



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING - MARCH 8, 2016 ♦ 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, Johnson, Mabry, and Stevens were in attendance. One seat is vacant. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner and Town Clerk Herrmann.

Mayor Samples welcomed Ms. Ruetilla Ford to the meeting. Ms. Ford has lived in town for 58 years. *(Applause.)*

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

A. Invocation: Surfside Beach Fire & Police Chaplain Carmen Carella gave the invocation.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Samples opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. to hear comments on Ordinance #16-0822 to amend Chapter 9 Section 9 relating to the proposed increase in parking fees.

Ms. Patricia Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive, said I'll be right to the point. I'd just like to say that nobody likes to see extra parking prices go up, however, I love the beach. I walk the beach, and for all the wonderful people who clean up after themselves, I thank you. But for the few people who leave all their trash on the beach, well maybe it's our way of covering the costs of cleanup. I've been walking the beach and many, many others have. There's stuff that we pick up. Cigarettes butts, and larger objects, you know it's not that the town can keep the beach clean and sparkly for free. If people are gonna continue to leave their junk on the beach, their stuff, then maybe they need to pay more to park, and if people are gonna complain, well they may want to Garden Beach [sic] or whatever. Maybe they're the ones that are gonna leave their junk on another beach and not Surfside. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

There were no other public comments.

Mayor Samples closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

CANDIDATE INTRODUCTION

Special Election Town Council: Vicki Blair, Tim Courtney, Steve Shore, Stanley Wrobel

General Election Town Council: Vicki Blair, Mark Johnson, Mary Beth Mabry, Ron Ott, Wanda Spannuth, Randle Stevens, Holly Watson, Stanley Wrobel

General Election Mayor: Bob Childs, Doug Samples

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded.

56 Mr. Stevens moved to amend the agenda to enter executive session for item 8.B. pursuant to the
57 Freedom of Information Act Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person to a public
58 body. Mr. Childs seconded. All voted in favor of the amendment. **MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.**

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60 All voted in favor of the primary motion as amended. **MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.**

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62 **5. MINUTES APPROVAL**

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64 **A. Vision Workshop February 12, 2016 and B. Regular Meeting February 23, 2016.**

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66 Mr. Childs moved to adopt the February 12, 2016 vision workshop minutes and the February 23,
67 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION**
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70 **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only.** (3-minutes per speaker)

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72 There were no comments on agenda items.

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74 **7. COMMUNICATIONS**

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76 **A. Executive Director Ray Fontaine, and Deputy Director Gail Emory, Horry County**
77 **Council on Aging.**

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79 Mr. Fontaine expressed concern about parking issues at the South Strand Senior Center that has
80 been located at 1032 10th Avenue North since 1996. Since the adjacent property was sold, the new owner
81 has blocked egress across his property to the back of the building where there is parking. Parking for the
82 center has reached critical mass. Seniors have diminishing driving skills and have difficulty navigating a
83 360-degree turn to leave the way they entered, instead of driving out across the neighbor's property.
84 Discussions are on-going with the town administrator. Mr. Fontaine understands the road is maintained
85 by the South Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT.) DOT has sent a memo that the angular
86 parking in the front of the building is illegal, so that limits the parking even more. There is enough space
87 on the south side of 10th Avenue to park six cars. At best there may be between 18 and 20 spaces, which
88 depending on the day may be sufficient. The Horry County Council on Aging is an independent agency
89 with limited resources. However, the Council is willing to partner with the town to resolve this problem,
90 because so many seniors use the facility there has to be enough parking to accommodate them. The
91 Council does want to keep the center at this location, but parking is a dire problem that affects the safety
92 of our seniors.

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94 Mr. Stevens said Town Council had tried to address this by asking the public works director to
95 contact DOT, because it is a state road. Determining whether parking would be allowed along the street
96 was one question. There was also a suggestion that the entrance on the right side of the building be made
97 wider. He did not know what could be done at this time. It would be a good cause, if the town spent the
98 money. He did not know whether Horry County would contribute.

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100 Mr. Fontaine appreciated those comments, but from a fiscal point of view, the Council on Aging
101 will and can participate financially. They are asking the town to be aware of the problem and perhaps
102 help in the quest to resolve the problem. The Council on Aging can pay for paving, but needs the
103 appropriate permission.

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105 Mayor Samples said that staff was given direction at the last meeting to contact DOT with these
106 questions. Ms. Fellner said a response was received; details will be provided during her report. He hoped
107 Mr. Fontaine would stay to hear that report. Mr. Fontaine said because the Council on Aging has been
108 around so long, they have some very strong contacts at DOT and would be happy to contact them, if it
109 would help. Also, the Lieutenant Governor is over the senior programs, and he would be happy to help.
110 Just let him know what to do.

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112 Mayor Samples thanked Mr. Fontaine for his comments.

