



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION AUGUST 8, 2016 ♦ 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 8, 2016 ♦ 6:30 P.M.
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Executive Session – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Childs called Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2016 for the purpose of entering executive session pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(1) to discuss the appointment of a person or persons to a public body (See Business Item 7.D.); and pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) regarding legal advice as relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim (See Business Item 7.E.). 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. Stevens moved to enter executive session at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Courtney moved to end executive session at 6:27 p.m. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Childs said that no action was taken during executive session. Any motions or directives to the town administrator will be presented during the business portion of the meeting.

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 and Police Chief Keziah.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

A. Invocation: Councilmember Pellegrino gave the invocation.

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

C. Introduction of Candidates: Mayor Childs asked the council candidates to introduce themselves and reminded everyone that Special Election Day is August 9th. Polls are opened from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ms. Mary Mabry, Ms. Julie Samples, and Ms. Wanda Spannuth introduced themselves.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. MINUTES APPROVAL Regular Meeting July 26, 2016. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the July 26, 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Johnson second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

Mr. Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North. At the July 26th council meeting, Mr. Stevens asked the question of the administrator were there any possible, potential, or outstanding lawsuits to be addressed? Ms. Fellner said none she was aware of. Well, I hold in my hand here four possible, potential, or outstanding lawsuits against Surfside Beach. I think that it's disgraceful that our town administrator would lie to a council person and the citizens of Surfside Beach for which I am one. If she did not know, she is derelict in her duties. The lawsuits are *John Sofonios versus the Town of Surfside Beach; James Keane, III, and Diane Tinney versus possibly Billy Nichols, Dunes Realty, possibly Julie Samples, possibly Micki Fellner and the Town of Surfside Beach.* The third one was *Jamie Alston versus Dillion Read;*

54 *Walter Shook, Regina Tuttle, and City of Surfside Beach. And the fourth one was William Rempfer,*
55 *Senior, and Cheryl DeFalco versus the Town of Surfside Beach. In addition, I know Jack Cahill had a*
56 *lawsuit against the town. Nothing was reported at the council meeting I came to about the disposition or*
57 *where that suit stands, so there could be possibly five. I just think it's pretty sad that this has to happen*
58 *in our town. Thank you.*

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60 **6. COMMUNICATIONS. Administrator's Report.** Ms. Fellner presented the updated written
61 report, a copy of which is attached hereto. She added that Dr. Padua, chairman of the Clemson University
62 Department of Landscape Architecture, would like to move forward with a memorandum of under-
63 standing (MOU) concerning the Ocean Boulevard project. She has one student, and possibly two more
64 that are interested in submitting for this project. I will be working on the details with Dr. Padua and will
65 bring this back to council when the MOU is crafted. Ms. Fellner announced there is a workshop on the
66 proposed changes to the CRS ordinance on Monday, August 15th, at 5:00 p.m. here in Council Chambers.
67 Don't forget to vote tomorrow. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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69 Mr. Ott thanked Ms. Fellner for putting the report on line. Ms. Fellner said you are very welcome.

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71 Mayor Childs said I met with Ms. Fellner earlier today about golf cart operations. I came within
72 two seconds of running sideways with my big 5,000 pound Tundra truck into a little girl about six years
73 old that was driving a golf cart. She ran through a stop sign onto Cedar Drive. The adult with her,
74 whom I thought was her father, said she should stop. When she stopped, she was in my lane. If I had
75 been doing the speed limit, which is 30 miles an hour, it would have caused an accident. I was only
76 doing about 15 miles per hour, because I was looking around. That was one of two incidents. These
77 golf carts have gotten out of [control.] Parents are not controlling these golf carts. Something has to be
78 done. I think we've been very fortunate up to now that nobody has gotten hurt, but it is just a matter of
79 time. Ms. Fellner has assured me that she will work on it, and I've talked to the chief and we're gonna
80 try to tighten up a little bit and really, really try to do something these children driving golf carts.

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82 Mr. Courtney asked what the status was with the department of transportation (DOT) regarding
83 South Poplar. Ms. Fellner said we are waiting for a meeting to be scheduled with DOT, myself, and
84 another individual that the commissioner wants to involve. An email was sent to the commission to see if
85 that meeting was set, but no response has been received yet. I'm hoping it will be the end of this week
86 or next week at the latest. Mr. Courtney said if possible, I would like to attend that meeting. Ms. Fellner
87 said absolutely, there is no problem with that. Mr. Courtney said thank you so much.

