



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 26, 2015 • 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Samples called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Childs, Mabry, Magliette, and Stevens were in attendance. Councilmember Johnson was absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann; Finance Director King; Police Chief Keziah; Public Works Director Adair, and Events & Recreation Supervisor Ellis.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

A. Invocation: Pastor Marty Parker of Glens Bay Baptist Church gave the invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Samples lead the Pledge.

3. PUBLIC HEARING – to hear public comments on Ordinance #15-0802, the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Municipal Budget. Mayor Samples opened the hearing at 6:32 p.m. After calling several times for public comments, there was no response from the public. The hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Childs moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

5. MINUTES APPROVAL. Regular Meeting May 12, 2015. Mr. Childs moved to adopt the May 12, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only. (3-minutes per speaker)

Mr. Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North, was impressed with the 5-years of storm water data taken by volunteers that was presented at the annual stormwater volunteers meeting. The volunteers' hard work resulted in removing some of the swimming prohibited signs and solved other problems without having to place a giant pipe into the ocean. He also thanked the senior citizen committee and encouraged the council to continue supporting its work.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Employee Recognition: Cornelius “Neal” Johnson, Public Works, 30-years. Mayor Samples said the presentation would be deferred since Mr. Johnson could not attend the meeting.

B. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee 2014 Report by Wanda Stonebreaker, Chairman. Councilmember Magliette, Liaison to the Committee. Mr. Steve Shore presented the 2014 report, a copy of which is attached and made a part here of by reference. Ms. Stonebreaker said it was critical for senior citizens to socialize and to have regular, gentle exercise to maintain their independence. The committee plans to perform a senior needs survey and presented a request for \$5,000 to be used during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for survey preparation, envelopes, business cards, etc. Plans were also being made for a Senior Fair. Mayor Samples said the funding request would be addressed during business. Mr. Stevens asked when the Senior Fair would be held. Ms. Stonebreaker said possibly in October before the weather turns cold; possibly at the civic center. Mr. Magliette thanked the committee and its members for the 2014 report. He suggested that the Senior Fair be advertised in the town newsletter, social media, and website. Mr. Magliette suggested that Horry County be contacted regarding extending the Senior Center

56 hours of operation. Mr. Stevens was proud that he brought the senior committee to Town Council in 2012
57 at the suggestion of Mr. Magliette; he believes the committee is a benefit to every senior citizen in town.
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59 **C. Tree City 2014 Award, Director Adair.** Ms. Lois Edwards, South Carolina Forestry Commission
60 on behalf of the National Arbor Day Foundation, presented the town with a 7-year award for its participation in
61 the Tree City USA program. She thanked the town for budgeting and supporting staff in this effort. Trees give
62 the town a sense of place, and improve quality of life. Trees add social, economic, and environmental
63 benefits. There are four requirements to be a Tree City USA: (1) staff or board to care for the public trees;
64 (2) tree ordinance; (3) spend \$2/capita caring for public trees, and (4) to celebrate Arbor Day, which is the first
65 Friday in December in South Carolina. The town has accomplished these criteria well during the past 7-
66 years. Mr. Adair has attended several continuing education classes to learn about tree care, management,
67 and green spaces. Ms. Edwards thanked Town Council for continuing the program and supporting staff. The
68 efforts were being noticed around the State. She was proud of the town's efforts.
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70 **D. Department Reports.**