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114 **B. Administrator's Report.**
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116 Ms. Fellner reported:
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118 Parking Rates. I wanted to take a moment to clarify the parking rates since there have been
119 numerous stories in the media. First, the new parking rates will not be in effect until after second reading
120 tonight if council approves them. Initially, there seemed to be some confusion and the new rates were
121 posted on March 1st but by close of business on the 2nd all equipment and signage reflected the prior
122 year's rates. I also stated to the press that Town Hall would be happy to reimburse the extra \$.50 for any
123 vouchers turned into us for that time period.
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125 Solid Waste Authority Extended Hours. I also wanted to take this opportunity to express my
126 thanks to Tyler Servant, our Horry County Council Representative, who arranged a meeting with Mike
127 Bessant and Danny Knight of the Solid Waste Authority, which included Director Adair, Mayor Samples,
128 Councilmember Childs, Councilmember Stevens, and myself. It was made clear that since no other
129 haulers are interested in later Saturday hours, they do not want to change the current schedule. What they
130 will agree to is for the town to pay \$675 per Saturday (i.e., \$225 per hour) to tip loads on the agreed upon
131 dates during June, July and August until 5:30 p.m. The landfill premises would technically be closed, but
132 would receive Surfside Beach trucks through the side entrance from 2:30 to 5:30 PM. This would mean
133 our trucks could start later and finish before 4:00 p.m. to make it to the landfill before it closes. Director
134 Adair will be tweaking timing, etc. throughout the summer season. If we did all three months, the
135 expenditure to the town would be \$8,775.
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137 Financial Accounting Excellence Award. I am happy to report that the town received a Certificate
138 of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 from the Government Finance
139 Officers Association. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental
140 accounting and financial reporting and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a
141 governmental body. A big thank you to Director King and her staff who do an amazing job each year with
142 both the budget process and all of our other financial records.
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144 10th Avenue North. Regarding the 10th Avenue North requests to SCDOT to post speed limit
145 signs and the possible granting of an encroachment permit to install approximately 10 paved, parallel
146 parking spaces on the south-side of the street opposite the senior center in the right of way their response
147 was no to both requests.
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149 1. Mike Bethea of SCDOT stated that this is a fairly short section of road with stop signs
150 on both ends so he would not recommend this.
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152 2. He felt that the statutory speed limit of 30 miles per hour applies and should be
153 enforced.
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155 3. He also stated that parallel parking spaces across from the senior center would create a
156 safety hazard with motorists stopping in the travel lane and backing up to park and opening their
157 doors adjacent to the street.
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159 4. He further stated that the existing angled parking in front of the Senior Center should
160 not be allowed as it is angled in the wrong direction so motorists are backing out into oncoming
161 westbound traffic. This is an item that will require a remedy.
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163 Ms. Fellner will meet with Mr. Fontaine. We have worked with DOT in the past to allow
164 perpendicular parking. There have to be some measures that can be taken. She received the DOT
165 response this morning, so there has not been time to investigate. She hopes we can make this work.
166 There is no better cause than this, and we will give it every single 'brain cell' to try to come up with
167 solutions that DOT will accept. I will report back to council on this.
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169 Consensus Items. There were no consensus items.

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Responses to Public Comments.

Comment: Could the names of new businesses that open in town be communicated so residents could welcome them to the community?

Response: We are happy to do this for non-homebased businesses. The information will be sent to the town's email subscriber list once a month.

Comment: The town ought to pick up the trash daily like at Disney World.

Response: To keep expenditures low, the town picks up garbage based on usage needs. Currently, there is no need to escalate the level of pickups to a daily level throughout the town.

Comment: The town was thanked for supporting autism month and asked that we continue to help educate others.

Response: The town agrees that education is an important part of supporting this effort and has partnered with Ms. Becky Large to provide training to interested local businesses and some town staff members.

Comment: Why are there no other cable options in Surfside Beach?

Response: Cable franchise agreements are made at the state level and the town has no jurisdiction concerning these matters.

Comment: The town is losing police officers and we need to pay them more.

Response: Staff made the organizational committee aware of this problem in late summer and recently brought this issue back for consideration. The committee will make recommendations concerning this to the full council at the budget workshop.

Two other statements were made, but no follow-up or response was required.

Mayor Samples said it was very important to notify the public regarding the sanitation changes. He understood a mailing would be sent this week. Ms. Fellner said yes. Mayor Samples said the trash day for the north end will change from Monday to Wednesday. Recycling will change from Thursday to Friday. This measure is necessary to avoid additional expenses as we incurred this past summer in picking up trash in the commercial rental district on the boulevard. The plans are to pick up trash on the boulevard on Saturday, which tends to be the check-in/check-out day. A pickup will be done on Monday, because the maids clean after the tenants leave and they put out additional trash. Also incoming visitors shop for the week and fill the cans. Then trash will be picked up again on Thursday. Those three daily pickups in conjunction with the Solid Waste Authority staying open later on Saturday should enable the town to avoid \$20,000 in overtime incurred last year, and avoid the perception that we have vermin running around the beach. This is not a decision made lightly, because Town Council recognizes long-standing habits of pulling out trash curbside on Sunday have been in place for many, many years. Mayor Samples said I did want to make it clear. Public Works will send out letters, and with the help of the media, the word can be spread. Undoubtedly, as with any change, there will be some that forget. The object is to keep the ocean front clean in the summer, which has been an issue brought before council during the past few years.

Mr. Stevens said Tyler Servant, the town's Horry Council District 5 Representative, met with him immediately on February 15th the same day as the task was assigned to him. He asked everyone to thank Mr. Servant who helped arrive at a solution for the trash pickup and delivery to the landfill. Mr. Stevens also thanked Mr. Childs for contacting some of the other county councilmembers, and also, Councilmember Paul Prince from Loris, who assisted by speaking with Director Knight at the Solid Waste Authority. The Bible states, 'ask and ye shall receive.' The town asked, and we received a good return from Mr. Servant and the Solid Waste Authority. It was a positive reaction that will help us eliminate the problem with trash forever.

Mr. Childs thanked Mr. Stevens who got the 'volunteer job,' which he handled well.

227 Mayor Samples said one of the mayor's jobs is to recognize talent and delegate issues to the right
228 people to get it done. We have gotten it done; we're going to try it out. There are costs involved, but at
229 about half the amount anticipated had the town maintained the four times a week pickup like was
230 implemented last year. Ms. Fellner said that was correct and added that the new pickup schedule will
231 start April 11th. Mayor Samples said business is good in town. We are a family beach town, and we fill a
232 special niche. Building continues on Ocean Boulevard. We must be doing something right, because
233 people love to come here and spend their annual weekly vacations here. We're proud to have them.
234 Those tourists help pay the bills and drive the economy.
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236 Mayor Samples thanked Mr. Fontaine and Ms. Emory for attending the meeting and told them to
237 be safe going home.
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239 **8. BUSINESS**

