



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
EXECUTIVE SESSION JUNE 13, 2017 ♦ 6:00 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 13, 2017 ♦ 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. Tuesday, June 13, 2017 for the purpose of entering executive session pursuant to FOIA §30-4-70(a)(2) to discuss proposed contractual arrangements for the sale or purchase of real property. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino, Samples, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Ms. Samples moved to enter executive session at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Johnson second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mr. Johnson moved to reconvene regular session at 6:14 p.m. Mr. Pellegrino second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.** Mayor Childs said for the record that no action was taken during executive session. Any motions and/or directions to the town administrator will be made during the regular meeting that begins at 6:30 p.m. as noted on the agenda under Business Item 7.G. 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, Samples, and Stevens were in attendance. A quorum was present. Others present: Administrator Fellner; Town Clerk Herrmann; Finance Director King; Planning, Building & Zoning Director Morris, and Interim Police Chief Hofmann.

Mayor Childs announced that Town Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at 5:15 p.m. for the purpose of holding second reading of Ordinance #17-0846 to amend §16-67(c)(iv) Exception, to define allowed shading devices, and the next regular council meeting will be on Monday, June 26th. A workshop will be held on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. to hear a presentation from Dr. Mary G. Padua, ASLA, Clemson University Department of Landscape Architecture.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. A. Invocation: Pastor Oakie Landers, Pine Drive Gospel Church gave the invocation. B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

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

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. A. Pier Workshop May 13, 2017, and May 23, 2017 Executive Session and Regular Meeting. Mr. Ott moved to adopt the May 13, 2017 pier workshop minutes and the May 23, 2017 executive session and regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

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

Mr. Steve Shore, 1st Avenue, North: I noticed on the agenda item under discussion you have under discussion that Mr. Courtney is going to discuss about spending money on pedestrian signage and crossovers. Until decisions are made about the pier, this town should not be spending money on anything except town services. That's just the way I feel. Mr. Ott wants to discuss decks on town retention ponds, when he knows it was discussed a few years back, and every expert available coming before council to discuss why that should not be a good idea for the town. Mr. Ott should do his homework before throwing something out for discussion. Mr. Ott called *point of order*, and said that Mr. Shore was not

54 supposed to be calling out my name. Mr. Shore: It just puts more work on staff. Let's look at existing
55 issues and problems creating new ones. It seems like some councilmembers want to create distractions
56 and are not interested in the real issue like the pier, and the lost money of this town. This council went
57 through a tent ban so quickly that the ordinance cannot be enforced, because it is inconsistent. When I'm
58 on the beach, I witness smoking, and other infractions not being enforced. Yet our code enforcement
59 people in this town single out and selectively enforce town ordinances as they choose. The tree ordinance
60 was brought up last October for the purpose of simplifying it. It is still in committee and review. This
61 council now in place does not seem to know what you're doing, which gives many of us little confidence
62 of the town's leadership, and you know, these are just things that I recognize on my own. (**) it says it's
63 under discussion.
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65 Ms. Carol Cook, 7th Avenue South: I'd like to comment about the infrastructure
66 recommendations. I've lived here for over 22 years, and if there was a line-up, I could not pick the light
67 poles that we have currently have out of a police line-up. I don't understand when we cannot afford to
68 insure the pier, why we are going to increase the monthly rental from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for decorative
69 lamp posts. I'm sorry, but we have better ways of spending our money.
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71 **6. COMMUNICATIONS. Administrator's Report.** Ms. Fellner presented the written report, a
72 copy of which is attached hereto.
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74 Ms. Samples said Ms. Fellner you gave a great report. Who are the three councilmembers serving
75 on the infrastructure committee? Ms. Fellner said Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott and
76 Councilmember Courtney. Ms. Samples asked who serves on the tree ordinance subcommittee. Ms.
77 Fellner said Mayor Pro Tempore Ott and Councilmembers Johnson and Stevens. However, Mr. Stevens
78 was not able to attend the recent meeting. Mayor Childs explained that Mr. Johnson could not attend and
79 he attended in his place. Ms. Samples suggested that council contact Congressman Rice and other
80 legislators to push FEMA to expedite the pier project.
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82 Mayor Childs asked how the proclamation for the Home Consortium came to be on the council
83 agenda. Ms. Fellner said the agreement came to us from Horry County, and it was a decision that only
84 the council could make. She reminded council that staff's recommendation was to deny the resolution.
85 Mr. Ott asked if the agreement was developed by Horry County. Ms. Fellner said Horry County is heading
86 the project now. Mr. Ott asked if the town was represented on the consortium. Ms. Fellner said not that
87 she was aware.
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89 Mr. Stevens said the privately owned Garden City pier is already repaired and is open for
90 business. In my opinion, we are bogged down with FEMA. Councilmembers have not had the opportunity
91 to talk to FEMA, and in my personal opinion, council should be included in those discussions. I like to
92 hear information first hand, and need to know more than what is being reported during meetings. Ms.
93 Fellner said my reports have been very clear about the process. We are working with the experts that
94 council authorized that we hire, the FEMA consultants for structures in water. We have to wait for Collins
95 Engineering to perform the damage assessment, which will be in 8 to 10 weeks from now. Mr. Stevens
96 said it is simple thing to do, if you're engineer and you know what you're doing. It should take no more
97 than two or three days. What is the hold up? Ms. Fellner said there's more to it than just walking around
98 and looking at the pier and taking pictures. They have a number of tests they want to perform, and they
99 also want to look at scour. The engineers will consider many things, and then I've asked the experts,
100 engineers and FEMA, to come and interface with council when the inspections are completed so they can
101 speak to council. As far as not keeping council informed, I think council has been well informed every
102 step of the way. You know every single thing that I know. There is nothing else to tell that I haven't
103 already reported. Mr. Stevens said in his opinion, council was informed very vaguely. He wants at least
104 two or three councilmembers to meet with engineers when they are on site. Ms. Fellner said until the
105 damage assessment is completed, the engineers cannot make a report. She reiterated as stated in her
106 report that this should happen within the next 8 to 10 weeks, depending on FEMA timelines. Mr. Stevens