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72 **i. Finance.** Director King presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached to
73 these minutes and made a part hereof by reference. Ms. King said several business license renewals
74 were received in the mail today. Ms. Mabry asked if any recreation funds were received from Horry
75 County. Ms. King said not yet, but both the administrator and she have contacted Horry County. She will
76 call again. Ms. Mabry asked if funds received after July 1st would be credited to this fiscal year. Ms. King
77 said receipts through August are credited to this year. Mayor Samples explained that about one-third of
78 the overage in salaries was attributable to the fact that Town Council revised the leave policy earlier this
79 year and paid out excess leave to reduce the leave liability. That action was taken to better manage
80 personnel cost.
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82 **ii. Public Works.** Director Adair presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached
83 to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference. Mr. Adair added that the recycling vendor
84 collected 3,105 pounds of electronic waste. The individual that wanted to place a memorial bench on the
85 pier has not yet responded to his message regarding what the town would allow. The 5th Annual Meeting
86 of the Water Quality Monitoring Team was held last week. Dr. Libes from Coastal Carolina gave a
87 PowerPoint presentation of 5-years of data, which was very informative and will be useful identifying
88 problems like the recent turbidity issue at Dogwood Lake. The South Carolina Department of Health and
89 Environment Control (DHEC) ocean water quality testing done from May through October at seven sites
90 has resulted in such low numbers that three sites will have the permanent warning signs removed at 8th
91 Avenue South, 3rd Avenue North, and 16th Avenue North. Mr. Magliette said it was gratifying to see five
92 years of data, and that those three sites were no longer going to be posted. He asked if DNA testing
93 could be done to identify whether the E. coli bacteria was human, dog, or bird. That type information at
94 the discharge sites was "exquisitely" valuable. Mr. Adair believed the information would be worth having.
95 Dr. Libes was asked for a proposal to do DNA testing at the Myrtle Lake outfall. She has access to
96 genetic source tracking that could eliminate human contributions. He said Myrtle Lake has slightly
97 elevated E. coli, which could be from various sources as the outfall receives water from many sources in
98 town. Most likely, the source is water fowl. Eliminating the human source would ensure that there were
99 no sewer leaks in the system. Generally, when sewer leaks occur the E. coli levels go as high as the
100 millions. Mr. Magliette asked if any septic tank systems were left in town. Mr. Adair said there were no
101 records. Ms. Mabry explained that when septic systems were hooked up to Grand Strand Water and
102 Sewer, the septic tanks were required to be "crushed in" and filled. Mr. Childs asked what happened
103 when televisions were left on the streets. Mr. Adair said initially the resident was asked to store the
104 television until the drop off event, but if that failed, the television was stored at public works. Mr. Stevens
105 said the water quality tester's meeting presented good data. He worked with DHEC in the 70's and
106 actually inspected septic tanks in town. He knew the tanks were supposed to be filled in when they were
107 converted. He also wanted to know the cost of DNA analysis, because he thought it was worthwhile. Mr.
108 Stevens asked when the large dog park would be leveled and graded, because it floods every time it
109 rains. Mr. Adair said a project is being completed at 4th Avenue North parking lot; the dog park is next on
110 the list. It should be completed by the end of June.
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112 **iii. Special Events and Recreation.** Ms. Ellis presented the departmental report, a copy of
113 which is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof by reference. Ms. Ellis thanked Ms. Mabry for
114 helping serve lunch on Saturday. The Farmers Market will be moved to the Passive Park beginning June
115 9th. Mr. Lanford from the Waccamaw Market Cooperative will prepare and advertise the new location. Mr.
116 Childs thanked Ms. Ellis for the great events over the Memorial weekend. The weather was perfect