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89 Mr. Stevens asked if \$3,670 was the additional cost for the summer pickup was as of August 8th.
90 Ms. Fellner said that is as of the last week in July. Mr. Stevens asked what the cost would have been for
91 an extra day pickup. Ms. Fellner said approximately \$18,000. Mr. Stevens said we saved quite a bit of
92 money then. Ms. Fellner said yes, sir.

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94 Mayor Childs reminded everyone there is a luau tonight at the pier from six to nine at the pier.
95 So, we're gonna try to speed it up and we'll all be able to go there.

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97 **7. BUSINESS**

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99 **A. First Reading Ordinance #16-0831 to purchase Lot B, Block H, Floral Section at**
100 **Surfside Pier, Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and the ordinance,
101 copies of which are on file. Mr. Vassar was unable to attend. The deed will be executed and recorded
102 prior to the next meeting.

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104 Mr. Courtney asked if the property survey was available. Ms. Fellner said the copy was small.
105 Mr. Courtney was curious because the cost was \$5.00; does council get to see the contract? Ms. Fellner
106 explained that it was a Quitclaim Deed.

107 Mr. Ott said I don't like to look a gift horse in the mouth, but at the same time when things are
108 too good be true...is there anything else attached to this that the people need to know? Are there any
109 type of leases? Ms. Fellner said no. We had an issue when the title search was first done. There were
110 encumbrances on the property, but Surfside Beach Resort freed the property from all encumbrances and
111 the parcel is being given to the town with a clear title. The town attorney has verified that the Parcel X is
112 free of any encumbrances. The reason for a \$5.00 charge is that this parcel is of no use to Surfside
113 Beach Resort because of the location, but the Town can use it. It is very generous of Surfside Beach
114 Resort to give the property to the town, and it will be beneficial to the town after the buildout is
115 completed. Mr. Ott said so there were no handshakes and here we'll give you this and you give me that?
116 None of that? Ms. Fellner said no, sir. Mr. Ott said okay then. That sounds good.

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118 Mr. Johnson moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #16-0831 as presented. Mr. Stevens
119 second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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121 **B. Resolution #16-170 to Congratulate the 1016 Coastal Carolina University**
122 **Chanticleers, 2016 NCAA Division 1 Baseball Champions.** Ms. Fellner presented the decision
123 paper, and resolution, copies of which are on file. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt Resolution #16-170 as
124 presented. Mr. Johnson second. Mr. Stevens said we have a lot kids from this area that go to Coastal
125 and it is a school in our area. I think it's good to recognize them for doing something that few teams do
126 in this nation. There are only two teams in this state that accomplished this: South Carolina won twice
127 and Coastal once. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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129 **C. Law Enforcement Agreement for 15th Circuit Drug Enforcement Unit.** Ms. Fellner
130 presented the decision paper and agreement, copies of which are on file.

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132 Mayor Childs said I think it is a win-win for the town.

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134 Mr. Pellegrino asked what was included in the 15th Circuit. Ms. Fellner replied Horry County. Mr.
135 Pellegrino asked if this would impact our scope on where we go to calls. Ms. Fellner said no, sir. The
136 town has been part of this since 2004. There is one dedicated person, and who has been in that loop
137 since that it started.

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139 Mr. Ott mentioned that even though this has been in action for 12 years, and it is under the
140 name of the Drug Enforcement Unit, it also takes care of civil disorders and natural and manmade
141 disasters, and the pursuit of criminal suspects, and the location of missing persons. So, this is a joint law
142 enforcement effort that joins hands across our two counties. I appreciate that we do that.

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144 Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the Law Enforcement Agreement as presented. Mr. Johnson
145 second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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147 **D. Parking Committee Re-Appointments: Mr. Everett Goff and Mr. Harry Kohlmann.**
148 Mayor Childs said the volunteers were discussed in executive session pursuant to FOIA 30-4-70(a)(1).
149 Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Mr. Goff and Mr. Kohlmann to the parking committee. Mr. Ott and Mr.
150 Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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152 **E. Motions and/or directions to the Town Administrator from Executive Session.** No
153 motions were made nor were directions given.

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155 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION** – Any matters of concern or information to be discussed.
156 There was no discussion.

