



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY 24, 2016 ♦ 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MAY 24, 2016 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Executive Session – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Childs called Town Council to order at 5:55 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 for the purpose of entering executive session pursuant to FOIA 30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of persons to a public body and pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss a contract regarding proposed property sale or purchase. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino, and Stevens were in attendance. One seat is vacant. A quorum was present. Mr. Johnson moved to enter executive session at 5:55 p.m. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Johnson moved to reconvene regular session at 6:14 p.m. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mayor Childs said that no action was taken during executive session. Any motions and/or directives to the town administrator will be presented during the business portion of the meeting. Mayor Childs declared the session adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Childs called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino, and Stevens were in attendance. One seat is vacant. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann; Finance Director King; Fire Chief Otte; Planning Building & Zoning Director Morris; Police Chief Keziah; Public Works Director Adair, and Events Supervisor Ellis.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

A. Invocation: Reverend Jeff Wood from the Oasis of Hope Church gave the invocation.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

Mayor Childs reminded everyone that the next regular council meeting would be on Monday, June 13th, because Tuesday, June 14th is Primary Election Day.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Comments on Ordinance #16-0825 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Municipal Budget. There were no comments.

B. Revocation Hearing regarding Business License issued to Holistic Parent. Ms. Fellner said that notice was received this afternoon through Holistic Parent's attorney that the owner had agreed to relinquish the license without any appeal. There is no need to move forward with the hearing. Ms. Fellner recommended that Business Item 8.D. be deleted from the agenda.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda with an amendment to omit Business Item 8.D. Mr. Stevens second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. Regular Meeting May 10, 2016. Mr. Courtney moved to adopt the May 10, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Stevens second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

54 **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Agenda Items Only.** (3-minutes per speaker) There were no
55 comments.
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57 **6. COMMUNICATIONS**
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59 **A. Employee Awards.** Tom Zimpleman, 5 years. Mayor Childs presented Captain Zimpleman
60 with an awards certificate, pin, and service check and thanked him for his service to the town's fire
61 department. (*Applause.*)
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63 **B. Department Reports.**
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65 **i. Events and Recreation.** Supervisor Ellis presented the departmental report, a copy of which
66 is attached and made a part hereof by reference.
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68 Mr. Courtney asked when registrations would end for the Memorial Day Golf Cart Parade. Ms.
69 Ellis said this coming Friday.
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71 Mr. Stevens congratulated Ms. Ellis for the great job on the Farmers Market. It was ten times
72 better. There are more vendors and customers than ever. He had five more parade registrations that he
73 would give to her. He was riding with another Navy Veteran, and was happy to participate.
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75 Mayor Childs said he didn't know how the Farmers Market worked at Harrison Park. It is much
76 better now. Ms. Ellis said there were 26 vendors today.
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78 **ii. Finance.** Director King presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and
79 made a part hereof by reference.
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81 Mr. Stevens said the loan balance for the pier was \$405,260. He asked when it would be paid in
82 full. Ms. King believes the final payment is in 2.5 years.
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84 **iii. Fire.** Chief Otte presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and made a
85 part hereof by reference. Horry County will present "Know Your Zone," a hurricane preparedness
86 seminar on June 2nd in council chambers at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.
87 Also, at a previous meeting, Mayor Childs asked for an explanation of the different numbers on the
88 inspection sheets. He checked with Fire Marshall Spain who told him that the numbers vary, because the
89 chart evolves as actions are taken. Some incidents may take several visits and inspections before they
90 are resolved, but they are considered one event.
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92 **iv. Planning, Building and Zoning.** Director Morris presented the departmental report, a copy
93 of which is attached and made a part hereof by reference.
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95 Mr. Stevens asked when the next CRS meeting was scheduled. Ms. Morris said June 24th is the
96 goal. It will be held in council chambers at 12 noon. Mr. Stevens asked if the meeting could be held at a
97 later [time] so more citizens could attend, like 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. Ms. Morris said the meeting was
98 scheduled during the day, because the majority of the members work, and use their lunchtime to attend.
99 The town supplies lunch. She will find out if they can meet in the evening. The full committee must be
100 present to do the review, because FEMA requires it. Mr. Stevens said the CRS manual states that points
101 are gained by holding a public meeting, and minutes recorded. He asked if that was done. Ms. Morris
102 said every time CRS is mentioned in council meetings, credit is given. Mr. Stevens asked if the actual
103 CRS minutes were available for citizens to read. Ms. Morris said the PPI committee did not take meeting
104 minutes. The extra credit is gained through the council meeting; for instance Chief Otte just mentioned
105 "Know your Zone." The town gets credit for that. Mr. Stevens referred specifically to Section 5-10 of the
106 CRS manual that credit was given for having minutes published. Ms. Morris said credit would not be