117 and the events could not have been better. He understood that the Sunday Serenades would be moved
118 to the front of the park so people would see it more readily. Ms. Ellis said that was correct. Mr. Childs
119 said moving the Farmers Market to the Passive Park was discussed years ago. He thought there was
120 plenty of parking there. The trees will make a much better location for vendors and shoppers.
121 Mayor Samples said some trailers were parked in the golf cart parking at the Yaupon parking lot. He
122 asked if the vendors could park there. Ms. Ellis said she would check. Ms. Mabry said she was allowed
123 to help serve the officers on Saturday by placing ice in the cups. The luncheon and supper were so well
124 organized there were no other tasks she could do. The guest patrolmen were very complimentary of the
125 town; Ms. Ellis, and the hospitality shown to them. They all said they want to come back; some plan to
126 come on vacation. Even though many of them were tired from working all night, they still bragged on the
127 town as did our own officers. She thanked Ms. Ellis for a wonderful job. She really put the town in a
128 great light, even to the point that the houses had snacks and drinks for the guests. Ms. Ellis said thank
129 you and some of the guest officers attended the Blessing of the Beach. Mr. Stevens said the Memorial
130 Day cookout was really great. The Memorial Day service was excellent. He commended the mayor for
131 his speech as it was the best he heard in a long time. Ms. Ellis was excused.
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133 **C. Administrator's Report.** Ms. Fellner reported the following updates:
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- 135 • A lot of staff time and preparation occurred prior to the past two bike weeks. There were 11
136 additional agency personnel from SLED (South Carolina Law Enforcement Division), DNR
137 (Department of Natural Resources) and the PPP (Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon)
138 brought to town, which allowed the police to have two officers in each vehicle. Efforts in adding
139 the no thru street signs, increased police presence and proactive approach to community
140 communications seemed to work well throughout the event. The new body cameras also worked
141 well, and there were no glitches reported in any of the cameras. Many town residents have
142 expressed thanks for the town's proactive approach. By the day after the event last year, she
143 received over a dozen complaint telephone calls; not counting email messages. This year, she
144 had not received a single complaint, but had received many complimentary messages. Kudos to
145 Town Council for agreeing to fund the extra coverage, because that is why staff was allowed to
146 do this. The only significant property damage during either of the two events was the Chief's 2007
147 Chevy Trail Blazer, which was t-boned and totaled by a 19-year old who ran a stop sign on Poplar
148 Drive this past weekend. The vehicle had 106,000 miles on it and was due for replacement in
149 FY2016-2017. She will bring this up as a consensus item later. Mayor Samples said for the
150 record, "the Chief wasn't driving." Ms. Fellner believed it was Officer Ridgeway and a DNR officer
151 passenger. Neither of whom were injured, due to Officer Ridgeway's defensive driving action.
152 Ms. Fellner presented statistics for both the Harley and BikeFest events:
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 - 154 1. During the Harley Week there are no arrest statistics currently available for Myrtle Beach.
 - 155 2. For the Atlantic Beach BikeFest there were 315 arrests in Myrtle Beach. This is a 28-percent
156 decrease when compared to 2014.
 - 157 3. During the Harley Week there are no shots fired statistics currently available for Myrtle Beach.
 - 158 4. During the Atlantic BikeFest there were six shots fired calls in the City of Myrtle Beach with
159 one injury and no gun-related fatalities. This is a 67-percent decrease when compared to 2014 when
160 there were seven gun-related injuries including three fatalities.
 - 161 5. During the Harley Week there were 27 arrests in Horry County. They do not have comparative
162 statistics for 2014 available.
 - 163 6. During the Atlantic BikeFest there were 208 arrests in Horry County. This is a 7-percent
164 decrease when compared to 2014.
 - 165 7. During the Harley Week there were 48 arrests in North Myrtle Beach. There are no
166 comparative statistics available.
 - 167 8. During the Atlantic BikeFest there were 36 arrests in North Myrtle Beach.