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107 said I just basically want to get things sped up.
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109 Mr. Ott volunteered to explain to Mr. Stevens as he had been reading about pier construction.
110 This engineering team will inspect structures under the water and in the sand, not just what's above the
111 surface. Garden City pier did not have even 10-percent of the damage the town's pier had. I'd like to put
112 the pier there correctly; it's already been built four times. I'm trying to educate myself so I see what
113 they're doing, and I would share that information gladly. Mr. Stevens said he sent all of council and staff
114 a study done by the State of Florida on piers. Mr. Ott said I read what you sent. The last time the State
115 of Florida, according to the report you sent, built a wooden pier was in 1964, which no longer exists.
116 Every pier built since then has been made of concrete, with different types of superstructure on each
117 pier. The report also explains how long it takes to engineer the piers. Ms. Fellner said I am doing
118 everything I can to keep things moving as quickly as possible.
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120 Mr. Pellegrino said I talked to Ms. Fellner yesterday in detail about this. I don't think our staff is
121 the issue. We're working with the US Government; unfortunately, they don't do anything quickly. We're
122 lucky to get anything done. So I'm very concerned about the timeline, because if we stick with FEMA and
123 go through this process so we can get money from them, we're at their mercy. We just changed the
124 point person on this project, and they had to debrief them and get them up to speed. That's can happen
125 over and over, because the federal government is totally inefficient and incapable to move a project
126 through quickly. It would be a miracle if we had a pier by 2019 with FEMA doing it. The question I have
127 is should we work with FEMA, or should we do like to Garden City on a bigger scale, and go through
128 private consultants. That's the question that needs to be asked. The US government doesn't really care
129 about our problem.
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131 Mr. Ott said Ms. Samples had a great idea about speaking with Congressman Rice to see if he
132 can help us. Ms. Fellner said that FEMA must have an answer for the town within in one year, which is
133 October. Mr. Adair and I met yet again with the new FEMA person just yesterday. FEMA showed an active
134 interest in moving this forward, because they don't want this to go out to October, which is the drop
135 dead date. I think the time to contact our legislators if we have an issue with FEMA is when we're not
136 making progress. Right now, FEMA is waiting for our damage assessment. Our consultants have
137 communicated with FEMA with further information and pictures saying additional items that need to be
138 addressed. After the damage assessment, everybody will meet and then the scope of work will then be
139 determined by council. We will probably have more than one meeting, and one with all the experts
140 present.
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142 Ms. Samples said I have full confidence in what you have been doing and what I know you will
143 continue to do. When I met with you yesterday to express my concerns about the delay, your responses
144 were quite effective and appropriate. I appreciate it. I do, however, want this council to discuss sending a
145 letter with the mayor's signature and all of our signatures in due time to Congressman Rice. It is his
146 responsibility to help us and to provide some assistance, if we cannot get FEMA to move as quickly as we
147 think they should. So please keep us informed. Ms. Fellner said I will and there's one other area that a
148 letter could be of great help. If everyone has been looking at the funding in the state budget. They only
149 put \$68 million in there, so they are not fully funded. Since we are one of the big projects, we're probably
150 towards the end, so ensuring that that 12.5-percent from the state would be there and the town would
151 get it would be most helpful. Ms. Samples said I think the more proactive we are reaching out to those
152 people that are there to assist us, the quicker will be able to make things happen.
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154 Mayor Childs said I have invited Congressman Rice to come to the pier on July 3rd along with a
155 distinguished general who is retiring from the Corp of Engineers. Ms. Samples said as long as we can
156 discuss real specifics, because Mr. Rice's time is limited. Mr. Stevens said he was attending an economic
157 function in Florence on June 19th that Congressman Rice was attending. He planned to speak with him
158 there. Mr. Ott said he would attend on June 19th, and agreed that "the squeaky wheel gets the grease."
159 We need to be proactive to ensure the pier project moves along.