107 given for taking minutes of the CRS committee meetings, but minutes certainly can be taken. It is like
108 the business committee; it is not a statutory committee.
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110 **v. Police.** Chief Keziah presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached and
111 made a part hereof by reference. The department will host "Coffee with a Cop" on June 21st from 7:30
112 until 9:30 in the morning at Benjamin's Bakery Café at 810 3rd Avenue South. Everyone was invited to
113 join their neighbors and police officers for coffee and conversation. K-9s Biko and Viking will be at the
114 event.
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116 Mr. Courtney asked how many officers the town lost during this and last year due to lateral
117 transfers. Chief Keziah said probably three or four, but he would have to check; last year about the
118 same. Mr. Courtney asked why officers left. Chief Keziah said sometimes it was for a take-home car, or
119 location issues. Mr. Courtney asked if the town was reimbursed the cost of training an officer. Chief
120 Keziah said reimbursement was only paid when the officer had attended academy within the year. Cost
121 to train an officer and have him street ready was between \$30 and \$40 thousand. Mr. Courtney said
122 there is a speeding problem in town, but the department had made an impression with the citizens and
123 residents with patrols stopping more cars. He appreciated and thanked Chief Keziah and the department
124 for their work.
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126 **vi. Public Works.** Director Adair presented the departmental report, a copy of which is attached
127 and made a part hereof by reference.
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129 **C. Administrator's Report.** Ms. Fellner reported:
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131 Mayor's Meet N' Greet. Ms. Fellner thanked Mayor Childs for the "wonderfully successful" meet n'
132 greet last night. So many residents have expressed great appreciation for the event. Mayor Childs said
133 he appreciated everybody attending. He tried to his best over three weeks to ensure that everyone was
134 invited. But, no matter how hard you try, somebody will be missed. He hoped no one took offense, if
135 they were not invited. Mayor Childs really appreciated everyone attending. (*Applause.*)
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137 Engine 57 Repair. The report to council was that the repair to Engine 57 was estimated at
138 \$29,000. She was happy to report that the actual amount was \$27,468.32.
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140 Revenue & Fiscal Affairs Report. The numbers were received from the South Carolina Revenue
141 and Fiscal Affairs office regarding the percentage of population growth, which they estimate at 2.42
142 percent. Consequently, the millage bank now stands at 2.89. The proposed budget being presented for
143 first reading tonight does not include a tax increase.
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145 Offshore Reef. A number of concrete sections for the artificial reef were placed in the ocean last
146 week six miles offshore by the Department of Natural Resources. This was done through a grant at no
147 cost to the residents, businesses, or second-home property owners in town. The project goal was to
148 increase local fish habitat and thereby improve fishing in our area.
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150 Public Information Meeting. There will be a public information meeting on Thursday, June 16,
151 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Seaside Elementary School. The meeting is to present to the public at large
152 the proposed US Highway 17 Business Access Management Project, which includes the Highway 17
153 corridor from Melody Lane to the Highway 544 and includes two and one-half stop lights, some median
154 closures, frontage road closures and other enhancements. These have all been vetted through a series
155 of meetings between the South Carolina Department of Transportation Engineers, Waccamaw Council of
156 Regional Governments, and Horry County, and the town's infrastructure committee, Director Adair and
157 her.
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160 Consensus Items:

