



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2015 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Executive Session: Mayor Samples called Town Council to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 for the purpose of entering executive session pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss employment (town clerk's annual performance review); and pursuant to FOIA 30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss multiple contractual matters. Mayor Samples, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Childs, Johnson, Mabry, Magliette, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner and Town Clerk Herrmann. Mr. Johnson moved to enter executive session at 5:30 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn executive session at 6:29 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mayor Samples said that no action was taken during executive session. Any motions or directives to the town administrator will be presented during the business portion of the meeting. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Town Council Meeting

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, Johnson, Mabry, Magliette, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann; Fire Chief Otte; and Police Chief Keziah.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

A. Invocation: Pastor Julian Riddle, Surfside Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

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

3. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

4. MINUTES APPROVAL

Regular Meeting May 26, 2015. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the May 26, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

There were no public comments on agenda items.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Cemetery History: Ms. Joyce Suliman, Dr. Ben Burroughs, and Mr. Cad Holmes. A presentation was given about The Ark Plantation and Cemetery that was located in Surfside Beach in the 1700's. A copy Ms. Suliman's and Mr. Holmes's presentations are included herewith and made a part hereof. Dr. Burroughs presented a PowerPoint, a copy of which is on file. The purpose of the presentation was to ask Town Council to purchase the remaining undeveloped property to preserve what remains of the Ark Cemetery and the Ark Plantation property to ensure the history is not forgotten.

Mayor Samples thanked them all for their very thorough report.

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58 Ms. Mabry said it was about knowing the town was more than “flip flops and beach towels.” She
59 and the mayor met Mr. Holmes several years ago, and was told about this history. Because of Mr.
60 Holmes, this history came to light. Ms. Mabry hoped that in some way the town could honor his presence.
61 Dr. Burroughs said the town has a rich history, and he was happy to report that the historical markers
62 approval application was underway and some designs should be available for Town Council approval this
63 fall.
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65 Recess at 7:25 p.m. Reconvene at 7:34 p.m.

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67 **B. Proclamation #15-99 Honoring the Law Enforcement Community.** Mayor Samples asked
68 the clerk to read the proclamation.
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70 Mr. Childs explained that the proclamation would be presented to Chief Keziah at a dinner on
71 Thursday evening to thank the law enforcement community.
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73 Mr. Johnson moved that Town Council affirm its support of the proclamation by vote. Mr. Stevens
74 seconded. All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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76 **C. Department Reports.**
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78 **i. Fire.** Chief Otte presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached to these
79 minutes and made a part hereof by reference.
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81 Mr. Childs thanked Chief Otte saying his report was very thorough.
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83 Mr. Magliette asked if the “Special Needs” outreach was successful. Chief Otte said the forms
84 were available at town hall, the fire station and the police station. The clerk is also sending the form to
85 the public notice subscribers.
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87 Mr. Magliette said some of the forms from the Senior Citizens Center were from Horry County
88 residents. Chief Otte said he would contact the county to determine where those forms should be sent.
89 He would also get a report from the captain as to how many residents submitted forms.
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91 Mayor Samples said the downed power line tied up Surfside Drive for most of an afternoon. He
92 suggested that Chief Otte and Director Adair make sure power lines meet required heights.
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94 **ii. Police.** Chief Keziah presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached to these
95 minutes and made a part hereof by reference.
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97 Mr. Stevens thanked Chief Keziah for allowing him to ride-along during BikeFest. He saw first-
98 hand the K-9 find drugs in ten seconds; and the police apprehend a shoplifter within an hour. He
99 encouraged everyone to attend the Citizens Police Academy to learn more about the police department.
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101 **C. Administrator’s Report.** Ms. Fellner reported updates:
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103 • A mock code clearance was completed with the planning, building and zoning, and business
104 licensing departments. Two check points of concern were identified as potential bottlenecks: one is the
105 sign-off on compliance with the zoning ordinance; the second is the compliance with signage and the
106 overlay. A plan is already in place to mediate these. At present only the director signs off on these items.
107 Ms. Carolina Garcia, the new permit technician will be trained to assume some of these responsibilities.
108 Ms. Garcia has over nine years of experience in permitting and zoning in her prior position in Virginia.
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110 • Governor Haley has decided that all precautions and personnel provisions regarding BikeFest
111 events should remain in effect for the coming year. She has not yet officially heard from the Myrtle Beach

112 Chamber of Commerce with regard to its willingness to partially fund expenses for the event by the
113 proviso. She will keep council apprised.

