B. Resolution #14-143, Declaration of Results General Municipal Election, April 8, 2014,**
339 **Administrator Fellner.**
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341 Mayor Samples asked the clerk to read the resolution for the record. Ms. Herrmann read
342 Resolution #14-143, **Declaration of Results, GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – April 8, 2014**, a
343 recorded copy of which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference.
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345 Mr. Smith moved to adopt Resolution #14-143. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor.
346 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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348 **8. DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town**
349 **Council.**
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351 Ms. Dodge said that Mr. Shelby Smith's recommendations for beautification throughout the town
352 were well stated, and suggested that council appoint a committee to accept donations for the
353 implementing his suggestions. She thought it would be good for the town.
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355 Ms. Kohlmann believed the letter should be referred to the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful
356 Committee. Several members concurred.
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358 Mayor Samples asked Ms. Fellner to send the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee a copy
359 of Mr. Smith's recommendations.
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361 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments (5 minutes.)**
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363 "Betty Lowery, 619 4th Avenue North. I hadn't intended to say anything, but I was concerned with
364 Ms. Mabry's recommendation. I have not read it thoroughly, and maybe I don't quite understand, but I
365 hope that by not amending that that doesn't mean that those behaviors would be condoned. I would hate
366 to give someone blanket permission not just to make the geese feel extremely unwelcome, but they
367 would be actually hurt. I would hate to think that we would do something that would encourage someone
368 to take a stick to them or, or harm them in any way. That, I think that goes beyond trying to shoo them
369 away. That becomes just cruelty."
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371 **10. COUNCIL COMMENTS.**
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373 Ms. Mabry: "Thank y'all for coming out. I don't have anything to say. Good to see you here.
374 That's about it."
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376 Mr. Stevens: "Thank you for coming out. Anybody wants to come and listen to the budget, it's
377 real interesting and it's next week. Thank you."
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379 Mr. Johnson: "Amazingly, I'm out of words. (*Laughter*) Thanks for coming out. Please vote
380 tomorrow. It's your God given right. God bless Surfside Beach and God bless America. Thank you."
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382 Ms. Kohlmann: "Just back to you Betty, I think that if you look at that ordinance, it's pretty clear
383 about protection for those animals, and there is a state and federal law and our laws do not trump those

384 state and federal laws, and they are very specific. I just wanted you to know that, and I just wanted to
385 take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for giving me the honor and the privilege of
386 serving on Town Council. It's a beautiful town, and thank the staff, and of course, the police and fire
387 departments who keep us all safe, and I just want to say thank you very much, and I want to wish all of
388 you the best of luck in your new council seats. Thank you very much." *(Applause)*
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390 Mr. Smith: "Since this is my last time for council comments, I thought I'd take advantage of the
391 time. I was disappointed for a few hours when I didn't get reelected. But, after reflection and prayer, I
392 now understand that my God has a different plan for me, and I probably would not even be here and been
393 elected in 2010, if it wasn't for Nancy Childs. She suggested that I run for council on January the 1st
394 when we were coming home from a New Year Eve's party, and again, if it wasn't for Nancy and Bob
395 Childs in 2010, I probably wouldn't have got elected. They did a lot of the campaigning for me. During
396 the last four years one project that I'm very pleased with are the five new 12 x 12 foot beach access
397 decks that Mr. Adair just recently mentioned. The last one was completed on 12th Avenue North. I
398 started working on this project when I first got elected. I wanted the decks to be larger to provide more
399 sitting room and to allow beach goers that were passing through to not interfere with the people who were
400 sitting. Those small decks, every time somebody body wanted to go across, you had to stand up if you
401 were sitting down. So, the large decks provide a lot more sitting room. It took time to convince staff that
402 this was a good project, and then the staff had to get permits, and finally, the town's excellent public
403 works had to build the decks. Yes, the decks were built in-house by public works employees, because
404 we have excellent people that know how to swing a hammer and cut lumber. We've got good carpenters,
405 and staff has now bought into this project, and I understand, if I'm correct, that the plan is to build about
406 two bigger beach access decks each year until they are completed. It's evident to me that the town just
407 did not want my form of good government. I do not mind losing while standing up for what I believe is
408 good for the town. I believe we need to keep a lean budget, eliminate wasteful spending, such as the
409 very expensive project to pave a state owned road, make sure that we still budget the correct things. We
410 budgeted money for the stormwater projects on 3rd Avenue North and 16th Avenue North. Hopefully,
411 they'll be completed in this fiscal year, and we stopped an unnecessary tax increase. This increase was,
412 of course, not required. The general fund this year is projected to have a surplus of \$350,000. I think
413 using common sense is important for the town. But, not everybody has the same vision about what
414 common sense is. I believe that the town is obligated to provide parking for our visitors, and the
415 comments by town residents about parking meters confirm that they believe the same, except they
416 believe the town should provide parking, but it should be free parking, and I think we should use the
417 meters. I'm not sure all of you realize that the engineering parking study recommends no parking on
418 Ocean Boulevard. That means the people who are servicing the beach houses would not have anywhere
419 to park, if they couldn't park underneath the house. The engineering study also recommended that we
420 build a parking garage, and I'm sure nobody wants that. So, you either have to provide parking
421 somewhere, buy lots or something, but you need to provide parking for the town. By allowing 130-plus
422 parking spaces on Ocean Boulevard, the town is saving over two million, one to two million dollars in the
423 future, cause [sic] we'd have to buy some land to provide additional parking. But, by using free land the
424 right-of-way on Ocean Boulevard we can save that kind of money. Parking on Ocean Boulevard would
425 be distributed parking from end to end, whereas a parking lot would concentrate the parking in one area.
426 We've got the parking at 6th North, 3rd North, and the places in the south, and that's where the people
427 park and those areas of the beach are full. But, when you use Ocean Boulevard for parking, it distributes
428 it throughout the whole town. If a person takes the time to go through all the permutation [sic,]
429 permutations on parking, I think that most of us would arrive, arrive at the same kind of conclusion. At
430 least my common sense says the future town should not spend one to two million building a garage or
431 buying land for parking, when the Ocean Boulevard right-of-way land is free. But who said that we, the
432 town residents, have common sense? [sic] I didn't say that. Thank you all for allowing me to serve you
433 for the last four years. I will still be involved, because this is my home, and our town at the beach."
434 *(Applause)*
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436 Ms. Dodge: "This is my farewell speech, and it's short and sweet, but I want to thank you so
437 much for allowing me the honor of serving you on this council. It's up to you to decide how well I've done.
438 I will say this, I have given it my all; everything. I am so tired! *(Speaker's emphasis-laughter)* It's been a