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162 *Department Reports:* The reports in the communication section of the agenda are not prescribed
163 by ordinance, and have changed over time with different administrators and councils. Since the reports
164 are on-line and can easily be read by the public, it seems redundant to have each director deliver an
165 abbreviated version at the council meeting. Reports can simply be handled by asking Town Council if
166 there are any questions regarding the submitted and posted reports. This would be a much more
167 effective use of meeting time. Department reports are handled this way in most municipalities, and
168 often, councilmembers simply email their questions before the meeting. She thought his was worth
169 considering. It takes about 20 to 25 minutes for the directors to give reports, and they are not
170 considered business, which is supposed to be the main body of action. Mayor Childs asked if Town
171 Council concurred. Mr. Ott said this was a timely recommendation, and asked if directors would be
172 available if there were questions. Ms. Fellner said yes, the directors will be at the meeting. **COUNCIL**
173 **CONCURRED.**

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175 *Administrator's Report:* Ms. Fellner said since my report was primarily supposed to be about
176 timely announcements and responses to public input, I'm not sure why it needs to be communicated in
177 advance of each meeting. I understand that the practice is helpful with consensus item, but I've been
178 really proactive when we have consensus items to get that information to council prior to the meeting so
179 that they can have time to discuss it and make an informed decision or call her if there are questions. I
180 just feel that instituting this process makes us less transparent as my report would only be given to
181 councilmembers before the meeting. If my report were published in advance for the public, that would
182 present a different problem, since things can change right up until 6:00 p.m. You notice that three
183 things were added since I sent the report last night. Publishing one report and then amending it in public
184 at a meeting would be a different version of the same report and this could easily lead to confusion and
185 misunderstanding, especially for members of the public that do not attend the meetings. If a majority of
186 council does want a report in advance of the council meeting, I will comply, but I would not suggest
187 amending the report, which means no new announcements, etc. would be shared. Clearly, this would
188 serve the public to a lesser degree and for that reason, I am not in favor of it. Ms. Fellner said please
189 consider the possibility that you are fixing that that is not broken. I, of course, would continue to always
190 give you consensus items ahead of time. Mayor Childs asked if Town Council concurred.

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192 Mr. Ott said even though I am learning the system that we have here, I am the one that in the
193 top of your thing you said one councilman asked for this. Yes, I am that one person. But, I work for the
194 people of the Town of Surfside Beach. I was elected by the people of the Town of Surfside Beach, and
195 unlike you, I took an oath standing right there to exercise my right to seek truth with all repose that the
196 people of this town give me. I asked you for a simple report. You say on the bottom, 'I also feel that
197 instituting this process of you giving the council your report that it makes us less transparent.' [Is that
198 less transparent] than giving us nothing? That is a little tough to understand. I believe you helped me a
199 lot by giving me this report. I wish that the other councilmembers also seek the truth so we can see your
200 report and possibly ask some questions rather than wait for you to tell us. That's what I believe in. I
201 want the truth for the people of Surfside Beach. If you want to keep your report to yourself until you
202 come up here and whisper it into the microphone, I'm not getting the truth.

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204 Mr. Stevens concurred with Mr. Ott. This really goes back a long way. A couple of years ago
205 there was a court case, *Lambries v. Saluda County*, because county council acted on business that was
206 not on the agenda. Although the law was turned, we need transparency in Town Council. We need
207 transparency in this city and we need transparency through our administrator. It is important, as Mr. Ott
208 said, we serve the people. We're public servants. These people sitting out here want to know what's
209 going on in this town. I think it's important that the people know exactly what's going on. Having a
210 simple report, to me, seems like part of your duties.