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115 • The Coastal Alliance met and unanimously approved to continue the BikeFest Task Force for
116 the coming year. The Alliance also voted unanimously to send a letter of appreciation to the Governor for
117 her support, and to send a letter to Horry County to support its application for the Barrett Lawrimore
118 Memorial Regional Cooperation Award regarding the task force and all the cooperative efforts made
119 toward proactively solving BikeFest issues.

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121 • Director Morris's meeting with FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) was
122 postponed until next week at the last minute this afternoon. Since she was in training all last week, and
123 the updated information was not available to prepare a report, she will present both May and June reports
124 at the first meeting in July.

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126 Ms. Fellner said there were no consensus items. Responses to public comments are:

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128 *Comment:* A citizen talked about the need to educate the public and the parking ambassadors
129 that a vehicle with South Carolina Purple Heart gets free parking.

130 *Response:* A vehicle with South Carolina Purple Heart Disabled license plate receives free
131 parking in any metered spot, including spaces for the handicapped. Vehicles with South Carolina Purple
132 Heart license plates allow for free parking in any metered spot, except handicapped parking spaces.
133 These facts are in the parking brochure that is available to the public. The parking enforcement staff was
134 reminded of the two type license plates.

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136 *Comment:* A resident recommend that the police dog fund be called "The Surfside Kennel Club."

137 *Response:* For purposes of clarity and transparency, the fund was named "The K-9 Fund."

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139 Ms. Fellner said there were three other complimentary comments regarding the BikeFest event,
140 which require no response or follow-up. Mayor Samples thanked Ms. Fellner for devising ways to
141 streamline the code clearance process. Ms. Fellner will visit Isle of Palms June 19th to meet with the
142 assistant administrator to tour its departments and processes.

143 144 **7. BUSINESS**

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146 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #15-0804 to amend Chapter 14, Article III, Stormwater**
147 **Management, Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies
148 of which are on file.

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150 Mr. Childs moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #15-0804 as presented. Ms. Mabry
151 seconded.

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153 Mr. Johnson said several citizens asked him if the town was imposing unnecessary restrictions on
154 homeowners, but his understanding was this was a State mandate. Ms. Fellner said that was correct.
155 This ordinance was to comply with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
156 regulations regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

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158 Mayor Samples asked if Ms. Fellner would, for the record, "characterize this as an unfunded
159 mandate." Ms. Fellner said, "I would." All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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161 **B. First Reading Ordinance #15-0805 to amend Section 2-39 Agenda and Order of**
162 **Proceedings to move Executive Sessions to 5:30 p.m., Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Fellner presented
163 the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. The goal was to hold executive session
164 prior to the regular meeting on meeting days. She explained that the 5:30 time was omitted, because
165 there may be times when only a few minutes was needed for executive session. This would allow council
166 to meet at an appropriate time in relation to the subject. This ordinance was presented pursuant to Town
167 Council's directive at the May 26th meeting.

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Mr. Childs moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-0805 to amend Sections 2-39(b) and 2-52 of the Town Code of Ordinances to establish that scheduled executive sessions shall meet prior to the regular meeting. Ms. Mabry seconded. Mr. Childs believed that all members were unanimous on this so executive sessions could be held before meetings and the regular meetings could be completed earlier. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. First Reading Ordinance #15-0806 to establish K-9 Fund, Chief Keziah. Chief Keziah presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. He explained that the ordinance would establish a separate fund into which donations received for the K-9's benefit could be deposited, and donations would be tax deductible.

Mr. Childs moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-0806 to establish a K-9 Fund. Mr. Stevens seconded.

Mayor Samples asked if this fund was in lieu of establishing a 501(C)(3) corporation, and donations were specifically for the K-9s. Chief Keziah said yes.

Mr. Stevens asked if any donations were made. Chief Keziah said donations had been made since K-9 Biko was placed into service. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Resolution #15-158 to amend Stormwater Committee to 5 Members, Administrator Fellner. Mayor Samples asked the clerk to read the resolution, a copy of which is on file.