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241 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #16-0822 to amend Section 9-9 Charges to increase**
242 **parking fees, Administrator Fellner.**
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244 Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file.
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246 Mr. Childs moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #16-0822 as presented. Mr. Johnson
247 seconded.
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249 Mr. Childs thought Ms. Magliette's comments made during the public hearing "hit the nail on the
250 head."
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252 Mr. Pellegrino said Mayor Samples just explained how tourists like to spend their week of
253 vacation here. This is just another fee piled on top of the tourists who already drive our economy and
254 pump hundreds of thousands of dollars into our tax base. He would not support the ordinance, because
255 he thought it would leave a 'sour taste' in the tourists' mouth.
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257 Mr. Stevens said he was torn over this matter, but after speaking with many people, he concurred
258 with Mr. Pellegrino. He had spoken with five rental companies who all said their rates had not increased
259 in the last three years, because of the competition in the area market. He believed this action would price
260 the town out of the market. The revenue would be great, but there are people who shop the pier area
261 stores. He believed the increase would hurt those businesses. If you spend two hours eating at a
262 restaurant, and spend four dollars on the parking meter, that would be the tip for the waitress.
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264 Mr. Johnson said first of all, the people that rent homes in Surfside Beach for their vacations
265 would park at the rental home. They would not drive to the parking lots and pay fees. Number two, I
266 have to lay it on the hands of administration, we have been told that this in line with all the other
267 municipalities along the coast insofar as price. I really don't see a problem with it. If another 50 cents per
268 hour is going to make or break you, maybe you should stay home. I don't mean that in a bad way, but
269 seriously.
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271 Ms. Mabry reminded everyone, because she thought this was very important, that the 13th Avenue
272 South parking lot, which is very large, is still 50 cents an hour. I think that is very important to be able to
273 have families come to our beach and have an affordable place to park. Fifty cents an hour is not
274 burdensome. Two dollar parking is really premium parking that is right on the beach, so that is what we
275 call the most expensive property. She had called Myrtle Beach. They have higher fees, two dollars an
276 hour is average. Council did insist that the 13th Avenue South parking lot stay at 50 cents an hour so that
277 we would not be burdensome and that families neighboring the town were welcomed to come and enjoy
278 the town's beach. There is an issue; base pay will have to be raised sooner or later for our policeman, and
279 there are some things coming up. The town simply needs the money. This is one way to get it. The town
280 has less than a three minute response time. The police officers are on the beach all the time. That does
281 not happen in other towns. Our lifeguards, our ambassadors, can call in, and they are in there in a
282 minute. So, we have safety equipment that we bought that other towns don't have. We have quick
283 response from our fire and police department that other towns could only dream of. These things are

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284 expensive items. This is one way to help us maintain that level of service. As long as we're not being
285 overly burdensome, I think we can go with this. I would not like to see it go higher, but I think since we
286 are in line, it will be fine as long as the 50 cent parking lot is available.

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288 Mayor Samples said for the benefit of those economically-minded, the town offers for its
289 neighbors an annual parking pass for \$100, which amounts to a dollar a day for unlimited parking during
290 the 100 days of summer. There are options that the town offers. None of the fees affect town residents,
291 nor does it affect non-resident property owners. It is a charge to visitors, and we hope they like it so much
292 that they decide to join us in this wonderful town in which we live. In the meantime, we need to maintain
293 the level of services that we have. It costs money to build walkovers, and to keep the beach clean. We do a
294 [very] good job of it. This past year the town established a new parking lot at 4th Avenue North in a
295 public/private partnership, which cost money. Parking fees are a source of revenue.

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297 Mr. Childs pointed out that there are still lots that are \$1.75 an hour along with the 50 cents an
298 hour lot.

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300 Mr. Pellegrino challenged everyone who did not think the tourists used the pier lot to look at the
301 license plates this summer. It's a long commute from Ohio, or New York, or Pennsylvania. I don't think
302 they are commuting just to go to a restaurant and then go home. There are a lot of plates from the mid-
303 west and up north. We do have great services. We have great public safety. But the second homeowners
304 and tourists are already paying for that. This is just one other fee we are adding on. Municipalities all
305 over, or government all over, love to just add fees and add fees. Anyone who flies Spirit Airlines out of
306 Myrtle Beach knows what fees are all about. I'm sure every time you get some little fee, you're not happy
307 about it. It's going to leave a sour taste in tourists' mouths, and I hope it is not enough to keep them from
308 coming back.

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310 Mayor Samples agreed and hoped not. He was looking forward to a continuation of the last few
311 years where we have had very, very good summers, and thank goodness we have.

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313 Mr. Stevens asked what "various transaction fees" were. Ms. Fellner explained those were fees
314 associated with using your mobile phone to pay for charges with a credit card. Mr. Stevens said a person
315 using a credit card would pay more than two dollars. Ms. Fellner said that it always had; the transaction
316 fee would not change. Mr. Stevens repeated that a person staying at 16th Avenue South would probably
317 drive to the pier, although they are already paying for their rental home. That is why he cannot support
318 the ordinance. Ms. Fellner said she spoke with both tenants, Surf Diner and Pier Outfitters. Neither of
319 them had any problem with the increase. Mr. Stevens said they must have told her a different story; they
320 told him something different. He would support a smaller increase, but he cannot go with two dollars.

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322 Mayor Samples, and Councilmembers Childs, Johnson and Mabry voted in favor. Mayor Pro
323 Tempore Pellegrino and Councilmember Stevens voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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325 **B. Business Committee Appointments (2 vacancies), Councilmember Stevens,**
326 **Liaison. Volunteers: Mr. Chris Fisher, Mr. Michael LaFramboise, Mr. Daniel Sitter, and**
327 **Mr. Cabel Young.**

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329 This item deferred to executive session, see #4 above.

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331 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION** – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.

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333 Mr. Stevens hoped that everyone attended one of the Federal Emergency Management Agency
334 (FEMA) Flood Map meetings. The FEMA maps show that despite what we were told the flood area is not
335 going to Highway 17. As a matter of fact, it has actually decreased. The Town of Surfside Beach had 1,180
336 parcels removed; 257 were added. That totaled 923 taken out of the flood plain. Almost every beach area
337 in Horry County had a reduction in the number of parcels in the flood plain. The story that we were going
338 to be flooded all the way to Highway 17 was proven untrue by FEMA. The business committee met on the
339 sign ordinance and made several recommendations. He did not know if the planning commission has