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212 Mr. Johnson said it's not about the truth. We have a town administrator that we put our full faith
213 in. It's not about somebody speaking the truth. She'll speak the truth whether it is in an email or
214 whether it's at the podium. The information is going to be the same. Issues will come up on a regular
215 basis and the report will change. I've seen this happen for eight years. The report will change from the
216 time it is emailed or issued to the time the council meeting begins. We're not trying to hide anything.
217 The administrator is not trying to hide anything. It's just a matter of when the information is
218 disseminated. I don't have a problem with the way it has been done, but I will support council's
219 consensus.

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221 Mayor Childs said I totally agree with Mr. Johnson. Ms. Fellner has never held anything back.
222 She goes out of her way to contact us and lets us know everything that she knows. There are no secrets
223 here, so I, too, like Mr. Johnson, like the way it has been done. It is just my opinion.

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225 Mr. Ott, yes, I would like to not know anything when you're speaking [sic], so I can't look at
226 anything before, and I can't ask you a question about it. I would appreciate it that you would continue
227 that, is that what we're saying? Because, I'll tell you what, we spoke about an engine last week, and
228 there was money brought up. I just wanted to look at it before so I could've asked her a question.
229 Nobody's saying that anybody's not saying the truth. What I did do, was I spoke the same oath that we
230 took, and that oath was to seek truth. I'm not making that up. I'm not saying Ms. Fellner is not going to
231 say the truth. What I'm saying is that in that oath that every one of us took it says we look for the truth
232 and I can't find the truth unless I have it in front of me before. Where am I going to get the information
233 to ask? I just want to ask the question. If somebody feels that they can give me a report on the spur of
234 the moment with no information that's something that the people of this town need. I need to ask
235 information [sic].

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237 Mr. Pellegrino said I have been doing this for two years. I can't remember any incident where
238 the administrator conveyed incorrect information or untrue information. However, there have been some
239 issues that came up that I jot down that I look into after the meeting. Then I'll call the administrator the
240 next day for details and to ask questions. If we did have a report before the meeting, I could have done
241 that before and it could have been discussed publicly. By no means do I think the administrator is hiding
242 or not telling the truth, but it would be helpful, I think, to get the main points ahead of time, so if we
243 have questions, we can research and speak with the administrator for more details.

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245 Mr. Courtney said I have to agree with Mr. Ott. The reason why is I had to ask you about the
246 fire truck. I'm not here to pick on you. We hadn't received any information about the fire truck that
247 needed repair. I don't have a problem with that, but I had to go further to find out information, which I
248 did get from you today. I do thank you for that. I think it's important to have this information in front of
249 us so we know what we're dealing with when we're dealing out \$30,000; we know if it is \$29,000 or
250 \$27,000 so we have a better idea of what we get ourselves into.

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252 Mayor Childs said that Ms. Fellner had the one consensus for the department reports. Ms. Fellner
253 said that is fine, Mr. Mayor. I don't have an ax to grind here. **Town Council CONCURRED that a**
254 **written administrator's report would be submitted.**

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256 Public Comments. There were no questions or statements from the last meeting that required
257 answers or follow up.

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260 **7. BUSINESS**

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262 **A. Second Reading Ordinance #16-0826 to declare vacancy on Town Council and**
263 **order a Special Election, Administrator Fellner.** Mayor Childs said this is second reading to declare
264 a vacancy on Town Council and order a special election. If there are no objections, I'll just call for a
265 motion to adopt second reading without a presentation.
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267 Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #16-0826 as presented. Mr. Johnson
268 second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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270 **B. First Reading Ordinance #16-0825 to adopt FY2016-2017 Municipal Budget,**
271 **Director King.** Ms. King presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file.
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273 Mr. Johnson moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-0825 as presented. Mr. Ott second.
274 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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276 **C. First Reading Ordinance #16-0827 to amend Table 17-303, et seq. to allow two**
277 **Single Family homes on a 6,000 square foot lot in the R2 Medium Density District, Director**
278 **Morris.** Mayor Childs called for a motion to adopt first reading.
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280 Mayor Childs said that **Ordinance #16-0827 FAILED, because no motion was offered.**
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282 **D. Motion on Revocation Hearing (See Item 3.B.) Business License issued to Holistic**
283 **Parent, Administrator Fellner.** *This item omitted from the agenda, see Item 4. Agenda Approval.*
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285 **E. Committee Appointments – This item was discussed in executive session pursuant**
286 **to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) at 6:00 p.m. (See page 1.)**
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288 **i. Planning & Zoning Commission (1 vacancy) Volunteers: Ms. Janet Gambino, Mr.**
289 **Larry McKeen, Mr. Stanley J. Wrobel**