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

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162 Mr. Steve Shore, 1st Avenue North. At the top of the meeting, Mr. Tom Dodge referred to the
163 lawsuits of the town. It is a disgrace this town has to tolerate such a thing, whatever. I don't know
164 anything about it. And I'm not here to elaborate on it. But, who or what is sending out these mailers
165 just before our local election, is a lowlife, coward, and a disgrace to the town, and to the human race.
166 These are my feelings, because something is wrong. I truly believe they have gone too far and attacked
167 the wrong one this time. The person you are attempting to discredit has more integrity, humility, and
168 poise ... I could go on, but I will not, than you who are sending this garbage out. You will be named and
169 brought into the open. Just pack your bags when you do. Thank you, Mayor, Council and people of
170 Surfside for your time. *(Applause)*

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172 Mr. Ron Crouch, 12th Avenue North. Mayor Childs, members of the Town Council, first I want to
173 thank the Coastal Carolina Association of Realtors for the candidate forum, which took place in this very
174 chambers yesterday afternoon. I find the content and rotation of the questions asked and the relaxed
175 atmosphere gave each candidate the best opportunity to present herself. And, for me, it was the most
176 insightful way into the various candidates' qualifications, aspirations, and motivations. Second, as already
177 mentioned, last Wednesday politics in Surfside Beach hit a new low with the defamatory post card many
178 of us received about Julie Samples. At the candidate forum, I proudly joined in both rounds of applause
179 as she labeled the post card a lie, and vowed to find out who sent it, and identify them. There is no place
180 here for such vile terrorism. Third, my primary purpose here was to speak on the SCDOT modifications
181 on Business 17, and its impacts on residential streets. In my August 1 letter to you, I compared 10th
182 Avenue North and 11th Avenue North and the impacts to each based on the present design for Business
183 17. I also sent copies to staff, both our John Adair, director of public works, and to Mrs. Jessica Johns,
184 the new SCDOT Program Manager. You also got a copy of Mrs. Johns' reply to me, which I found most
185 encouraging of all. "Upon the town's request, we will begin looking into your suggestions." That means
186 there is still time to work out any issues which the town identifies. I therefore ask that the letter be sent
187 to Mrs. Johns requesting her to begin looking at my suggestion. Fourth, and finally, I would like to
188 remind everyone that tomorrow is a special election for the now vacant tie breaker seat on council and
189 urge everyone to go out and vote. Thank you. *(Applause)*

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191 Mr. Tom Dodge, 15th Avenue North. Just an idea about an easy way to solve our beach
192 renourishment cash shortfall. Council should put up for sale the piece of property located at 3rd Avenue
193 South and Willow Drive that they bought early last spring for \$330,000. It's a useless piece of land that
194 Surfside Beach citizens cannot even step foot on, because it is surrounded by no trespassing signs. Sell
195 that piece of property for \$330,000; shortfall covered; everybody's happy.

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197 Ms. Mary Ellen Abrams, 13th Avenue North. Council I know there is a luau tonight, but I think we
198 have some more serious business to discuss than luaus. Many, many residents of Surfside Beach are
199 furious at the anonymous attacks that continue against those who dare to run for office here. You may
200 say there is nothing you can do. You know what, that is not good enough. The publicity generated by
201 the attacker and his financial backers is polluting the family beach. An ugly image will hurt our economy
202 and you never know who might be waiting to buy up this town cheap. It should be obvious to Town
203 Council that this is a serious threat to the town, and not just individual candidates. To put a stop to this, I
204 am requesting that you immediately hire an independent investigator. A PI [private investigator] who is
205 a retired Postal Inspector might be a good idea. I might even be able to get a name for you. I'm
206 confident that five of you sitting up there can tell an investigator exactly where to start looking. If you
207 can't or won't, there are plenty of citizens here who can and will. Is it expecting too much to ask our local
208 government to stand up and protect our town election process? Is it? Thank you. *(Applause)*

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210 Mr. Laurence McKeen, 6th Avenue South. I spent a lot of time these past few days on the South
211 Carolina Ethics Commission website. And I've tried to learn a lot about what election laws are and
212 disclosure laws and I've learned there are plenty of disclosures, public disclosure laws all of you had