439 valuable learning experience for me, and it was an amazing experience going around and talking with
440 everyone in town and learning their thoughts about the town; what they would like to see us do; future
441 vision, and so forth. I hope we follow some of those suggestions, which I have passed on. I'm also going
442 to say marks for my performance up here on this dais are up to you. Hope you're good (*laughter.*) Also, I
443 want to wish good luck to new representatives to Town Council. It's a daunting experience to come up
444 here for the first time and think, oh my gosh, what have I gotten myself into, David?" Mr. Pellegrino
445 responded from the audience (***laughter.*) Ms. Dodge: "But you will, you will fall right into it and there are
446 a lot of people up here to help you, and thank you so much. I have enjoyed serving you, the people of
447 this town." (*Applause*)
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449 Mayor Samples: "I wanna thank everybody who has participated in the process, and I want to
450 end it with why don't we give them all a standing ovation?" (*Extended Applause.*) Mayor Samples:
451 "Good luck to all of you, I know you'll be keeping us informed when we go awry. I do wish David and Bob
452 the best of luck, and the best of luck to both Mr. Magliette and Mr. Truett no matter what the outcome is.
453 Do remember to vote tomorrow."
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455 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

456 Mr. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Ms. Dodge seconded. All voted in favor.
457 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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459 Prepared and submitted by
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472 Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

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476 Ann Dodge, Town Council

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480 Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

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482 Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

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484 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

485 *Clerk's Note: This document constitutes minutes of the meeting that was digitally recorded. These are*
486 *detailed minutes documenting each member's comments. Appointments to hear recordings may be*
487 *scheduled with the town clerk. In accordance with FOIA, meeting notice and the agenda were distributed*
488 *to local media and interested parties. The agenda was posted on the town website, the entry door at*
Town Council Chambers, and in the Town Hall reception area. Meeting notice was also posted on the
Town marquee. Public Comments and Town Council Comments are transcribed as close to verbatim as
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Town of Surfside Beach)

Resolution #14-143

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Declaration of Results

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – APRIL 8, 2014

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach held a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, for the purpose of electing three town councilmembers, each of whom shall serve for a four-year term beginning May 13, 2014 and ending May 8, 2018; and

WHEREAS, said election was duly and properly held; the returns of the election managers and the original poll list are on file in the town clerk's office, and the Certification of Election Commissioners for the Town of Surfside Beach is herewith presented to Town Council certifying that the total votes cast were:

Seat Sought	Candidate Name	Number of Votes	Successful Candidate
Town Council	Bob Childs	396	SUCCESSFUL
Town Council	Keith Dame	105	
Town Council	Sandra Elliott	167	
Town Council	Carrie Johnson	86	
Town Council	Beth Kohlmann	278	
Town Council	Ralph Magliette	302	Runoff
Town Council	David Pellegrino	420	SUCCESSFUL
Town Council	Rod Smith	174	
Town Council	Sammy Truett	284	Runoff
Write-in Candidates			
Town Council	David Carney	1	
Town Council	William Jones	1	
Town Council	Joe Mucha, Jr.	1	
Town Council	Darren Pope	1	
Town Council	Scott Robinson	1	
Town Council	Deb Squires	1	
Town Council	Greg Szupillo	1	