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168 9. During the Harley Week there were 26 arrests in Surfside Beach; five were drug-related. This
169 is an 18-percent decrease when compared to 2014.

170 10. During the Atlantic BikeFest there were 36 arrests in Surfside Beach; six were drug-related.
171 This is an 8-percent increase when compared to 2014.

172 11. During either rally, there were no reports of shots fired in Surfside Beach during 2015 or
173 2014.

174 12. Atlantic Beach reported no arrests for Harley Week and one arrest during the Atlantic Beach
175 BikeFest.

176 13. Statistics for gun shots fired in North Myrtle Beach, Horry County and Atlantic Beach are not
177 yet available.

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179 Fire Calls during these events were as follows ...

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181 1. During Harley Bike Week from May 8 thru 17, 2015, there were a total of 46 calls. These calls
182 included 29 medical emergencies, 11 motor vehicle accidents, three service calls, two fire alarms, and
183 one brush fire.

184 2. During BikeFest from May 22 thru 25 there were a total of 15 calls. These calls included 11
185 medical emergencies, two service calls and two motor vehicle accidents.

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187 • The finance focus group is meeting with the auditor's tomorrow morning to discuss a number of
188 issues and ask questions prior to the start of the financial audit for this past year. The audit
189 process through delivery of the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) will last until late
190 October or early November.
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192 • Ms. Fellner will be in Columbia on Monday, June 1st to attend an appellate hearing and also to
193 visit VC3 to discuss hosted desktop strategies and new solutions they are now able to offer. For
194 the benefit of the public, VC3 is the major technology partner for the Municipal Association of SC.

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196 **Consensus Items:**

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198 Knuckleboom Truck. On April 22nd, day one of the Budget Workshop, Town Council concurred to
199 move forward with the purchase of a new knuckleboom truck for sanitation that had originally been
200 scheduled in Fiscal Year 2016-2017. The estimated cost given to council for the truck was \$140,000 as
201 evidenced in the audio recording of that meeting. The truck was bid and an analysis of the RFP's received
202 was performed by staff. There were four bids, which ranged from \$122,162 to \$145,247. It was
203 determined that the lowest bid would not be the most advantageous for the town. The bid selected was
204 for \$132,846, which was a Ford F750 Cab & Chassis with a Brush Hawg [sic] Body. It was selected
205 because it would be a better fit for the town fleet with regard to uniformity, maintenance history and parts
206 availability. A complete description of all bids and selection rationale was placed on the dais before the
207 meeting, and will be posted on the website once the bid is awarded. Since this was technically budgeted
208 in the next fiscal year and not this one, Ms. Fellner wanted to make sure that council had no issue with
209 the award. She apologized for the short notice, but the report was just received via email today at 4:00
210 p.m. Ms. Mabry said she spoke with the fleet mechanic while she was serving the officers this Saturday.
211 He explained to her the importance of buying similar equipment, because so much diagnostic equipment
212 is used. She said this was a good purchase. Town Council **CONCURRED** to proceed with the purchase.

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214 Police Chief's Vehicle. Funding for a 4-wheel drive vehicle for the chief was sought, since the
215 vehicle he had been driving was totaled this past weekend. The Ford Explorer is the least expensive SUV
216 on state contract. The purchase price is \$27,607, less approximately \$5,000 from the insurance company
217 for a total needed of \$22,607, plus emergency lighting installation of \$2,000 for a grand total of \$24,607.
218 The money would come out of the Hospitality Fund. The alternative would be to purchase an auction
219 vehicle with between 50- and 60-thousand miles already on it for approximately \$21,000, less
220 approximately \$5,000 from the insurance company for a total needed of \$16,000, plus emergency lighting
221 installation of \$2,000 for a grand total of \$18,000. The difference is approximately \$6,500. From a value-
222 added standpoint it would seem prudent to purchase the new vehicle. This is not a budgeted item.
223 However, the expenditure is over \$10,000 so the purchase was presented for concurrence. This is an

224 emergency purchase, but not in the sense that Town Council could not be consulted beforehand. After
225 discussion, Town Council **CONCURRED to purchase a new Ford Explorer through State Contract.**

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227 **Responses to Public Comments:**

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229 *Comment:* A resident asked the council to take baby steps on the value parking ordinance and
230 not lower it all the way to \$0.50 per hour since it was making money.

231 *Response:* Council decided to only offer value parking at \$0.50 per hour in the 13th Avenue
232 South lot. Value parking for the spaces on Ocean Boulevard between 16th and 17th Avenues North were
233 stricken from the ordinance.

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235 *Comment:* Certified police dog trainer, Matt Read, thanked council for putting his dog, Viking,
236 back to work. He also stated that he appreciated council's concerns and due diligence on the creation of
237 a 501(C)(3) nonprofit company. He assured council that the association would pay for everything that
238 both Biko and Viking need, including training, food, equipment, vet visits, medical emergencies, etc.