Mr. Stevens moved to adopt Resolution #15-158 as presented. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Economic Development, Planning, and Marketing Subcommittee Report, Councilmember Magliette. Mr. Magliette said the committee consist of Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, Councilmember Stevens and himself. The committee's report was presented, a copy of which is attached and made a part hereof. Mr. Magliette recommended on behalf of the committee that the town direct the administrator to contact ULI Consultants to help establish a vision and ultimately a plan for the town's future.

After a lengthy discussion regarding the benefits and disadvantages, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino moved to move forward with contracting with ULI Consultants to generate a marketing plan with a maximum cost of \$10,000. Mr. Magliette seconded. Ms. Fellner said the deliverable, which is what the town expects to get for its money, would be a comprehensive assessment that provides ideas and analysis on which a detailed action plan could be developed. Mr. Magliette suggested that the administrator spearhead the project. Ms. Fellner would be happy to be involved in whatever way council wanted.

Mr. Johnson said he did not attend the meetings, and was uncomfortable with the motion, perhaps because he did not have enough information. He felt the town was already doing many of the things that the consultant might suggest. Parking is restricted on Ocean Boulevard, and he said, make no mistake about it, the beach is the town's number one asset.

Mr. Magliette said the subcommittee was formed during the budget process with a \$50,000 budget. This is the first step towards marketing the town. The subcommittee decided that spending no more than \$10,000 was prudent, and work should proceed working with the administrator. The consultant might not be able to help at all, or they may have a fabulous multi-phased plan that cost additional fund. Until an inquiry was made, the town would not know. Mr. Magliette said the committee's meetings and work are completely transparent. The goal is to help the town residents by providing the best possible services at the lowest possible cost; and to help the hotels and rental properties by increasing their occupancy rates by bringing in more tourists that spend money. This is the first step of that plan.

224 Mr. Johnson said he did not insinuate that things were not transparent; simply that he did not feel
225 comfortable with the proposal.

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227 Mr. Pellegrino agreed with Mr. Johnson that the beach is the town's number one asset. He asked
228 why the council would not want to maximize its leverage with that asset. June, July and August have a
229 high number of tourists visiting, but the shoulder seasons are not good. Three-quarters of the houses
230 were empty in April, May, September and October. Although the town does many things well, marketing
231 is not one of its strong points. There is an opportunity here to reach new markets. He believed it was a
232 mistake to not hire a professional, outside consultant. The town does not have the resources to do
233 marketing properly.

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235 Mr. Stevens said the status quo would keep the town where it is, but the town can have visioning
236 and do better. This is about bringing money into the town. The more people that visit Surfside Beach
237 and spend money in the town's stores, restaurants, and rental properties the better off the citizens will be,
238 because necessary revenue was being generated. These consultants actually increased tourism in
239 Myrtle Beach. He supported the motion saying it was a wise investment. Town citizens only pay
240 \$900,000 in taxes out of a \$6 million budget. The rest of that amount comes from other places like
241 businesses. The town should always be the Family Beach. If the consultants can do something for the
242 town, then the money would be well spent.

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244 Mayor Samples said an increase in business during the shoulder seasons would benefit the town.
245 All members voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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247 **F. Motions or Direction to Town Administrator from Executive Session.** Mayor Samples
248 said this was the proper time to provide direction to the administrator regarding matters discussed during
249 executive session.

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251 Mr. Johnson moved to direct the town administrator to proceed with the contractual matter
252 discussed during executive session. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

253 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION**

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255 **A. Bike Path Signage, Councilmember Magliette.** Mr. Magliette explained that the Chamber of
256 Commerce promotes the East Coast Greenway Bike Path in its literature as passing through the town.
257 The Chamber would give the town four signs to designate the path, so it would not cost the town any
258 money. Mr. Magliette said the bike path is also included in the town's Comprehensive Plan, and should
259 be marketed as another destination point.

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261 Mr. Stevens believed this was a win-win situation that would not cost any money.

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263 Mayor Samples said there could be no painting on the roadway. He was concerned that the
264 rights-of-way along the boulevard between 3rd Avenues North and South were too small.

