



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2015 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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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, and Stevens were in attendance. Councilmember Magliette was absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann, and Planning, Building & Zoning Director Morris.

Mayor Samples asked the clerk to read Mr. Magliette's message. Ms. Herrmann read:

Dear friends, I wanted you to know that I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and will be going to MUSC for surgery. This will be followed up by radiation and chemotherapy. I hope to be back at Town Council within two months. Powerful things happen when we pray. Please pray for me and my family. God bless! Ralph

Mayor Samples said God bless Ralph and his family.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

A. Invocation: Pastor Julian Riddle from 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. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. A. Workshop Meeting September 22, 2015 and B. Regular Meeting 22, 2015. Mr. Childs moved to adopt the September 22, 2015 workshop minutes and September 22, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

Mr. Bob Lang, North Myrtle Drive, was very upset with reorganization of the historical board. He said he has lived in town almost 36 years. He was appointed to the historical board in 2012. He worked very, very hard on the town's 50th Anniversary celebration. His daughter, Sandra Lang, contributed an article in the anniversary magazine, "Sand, Roads and Water Slides." He introduced the board chairman, Mr. Lane, to many people in town and to photographer Jack Thompson to work on the anniversary celebration. He and his wife have gone out of state every summer for the past 10 years. Mr. Lane knows that. He came back to town and received a call from Ms. Herrmann that he was no longer on the board. There was a person on council that never even had the [courtesy] to call or stop by his house to talk with him about this. Mr. Lang said he tries to be a good citizen. He was introduced to the South Strand Sertoma Club by Bill Thomas, son-in-law of Blue Huckabee. The Sertoma Club built the All Children's Park; donated materials and labor. In 1983, (*time ended.*) Mayor Samples asked Mr. Lang to close his comments. Mr. Lang said he knew he would not be able to do this. Mayor Samples apologized. Mr. Lang said he was finished with the historical board. (**Several other comments were made from the audience.)

55 Mr. Johnson did not believe the historical board was on the agenda. He suggested that public
56 comments continue, and that Mr. Lang could have benefited from speaking again during public general
57 comments.
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59 Mayor Samples said there is a discussion item regarding reorganization of the historical board.
60 He was certain that council would be more informed after that discussion. None of them were happy to
61 have a resident who was upset, and who frankly, has invested a lot of time and effort in the community,
62 and has done a lot of good deeds.
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64 There were no other public comments on agenda items.
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66 **6. COMMUNICATIONS** 67

68 **A. Proclamation #15-102 Italian American Heritage Month, Mr. Fred Nasta, recipient.**