290 **ii. Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority Advisory Board (1 vacancy) Volunteer: Mr.**
291 **Mark G. Knight**

292 **iii. Parking Committee (1 vacancy) Volunteer: Mr. John McGee**

293 **iv. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful (open membership) Ms. Cate Causey**
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295 Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Ms. Janet Gambino to the Planning & Zoning Commission; Mr.
296 Mark Knight to the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority Advisory Board; Mr. John McGee to the
297 Parking Committee, and Ms. Cate Causey to the Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee. Mr. Ott
298 second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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300 **F. Motions or Directions to Town Administrator from Executive Session.** Mr. Johnson
301 moved to direct the town administrator to enter into negotiations for the sale of town property discussed
302 in executive session. Mr. Stevens second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
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304 **9. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.**
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306 Mr. Courtney said Mr. Adair was working on obtaining South Poplar Drive from the State. He
307 asked if there was an update. Mayor Childs said that was in discussion, but no directions were given.
308 Mr. Adair said that was correct. Mr. Courtney asked if direction could be given at this time. Mayor Childs
309 asked if Ms. Fellner is this was sufficient to look into South Poplar Drive. Ms. Fellner indicated it was.
310 Mayor Childs asked her to report back to council.
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312 Mr. Stevens wanted to comment on the sections for the artificial reef that were placed six miles
313 offshore. This was a direct result of Mayor Childs's efforts to contact the Department of Natural
314 Resources. The reef is called "the Pop Nash Reef." It was named after Pop Nash, who was a citizen of
315 Surfside Beach. His son, Fred Nash, lives in town. There is also a Nash Boulevard in the Market
316 Common. Mr. Stevens thanked Mayor Childs for his efforts. This will improve the fishing. He recently
317 went to the pier, and they were catching three King Spanish Mackerels at a time. It's time to go fish off
318 your pier.
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320 **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS – General Comments.** (5-minutes per speaker)
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322 Ms. Patti Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive: I would like to express my appreciation of our
323 councilmen and everyone else who comes to our meetings. I would like to say that I do appreciate that
324 there is a good amount of transparency in town, and I do believe that our people in this town are honest.
325 I think the world of them, very much. But, I think the question that sticks in my mind is information.
326 When I vote for a person support and represent the town, when I vote for each town councilman, or
327 town councilwoman, I want to know that they are really on top of the information that they've been
328 given. Of course, they get their packages on a Friday or whenever, and they read everything. Of course,
329 there's a lot in the package. But, I appreciate to see them ask questions. Particularly questions about
330 how we spend our money, our taxpayer money. If certain of our councilmen feel that they want more
331 information so that they can think about it for an hour or two or a day, and then ask questions at the
332 meeting, with transparency, with the consideration that us in the public can listen to those questions and
333 leave this meeting with more details. I fully appreciate that. I know it's really tough to keep updating
334 our councilmen up to the last minute when there's a meeting, but if it's something like \$30,000 worth of
335 my taxpayer money, I do appreciate the fact that they have sufficient time to think up questions and
336 phrase those questions well so they don't get misunderstood or feel stupid. I think that even though
337 we're doing a wonderful job here with our town administrator, I think it's a blessing and shows her skill
338 even more if she can include information up to the last minute with timeliness so that our fine council
339 men and women can ask those questions that we need to see [sic.] We need to see that they're doing
340 their work. That they're wrapping their minds around information, and we need to see if we want to vote
341 for them four years from now. So, I'm all for each and every one of you asking questions, and I'm all for
342 our wonderful administrator throwing in a few extra tidbits giving them more time to think. In light of
343 that, I thank you all very much, and God bless you.
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345 Mr. P. L. Mabry 15th Avenue North: As vice chair of the stormwater committee, I would like to
346 invite each of you to the June 6th meeting here in Council Chambers so that you may be more educated
347 and enlightened by what we do in stormwater. Mayor Childs, I'd like to give you a re-do on your Meet N'
348 Greet! It was wonderful and we enjoyed it. I think everybody else would like to have another re-do.
349 *(Laughter.)* Mayor Childs said he thought at least once a week! *(Laughter.)* Mr. Mabry: Well, that was
350 my suggestion, but I didn't want to push into it, but since you brought it up about once a week, next
351 Monday? Okay, thank you very much. I appreciate your time, and we would appreciate you coming out
352 to the stormwater meeting. I think it will be educational and something that each of you would learn
353 something from. It just takes a little effort, and we want you to put forth the effort. Thank you very
354 much. Mayor Childs said thank you, [Mr. Mabry.] You are a wealth of knowledge on that stormwater
355 committee. We're very lucky to have you on it. Thank you.
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357 Ms. Holly Watson, North Oak Drive: I could not be happier this afternoon. I just saved \$403 on
358 my home insurance! I'm not a commercial, but thank you so much to our fire department. That saved
359 me 18-percent off my insurance, because we're an ISO 1 instead of a 3. So, if anybody is renewing their
360 homeowner's insurance make sure that your agent knows that we are now a Class 1 instead of a Class 3,
361 and that'll save you several hundred dollars. Thank you very much. Congratulations.
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363 Mr. Larry McKeen, 6th Avenue South. I've heard from several people this past couple of weeks
364 that this council is planning on changing this meeting schedule. If that's not true, tell me it's not true and