340 discussed the recommendations. Ms. Fellner said the planning commission has not met on the
341 recommendations. Director Morris will present them.
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343 Mayor Samples said in regards to the new FEMA maps and the flood lines, the fear among all the
344 communities along the coast was that when the new maps were published, they may take an easy solution
345 and just move the line to Highway 17. However, FEMA did not do that. The parcels were actually were
346 surveyed using GPS modern technology to create the new maps. It was a significant in making properties
347 more marketable, because properties in an AE of V special flood hazard zones required either a cash
348 purchase or the lender required a flood insurance policy. Over the course of the last several years, the
349 Federal Government has been gradually reducing the subsidy amounts for flood insurance, along the
350 range of \$25 million. The reality is that the town is in a very good position at this time. Much better than
351 most people involved in the matter expected. Mayor Samples said as a result of that good news, there are
352 actions that I would expect the town to take in the near future to revisit some of the requirements that
353 were put in place under the Community Rating System (CRS), which might make it more advantageous to
354 present property owners or future property developers in terms of improving their homes. We are a long
355 way from that, but since the news was not terrible, and we have a thousand properties that are no longer
356 in those special flood hazard zones, the point is we need to be sure that we don't have overkill going on in
357 some of the X zone areas. We don't want to unnecessarily drive up the cost of new buildings, commercial
358 enterprises, or homeowners by requiring them to meet codes that may have made sense had they been in
359 the special flood hazard zone, but no longer makes sense because they are not in a special flood hazard
360 zone. Ms. Fellner said the CRS committee is required to meet once a year; a number of items will be
361 reviewed at the meeting. Mayor Samples said that was good news.
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363 Ms. Mabry wanted to point out for information that the CRS committee meets once a year. We
364 don't want it to be political. I have talked to Ms. Morris, so it will be after the election to keep the politics
365 out of it. That is the way it should be for anything that we're gonna do that's major. In the meantime,
366 May is when we are supposed to get our formal notification of the drop from a nine to a five, which is
367 significantly lowering many, many peoples' flood insurance premium. I talked to Ms. Morris today to
368 make sure how we were going to get notification out to everybody that it came in. Every homeowner will
369 get a letter that you can take to your insurance company. That will be sometime in May, and then you
370 show that to your insurance company to get your deduction. I've talked to several people who said they
371 would actually be saving about \$1,000 a year. That is significant, because as you know, your flood
372 insurance has continually been on the rise. You haven't seen anything really that you could take off. Now
373 you can. These letters are very important. I've talked with several people who said that it would be
374 devastating if we lost our rating system, which is right now at 25-percent [sic], it was a five. Many people
375 in town that didn't have flood insurance might be more apt to get it. The ones that do have it will see a
376 significant difference in the flood premium. This is major. If you want to be business friendly, then this
377 certainly a way to do it. I mean it hits everybody in their pocketbook, and that's the main thing. So, our
378 residents will be able to take advantage. Our second homeowners are going to be able to really take
379 advantage of this. Making your property worth more is when you go to sell it [sic] and when I say worth
380 more, I don't mean worth more in dollars and cents. I meant an easier sell, a more attractive sell. You
381 certainly don't have this in Horry County. Let me make sure you know you don't get this benefit
382 throughout the county. This is Surfside Beach only.
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384 Mr. Childs said another good point was that earlier in the year, they were talking about the flood
385 insurance premium would equal the wind and hail in a very short time. Everybody here that's paying
386 wind and hail can understand how dramatic that would be. That's another good point. It's not going to
387 raise that.
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389 **9. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)
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391 Mr. Mike LaFramboise, Joker's Cycles. We all know who I am. We all know what's going on with
392 the signage. I have a couple of questions, and I want to bring something to the board, and again, no
393 disrespect. Is there anybody in this town that does not want Joker's Cycles here? I'm asking the council.
394 I'm asking the residents, and the businesses, because right now I'm feeling a little singled out. I feel I'm
395 being discriminated. I feel that what happened yesterday was totally unreasonable. I spent many, many
396 hours with the business committee, coming to these meetings here in the council, and I feel like I've been

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397 thrown under the bus. Back on January 26th, in the last meeting, and if I remember right and, correct me
398 if I'm wrong, Ms. Mary Mabry, before January 26th did you and Sabrina come to my store in the morning
399 and have a conversation with me about my signage?

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401 Ms. Mabry said she could not answer, it was not allowed.
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403 Mr. LaFramboise. Okay, anyways, on January 26th Town Council discussed the business
404 committee about having, going over the sign ordinance. From that point, I think me and other businesses
405 thought with that being put in the hands of the business committee, a lot of things were put on hold.
406 Everything was put on hold, except for my shop. Yesterday, I got slammed at 1:51 p.m. to rip my signage
407 down off my windows by the end of the day. How is that reasonable time for anybody? I'm gonna tell my
408 customers I'm not gonna work on their bikes and take care of them, because I've got to rip signage down,
409 because Surfside doesn't want to do the right thing. I thought this whole thing was to be able to be more
410 friendly and business friendly. If you guys don't want businesses here, don't allow it. But this is just
411 unheard of. I've got pictures showing businesses. When I asked the zoning department that stood in
412 front of my shop issuing me a citation if other businesses were being taken care of as I am right now? The
413 business next door. The business down the street. The business down the road. Are they gonna have to
414 take their stuff down within half a day? They didn't want to answer that. The reason is, because they are
415 not doing it. What's fair is fair. What's right is right, across the board for a two mile stretch. You can't
416 single out one business. I've done nothing wrong to this Surfside city at all, besides clean up that corner
417 and provide a service for customers. I get a lot of business, because I'm there. I'm bringing in business
418 for Surfside. People that come to my store, they go to the restaurant next door or to the consignment
419 shop. I don't know what's the deal here? I mean seriously. I've pictures, if you guys would like to look at
420 all the businesses. I've got pictures of my business before. I've got pictures of my business with the
421 windows, and then I've got pictures with my business now, because I didn't have ample time to pull my
422 signs down off my windows, because the weather was cold. I don't know if anybody ever tried to pull tint
423 down in cold weather. So, I put wood up. They came today and tried to give me a fine for signage on
424 windows that are not there no more. It's my right to board 'em up, if I want to, or don't have any
425 windows. The police officer that came with Surfside zoning, he agreed with me, because they turned
426 away, because I wouldn't sign the paper. There is no fine if there is no window. Your zoning department
427 wanted to walk in my store and see if the signage is still on it. Well, you don't need to do that. It's still
428 there. But it doesn't matter, if it's behind something, it's not facing out. I asked and I personally called
429 Sabrina and said would you give me ample time? Just give me to the weekend until Sunday when I'm not
430 working on peoples' bikes. I'll rip everything down. That's fine. You know what she said? No. I'm done
431 with this. Either, either help us or don't. I wasted hours, weeks after weeks after weeks. What is the
432 business committee there for if they can't do anything? I mean, as far as I'm concerned, and I think
433 people that were here, it was to be put on hold. That's why the Pavilion didn't get nothing. She had a
434 paper that stated if she didn't have it down that week of the 20th of January she would get a fine of
435 \$1,092.50. She didn't get it. She was five days after me. So, if we're over 30 days, why didn't I get it in
436 writing? (*Time ended.*) Mr. LaFramboise showed photographs to councilmembers.
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438 Mr. Ray Arsdale, Surfside Bar and Grill (formerly Borgata.) Again, I stand by [Mr. LaFramboise].
439 I stand by all the businesses. This town is terrible for businesses. If I had known this town was this bad, I
440 never would have bought the Borgata. I am stuck with it now, and I am this close to trying to sell it,
441 because this is not business friendly. You are trying to drive business out of this town. Again, fined, just
442 like Mike got, for hanging sign outside that's trying to draw business into my business. Why? It's insane.
443 A hundred dollars a month for my sign? A hundred dollars a month for my tables? And you're trying to
444 drive business into this town? It's, it's insane.
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446 Mr. Brian Collins, Double Eagle Drive, Deerfield. I have also notice all of these signs along the
447 whole strip that are blocking windows and stuff like that. But, it's advertising, and it helps me. I ride a
448 motorcycle and it helps me visualize and know that, hey, I can get a good deal over here. Hey, I can do
449 this. It's not just some little rinky-dink sign trying to make the place look pretty. Ms. Mabry, you stated,
450 that law enforcement eventually needs more money. I've also looked on the website, and I've noticed that
451 you guys plan on rebuilding a bigger police department, which is all well and good. I do believe we need
452 that. Don't hurt the businesses by coming up with these ridiculous things about signage, when all they're
453 trying to do is bring in that money so that all of us, you know, we all pride ourselves on getting along and