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Mr. Courtney said I think that council decided to get involved with this and go with FEMA. At this point, we have to see what we're offered before we can move forward. I hope the administrator can try to put a little pressure on this and try to move up to date. Ms. Fellner said I will do everything I can. Mr. Courtney said I hate to see us exhaust the money from FEMA without getting an answer and bailing out of this. Council made a decision to see what FEMA was going to return on this damage and we need to follow up to see where it comes through. Sooner would be better.

Mayor Childs agreed with Ms. Samples. He said I've talked to the administrator many times and she's doing everything she can as fast as she can. When you talk about the amount of money that FEMA might give up, it's not with a handshake. They want a lot of facts to substantiate that.

7. BUSINESS

A. Second Reading Ordinance #17-0844 to amend Section 2-187, Funds Established and Purposes, Director King. Ms. Samples moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #17-0844 as presented. Mr. Johnson second. Ms. King presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Second Reading Ordinance #17-0845 to adopt FY2017-2018 Municipal Budget, Director King. Ms. Samples moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #17-0845 as presented. Mr. Johnson second. Ms. King presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino and Samples voted in favor. Councilmember Stevens voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. First Reading of Ordinance #17-0846 to amend Ordinance #17-0842 §12-67(c)(iv) "Exception" and (d) to clarify shading devices allowed. Administrator Fellner. Mr. Ott moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-0846 as presented. Mr. Courtney second. Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file.

Mr. Stevens expressed concern that a recently adopted ordinance was being amended, because the dictionary definition of tent includes a canopy. Mr. Ott asked if the ordinance would be amended again if the public calls the shading device another name. Ms. Fellner explained that is why the ordinance is being changed to specifically state what is allowed, which are baby tents that are defined as approximately 3-foot by 3-foot by 3-foot size, and umbrellas up to nine feet in diameter, instead of what is prohibited. It's in the best interest of the town to have a user friendly ordinance that does not cause controversy. There is a special meeting on June 20th at 5:15 for second reading so enforcement can begin immediately after that.

Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott and Councilmembers Courtney, and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmembers Johnson, Pellegrino and Samples voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

D. First Reading Ordinance #17-0847 to amend Chapter 17 Sale of Personal Property at Residence, Director Morris. Mr. Johnson moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #17-0847 as presented. Mr. Ott second.

Mr. Stevens moved to amend the ordinance to state that four (4) yard sales per year are allowed. **MOTION FAILED – NO SECOND.**

Ms. Morris presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Johnson asked if staff works on weekends. Ms. Morris said we do. Staff rotates weekends