69 Mayor Samples asked the clerk to read the proclamation and presented it Mr. Nasta. Mr. Nasta said he
70 worked for over three years to have Italian American Heritage Month recognized in the state. Senator
71 Cleary and Representative Hardwick both supported the Act. Mr. Nasta was very happy that Governor
72 Haley had signed the Act. He thanked Mayor Samples and Town Council for the proclamation on behalf
73 of the Italian American community.
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75 **B. Administrator's Report.** Ms. Fellner introduced Planning, Building and Zoning Director
76 Morris to make a presentation on the Community Rating System (CRS) program.
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78 Ms. Morris said the town received the preliminary report from the CRS ratings. The ratings will
79 not be finalized until the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approves the plan. The
80 Insurance Service Organization (ISO) coordinator is very comfortable that it will be approved as written.
81 At the present time the CRS coordinator can verify that we have 2,887 credit points for the Town of
82 Surfside Beach. This results in a CRS classification of 5 from a previous classification of 9. (*Applause.*)
83 The draft rating system was available along with the activities and the ratings for each, if anyone wanted
84 a copy. Charleston County has a 4 rating. The town is 113 points away from a 4. Myrtle Beach is rated
85 5; Seabrook Island changed from a 6 to a 5, but the Town of Surfside Beach went from a 9 to a 5!
86 Currently, the town has a 5-percent discount rating on flood insurance premiums that equals \$74,230 per
87 year. With the new Classification of 5, residents will have a 25-percent discount equaling \$361,577.
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89 Mayor Samples said that was a good amount in terms of savings. Ms. Morris said this proves
90 that partnering with stakeholders through the CRS/FEMA committee and getting good ideas causes
91 things to happen. She was proud to be working with the CRS/FEMA committee and town staff, who have
92 worked with her to achieve such a great score. This was truly a team effort and she was proud of
93 everyone.
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95 Mr. Pellegrino thanked Ms. Morris and the team. He knew there was a lot of hard work done; the
96 results show it.
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98 Mr. Childs also thanked Ms. Morris and staff for the hard work. It certainly paid off.
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100 Mayor Samples said there were never any doubts ... (*laughter.*) Maybe the mayor did.
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102 Ms. Mabry said she could not be more proud of the town and of Ms. Morris, as she spearheaded
103 the effort. There was a long time that Ms. Morris did not get to eat at her dining room table, because she
104 had CRS information everywhere, and put in many, many, many hours. This [rating] was unbelievable.
105 She did not think anybody dreamed the town's rating would drop from a 9 to a 5. Halfway through the
106 process, the book was changed and we had to start over, because that was FEMA. The hard work really
107 did pay off. She knew that Ms. Morris had to be "to the moon and back." Thank you.
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109 Mayor Samples said thank you very much from all of Town Council. Council appreciated the
110 town's support for this long, arduous effort.

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112 Ms. Fellner said since this was not Ms. Morris's regular meeting night, she would be excused if
113 there were no other questions. Ms. Fellner provided the following updates:
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115 Annual Health Fair. The health fair is this Friday, October 16th from 7:00 to 10:30 a.m. It is open
116 to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. The cost for an entire blood panel is \$70 for women and \$85
117 for men. Those having bloodwork would need to fast. Flu shots will also be offered and in addition there
118 will be a number of other free screenings on site that day and a lot of free medical information
119 disseminated. If you require additional details please contact Debbie Ellis.
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121 Emergency Beach Renourishment. On Monday all municipal mayors, administrators and city
122 managers met with the county to discuss the need for emergency renourishment. We are part of Reach 3
123 and pictures, videos and estimates of dune loss were sent to the county who will be submitting a report to
124 our legislators, FEMA and the Army Corp of Engineers for consideration. Basically, this would be an effort
125 to push renourishment forward from 2018 to 2016. The Army Corp of Engineers does have some
126 emergency funds set aside, but there would not be sufficient monies to handle this event. There are three
127 main funding strategies at the federal level, but which ones we will ultimately employ would depend on a
128 number of elements, not just damage assessment. The timetable to submit everything is the next 30 days
129 and legislators would most likely not act on it until January. There are just too many question marks right
130 now to give council a clearer picture of how everything will shakeout. In another month or so we should
131 have a better idea and I will, of course, keep both council and the public apprised.
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133 Radio Upgrade. I continue to meet with staff on the radio upgrade project and will hopefully have
134 something concrete to report at the visioning meeting.
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136 Water Tower Logo. I am happy to report that the town logo and Family Beach wording have
137 finally been stenciled and repainted on the water tower.
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139 Rain Event. The last update concerns the recent rain event associated with Hurricane Joaquin. It
140 was a good test of both our overall emergency preparedness and our stormwater infrastructure. While we
141 did well in both respects, we did learn some valuable lessons. We had an after action critique yesterday
142 to discuss what worked well and what did not and how we can improve. We had a couple of
143 communications issues with the EOC phones and also with public works not being able to talk to police
144 and fire via radio. The phone issue has already been corrected and to resolve the radio issue we will be
145 placing one VHF radio in the EOC and one in police dispatch, along with a call code list of Public Works
146 employees.
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148 We also identified the need for a large laminated map for the EOC room so that we can draw in
149 and remove barriers and mark problem or flooded areas. I asked the Police Chief to coordinate with
150 PB&Z to have GIS produce a map for us.
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152 We also learned that our initial staff choice for the Horry County EOC was not the wisest one.
153 Originally it was Lt. Hoffmann, but in the emergency event we needed him on site. On the other hand,
154 Fire Marshal Arnold Spain lives in Conway and is very familiar with the county EOC and did an excellent
155 job as our liaison during this event. We have therefore made this a permanent change.
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157 Also, since the SCDOT has refused to make cleaning out the under road drain at 5th North and
158 Highway 17 a priority, we will clean it out ourselves as soon as we receive the new mini-excavator. This
159 intersection continually flooded during the event. John was also tasked with looking at the intersection in
160 front of Surfside Realty on Ocean Blvd. to determine why this area flooded first and repeatedly.
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162 The last three items discussed are longer range and involve both hardware and stormwater fees.
163 I have asked John to include in his visioning items the purchase of a front-loader. Although we did
164 manage to keep all our swashes moving, the job could have been done faster and more effectively with
165 this piece of equipment. I will also be asking for funding to help us repair our 25-year old swash
166 infrastructure and also to wing-flange them to slow the scouring action of the waves. This will, of course,