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454 being a tight-knit unit that is known as Surfside. Let's stay that tight-knit unit and let's help businesses.
455 People that have started from the ground up. Mike has literally started from zero. I have seen it, and now
456 he has more than \$1 million worth of equipment sitting in that shop all that benefits me. To help me get
457 to work, to and from. If something happens to someone's motorcycle or even someone's car, sometimes
458 he's able to do some of that work. And like I said, it helps me live here. It helps me feed my children. I
459 just ask that we not go after a business to better another business; to better a government. Government, if
460 we really need the help, we really need the funds, we can ask the federal government. We need better
461 police equipment; we need this; we need this. They have money for that and I believe that we could get
462 that. I just ask that you please not take anything from these businesses, from all the Surfside businesses.
463 They are here for our benefit, and these businesses wouldn't have come here to help us all out.
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465 Mr. Jim Fassett, Seaweed Court. I'm a customer of Mike's over at Joker's Cycles. I need to say
466 that I'm a relatively new resident here; a year and a half or so. If it weren't for his signage, I would not
467 have known he was there. It's bright. It's colorful. It's not bad; it's good. I sat at the Sundowner this
468 afternoon with a friend and looked at all the signage up and down the road. There's signage everywhere.
469 Laws are fine. Requirements for signage are fine. But make the same requirements for everyone. If Mike
470 can't do it, then neither can anyone else. If Mike has to do it a specific way, fine. Let him know, and give
471 him time to change it. But don't just arbitrarily say, ugh, that guys a biker, let's bust him, because there's
472 a lot of us around here, and we spend money. Lots and lots of money. Mike pays business taxes, I'm sure,
473 to this town. Don't drive him out. We all need him.
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475 Mr. Larry McKeen, 6th Avenue South. I'm not gonna talk about signs. But, I am gonna talk about
476 something that was in the council meeting, the last meeting, which I was not here for, because I was on
477 vacation. It reflects the council, I think, and it's a, someone claimed that the mil rate of taxes in this town
478 has been raised 11.2 cents [sic] in the last two years. I found that kind of shocking being a new resident
479 here. That means that the tax rate before it was raised 11.2 cents [sic] was 35 cents [sic]. I went back and
480 looked at the records, and this is not the case. You know that 11.2 percent or 11.2 mils would be a 35-
481 percent increase. As it turns out, if you look at the county records and the records here in town, the tax
482 rate in 2015 was 46.2 mils; 2014, 46.2 mils; 2013, 40; then it goes 40 all the way back to 2005 when it was
483 55. In no time has it been below 40 in the past 25 years. It was much, much higher. So, I just feel that
484 somebody who publicly makes a misstatement about numbers it should be brought up so everyone knows
485 it's not true. You can count on me to look at numbers in the future. I'm a scientist. I love data, and I'm
486 kind of like that fact checker that you see on TV after these debates. I'm gonna be that guy as long as it
487 has to do with numbers. Thanks.
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489 Ms. Diana Taylor, 7th Avenue North. Well, before I say what I was gonna say, I actually think that
490 the Joker's Cycle location is perfect. Does everybody remember how bad that corner looked? I think his
491 signage is stunning, and I have driven through Myrtle Beach, and they have some lousy signage on their
492 businesses. I welcome you (*turning towards Mr. LaFramboise.*) I would personally like to thank Debbie
493 Ellis for such a wonderful bar-b-que festival Saturday, and would also like to thank her for the tent she
494 provided and installed for the beautification committee. We gave out over 500 wildflower seed packets,
495 and I was privileged to visit with many guests in our town. They all commented what a great day for
496 Surfside. Well, done, Ms. Debbie. Thank you.
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498 Mr. Mike Holt, North Yaupon Drive. Maybe too little too late, but I want to talk about the
499 parking. Although it's already passed, everybody fails to realize that when the rates go up that a lot of
500 those people instead of paying they're just gonna park on the street, which, then that affects me. I think
501 this is where the confusion comes in. I'm on the corner of Yaupon and 3rd North, and when we built there,
502 it was explained to us that 10-foot easement on the road was for people to park. Okay, that happens on 4th
503 of July when it's busy. But, this week I had to have work done at the house. The enforcement guy comes
504 along and he writes a fine for all the contractors that park in front of the house. You can't park within 10-
505 feet of a driveway. So now, do I tell all these people from New York when they come to visit to park in my
506 yard, you can't park there, or I mean, can they park in front of my house? Or, can they no longer park
507 there, do you understand what I mean? It's just not real clear. But, also, if I have my driveway cleaned
508 and I decide to park on the road, will I get a ticket for parking in front of my own house? Or, if I have
509 company, and they can't park in my driveway, and they park in the easement area, are they subject to get a
510 ticket? You know, they change the rules (**), and maybe, I'm not sure who is in charge of all that, but it's