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213 reports you filed with your election expenses, but there is also something we can use on that commission
214 website to deal with these things. If you look at these two mailings. They are by two supposed task
215 forces, basically they are committees, ideally. Though I think it's a bunch of hogwash. The Task Force for
216 Ethical and Trustworthy Government and Opinions. Who would put opinions in there? They are trying to
217 cover their backside against suits, but it ain't gonna work. The other one was Task Force Ethic, no that's
218 the same one, excuse me, well there is another one here. Oh, The Opinion Voice for Honest Government
219 in Surfside Beach. Well anyways, what these groups are, if you read the commission, the Ethics
220 Commission website, these are really non-candidate committees. Just like candidates, these non-
221 candidate committees must register with the commission and file financial reports. If they don't they are
222 subject to the same kind of penalties you candidates are subject to. What I suggest we do, is use the
223 commission's investigators, and they do have them. If we file a complaint with the commission, they will
224 investigate this complaint and figure out who these are because they have broken state laws of public
225 disclosure. *(Applause)*

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227 Mayor Childs: Please let him finish.

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229 Mr. McKeen: I hate to say it, but it's funny, I only see one council member up here not watching
230 me speak, as he always seems to do. But anyways, I can do this complaint filing. It is very easy. You
231 can download the form online, you sign it, and they respond within a day. However, I think it would
232 have better impact if the council would do this, or perhaps the Mayor, but if you can't do that, I will be
233 happy to do it, or maybe get a group of citizens to do it together for impact. Hopefully, the penalties are
234 pretty severe, you know these things cost a lot of money. That meant someone donated a lot of money
235 to these committees. Penalties for that kind of donation can be as high as 500-percent of the donation
236 they made. Suppose whoever donated the money to these committees, say was \$25,000; the penalty is
237 \$125,000. And each member of the committee is subject to fines and jail time. Hopefully, we can get this
238 thing cleared up and we can be a nice happy family beach again. You'll hear more people, I'm sure, who
239 are very unhappy with what has been happening. Thank you. *(Applause)*

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241 Mr. Ron Mask, 10th Avenue North. I'll be brief because I know it's a luau and I had a root canal
242 this afternoon. I had a whole bunch of things to say, but the one important thing I wanted to say cause a
243 lots been covered about this unscrupulous, unfounded accusation that has been made, is that this is a
244 great city and we, many of us, including my family moved here because it's beautiful, its friendly, and it
245 has a lot of character to it. I don't think our town can afford to not have character in it and still attract
246 people like us. So I want urge you as the city council, cause many times when you go to meetings like
247 this everybody complains and nothing happens, I want to urge you to accept the responsibility for this
248 candidacy campaigning. It's the closest thing that comes to the integrity of the council itself, is to make
249 sure our town has rules and standards that reflect the kind of city we are without this kind of behavior.
250 Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

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252 Ms. Terri Lauer, Harbor Lights Drive. Good evening, I'd like to know if anyone on the council has
253 attended an ethics class or presentation. I did and it was quite an eye opener. If you took the ethics
254 class, do you think it would be the right for the fellow councilman to promote false accusations and
255 belittle a candidate in the upcoming election? It is unethical to tell lies that would affect an election or a
256 career of a person. This is dirty politics, pure and simple. Our town deserves public servants who act
257 better than that. Actions speak louder than words, though, I'm sure, you were hoping it would be the
258 other way around. The printed words were to shake things up. But, instead it is an action that
259 highlighted and underscored the type of person we don't want sitting on our council. Words written on a
260 political flyer should speak truths, not lies. Surfside Beach deserves a council that has loyalty and
261 integrity. A council that is as honest as you can be. You can't be any of those things when you promote
262 less. Council, please consider going after and looking into this matter. It is very important to the
263 integrity of our town. *(Applause)*

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265 Mr. Al Lauer, Harbor Lights Drive. I'd like to remind council that there are things that are legal
266 that are also unethical. For instance, a man can run around on his wife and not face going to jail. It's
267 legal, but it's not ethical. Here is another case, you have a seated representative of the people who is
268 flaunting an ordinance in the name of a Supreme Court decision that is so convoluted and confusing that
269 nobody yet fully understands it. Then he threatens the town that he serves, because its officers doing
270 their duty try to enforce the current code. It might be legal suing the town, costing the tax payers
271 money to soothe his ego; unethical I say. I would suggest that being a party to scandalous mailings, last
272 minute personal attacks during an election, while all too prevalent these days, is at least in Surfside
273 considered by most citizens to be unethical. Look, we all know that ethics reflect our moral values. They
274 are your judgments as to what is right and what is wrong. When somebody keeps doing things that make
275 you say, oh my goodness, I can't believe he did that, you can bet that their moral compass is not
276 following a straight and true path. You want the law on your side, or do you want to be morally and
277 ethically right? I would suggest trying to be moral. I would suggest trying to be ethical. It will make you a
278 better person. Thank you.