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266 Ms. Fellner was concerned with safety, as the bike path route was shown on Ocean Boulevard,
267 which is already congested. The Greenway bike paths are normally separated from the roadways, and
268 are 6- to 8-feet wide. She was also afraid tourists would be disappointed to learn that the town did not
269 have a legal bike path, which would result in complaints. There is no harm in allowing the signs to be
270 posted to see how they worked.

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273 Mr. Childs said the bike path along Ocean Boulevard was not new. Over ten years ago the safety
274 factor problem was identified as over 100 entry/exit points were located along Ocean Boulevard. Other
275 roads were discussed to be used for the bike path, but a safe bike path could not be identified. Ms.
276 Fellner said the Ocean Boulevard study being done by Clemson University would consider value added
277 initiatives like stormwater and the Greenway bike path. Those improvements might qualify for grant
278 money. If the entire road was being redone, then incorporating a bike path might be possible along with

279 making the road eco-friendly with stormwater practices that are consistent with reducing discharge into
280 the ocean. Dr. Padua, from Clemson University, is very aware that is one of the town's initiatives.

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282 Mr. Stevens said with the exception of Atlantic Avenue in Garden City there is no bike path from
283 Murrells Inlet to Pawleys Island.

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285 Mayor Samples said the bike path was delineated by the solid white line on the Highway 17
286 Business through Murrells Inlet, and then a path built through the woods begins at the southern end of
287 Murrells Inlet, which was funded through the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study (GSATS.) The
288 town had \$300,000 earmarked, but the funds were lost partly because there was no safe path, particularly
289 between 3rd Avenues North and South. Mayor Samples said the downside that he saw was not meeting
290 the bikers' expectations, and also safety concerns. He imagined that council would receive complaint
291 calls from people about their planned bike trip once they learned there was not an adequate, safe path.
292 Until the map was presented, he believed the bike path went down Highway 17 Business. He recalled a
293 resolution that was required to be approved to submit with a grant request that was due the next week.
294 The grant was never received.

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296 Mr. Magliette said if council concurred that the path was dangerous, then the Chamber should be
297 notified to remove the path through the Town of Surfside Beach from its literature. Based on the
298 literature, people would assume the bike path exists.

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300 Ms. Mabry asked if the bike path would be discussed when Clemson does its evaluation. Ms.
301 Fellner said yes. Ms. Mabry believed the bike path had merit, and asked if the conversation could be
302 deferred until this fall. She believed Mr. Magliette had a good, strong point that people would target the
303 town as a destination for bike trips.

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305 Mr. Magliette said it was important for councilmembers to have this type discussion. Good
306 comments were made; he learned new information, and it was transparent to hold the discussion in
307 public. He loves the town and wants to make things better for citizens and businesses. He thanked
308 everyone for their comments and for listening to him and each other. Mayor Samples said "ditto."

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310 Mr. Childs agreed with Ms. Mabry to postpone the matter until Clemson begins its work.
311 **COUNCIL CONCURRED** to postpone this matter until Clemson University began its work.

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313 **B. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.**

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315 Mr. Stevens said that Albright Cleaners on Surfside Drive would like the town to consider allowing
316 one parking place in front of its business to be 5-minute parking for drop off and pickup of cleaning items.
317 Mayor Samples suggested that the matter be referred to the parking committee. Mr. Stevens said he
318 would send the question to the parking committee.

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

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322 Ms. Ann Wescott, Cedar Drive North, said everyone knows the long story of the bicycle path.
323 The town is pretty much developed. How do you tell someone that you are going to take 8-feet of their
324 property to make a bike path? She knew councilmembers would say that would not be done, but if there
325 are signs, and a bike path is advertised on a brochure, how long would it be before people start
326 demanding a paved path? It will not take very long. It is dangerous to have bicycle riders on the town
327 streets. Traffic on 5th Avenue North is very heavy, but she saw many people walking and riding bicycles
328 along that street. The people will soon start saying it is not safe, and we want a path. The town will want
329 to build it. Do not force it down the people's throat. Ms. Wescott said this building could be filled with
330 more standing outside that oppose a bike path. It was not what was intended now, but she could see it
331 coming.