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167 have to be engineered and bid. Our northern end project for 2nd, 11th and 14th Avenues also needs to be
168 completed as we did have some flooding there. I am happy to say that almost all of our strategies, pre-
169 event through cleanup worked well and, as with the success or failure of most things, revolved around
170 staff. I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of every employee that was associated with any phase of
171 this event. No task was too menial or too big and everyone stayed focused on the safety of the public and
172 successfully supporting our infrastructure.
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174 Ms. Fellner gave a big thank you to all the directors, Debbie Ellis and to everyone in police, fire
175 and public works. A special thank you to the laborers who, pre-event, went out and cleared all the ditches,
176 to Dave Martin who pulled double shifts to make sure the garbage still got picked up, to Burt Powers and
177 Chris Bolster, who made sure the equipment kept working, and last but by no means least, to Willie Myers
178 and Tom Noskpher, who stayed out on the beaches and kept the swashes open.
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180 Employee Appreciation Breakfast. Many town residents have asked for a time and venue in
181 which to express their appreciation to town staff for their hard work before, during and after the event. To
182 that end we will be having a breakfast drop in for all employees and the public, Monday, October 19th from
183 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the fire station in the downstairs bay area. We hope everyone can come.
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185 Consensus Items. I have no consensus items this evening.
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187 Responses to Public Questions from the last meeting.
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189 *Comment:* A resident was concerned that corner lots would be limited to a 4-foot tall fence. Lots
190 in Surfside are not generally large enough to provide privacy, so they wondered if the corner lots were
191 using higher fences to enforce privacy. They did not know if a 4-foot fence was high enough.

192 *Response:* Fence heights in the front shall be limited to 4 feet in height, which has not changed
193 from the existing ordinance, and fence heights on sides, including corner lots and the rear will be limited
194 to 6-feet.
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196 *Comment:* A definition was requested for two terms in the ordinance: solid wall and front yard.

197 *Response:* A solid wall is defined as a wall you cannot see light through and front yard shall
198 mean a yard extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot adjoining a public street.
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200 *Comment:* Regarding Section B, number 1 where it states corner of residential fencing there was
201 a conflict for corner lots, because it states that fences have a maximum height of 6-feet in the rear yard
202 and an interior side yard. Side yard with street shall have a maximum height of 4-feet. So, this is either
203 an earlier draft or it is 4-feet on the side. Which is it?

204 *Response:* The ordinance was an earlier draft; the correction has been made stating: Fences
205 and hedges are permitted in any required rear or side yard setback, provided that in no case shall a fence
206 be placed in any side or rear yard exceeding six (6) feet in height.
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208 *Comment:* Is a slatted privacy fence was considered a solid wall. Open fencing is allowed.