WHEREAS, council candidates **David Pellegrino with 420 votes**, and **Bob Childs with 396 votes** received a majority of votes cast that resulted favorably in the election of **David Pellegrino** and **Bob Childs** to town council; and

WHEREAS, The Municipal Election Commission has determined that a runoff election is necessary to fill one remaining council seat, and that **Ralph Magliette with 302 votes** and

Sammy Truett with 284 votes are hereby named to participate in a runoff election to fill the remaining one open council seat to be held on Tuesday April 22nd, 2014. Polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The candidate that receives the highest number of votes shall be deemed successful.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach that as incident to the adoption of this Resolution, Town Council finds that the facts set forth in the recitals hereof and the statements herein made are true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a **RUNOFF ELECTION** shall be held on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2014 and that **Ralph Magliette** and **Sammy Truett** are the candidates to appear on the ballot to fill the remaining one open council seat. Polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The candidate that receives the highest number of votes shall be deemed successful.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the successful candidates shall be sworn to office during the regular town council meeting scheduled May 13, 2014 at 6:30 o'clock p.m.

BE IT SO RESOLVED.

Signed, sealed and adopted this 21st day of April 2014.

[Redacted Signature]
Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

Mary Beth Mabry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Ann Dodge, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Elizabeth A. Kohlmann, Town Council

Roderick E. Smith, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

Attest:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
 COUNTY OF HORRY)
 TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH)

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

We, the undersigned Commissioners of Election for the Town of Surfside Beach, do hereby certify:

1. That we are the duly appointed Managers of Election for the Town of Surfside Beach for the General Municipal Election held on Tuesday, April 8, 2012, to elect three town councilmembers.

2. That all persons so named as Managers of Election served.

3. That the said Managers of Election so appointed or substituted conducted said election at the Town of Surfside Beach. Precincts Surfside #1, Surfside #2, and Surfside #4 delivered to the undersigned the respective Oath, Tally Sheet, and Return of Election forms, along with the Poll List, envelopes containing Ballot tapes, and a written Statement of the Election Results.

4. That the Oath, Tally Sheet, and Return of Managers of Election show the following total votes cast in said Election for the mayor's seat, and the three (3) town council seats:

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Town Council	David Carney	1	

5. That the results of the Election established that **David Pellegrino** with **420** total votes and **Bob Childs** with **396** total votes were the successful candidates for a town council seat. That **Ralph Magliette** with **302** votes and **Sammy Truett** with **284** votes are hereby named to participate in a runoff election to fill the remaining one open council seat to be held on Tuesday April 22nd, 2014. Polls will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The two candidates that receive the highest number of votes shall be deemed successful.

7. That said Election Returns of the April 8th, 2014 General Election, after having been duly canvassed, along with this Certificate of Commissioners of Election are presented to the Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach, South Carolina and due record made thereof.

8. Further, affiants saith naught.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2014.

**TOWN OF SURFSIDE BEACH
MUNICIPAL ELECTION COMMISSION**



Judy Tuttle, Commission Chairman



Judy Engelhard, Commission Member



Peggy Inman, Commission Member

Attest:



Debra E. Herrmann, CMC
Town Clerk

2014 General Election Official Results

VERIFIED Town Council	Precinct #1	Precinct #2	Precinct #4	Absentee	Failsafe & Challenged Ballots	Verified TOTALS	OFFICIAL TOTAL BALLOTS	SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE
CHILDS, Bob	217	166	0	9	4	392	396	SUCCESSFUL
DAME, Keith	71	30	0	3	1	104	105	
ELLIOTT, Sandra	86	73	0	3	5	162	167	
JOHNSON, Carrie	56	26	0	2	2	84	86	
KOHLMANN, Beth	168	93	0	9	8	270	278	
MAGLIETTE, Ralph	138	149	0	11	4	298	302	Runoff
PELLEGRINO, David	223	179	0	13	5	415	420	SUCCESSFUL
SMITH, Rod	78	77	0	10	9	165	174	
TRUETT, Sammy	140	133	0	5	6	278	284	Runoff
WRITE-IN CANDIDATES								
David Carney		1				1	1	
William Jones	1					1	1	
Joe Mucha, Jr.	1					1	1	
Darren Pope	1					1	1	
Scott Robinson	1					1	1	
Deb Squires		1				1	1	
Greg Szupillo	1					1	1	
TOTALS	1,182	928	0	65	44	2,175	2,219	

Total Votes Cast: $2,219 \div 3 = 739.66 \div 2 = 369.83$ votes in excess of this number required to be seated.

Total Ballots Cast = $850 \div 3,013$ (total number of electors) = 28.21% participation