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511 just real confusing. I don't know what to tell my company when they come. Don't park on the road or
512 what.
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514 Mayor Samples said don't park on the road. He said this was an old rule. He, too, had been at a
515 party when he was asked to move his car after a neighbor called and complained. With respect to
516 workmen, and contractors, on Ocean Boulevard we recognize that the landscapers will be parking on
517 driveways, and sidewalks, and they put up warning cones, so they can get their work done. He
518 encouraged Mr. Holt to speak with the administrator who could provide more details on this ever-
519 changing parking matter, which the town has addressed over the course of a long time. Mayor Samples
520 apologized saying that he should not be responding, but one of his concerns about paid parking was that
521 people would go back into the neighborhoods to park instead of paying the meters.
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523 Ms. Ruetilla Ford, Sparrow Drive. I'm not gonna get on the signs and the parking. I'm getting on
524 the hot-rodders. I need more police protection on Sparrow Drive at night than we have now. We have
525 hot-rodders that tear my mailbox down. I've moved it and it's been hit twice again. They use it for a drag
526 strip, and I think we need more police presence at night in that area. Thank you.
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528 Mayor Samples said thank you and he agreed 100-percent with Ms. Ford. We need more
529 presence from 10th to Melody Lane and the side streets. He was sure that staff could make that happen.
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531 Mr. Lee Zulanch, Benjamin's Bakery. I'm a member of the business committee and I'm
532 embarrassed to be here. I watched this business and other businesses bring concerns to us, and we had
533 the Mayor, Councilman Stevens, worked with [Ms. Fellner], etc. and while I'm not political, and I'm very
534 personable, I'm amazed that it could escalate to this point. I'm very aware of like social networking, and I
535 happen to catch the feedback that Joker's Cycle had on Facebook. There is a, I'll just say, a multitude of
536 comments following his exasperation that said Surfside sucks. Not business friendly at all. When you all
537 asked us to form the business committee, the purpose was so that we could say that Surfside is business
538 friendly, and actually be business friendly. I'm not sure the inner workings of how everything works, and
539 honestly, I never want to know, but I'm just amazed at how this man has literally come to every meeting,
540 everything, saying he'll do whatever as long as it's fair, and for him to get to the point where he's ripping
541 things down or boarding up, it's embarrassing to me. It should be embarrassing to everybody in this town
542 of how we've handled this, because as of today, I cannot say Surfside is business friendly. At least not how
543 we've handled this. Thank you.
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545 Ms. Patricia Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive. Hello, again I'll make this short and to the point. I
546 understand that there's concern about signs looking nice in our town. Well, when you really think about
547 it, as long as the signs are looking nice, we should be blessed and grateful that the signs also catch the eye
548 of the people driving up and down 17. You want to build the business base. You want to have the
549 businesses uber profitable. You want people going from here to Charleston and back again to North
550 Carolina to say, hey, there's that certain place, and they do good business, and if they bring their business
551 here and tell their relatives to frequent like the cycle place or the other businesses, then they might come
552 down and decide to do vacations here. I think that you have the right idea to try and correct your signs
553 being tactful. We don't want to get so stringent with our signs that they don't catch peoples' eyes and
554 promote our town as a wonderful place not only to visit, but to get things done. To get your day-to-day
555 needs met. I think maybe we need to look at our signage as a tool to not only promote, but attract lots of
556 people so they get to know Surfside better. So maybe we need to rethink the way we do signage in this
557 town as to be, yes, well looking, but also eye catching and just make people want to pull off of 17 and come
558 in to see what we have to offer. I think we need to trade in blah signs for wonderful signs, and I think we
559 need to really take pride in the different kinds of signage that we can have. I think as long as it's not a
560 safety issue blocking traffic, we need to go ahead with better signs; not restrict signs as they are now. If
561 it's good for the business, and it's good for the town, and everybody will be happy. Thank you.
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563 David Reid, North Myrtle Drive. Now that the FEMA maps are kind a back where they are
564 finalized, I was wondering if the town could may reconsider parts of this Chapter 14 that we enacted last
565 November. Specifically for people that are not in a flood zone, if you're in X or a business man up on 17, I
566 don't see the need for having to build three foot high. You talk about bringing business into town, if you
567 had a vacant lot up there, a business man wants to come in and put something up, do you think he's gonna