209 *Response:* Open fencing is defined as a barrier that can be seen through and is visible from
210 public view, on or off-site.
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212 *Comment:* The new golf cart storage area between 3rd and 4th Avenues South has chain link
213 fencing and barbed wire at the top and is not in compliance. They wanted to know what the town planned
214 to do about it.

215 *Response:* The fence at this location would be a non-conforming fence once the ordinance is
216 passed and would be grandfathered as such. Any alteration, extensions or expansions shall be subject to
217 the limitations of this section.
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219 *Comment:* Concerning the same property they said while the fence is tidy there were no hedges
220 or shrubbery around it and asked what the town planned to do about it.

221 *Response:* Landscaping is required, per the design overlay requirements and must be approved
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Comment: Why exclusions were not done in list format and how it could ever be all inclusive or comprehensive.

Response: The department currently and has for years used the “not listed not allowed” zoning approach. This removes any discretion on the staff’s part. Most businesses currently fall into some category in the ordinance; however, those that do not can either be added by Town Council at the recommendation of the planning commission, or are omitted from the ordinance because the use would not be appropriate for the district in which it’s requesting approval. The purpose of zoning is to protect properties from uses that are not compatible, e.g. an ABC store listed as an approved use in a residential district.

Comment: A concern was stated about public works and ditch cleaning and maintenance. The resident requested that we require a sea wall on property adjacent to stormwater rights-of-way.

Response: The project has been permitted under our new stormwater ordinance, and as such, must comply with their engineered stormwater plan. The performance objectives of the plan must meet the following criteria from the ordinance: essentially, post-construction discharge may not exceed pre-construction discharge. Director Adair has visited the site numerous times. In his capacity as the town’s stormwater manager and also as a Certified Erosion Protection and Sediment Control Inspector, including a visit with our DHEC compliance staff officer. No issues have been noted with regard to the project causing any sedimentation of the canal. Both Director Adair and DHEC will continue to monitor the site, until its completion and site stabilization occurs. Should council wish to amend the ordinance they could, of course. As to mandating seawalls, losing the vegetated bank, although steep, to install a seawall at the property line could just as easily serve to de-stabilize the developed property further, e.g. Floral Villa. Building a seawall that would impound the hydrological capacity of the channel would also be ill-advised.

Comment: There seems to be an inconsistency in State of South Carolina when the Governor can bring in a business to make guns to kill people and animals, and get a free gun and that’s not an ethics violation. When, on the other hand, a man devotes his personal time going to grocery stores and picking up donations to feed the hungry, but because he mentions it from the dais is subject to a violation with a minimum fine of \$104. He wanted council to ask Representative Fry to assist in changing the ethics code.

Response: The councilmember referred to in this question has not been fined or even cited by the Ethics Commission. A question was posed to the commission as to whether the practice was permissible. The Commission explained the parameters, which were then passed along to the councilmember. Again, there was never a citation or fine imposed. As to whether to ask Representative Fry to assist in changing the ethics code, that is a decision for council.

Ms. Fellner said there were numerous other comments, but none that required responses or follow-up.

7. BUSINESS

A. Second Reading Ordinance #15-0809 to add §2-61(m) to define Quorum and to amend applicable codes, Administrator Fellner. Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. First reading was adopted at the September 22nd regular meeting without change.

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #15-0809 to define Quorum and amend applicable codes as presented. Mr. Stevens seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. First Reading Ordinance #15-0812 to amend §17-396.41 Water Tower/Public Utilities, Administrator Fellner. Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. The planning commission recommended this ordinance to Town Council at its October 6th regular meeting.

278 Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #15-0812 to amend Section 17-396.41
279 Water Tower/Public Utility as presented. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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281 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION.**

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283 **A. §9-16(a)(5) Nonresident parking passes, Councilmember Childs.**

284 Mr. Childs presented the discussion paper, a copy of which is on file. Council allowed the town to
285 sell up to 100 nonresident parking passes for \$100 each this past parking season. The parking
286 committee chairman and he believe the program was successful with 47 passes being sold and should
287 continue without any changes.