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280 Ms. Charlene Henderson, North Cherry Drive. I came here tonight with the specific purpose of
281 addressing these mailings, and a lot has been said tonight. I agree with all of it. I just want to add that
282 this is reflecting on our town. We have new people moving in everyday that are appalled by what they
283 see as our small town politics. I was asked if this was the Beauford T. Justice School of Politics in this
284 town. I'm sorry that this is happening. I'm as disgusted this time as I was when the attack was on Doug
285 Samples. Somebody obviously has a bone to pick with the Samples and it's just quite a shame. I do
286 agree that you need to look into this; carry it all the way through and get rid of this creep or two or three
287 that's been doing this, please. Thank you very much. *(Applause)*

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289 Ms. Holly Watson, North Oak Drive. I just want to tell everybody and remind everybody here
290 that I was the object of such a mailing when I was running for Town Council. But, I'm still here, and I'm
291 still attending council meetings, and I still love my town. I've been here 30 years, and I'm still working
292 for the town whether or not you pay me. So, there! *(Raspberry sound made by Ms. Watson. Laughter
293 and applause.)*

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295 Ms. Julie Samples, Hollywood Drive North. It is unfortunate that I stand before you this evening
296 to address a nasty, vile piece of mail that was sent anonymously to town residents just a few days ago.
297 The information that was mailed to your homes personally attacked me and my professional integrity. It
298 went as far as to accuse me of breaking the law. I can assure you that is not true. In my 20-plus years
299 as a real estate professional, I can honestly say I have never had a complaint regarding my service, my
300 professionalism, and my honesty. The people in this town are not stupid. They get that this was a
301 pathetic attempt to manipulate them by a bogus organization; poorly written; color coded, and
302 grammatically challenged. My work ethic during this campaign, in particular, has been strong and
303 steadfast. My message of collaboration and kindness has made a few uncomfortable. The attack on my
304 professional reputation has crossed the line. The individual responsible for this assault will be swiftly
305 dealt with and held accountable for the lies, half-truths, and innuendoes. I know who wrote it. I know
306 who paid for it. I have consulted an attorney and have been advised on how to proceed. I will expose
307 the anonymous cowards involved. If they are hell-bent on attacking me, do so on the issues, on policy
308 differences. Be a man about it. Let's have a real discussion on the concerns town residents have and
309 the best way to bring about change. Attacking me professionally and manipulating half-truths is just
310 dirty and serves no one. Thank you. *(Standing Applause)*

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312 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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314 Mr. Ott: Yes, thank you, Mr. Mayor. I personally stand with my neighbors, *(standing)* and seek
315 and ask our town help stop this. I don't want to see it ever again. It has done the exact opposite that
316 the person that wanted it; it has highlighted Ms. Samples, and made her a favorite. It has done the

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317 opposite. If you want to criticize anybody, I say put your name on it; you can say anything you want,
318 and nobody will say you can't send it out. But, I stand with everybody that we do this. *(Applause)*
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320 Mr. Pellegrino: Thank you very much for coming tonight. Thanks for your input. A few things to
321 cover here. First, I spent some time yesterday on the beach with my little guy. When I'm on the beach,
322 I always talk to tourists. So, we have a great place here. We have a great beach. We have a great
323 town. I always ask the tourists a couple of questions. First of all, I ask them if they're having a good
324 time, and I've never really gotten a no yet. I ask them if there's anything that can be better in Surfside.
325 I get a lot of interesting responses. Yesterday, I didn't get anything, which is a good thing. And then, I
326 ask them the most important question. Are you going to come back again next year? Every single
327 person yesterday said yes. So, that's positive. So, we have a direct impact on that, because obviously
328 we have a great beach. We have a great town, and we have great facilities. We have great workers, but
329 it's us really that make the difference. When you see someone, when you see a visitor on the road, it's
330 important to say hi. It's important to say welcome to Surfside. That's what people like about Surfside.
331 You know, you go to Myrtle Beach; it's just a strip of hotels. You don't even communicate with anyone.
332 But, here it's a small town feel, and that's why people come back here every year. So, thank you for
333 making sure everyone feels welcome, because it's very important for us to have as many tourists three
334 months out of the year as we can. It would be great if we could build up the shoulder seasons. That's
335 our next opportunity. But, they're paying a good portion of the bills. It's very important. For us, we
336 have the other nine months to enjoy it with almost no one around. (**) As far as the mailings, it's
337 interesting. We talk about this every election. It never ceases to amaze me that every time, especially
338 last week before elections, we get these things that are awful. We live in America, which is a great
339 country. We're allowed to have any opinion we want. Right, wrong, or indifferent; we're allowed to
340 express any opinion we want. But, we're not allowed to lie. We're not allowed to make comments based
341 on half information or half-truths. Honestly, I don't know when I read something, I don't know what's
342 true or what's not. But, it's pretty easy to identify when people don't have all the information when
343 they're stating something. So, that is not right, and I do agree we try to figure out who is doing this.
344 I'm actually happy that Ms. Samples knows, because that will make it easier for us. We do need to do
345 something, if the Ethics Commission like one of the citizens said, was an option with an investigator that
346 would be a great route. I'm sure there are some other options. We've fought this before, but we really
347 haven't pushed through it to try to figure it out. So that's something we definitely need to move forward
348 with. Please get out and vote tomorrow. It's very important. If you don't vote, and someone you don't
349 like gets elected, we really don't have anything to say about it. So, please, get out there and vote and
350 take your pick who you want to sit up here with us starting in a couple of weeks. Thank you very much.
351 Have a great night.