568 want to be three foot high and do ramps? Probably not. People who don't live in a flood zone with
569 existing home, if they wanted to go in and do an addition, if it's substantial amount of money, their
570 existing home is down here and their addition is gonna be up here; almost like a split-entry level.
571 Anyway, I'm just hoping that maybe the town might reconsider some of that in the future.
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573 Mayor Samples said that was what he was suggesting earlier in the meeting.
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575 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**
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577 Ms. Mabry said hi. First of all, I want to tell you that I spent an hour and a half with the chairman
578 of the business committee yesterday. The reason I did that is because I wanted to make sure that this sign
579 issue, how it was being addressed in the business committee, and I wanted to be more knowledgeable.
580 Ms. Mabry said this council approved and, before I start, let me make sure, there's not one person sitting
581 out here who cannot request that planning and zoning hear anything about any ordinance. So, you don't
582 have to wait on council. If you think something needs to be changed, you go to Sabrina Morris or you go
583 to the administrator and get you on that calendar. But, in the meantime, I have gone to the chairman of
584 the business committee and I asked him about signs, because it was decided that they were going to sit
585 down and they wanted to look over the ordinance and make changes to present to planning and zoning.
586 That is the system here. We, planning and zoning will look at those recommendations. After they look at
587 the recommendations, they will come before council. Mr. Truett told me that they had not gotten them
588 ready to bring to planning and zoning as of yet. There was some tweaking that needed to be done. As
589 soon as that was done, and I want you to, I want to reiterate, this is not council. This is going through the
590 proper steps. Business committee will take care of it. They will make the recommendations. It will go to
591 planning commission. If planning approves it or they want to add or subtract, then we'll see it. That's the
592 way it's done here. That's the way it's done, I think, everywhere. So, these sign ordinances that are in
593 place now are in place now [sic.] If we don't want any sign ordinances, if the community says everything
594 goes, we want anything out there, then you know what, I guess you can have anything. If you want it a
595 certain, if you want an ordinance then we'll have an ordinance. But, if we have an ordinance, we have to
596 enforce it. But, whatever the ordinance is you have to get a permit. Let me make sure that's clear. You
597 have to get a permit. When you get a permit, then you'll know whether you have a legal sign or you don't.
598 What you get fined for most of the time is not having a permit. But, there's, anybody can go to that
599 business committee. Anybody can make any recommendation, and that is perfectly fine. Anybody in this
600 audience can make a recommendation. So, I don't want you to sit up here and think that we say this is
601 what; no, that's what the ordinance says. If you don't like the ordinance, then we'll change the ordinance.
602 But, whatever the ordinance is gonna be, you're gonna have to have a permit to get it. So, when you put
603 up an illegal sign without a permit, and I'm not saying anybody in this room did, I'm just saying if, if
604 anybody put up an illegal sign, did not have a permit, you're gonna get fined. Or, we'll just let it go and
605 nobody, then you can just do whatever. So, you're either gonna have a set of laws or you're not gonna
606 have any at all. Personally, I will go with whatever the business committee and planning and zoning
607 committee like. They're the stakeholders in the town. The planning and zoning commission are the
608 citizen stakeholders. They represent the citizens. They represent the town. So, when they bring back
609 recommendations as you all know, I'm very quick to adhere to their recommendations, because I feel like
610 they're the eyes and ears of the citizens as a whole. But, I want you to know that we definitely are not
611 singling out anybody. I did go over to [Mr. LaFramboise's] shop because I was proud that he was here. I
612 still am proud he's here. I've sat up on this dais more than once and said that I'd like every single business
613 in town to be a millionaire business. I mean that from the bottom of my heart. So, I don't think that [Mr.
614 LaFramboise] can say on my part that I didn't welcome him into town, because I made sure that he was
615 welcomed into town. If there's any more questions, we cannot answer them while you're talking. I can't,
616 but I certainly can answer them after the meeting. So, thank you for coming and we'll see you in a couple
617 of weeks.
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619 Mr. Stevens said I'm going to put this in perspective so you can understand how it actually is. The
620 town of Surfside is two miles long and one-half [sic] mile wide. Our sign ordinance is 26 pages. Sammy
621 Truett, the chairman of the business committee, got towns from all the way down to Sullivan's Island all
622 the way up to New Jersey. The average was ten pages of sign ordinance. We have gone through these
623 ordinances and looked at them very closely. The main thing we need to recognize is that businesses,
624 whether it's on the beach or it's on Highway, bring in 85-percent of our revenue in normal times. Over

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625 90-percent of our economy is booming. The revenue is something we need to think about. Now, the
626 business committee, Sammy Truett, if he was here, he would tell you we're wanting to have a sign
627 ordinance that we don't have junk out there. We have nice signs that are professionally made and the
628 people can advertise their businesses and they can pull in those people that are riding by on 17 every day.
629 That's basically where most of the business, I mean, you go down to the beach, you've already got your,
630 picked out your place, you picked out Garden City Realty, Surfside Realty, Dunes Realty, or Old Colony
631 Realty, or whoever it might be. You know where you're going to stay. But on 17 that's where people are
632 travelling. They have to make their, they have to get their customers in the door and do what's necessary
633 to make business or else they go out of business. A good example, we recently budgeted to pave frontage
634 road between BB&T and the Peggy's Antiques, which is down in front of the flea market. I went and
635 basically rode down and counted every business. There is 20-percent of those businesses empty. Just in
636 that on stretch. That's not the whole town. Mr. Stevens said ten out of 51 were empty; 20-percent of the
637 businesses. When we get the businesses on 17 full, and we've got businesses pulling in revenue for the
638 citizens, let's face it, if we had to live of what the regular citizens live, pay in taxes, they live here year
639 round, we'd make it about three to four months. Then we'd be belly up. We have to use common sense
640 whenever we do something. It's plain as day. If you use common sense, you can come out with, and the
641 business committee is working on this very hard. They're trying to make good laws for the signs. We're
642 gonna send it to, I see some of the P&Z out there, we're gonna send it to them. They get a chance to go
643 through it, and look through it and give us their feedback. Then it'll probably come back to council. I
644 don't know where else it goes after that. Eventually, we'll have a good solid business friendly sign
645 ordinance. We have to use common sense when dealing with businesses no matter what we do. Thank
646 you.

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648 Mr. Childs said I attended one of those business meetings and I guess very boisterously
649 encouraged them to get with planning and zoning, and by all means, when the date is set for those, please
650 everybody must show up. There's so many of these committee meetings; nobody shows up. If you have a
651 real concern, everybody show up. Have everything that you need ready to talk to P&Z. They're, I'm
652 certainly sure that they'll be sympathetic to your wants and needs you have. So, I hope this will happen
653 sooner than later. I kind of thought that maybe it would happen sooner than now, since it's been at the
654 forefront for such a long time. But, just make sure everybody gets there. You'll have plenty of notice, and
655 just bring everything you want them to hear. They are very sympathetic to your wants and needs. Thank
656 you.