239 *Response:* Council concurred to accept the donation of Viking, but asked that they receive legal
240 information regarding the 501(C)(3). Clearly, since any nonprofit can set up a 501(C)(3) and handle
241 disbursement of funds according to their bylaws, this creates an additional level at which financial control
242 can be compromised. Consequently, after discussion with the Director of Finance, Ms. Fellner preferred
243 to create a separate K-9 fund much as the town does for drug funds and bond money, and to manage it
244 completely in-house. In this way, not only all monies received by donations for K-9 purposes, but also all
245 funds intended for the canine unit will be controlled by the town and 100-percent can be utilized for the
246 intended purpose. All staff, including the police chief, are onboard with this and the dog trainer, Matt
247 Read, has been notified and agreed with the recommendation. Mr. Magliette said all monies donated for
248 the dogs would go into this account. Ms. Fellner said right, and the donations would be tax deductible.
249 Staff was directed to bring an ordinance to establish the fund.

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251 **8. BUSINESS**

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253 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #15-0802 FY2015-2016 Municipal Budget, Director King.**

254 Ms. King presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. Mr. Stevens moved to
255 adopt second reading of Ordinance #15-0802 as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mr. Magliette moved
256 to amend the ordinance to include \$2,500 for the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Childs
257 seconded. All voted in favor to amend. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED. MOTION CARRIED AS**
258 **AMENDED.** Ms. King said page one of the ordinance shows a number to be determined, which would be
259 added once the information was received from the Municipal Association. Also, "CPA" would be
260 corrected to "CPI."

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262 **B. Second Reading Ordinance #15-0803 to amend §11-13(b) and (c) to comply with South**
263 **Carolina Code regarding Statements of Economic Interest, Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Fellner
264 presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt
265 second reading of Ordinance #15-0803 as presented. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION**
266 **CARRIED.**

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268 **C. First Reading Ordinance #15-0804 to amend Chapter 4, Article III, Stormwater**
269 **Management, Director Adair.** Mr. Adair presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which
270 are on file. Ms. Mabry moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-0804 as presented. Mr. Magliette
271 seconded. Mr. Stevens moved to amend the motion to add the word "New" to the beginning of Section
272 14-52, paragraph (8). Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor to amend. **MOTION TO AMEND**
273 **CARRIED.** All voted in favor of motion as amended. **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.**

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275 **D. Committee Volunteers & Stormwater Committee Resolution.** This matter may be
276 deferred until after executive session pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) §30-4-70(a)(1).
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278 **i. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee (KSBB) (2 vacancies).** Volunteers: Ms. Tabitha
279 Mull, Ms. Jan Silverman, and Ms. Jennifer Courtney. Mr. Magliette explained that there were two

280 resignations from the committee, Ms. Mary Ellen Abrams, and Mr. Al Stein, so that accounted for the
281 vacancies. Town Council amended the KSBB membership at its February 24, 2015 meeting to allow as
282 many residents to serve as desired to do so, therefore, Mr. Magliette moved to appoint Ms. Mull, Ms.
283 Silverman, and Ms. Courtney to the KSBB. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION**
284 **CARRIED.**

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286 **ii. Board of Zoning Appeals (1 vacancy).** Volunteer: Ms. Jan Silverman. This item deferred
287 until after executive session.