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213 during the summer with a day off during the week. Mr. Johnson believed the spring and fall should also
214 be included. Ms. Morris said he was right. When we feel the need, we work.
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216 Mr. Pellegrino asked how residents would know a new ordinance is in effect. Ms. Morris said staff
217 will educate before we enforce. We will carry copies of the ordinance that's been approved and give it to
218 everyone holding a yard sale to let them know they will need a free permit from now on, and that there
219 is a limit of three per year.
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221 Mr. Stevens asked what the process is to have a yard sale. Ms. Morris said the resident can either
222 come to the building and planning department up to 5 o'clock on any day Monday through Friday, or they
223 can submit a permit request by using the online form. The permit technician will issue the permit as long
224 as the request is received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Mr. Stevens asked if the permit had to be displayed.
225 Ms. Morris said no, and explained a spreadsheet would be prepared for the code enforcement officer to
226 use when doing inspections. Once three yard sales have been held, the resident will be denied any future
227 permits for that calendar year.
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229 Mayor Childs said Town Council wrestled with this issue years ago, because there were a lot of
230 complaints. I think we came to conclusion that three sales is really about all anybody wants. Once people
231 have more their neighbors start complaining. There has been an issue the last month or so with a
232 resident selling products from his junk shop at his house on Saturdays.
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234 Mr. Courtney asked if this includes sales at storage containers. Ms. Morris said that would be a
235 commercial district and are required to have an open display permit.
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237 Ms. Samples said I like the ordinance and I think we need it, because it has created a public
238 safety problem with people stopping abruptly and haphazardly parking to visit yard sales. It appears
239 commercial property is being sold at yard sales. So I support the ordinance, except I was disappointed
240 when I saw that there is a permitting requirement. You know how I feel about permits. I think we're
241 overregulated as it is. I'm very conflicted about this ordinance, I want to support it, but it's just more
242 overregulation that I hate. Even though I think we need to have it; I want to have it, the fact that our
243 residents have to come in to the office or send an email to get permission to hold a yard sale is just
244 bothersome to me. That is my position. I do appreciate the effort. Thank you.
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246 Mr. Pellegrino I agree with Ms. Samples. It is overregulation, and I don't support it. It's gonna
247 cause more complaints. Every time we pass an ordinance like this it ends up in more complaints, because
248 now the people who were having yard sales the way they were supposed to are going to be totally
249 inconvenienced, and they're not going to know to get a permit, then they'll be frustrated because they
250 didn't know. During public comments, someone mentioned selective enforcement. Well, guess what?
251 More selective enforcement, because we don't have the resources to enforce all the thousands of
252 ordinances we have. So this is just one more to pile on top. It's gonna cause more problems.
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254 Mayor Childs said I think if you have more than three yard sales a year, are probably selling
255 commercial items. I think anybody would agree that three sales a year is certainly an adequate number.
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257 Mr. Stevens asked if sale items had to be cleaned up before sundown even when a two day sale
258 was being held. Ms. Morris said that was exactly right. Everything has to be put away by sundown. Mr.
259 Stevens said I agree with Mr. Pellegrino that it's overregulation. I understand why this is came about,
260 because I've personally seen the individual who has been selling commercial products at his house. Many
261 people use yards to sales to socialize and enjoy themselves. Ms. Morris explained that the department
262 had complaints about continuous yard sales, and about merchandise left out overnight that blew into
263 neighbor's yards.
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265 Ms. Samples said I agree. It's unfortunate because of a few we have to burden the majority. As I