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658 Mr. Pellegrino said thanks for coming tonight. I'd like to thank Mr. Stevens. We challenged him
659 with a task to increase the hours for the landfill for dumping, and he did a great job. He got a group
660 together and he got us back not only information, he got us back something we can use, a tool we can use
661 and improve our situation. So, thank you for that effort. As far as, everyone's talking about the business
662 issues we have, and Surfside Beach does a lot of things great. That's why we all moved here. We have
663 great amenities and great services. But, there are also parts of our organization that we can improve on,
664 and we have a good relationship with a lot of businesses, but obviously, we have challenges with others. I
665 don't think there's anyone up here who hasn't talked to staff recently about some of these issues. I own
666 my own business, so customer service is critical. When I hire an employee, I tell them the only thing you
667 can get fired for without warning is a customer complaint that's obviously valid. It's a serious thing and
668 we do follow up, obviously, with all these situations. We haven't come up with the right solutions, yet.
669 But we are working on 'em, and it hurts me to hear all these comments about negativity, because we do,
670 like Mr. Stevens said, we have a ton of empty storefronts along the 17 corridor. I personally feel a lot of
671 this, a lot of our reputation is part of the reason for that. So, we are working on it. We will improve. We
672 just need to keep moving forward. But thank you very much for bringing your comments to us, because it
673 always motivates us to move faster. Thank you and have a great night.

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675 Mr. Johnson said thank you all for coming out tonight. Great crowd. I would like to thank first of
676 all Debbie Ellis for the good job that she did at the bar-b-que festival, and the wing festival on Friday night
677 that there weren't a lot of people there, but apparently they ran out of chicken wings. It was a great
678 weekend. The weather was cooperative. I would like to thank Larry McKeen for his comments on the
679 millage. That was spot on. Thank you very much. As far as the signage goes, signage has been an issue in
680 the Town of Surfside Beach for at least the past 12 years. It's one of those issues that we have never been
681 able to wrap our arms around it, and come up with a viable solution. Hopefully, we can do that in the near

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682 future. As far as the CRS requirements go, I think that the town does need to look at some of those
683 requirements as far as the elevation of the buildings go. We heard a lot about flood insurance tonight, but
684 I'm the only South Carolina licensed insurance agent sitting up here tonight. So, I know a lot about flood
685 insurance and it's all in the Federal Government's hands. You can't do anything without their approval.
686 Hopefully, if there are good changes in your property, if you are already in an AE or VE zone, it may be up
687 to 24 months before you see a decrease in your rates, but hopefully that will come sooner than later.
688 Again, I would like to thank you all for coming out. God bless you. See you next meeting.
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690 Mayor Samples said Town Council sent the sign issue to the business committee, I don't know
691 when, a month ago maybe. I know that the business committee has convened at least twice, I think, on
692 the matter. Mr. Stevens said three times. Mayor Samples said three times. Thank you. Three times on
693 the matter. At some point we, perfect is the enemy of good enough. You need to move something forward
694 from that committee to the planning commission. And I will say this, the planning commission
695 recommends, but whatever comes out of the planning commission, I think council owes the community,
696 we need to see what was submitted by the business committee and what comes out of the planning
697 commission. The fact of the matter is as you say signage has been an issue for many, many years, but I'm
698 gonna just make this comment, up until very recently, we didn't seem to have issues, many issues with
699 signage. Businesses seemed to co-exist quite satisfactorily with the signage that was in place. I'm not
700 being critical of staff, but I am concerned that perhaps priorities are misplaced in terms of what the real
701 serious issues are in this town. I can tell you that Ms. Ruetilla Ford who left here earlier lives between 10th
702 Avenue South and Melody Lane, and that that is the older section of town. From her standpoint some of
703 the priority issues need to be looked at within the communities and the neighborhoods themselves to try
704 to raise the level of you can call it aesthetics, but you can also call it it's the same thing that they did in
705 New York under Mayor Giuliani, they went out and when there were broken windows, and there was trash
706 they made them clean it up. Personally, I think that's where our priorities are. Obviously, we want to
707 support the businesses. That goes without saying that we do. But, it means the approach has to be
708 customer service friendly, and I hear too many stories. I don't keep logs of the phone calls and precise
709 complaints. But there are just too many of them. I know we've got a problem, and I'm not sure how that
710 problem's gonna get solved, because I don't know if it's customer service training. I have asked at least
711 twice in council comments that planning and zoning be looked at, to look for ways to remove impediments
712 so that we can improve older properties, older housing stock, and I got nothing. Nothing has been sent.
713 Now, I can't give direction, but I think council supported me when I asked for that. But, I still don't have
714 anything. I know they are busy. We've got to work together. We've got to work together [sic.] But they
715 have; I will say this, we all need to share the same vision that this is a wonderful community that we want
716 to improve, but we are not a gated community. So, if you thought you were moving into gated
717 community, guess what, the town never has been and it's never gonna be. The variety, the people, the
718 differences. I think that's the strength. I think it's what makes us great. And I'm gonna say it again, I
719 know I'm wrong. I know it's technically not correct, but Joker's Wild sits on a corner; 17 frontage, yep
720 that counts as linear square feet; 2nd Avenue, nope that don't count as linear square feet. It's a metal
721 building; it's a block building that's been covered in metal. Old metal. It's got two bays to do auto work,
722 auto repair work, work on motor cycles, what have you... Come on, what are we gonna get? Are we gonna
723 get a bank in there? Trying to get a toy store in there? No, we got what? We've got somebody who has
724 gone in and invested money to make a living in town. Is he perfect? Did he maybe not know to get a
725 permit? Yeah, that happens. He wouldn't be the first one, I can assure you of that. I can assure you that
726 there are members who sit on this council who may be back in the day installed an irrigation system and
727 they didn't get a permit. Okay, maybe did a little bit of work; they didn't get a permit. We've got to work
728 together. We're not perfect. Okay, and so what I would like to see to make a long story short, is I would
729 like to see the groups that we have tasked to complete their tasks so that we can reach an accommodation
730 so we all can prosper and move on from issues which we know in our hearts when you drive Highway 17,
731 some are and some aren't. That's all I'm gonna say. I see it. You don't see it. I don't know. I appreciate
732 the hard work of the business committee and the business liaison. Now, it's time to deliver a product.
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734 **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (Added by approved amendment, see Item 4 above.)
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736 Mr. Johnson moved to enter executive session at 8:18 p.m. pursuant to the Freedom of
737 Information Act Section 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the business committee appointments. Mr. Stevens
738 seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Mr. Johnson moved to reconvene regular session at 8:28 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mayor Samples stated for the record that no action was taken during executive session.

Mr. Childs moved to appoint Mr. Dan Sitter and Mr. Cabell Young to the business committee. Mr. Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Childs moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Ms. Mabry seconded. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Prepared and submitted by,

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Approved: March 22, 2016

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Robert F. Childs, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

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