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289 Ms. Fellner said the code was provisional for the 2015 parking season; a new ordinance would
290 need to be adopted.

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292 Town Council **CONCURRED** to bring an ordinance for consideration.

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294 **B. Article II Nuisances, §7-41 Prohibited, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino.**

295 Mr. Pellegrino presented the discussion paper, a copy of which is on file. This particular code has
296 not been amended since it was adopted in 1992. An amendment was needed to add clarifying language
297 regarding tree maintenance and removal.

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299 Mr. Stevens agreed saying that it would make the code clear for everyone.

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301 Mr. Childs also agreed.

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303 Mayor Samples asked Ms. Fellner to have the town attorney review the ordinance for any other
304 clarification needed.

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306 Town Council **CONCURRED** to bring an ordinance for consideration.

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308 **C. Recommendations from Historical Board for Reorganization, Councilmember Mabry.**

309 Ms. Mabry presented the discussion paper, a copy of which is on file and explained that this was
310 an all-inclusive board. Everybody that chooses to go to the meetings is a member of the board. This is
311 not a limited board at all. If 50 people show up and there was a motion made, 50 people got to vote. This
312 is a community board and everyone is invited. She wanted to make sure everyone knew that no one was
313 excluded. That was done purposely, because they know that the history of the town was important to
314 everyone. There was a series of unfortunate events when people just could not come to the meetings.
315 They tried for almost a year, but people did not come. A historical board has to do more than just gather
316 information. We have to be able to preserve it and do other things, as well. It was advertised and had a
317 meeting where almost 30 people came. Mr. Childs attended and can attest to that. The word did get out.
318 What we're doing is reorganizing to make sure that everybody knows it is there. They did elect board
319 members for this Town Council to approve. What we would like to do is just get a new resolution so that
320 we can continue and they have many things coming forward to council, but that cannot be done until the
321 resolution is adopted. The town's history goes back to the 1700's. This is an old town. The Ark
322 Plantation was on 3rd Avenue South and Willow. We have all the proof of that from Doctor Ben Burroughs
323 of Coastal Carolina University, who would like to sit as the chairman, because clearly he has the
324 qualifications. They can show by where the 200-year old trees are located exactly where the house sat.
325 The board brought forth things to be voted on by the public, so if you attend, you get to vote. They would
326 like to do an archeological dig. Once the dig was completed, the area would become a park with
327 indigenous plantings from that era like Wax Myrtles and Indigo. We have a lot of history and want to
328 preserve that. There also events planned to depict life in the 1700's. Ms. Mabry said in her opinion two
329 descendants of slaves from the plantation should be included on the board. They have a wealth of
330 history they shared, including pictures. This was a very important board, because the town is more than

334 beach towels and flip flops. We have a rich beginning; Mr. Tillman's plantation included over 5,000 acres.
335 The town bought the property, because there would never be another opportunity. She hoped that
336 council would approve bringing a resolution to revitalize this historical board.

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338 Town Council **CONCURRED** to bring a resolution for consideration.

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340 **D. Any matters of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.**

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342 Mr. Stevens reminded everyone that the Family Festival would be this coming Saturday, October
343 17th. The business committee is planning the Taste of Surfside Beach that will begin mid-February and
344 end in mid-March. The American Red Cross, South Strand Helping Hand, and the Lions Club will benefit
345 from event proceeds. Passports will be sold at the Family Festival and at local businesses.