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289 **iii. Stormwater Advisory Committee Resolution – Declare Seat Vacant; Change**
290 **Membership to 5 from 7.** Mayor Samples said there are currently seven positions on the committee, but
291 there has been a problem having a quorum to hold meetings. Stormwater Committee Chairman Elliott
292 explained to Town Council that there has been a vacancy since October 2013, and there were three
293 meetings since then where a quorum was not present. The committee meets quarterly, and it was
294 embarrassing when guests were present to address the committee. The committee cannot fulfill its
295 obligations unless there is a quorum. The members voted in favor of recommending to Town Council to
296 reduce the membership to five members, so three members would constitute a quorum. Ms. Mabry
297 asked if state law prescribed a certain number on the committee. Mr. Adair said no. Mr. Stevens said
298 membership was changed on other committees in the past, and he supported the recommendation since
299 there were problems establishing a quorum. Mr. Magliette agreed. The committee needs to be
300 functional. It was a disservice to the volunteers that showed up when the others did not attend. Mr.
301 Stevens moved to adopt a resolution to reduce the Stormwater Advisory Committee members from seven
302 members to five members. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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304 **9. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.**

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306 Mr. Childs presented a proposal to hold executive sessions at one hour prior to meetings,
307 because the meetings run so late into the evening. Executive session would be held at 5:30, instead of
308 after the end of the meeting. Ms. Mabry agreed, and said it was unusual to be finished with business
309 early. It would be much more convenient. Mr. Stevens concurred with Mr. Childs and Ms. Mabry. Mayor
310 Samples asked what the ordinance stated. Mr. Childs said the ordinance would have to be amended;
311 executive session is scheduled in the agenda. Staff was instructed to bring an ordinance for Town
312 Council's consideration.

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314 Mr. Stevens said the Economic Development, Planning and Marketing Committee, which includes
315 Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, Councilmember Magliette, and himself, met with Myrtle Beach Chamber of
316 Commerce staff, and other business community members. They received good information from them
317 and will schedule another meeting in the near future. He believed positive steps in the right direction were
318 being made.

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

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322 Mr. Christopher Trinemeyer, Murrells Inlet, offered his services for future Veteran and Memorial
323 Day events, since he is a combat-wounded Veteran, and earned the Purple Heart. He also discussed the
324 need for awareness for the Purple Heart on his license plate that allows him free parking in any metered
325 spot in South Carolina. He suggested some type signage in the parking areas for Purple Heart recipients
326 and also handicapped individuals. Also, he said thank you for the crime reporting during the bike events,
327 but, in his opinion, the actual numbers were much worse. Mr. Trinemeyer said thank you to the Surfside
328 Beach Police Department for the great job they did during the event.

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330 Ms. Judy Kidd, 11th Avenue North, thanked Mr. Adair for scheduling a class for a 4-year old. It
331 was very enjoyable and made a great memory for the young boy. She wanted everyone to know how
332 much the citizens appreciated Mr. Adair. Ms. Kidd also thanked the town for updating and remodeling the
333 entrance to Town Hall. It created a much better work environment and looks so much better than it used
334 to.

336 Ms. Patricia Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive, said thank you to the town, and especially to Debbie
337 Ellis, for the Memorial Day events. The Blessing of the Beach was wonderful; the cookout was great.
338 The cheeseburgers were very good. The Memorial Day Service was excellent. Also, thank you to the
339 police, fire, EMS, and the visiting officers for the great job throughout the weekend. The traffic was
340 noticeably quieter. There were no speeding motorcycles in her neighborhood and thru traffic was kept at
341 a minimum.