365 I'll go sit down and save a couple of minutes. The rumor going around town is they're considering
366 changing this to a once a month meeting and have it in the afternoon. What's the, why would someone
367 do that? That would only limit the access. I believe it would limit the access to the citizens of this town,
368 because a lot of us are still working. Actually, I'm retired. In case you didn't know, I'm working again.
369 But, I find it curious that the council's just elected and suddenly I'm hearing lets change the meetings are
370 done. So, please do not do this. While I may not make every Tuesday night meeting, I do enjoy coming
371 and I like to hear all of you speak, and all of the citizens speak. To cut it down to once a month during
372 the afternoon, I might be able to get to one or two meetings a year. I suspect that would apply to a lot
373 of the other citizens in this town. Thank you. *(Applause.)*

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375 Ms. Mary Ann Croll, 2nd Avenue North. I just want to take the time that I think everybody here
376 and everybody in this town needs to take time to thank these people that are going around picking up
377 the garbage and cleaning this town. Every morning when I go to take my granddaughter to school
378 they're out there picking up stuff and cleaning this town. I've had people tell me how clean they think
379 our town is. I think we ought to let them know that we appreciate what they're doing to keep our town
380 like it should be. *(Applause.)*

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382 **11. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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384 Mr. Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you all for coming out. I didn't mean any disrespect
385 when I mentioned my comments earlier, but I would like to say that we did know about the engine in the
386 fire truck for several weeks. But, that's neither here nor there. Luckily, we were able to save some
387 money instead of having to spend more. I do appreciate all councilmembers and everyone out here, and
388 all the employees. Thank you very much. God bless you, and I will see you next time.

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390 Mr. Pellegrino: Thank you very much for coming. That's the first I heard about daytime
391 meetings. I work, so I probably wouldn't make the meetings, but anyway. Things have been mentioned
392 about meeting schedules, but we're not to a point where decisions are going to be made. Thank you
393 guys for coming. We have a lot of residents in Surfside Beach, and we have the same group of 50 or 60
394 people who come to these meetings. You guys are the conscience of the group, so we appreciate your
395 feedback, and we need your feedback, because there are some decisions that are made, all of us have
396 different perspectives, all of us have different experience. If we don't get feedback from you guys, we
397 could lead the whole boat astray. So, please keep coming. Please keep giving us your input. Thank
398 you. Have a great week.