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

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349 Mr. Ron Ott, 7th Avenue North, said when things happen that are good, it is okay to toot your own
350 horn. The money was collected for stormwater. It was put in the right place, and we have seen the
351 benefit from it. I watched it out my back window. It was amazing, because the water only went up to a
352 certain point and never went past that. When Hurricane Floyd came through, water was halfway into my
353 back yard. This is a huge, huge change. Last week the board of zoning appeals had a training session,
354 and we can toot another horn. I have been on there for over a decade. Director Morris put together a
355 PowerPoint that was terrific. It was actually the first time I ever received any training. It showed
356 everything that we need to do and gave great direction. I don't know if we can take this and give it to the
357 people that are supposed to train the people on the board of zoning appeals, because I've never seen
358 anything that good. It was really good. We had a couple of people that could not make it last week, and I
359 am asking if we can do it again next Tuesday. Also, today Seaside Elementary came over to the fire and
360 police stations. I was amazed at my grandson. Always all he ever wanted to do was go to the fire
361 department. I don't know what happened when he went to the police department, but now he says
362 'Poppy, I'm gonna be a policeman!' (*Laughter.*) They brainwashed him, because now he's all policeman.
363 It was a great job for all those kids, and a great thing that we do in this town for everybody.

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365 Mr. Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North, said I would like for everyone to put in a prayer for Ralph
366 Magliette. He's a very, very good person. I'd like to praise two of our town residents. Beth and Harry
367 Kohlmann. Beth is president of South Strand Helping Hand, and does a fantastic job. A couple of years
368 ago when Hurricane Sandy came through, she organized a food drive and other essentials and sent 12
369 truckloads up to New Jersey. Last week she organized a drive next to Valentino's II restaurant, and
370 collected over two tons of food and other things for our [flood victims.] It's people like her and Harry that
371 really need to be patted on the back. Nobody from Town Council was there to help. I was there. My wife
372 was there. Tim Courtney was there. But, over two tons of things for flooded out people; that's pretty
373 good. Everybody should pat Beth Kohlmann on the back. The lots at 3rd Avenue that we bought, the
374 newspaper said it was \$399,000. I heard it was \$330,000. We took tax revenue out and bought lots that
375 could have been sold for houses. There's a park three blocks to the south. A park three blocks to the
376 north. A park one block to the east. To me, it seems like a waste of money. I talked to a man a couple of
377 weeks ago that lives in a small town like ours. He said he emailed the town administrator about
378 ordinances that were not being enforced. He said the administrator of the town he lived in wrote him back
379 and just really gave him a lot of baloney, and some outright falsehoods. He just wasn't very happy. I saw
380 him again yesterday. He said since his concerns were still not being enforced; then he told me that the
381 administrator called him a perfectionist for writing his letter. I told him that sort of thing happens here, too.
382 Then I told him that it's a shame that it has to happen in such a nice town like we live in. Thank you very
383 much.

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385 Ms. Anita Crone, 15th Avenue South, said I, too, would like to thank the town employees and
386 residents and everybody who worked together to make sure that what happened [flooding] south of us,
387 north of us did not happen here. However, I don't know if since I'm always willing to spend town money,
388 for the breakfast that honors the staff, is there any way we can ensure a communications push, because
389 just saying here or an email may not get the word out, and if there's some other way, you know, whether

390 we can do postcards or each of us come over and get little placards or little pieces of paper and just
391 distribute it to the town. I just think given our time constraint, it would be good that we make sure
392 everybody is aware of it. Mayor Samples encouraged her to speak with the administrator and the town
393 clerk after the meeting. He also appreciated the limitations.

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395 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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397 Mr. Childs said I would like to join Mayor Samples in thanking town staff. I would like to thank
398 you, Ms. Fellner, and your entire staff. You've mentioned everybody, so I won't go back through that.
399 I've had a number of people just say how great it was, and I think it was an email come out [sic] from
400 somebody here on council, if you want to see how your tax dollars work, go to the other side of the road
401 and then come back over here and you'll see, which is very appropriate and I guess what the bottom line
402 is we showed everyone how to manage stormwater. I thank you again and your entire staff.