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333 Ms. Judy Kidd, 11th Avenue North, thanked everyone for the wonderful presentation about the Ark
334 Plantation and cemetery. We all learn from history, or at least we should. In her experience with the

335 town permitting division, if it was all as pleasant as it was working with Ms. Morris, she would not have
336 any animosity. She had never had such a wonderful experience as she did working with Ms. Morris. She
337 was very prompt, very efficient, helpful, honest, and treats everyone the same. She should be
338 commended for the way that she represents Surfside Beach. Ms. Kidd said she got one-day service on a
339 request, and she was frankly very shocked. That had never happened before. Ms. Morris shows no
340 favorites, which is as it should be. Council writes ordinances to be followed, not interpreted. As some of
341 you well know, when you try to bend the laws, whether it is removing Live Oak trees for a friend, or
342 assisting another friend by pushing a contract one way or another, that person gives up not only their
343 credibility, but they also give up their impartial representation of all Surfside Beach citizens. Showing
344 partiality and bending the rules is the way the "good ole boys" operate, and it was not the way Surfside
345 Beach should be operated. Thank you.

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347 Mr. Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North, said during the last two weeks he had seen rats at the
348 Melody Lane crossover at least five different times. I was told that three people had to call before some
349 kind of action would be taken. I guess the first two callers aren't heard, sort of like if a tree falls in the
350 woods and there is no one there, does it make a noise? In his opinion, Ocean Boulevard parking is in
351 quite a disorderly mess. Friday of last week there were at least 14 vehicles parked on the east side in
352 both directions in a one block area. There were no tickets. Seaside Drive is a mess. There were 14 cars
353 there at 3:00 p.m. last Friday and 13 last Saturday. Parking lots at 3rd Avenue and the pier had openings
354 to take these cars. The town is losing a lot of revenue from these areas where meters used to be. I
355 wonder what is more repulsive to tourists; parking meters or rats? Thank you.

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357 Mr. Russell Fry, Republican candidate for South Carolina House Seat 106, introduced himself to
358 Town Council and the public. He looked forward to discussing the issues facing Surfside Beach and
359 District 106. He grew up in Surfside Beach; attended Socastee High School; University of South
360 Carolina, and received a law degree from the Charleston School of Law in 2011. He and his wife, who is
361 also a lawyer, live in the area and care about it. He has been active in the Republican Party in Horry
362 County for quite some time helping to elect good public servants for county and state. Mr. Fry said he
363 was a bridge builder, and not a bomb thrower. If elected, he saw a very good opportunity to work well
364 with town government, county council, and the state to make sure they represent the needs of the citizens
365 of Surfside, Garden City, Murrells Inlet, and Burgess. Thank you for your time.

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367 Mr. Roy Sprinkle, said he was also a candidate for South Carolina House Seat 106. He said he
368 had good roots here. His first office was in town, but after growing for 20 years, his office is now on
369 Glens Bay Road. He agreed with Mr. Fry. We need someone in Columbia that looks out for the
370 communities here. Representative Hardwick is a fine man. That was why we all were here talking about
371 Seat 106. Mr. Sprinkle said he went to school at Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and
372 received his doctorate degree from a school in Florida. He has been in this area for 20-years. Mr.
373 Sprinkle said he wanted to put a face to the name, and that was why he introduced himself. He was new
374 to running for political office, and had not been getting much press.

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376 Mayor Samples said that Town Council wished both gentlemen good luck. Everyone should try
377 running for office. Other councilmembers voiced agreement.

378 379 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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381 Mr. Childs thanked everyone for coming tonight.

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383 Mr. Stevens thanked everyone for coming tonight. He was very pleased with the progress made
384 by the Economic Development Planning Marketing subcommittee. He definitely would research the bike
385 path. He thought 8-foot wide seemed wide for a single bicycle. Have a great week and enjoy your life.

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387 Ms. Mabry thanked everyone for coming out and said she really did mean it. She appreciated
388 everyone that was there. She hoped everyone enjoyed the historical presentation and learned a lot. It
389 was her pride that this information was brought to the forefront. It needed to be discussed a long time
390 ago about our really rich history. We are more than, as I like to say, flip flops and beach towels. We're

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391 much more than that. This is somebody's home. This is somebody's heritage. We are the stewards.
392 So, thank you for coming out for that presentation. She hoped that the town could do something when
393 the historical markers were received. It usually took about a year for them to arrive, and they have been
394 in the works for about three or four months. As time goes by, they would be doing more and more, she
395 thought.