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400 Mr. Courtney: Again, I'd like to thank all of you, and thank the staff. It's very important to see
401 what's going on. This weekend has been really great. As you know, our police were out there full force.
402 They were doing car stops; they were stopping the bikes, and they were moving the traffic along. In the
403 residential community, they were doing car stops, as well. They were enforcing speeding, so it was a
404 positive thing. The staff itself was working. The town looked great. It went smooth. It was fantastic.
405 Mr. Adair, thank you so much, they're doing great and we appreciate it. When I asked a question about
406 equipment or stuff like that, it's very important that we watch our money, and I'm watching your money.
407 That's our mission that every dime is accountable. Right now with the beach renourishment, it's very
408 important that we watch every dime. Thank you. Thank you for coming out. God bless.

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410 Mr. Ott: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I want to make sure there's no misunderstanding. Ms. Fellner
411 has never, ever told me anything that was untrue. She has always told me the truth. The word I used,
412 truth, came from the oath that I had taken. She has always given me the truth anytime I asked. But,
413 I'm more of a simple person. I need to read things. I can't have somebody stand at a podium and fire
414 four or five different items at me and hear them for the first time with no reaction. I need to be able to
415 read and research and look for data and information. I'm sorry that I may have been out of tone with
416 Ms. Fellner, but our town administrator was gonna slam the door on me. I didn't need that to happen
417 right then. I have all the respect in the world for Ms. Fellner. Thank you.

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418 Mr. Stevens: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank y'all all for coming out. I'm glad to see a big crowd
419 here. I want to make sure that everybody knows that the business committee is meeting. We have
420 public meetings and anybody that wants to attend these meetings are able to attend. All they have to do
421 is contact Ms. Herrmann and she can tell you exactly when the meetings are. You're welcome to attend
422 them at any time. As far as the meetings begin changed to two o'clock that wouldn't work for me either.
423 I've got to work. The fact is, I'm looking at the clock and it says 7:34. This is one of the shortest
424 meetings I've ever had, since I've been on council. I like 'em at 6:30 like they are. Look, all these folks
425 can come here. Y'all can attend the meetings. We can talk about whatever we need to talk about. We
426 can have total transparency to the citizens. That's what we have to have. I don't like meetings in the
427 middle of the day or in the morning, because nobody comes to them. I'm very disappointed when people
428 don't come to meetings. I'd like to see every seat in here filled up with town citizens. Rest assured I
429 don't want to change the meetings to two o'clock, and I don't want to have the meetings at nine o'clock.
430 Like I said when I started, I do my business in the day time. So, don't worry about that. If you really
431 want to know about what the town's doing, I suggest you also attend some of the stormwater meetings,
432 the planning and zoning meetings, the board of zoning appeals. You need to learn about all these things,
433 because that's where you get your knowledge. Knowledge is golden. Like Mr. Ott said, we need as
434 councilmen, we need that knowledge, too. We have to make informed, education decisions. The only
435 way we can do that is to get the proper information that way we can do that. Thank you for coming out,
436 and may you have a good week.

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438 Mayor Childs: I'd like to thank everybody for coming out. Thank you for all the good
439 conversation I've had. I appreciate all your support, and appreciate everybody that showed up last night.
440 If anybody would like to meet up in my office at any time, Ms. Herrmann would be glad to give me a call.
441 Whenever you want to come in at your convenience. Mr. Courtney: Are you serving food? *(Laughter.)*
442 Mayor Childs: Ah, yes, by the way, as long as you're paying for it. *(Laughter.)* Mr. Courtney: Sorry, Mr.
443 Mayor. Mayor Childs: But, thank you for coming out.

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445 **12. ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Mr. Stevens
446 second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

447 Prepared and submitted by,

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451 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

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