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404 Mr. Stevens said I just want to say that over the weekend when it rained, I was in North Myrtle
405 Beach on Friday, and I rode through Surfside on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. North Myrtle Beach
406 flooded from the Ocean Drive Section all the way to Cherry Grove. I rode through town and I watched the
407 water moving through this town like water pouring out of a boot, and it just moved. We didn't have hardly
408 any flooding to speak of. The stormwater people have done a great job, and I really am glad that I voted
409 for the last stormwater stuff and it was great to see the stormwater moving through Dogwood Lake,
410 through 5th Avenue, through 13th Avenue, the canal on 15th, every place that you can think of, because it
411 was really going through the town and it didn't flood. There was very little flooding at all, and I rode
412 through it three days. My wife and I, we went to Garden City and places and we were amazed at the
413 flooding they were having there, and we weren't having all that. So, the staff has done a good job. John
414 Adair was out; even had his kids with him working. They were doing a good job. They were clearing the
415 swashes out and that's why the water didn't [sit.] Every low tide they were out there with the backhoes
416 digging out the swashes, so they were doing their job. So, when you see the public works guys out there,
417 thank them for what they did during this rain event. On the facts of parts of the people who are suffering
418 [sic], for example the Black River, people over there are having problems. There's a lot of charities,
419 Waccamaw is still flooding, so there's a lot of charities that you can donate to, and I suggest that; we
420 talked about some of them. Red Cross does a good job. Right here in Surfside you've got South Strand
421 Helping Hand. Find a charity out on, I can't name them all, but find a charity and donate something for
422 them for the flood victims that are around. I know that Ms. Kohlmann was out there with that truck and
423 she was out with a bunch of people. My wife and I donated some stuff. It was great to see them working
424 hard to get food and cleaning supplies and things for people that suffered. We really didn't suffer here in
425 Surfside, but a lot of other people did. Again, thank you for coming out and have a nice evening.

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427 Ms. Mabry said well, I know that everybody is happy that we got a CRS of 5. You've heard me
428 talk about FEMA till even I am sick of it. So, we got our 5. We could not be happier, and it's gonna save
429 the town a great deal of money. This is what we're about. We do the best we can. We certainly proved
430 that during the storm. I'm not gonna tell you that I rode anywhere other than Surfside. I didn't go down to
431 Garden City. God bless 'em. I only stayed in Surfside and I was happy. I was happy that I could get my
432 car and I could go around, and I could do what I needed to do. I was concerned. I'm not gonna tell you I
433 wasn't. But, I was also very proud and very pleased of our staff and our administrator, because there's
434 got to be a leader. Our administrator is that leader, and I cannot give her enough credit. She gets such a
435 little bit, and she has such a big job to do. So she really, really stayed on top of everything, and I thank
436 her a great deal for that. While we're thanking everybody, let's not leave the CEO of Surfside Beach out.
437 Thank you all for hanging in there with us. Hopefully, we'll see you at the next meeting.

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439 Mr. Pellegrino said again CRS is great news. Thank you to you and your staff and everyone who
440 worked on that. Stormwater, you know it was mentioned that that was a plan that was developed
441 decades ago and it was great to see how it was developed and it was followed through by multiple
442 councils, multiple administrators, multiple staff, and was followed through to where we implemented a
443 system and installed a system that worked. So, great work with that and I saw people all over Surfside on
444 the beaches and on tractors and everything, so that was a great job there. As far as communication,
445 communication is a funny thing. You can make people really happy or really upset. It was discouraging