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397 Mr. Johnson said God bless you; thank you for coming. He had served on council several years,
398 and he had never been more enthusiastic about a council than he was right now. The members work
399 together; commented the way they choose, and walked out as friends. As far as the bike path, he
400 reminded Mayor Samples and Mr. Childs that it actually got down to a point where some people wanted
401 to put the bike path in the right-of-way of the utility lines on the outskirts of Surfside Beach. That being
402 said, he appreciated everyone coming out.

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404 Mr. Pellegrino thanked everyone for coming tonight. It was always great to see, especially with
405 all the visitors now, how our locals treat them. You see a lot of people waving; lot of people smiling, and
406 that is what makes this town such a great place. He always hears really positive comments. As he said
407 last meeting, he has a rental property here also. Every week he talks to his tenants who are always
408 complimentary on how nicely they are treated in Surfside Beach. Thank you for that, and keep smiling.
409 We'll see you next time.

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411 Mr. Magliette thanked everyone for coming. He thanked the volunteers who make Surfside
412 Beach such a wonderful place. The Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful committee replanted the 26 hanging
413 baskets with summer flowers, and they were hung last week. He thanked the volunteers for the Adopt-a-
414 Beach program. During May, 36 volunteers donated 90 hours of time, and collected 50 pounds of trash
415 to help the beach area look beautiful. They receive compliments for their work, but it was about being a
416 good environmental steward that sets a good example for the youth and other people. If you see litter in
417 the street, or a cigarette butt, it won't kill you to pick it up and throw it away in the right container. If more
418 people did that we would reduce our little problem. He reminded everyone of the Special Needs form for
419 hurricane season evacuations. The information is critical during an emergency event so first responders
420 know where citizens are located that need special help. The South Carolina Safe Home program was
421 discussed at the last meeting. It is a \$5,000 matching grant for roof replacement to bring it to hurricane
422 wind standards. Forms and help are available in the planning, building and zoning department. He
423 thought it was wonderful that these programs exist. He thanked everyone for coming to tonight's
424 meeting. God bless you, and have a wonderful night.

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426 Mayor Samples said bike paths had been discussed many times, and he believed he was right in
427 that at one time \$300,000 was earmarked for the town. The people at GSATS could explain what
428 happened, but he did not want to repeat what he had been told. He wanted to assure the citizens and
429 business community that the town has a level playing field. Everybody has an opportunity to approach
430 any councilmember with concerns. That was called constituent services. Frankly, none of the
431 councilmembers were technical experts. But, it did help on occasion, particularly when there was a
432 building in town that had been vacant for quite a while, to resolve questions that are not written down in
433 the zoning ordinance. It was not a matter of interpretation. His view was things that are allowed do not
434 need to be included in the code saying you are going to allow them. Instead, if you were going to prohibit
435 things, you need to specifically say they are prohibited. The town has an alternative mechanism, just as
436 any other municipality, called the board of zoning appeals. Anybody is entitled to go through that
437 process. Having said that, state law is very specific about what the board of zoning appeals hears and
438 how it makes its decision. But if in fact, this council by omission failed to prohibit an action that somebody
439 thinks should not be taken, it was decided by interpretation. Mayor Samples said the town does not
440 decide on "should today or we think". [The ordinance has to be amended], and it has to be written down.
441 That was the council's responsibility. No one wants to be treated with the heavy hand of government. So
442 that is why it was very important that we write and express what we mean when we adopt ordinances.
443 Otherwise, it was shame on us. We did not do our job. We wrote something that we thought said
444 something, but it did not. Glad everyone came out. It is wonderful we are in the season. Have fun.
445 Economic development, let's just jack the heights up [sic.] You want to raise money, like I've told you
446 before, we can raise money, but the vast majority of the people that live in town like it the way it is.

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447 Otherwise, they would not be here. He was all for hearing about new ideas and improvements, but he
448 confessed that he always approached them with what he considered a healthy sense of skepticism,
449 because he likes what we have.

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451 **11. ADJOURNMENT.** Ms. Mabry moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Mr. Johnson
452 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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454 Prepared and submitted by,

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457 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

458 Approved: June 23, 2015

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476 Ralph J. Magliette, Town Council

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479 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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