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343 Ms. Wanda Burgess, 15th Avenue South, recommended that the town call the K-9 dog fund the
344 "Surfside Kennel Club," or "Jackson," [her dog], he would appreciate it.
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346 **11. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**
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348 Mr. Pellegrino thanked everyone for coming. Many positives about the town were discussed
349 tonight. It is a great town. During Harley Bike Week, one of his tenant said everyone here stops and says
350 hello, and "in Connecticut all they do is practice finger gestures!" During Memorial Day Bike Week, a
351 family group staying at his house made the same type comments. They said it was enjoyable to come
352 back to Surfside Beach from Myrtle Beach so they could relax and enjoy their visit. Thank you for the
353 hospitality. That is what brings people back, and that is why people love the Family Beach. Have a great
354 night.
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356 Mr. Magliette agreed with Mr. Pellegrino. The town is a little gem, and it is because of the people,
357 the wonderful services, and volunteers. It is a pleasure to be here. He reminded everyone that the
358 newsletter was recently published. The two items he believed most important were the Special Needs
359 Outreach Program to collect information from individuals that need assistance during storm events, and
360 the South Carolina Safe Home Program that is an up to \$5,000 matching grant program for home repairs
361 to help prevent hurricane damage. He had forms available, if anyone needed them, and they would be
362 available in Town Hall. Thank everyone for coming tonight. God bless you.
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364 Mr. Childs thanked Surfside Beach Police Department for this past weekend. He lives near
365 Ocean Boulevard and 16th Avenue North, which is a notorious race track because of the straight road
366 between the boulevard and Highway 17. No motorcycles came through the neighborhood. He heard no
367 noise, and both roads were very quiet. He believes the police department did as good a job as could be
368 expected. He was very impressed as everything was fairly normal. The Purple Heart issue came up
369 some time ago, and there is actually a handicapped Purple Heart license plate in addition to the Purple
370 Heart license plate.
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372 Mr. Stevens thanked everyone for coming out. The police department did an excellent job over
373 Memorial Weekend. He rode with the police chief on Saturday. He was amazed how quiet the town was
374 on Saturday night. The chief told him that Captain Miller and Lieutenant Hofmann visited the homes
375 where there were bikes and introduced themselves. They gave out pamphlets with the town rules and
376 welcomed the bikers, asking them to be good citizens while they were here. K-9 Viking found heroin
377 drugs in 10 seconds on a suspect, who was arrested. Another theft crime was solved within an hour. It
378 was amazing to ride with the chief. He encouraged everyone to attend the Police Citizens Academy to
379 learn about police operations.
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381 Ms. Mabry said thank you to everyone; it was a loud, inconvenient two weeks. You can love
382 them, and wish they were here, and we certainly do welcome everybody. But, it was loud. We are glad
383 they are here and that the week turned out as well as it did. A lot of planning was done; it did not just
384 happen overnight. The SLED agents look like they are going to Afghanistan when they dress out in their
385 uniforms; it was intimidating. The agents came up to her and said, "Lady, you don't have a clue as to
386 what it's like everywhere else." She really did not, because she has lived here so long, and taken so
387 much for granted that she thought this was how people live. Forty years in a town changes you to be
388 what that town is. The SLED agents were not used to having citizens wave to them as they passed by or
389 citizens saying thank you. The agents said this was something that would stay with them for a while.
390 They were impressed with the hospitality, the cleanliness, and the services, but most of all with the

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391 people who live here. Ms. Mabry said she went to say thank you to them, but when she left she was just
392 welled-up with pride, because of the citizens that live here. Thank you all so much.
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394 Mayor Samples said the town had a good couple of weeks. We need to remember and thank all
395 the Horry County leaders and State officials. He believed people began putting business and profit over
396 public safety. Clearly, this year was a great success. Chairman Lazarus already suggested continuing
397 the task force. Mayor Samples thought it was needed. The town is a small area and can be overrun. It
398 is a tourist economy and relies on those dollars. He was very proud of all involved for the conscientious
399 effort shown by our staff, including Ms. Fellner. The town has to work with other entities to protect and
400 preserve its assets, but, he said, do not kid yourself by thinking the town is an island, because it is not. It
401 was all about relationships, and it took work, time and effort to establish those. Mayor Samples thanked
402 everyone for coming out and being concerned about the town, which is what make this a great place.
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404 **11. EXECUTIVE SESSION Pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a**
405 **person to a public body.** Mr. Stevens moved to enter executive session at 8:19 p.m. Ms. Mabry
406 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Stevens moved to reconvene regular session at
407 8:55 p.m. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Samples said that no
408 action was taken during executive session.
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410 Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Mr. Phil Murdock to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Mr. Childs
411 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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413 **12. ADJOURNMENT**
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415 Ms. Mabry moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor.
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422 Approved: June 9, 2015
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428 Robert F. Childs, Town Council
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