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446 at the start of the meeting to see one of our residents leave like that, and I'll ask questions and follow-up
447 and try to; I really don't know anything about the details. But, it's really just over communicating. It's my
448 philosophy. There's a lot of things that can be missed and you might think you said something or what
449 not and might mean something, but that's something that's very important. Finally, Ralph, Mr. Magliette,
450 actually when I got the email from Ms. Herrmann yesterday, I called him last night. He's really upbeat.
451 He's always upbeat. But, it's positive, and I don't think Ralph will have a problem with this. Anyways,
452 keep him in your prayers, and I think Ralph will fight through this like it's just a common cold, personally.
453 He's a great up-beat guy, and whatever God has planned for him for the rest of his life, he'll be happy
454 with it. Have a great night.
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456 Mr. Johnson said thank you all for coming out tonight, and I want to apologize. I misspoke at the
457 very beginning of the meeting when Mr. Lang got up to speak. I was hoping that he would stay long
458 enough to have another five minutes to have his say. But, obviously that did not happen. Surfside Beach
459 has done a lot to improve our stormwater drainage. I was in the upstate for the past two weekends during
460 rain events. During the one two weeks ago, a five hour trip took ten hours to get back. We would go to
461 one highway that would be blocked and we would try to go around; that way would be blocked, and so on
462 and so forth. You almost had to go to the North Carolina line to get back into Surfside Beach. We get
463 back into Surfside Beach, it's seven o'clock in the evening. All the flood waters that I'd seen posted were
464 gone. They were absolutely gone, and I was like 'Holy Cow!' (*Speaker's emphasis.*) We must have done
465 something right, and obviously, we did. I remember back [during Hurricane] Floyd in my house on 9th
466 Avenue South, the water got up to my back porch. Thank God, council had the foresight to do what we
467 did with the stormwater drainage. We've never had that problem at all again. It's always stayed in the
468 ditch; hasn't risen a foot above the ditch at all. So, I would like to thank previous councils and this council
469 and above all else, I would like to thank our employees. They did an outstanding job working 24/7, and I
470 just cannot thank them enough. Ms. Fellner, I hope you would relay the message from council to them.
471 Ms. Fellner said she would, and she hoped all councilmembers would attend the breakfast drop-in next
472 Monday.
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474 Mayor Samples said we can't rest on our laurels. The fact of the matter is had we had wind
475 coupled with the rain this could have been a very, very different situation. Since the last major hurricane
476 that came through, there has been a tremendous amount of development on the south end, not just the
477 Town of Surfside Beach. We're all very aware of the development, which has occurred. The south end is
478 the densest, most densely part of Horry County in terms of resident population. It wasn't always that way.
479 There was no need to have a bridge besides [the one at Highway] 544 or Georgetown County. For your
480 information, if you are interested in what is called the Southern Evacuation Life Line (SELL), Horry County
481 as part of their transparency has the road committee, which is called RIDE III, on their website. They
482 video tape it. You can watch it; you can listen to the individuals who are going to make the final
483 recommendation to County Council. County Council will then vote up or down; that's how it is set up on
484 the list of projects. The SELL project has \$25-million planned for it for the purposes of completing the
485 final environmental impact statement and to begin rights-of-way acquisition. If you support the SELL
486 project, as I do, because I believe we need a better alternative to get out of the south end during the next
487 major storm, you need to be aware of it; you need to follow it. It's not a done deal, even being included.
488 There are plenty of people who live in Horry County that just generally speaking happen to live on the
489 north side of [Highway] 501 who think that SELL isn't important. [Highway] 73/74 is something that has
490 high visibility and it probably will get done eventually, if the Federal Government has enough money,
491 which remains to be seen. I would encourage you to go to the Horry County website to follow RIDE III,
492 because you're gonna be asked to vote in 2016 to adopt a penny sales tax, which how we built 31, 22,
493 and many other roads that we now benefit from, because there's no money anywhere else. With the
494 disaster that has hit the State of South Carolina, let's be honest, bridges, dams, major thoroughfares to
495 the west are a higher priority, and frankly, I don't envy the task of those that we send to protect us, defend
496 what we have, preserve what we have, because they don't have the money, and it runs counter to
497 political speech these days and for the last decade or more to raise the money. Well, some great
498 politician who I'm sure was a Republican said, 'There ain't no free lunch.' So if you want something,
499 you've got to pay for it, and I would encourage all those people that participate in the process to
500 understand there ain't no free lunch. Thank you all for coming.
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11. ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared and submitted by,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: October 27, 2015

Douglas F. Samples, Mayor

David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore

Robert F. Childs, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Mary Beth Mabry, Town Council

Ralph J. Magliette, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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