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353 Mr. Stevens: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I think basically everything's been said. I thank y'all for
354 coming out. Everybody spoke their mind, which is the Freedom of Speech in this great country we live
355 in. I think everybody should get out tomorrow. Cast their vote for whoever they desire to have for the
356 candidate person on council and find out who wins. Thank you.

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358 Mr. Courtney: I want to say thank you for coming out. I'm very concerned about this [issue]
359 everybody has been talking about. I agree with Mr. Ott. I stand with my community. I've had enough
360 of this, to be honest with you. There's a stack of them in my mailbox every day. I went through election
361 last time. I knew I wasn't one of targets, but I just don't think it's fair to any of the candidates when you
362 do stuff like this. It's just not right and it's gotta be stopped. I'm gonna ask that the administrator take
363 some action, if we can. I don't know if we can through our police department and open a case on this.
364 We can? Thank you, I would like to open a case on this. I'd like to find out and get the end of these.
365 I've had enough of it. So, it's embarrassing, it really is, for our town. *(Applause)*
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367 Mr. Johnson: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank you all for coming out once again this evening. We
368 live in a wonderful little town; one mile by two miles. But you know, some things just aren't right. I've
369 lived here for 30-some years and it's always the same old stuff. Smut. There's no other way to say it

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370 than it's just smut. Don't know who's putting it out, but we've got to put an end to it. I mean, there's
371 got to be a way to find out, and I would even go so far as to ask our town attorney to get involved, if we
372 have to, just to find out where this trail is leading to, because it's just an abomination. It really is. They
373 sent things out against me. I couldn't really give a rip, but it's always the same old, same old. It's time
374 to put an end to it. As far as the land purchase goes, the big \$5 parcel of land down on Ocean
375 Boulevard, it's a win-win situation for everyone. Surfside Beach Resort and the pier group have a great
376 working relationship. It's a win-win for everyone. It's unfortunate that we have to pay \$5, but, hey, you
377 gotta do what you gotta do! (*Laughter*) Seriously, it is a good deal for everyone involved. Again, I just
378 thank you for coming out. God bless you. Have a good evening.

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380 Mayor Childs: I told my wife just the other night, I think it was Thursday night that looks like we
381 got through an election with no mailers, and then Friday they came. Almost got through it. I, myself, I
382 think I only received two of them. But, I understand there were like four or five of them. But, I want to
383 thank everybody for expressing their opinions. Council is very interested in hearing them. As far as the
384 land purchase goes, I think that's going to be a win-win for this town. The property goes to the town.
385 Anything built on that pier remains the town's property even when the leases are up, which is a good
386 thing. It will always be a very big source of income for this town. I'd like to thank everybody for coming
387 out tonight.

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389 **11. ADJOURNMENT.**

390 Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Courtney second. All voted
391 in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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394 Prepared and submitted by,

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397 Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

398 Approved: August 22, 2016

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401 Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor

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404 Ron Ott, Mayor Pro Tempore

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406 Timothy T. Courtney, Town Council

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408 Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

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410 David L. Pellegrino, Town Council

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412 Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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414 Vacant Seat

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