266 said before, and I will go on the record, "I support the ordinance with the exception of the permits, and
267 therefore, I am not going to support the ordinance. If the permit requirement was gone, was removed,
268 and this is was complaint based, since we have people working over the weekend anyway, and if a
269 neighbor was concerned, and can make a call and issue a complaint against someone who is not
270 following the rules, great. If it's complaint based, I can support it. But, having to get permission to have
271 yard sale is too much." Ms. Morris said if it was complaint based it would be selective enforcement.
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273 Mr. Ott said we don't need to call it a permit. The purpose is to [track] three sales per year. I
274 would not like to see this ordinance strictly enforced. A lot of people like to cover the merchandise so
275 they don't have to put it back out again the next morning. Can we look at doing something like? We need
276 something on the books to stop abuse. Maybe one person every five years causes a problem.
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278 Mayor Childs agreed with Mr. Ott and said I don't think this is going to become an issue. This is
279 the first time it's really come up and it was because of one or two individuals that took advantage of
280 system and there was wasn't any code that required them to stop.
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282 Mr. Courtney said we are a legislative body. What is the solution? We don't want to overregulate,
283 but I've seen these yard sales with a go on for weeks at both ends of town. This ordinance will give staff
284 authority to enforce it. If you can't sell all your personal items in three sales, it becomes a commercial
285 enterprise.
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287 Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers
288 Courtney, Johnson, and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmembers Pellegrino and Samples voted against.
289 **MOTION CARRIED.**
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291 **E. First Reading Ordinance #17-0848 to add Chapter 9, Article 1, Section 9-19**
292 **Temporary Standing in Roadways, Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Samples moved to adopt first
293 reading of Ordinance #17-0848 as presented. Mr. Ott second. Ms. Fellner presented the decision paper
294 and ordinance, copies of which are on file.
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296 Mr. Pellegrino asked if this ordinance would include Fed-Ex and UPS trucks. Ms. Fellner said yes.
297 Mr. Pellegrino asked if they have town business licenses. Ms. Fellner said no. (*Clerk's Note: Fed-ex and*
298 *UPS are exempt from town business licenses under Federal Code 49 USC Sec. 40116(b) and Sec. 40102.*)
299 Mr. Pellegrino said I'm still confused on the motivation for this ordinance. Ms. Fellner said there are many
300 narrow streets in the town. The police department was enforcing parking when contractors had nowhere
301 to park. There is one contractor on the south end that cuts five lawns in one neighborhood. His vehicle
302 would stick out into the roadway two or three feet. This is a legal way for these service contractors to
303 comply where they won't have to worry about getting a ticket. Mr. Pellegrino said I understand that. I
304 don't understand why we just don't tell the police department not to enforce that for those contractors.
305 Thank you for answering that.
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307 Mr. Stevens asked how the 21 foot number was determined. Ms. Fellner said that was the fire
308 chief's recommendation. We sent the draft to the police chief, fire chief, and the director of public works
309 for their input. Mr. Stevens asked what happens when the street is less than 21 feet wide. Ms. Fellner
310 said usually there is enough right-of-way if they're parked somewhat into the right-of-way. There is still
311 right-of-way on the other side, plus at least 19 feet of street. Mr. Stevens asked if Chief Hofmann would
312 be out there with a tape measure (*laughter.*) Ms. Fellner said no, but having said that the concern here is
313 that we want to allow this for these contractors that provide services to our residents, but at the same
314 time ensure safe passage for emergency vehicles.
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316 Mr. Johnson said I assume this is only for commercial vehicles. Ms. Fellner said yes, any
317 contractor or delivery service. Mr. Johnson said thank you.
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319 Mr. Courtney said this problem that occurs in many areas in town where we have ditches on the
320 side, and you have a landscaping truck trying to do service. When you have one side with a ditch and a
321 driveway on the other side, it makes it very difficult to park. This gives a little bit of room for the
322 commercial people to come in and do businesses in Surfside Beach, and allow passage around those
323 parked vehicles. I think it's a good move on council's part.

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325 All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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327 **F. Infrastructure Recommendations to Town Council, Administrator Fellner.** Ms. Fellner
328 presented the decision paper, a copy of which is on file. Ms. Fellner noted that the decorative mast arms
329 for the lighted intersections are not eligible for franchise funding, for which the town's share of cost is
330 \$91,700; the balance is paid by SCDOT (South Carolina Department of Transportation.) The rest of the
331 items could be funded through the Santee Cooper franchise fee. Having said that we would delay one
332 course on Ocean Boulevard in order to fund that. Instead of finishing Ocean Boulevard in the year 2027,
333 we would finish it in the year 2030. The total estimated one time cost is between \$1,273,000 and
334 \$1,473,000 depending on how much it cost to buy the feeders. Council needs to consider a recurring
335 cost for the rental fees paid by the town for the 25 median poles. We currently have plain poles that cost
336 \$12,000 a year. Decorative poles to match the mast arms are approximately \$30,000 a year. The
337 infrastructure subcommittee unanimously recommended these projects after meeting with Santee
338 Cooper.

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340 Mr. Stevens asked what the actual cost is to the town. Ms. Fellner explained Santee Cooper and
341 the town have a 50:50 match for franchise fee funds, which is how we finance our underground wiring
342 projects on Ocean Boulevard and 14th Avenue South. We can fund the Highway 17 improvements, except
343 the \$91,700 for mast arms, using the franchise fee program. The money has to be budgeted, because it
344 is an expenditure, but the town gets reimbursed 85-percent. Mr. Stevens said the town would pay 15-
345 percent more or less. Ms. Fellner said yes, more or less.

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347 Mayor Childs said keep in mind SCDOT is going to repave and landscape Highway 17. Many
348 places will have center islands eliminated; there will be acceleration and deceleration lanes. We will
349 probably never have an opportunity to do this again in our lifetime. We are trying to make it functional
350 and decorative to make the aesthetics really nice to tie in to Highway 17 improvements. The only thing I
351 have a problem with is burying those lines for the Deerfield substation. Ms. Fellner would be in touch with
352 County Council Chairman Lazarus to ask the county to cost share burying the tap lines for the Caropines
353 Substation and the Deerfield Substation. There will probably be more than one meeting and it is likely
354 council's help is needed with the legislature and our local delegation.

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356 Mr. Ott said to explain to the audience, we don't have any new revenue sources coming into
357 town. When you visit Garden City and Murrells Inlet, you're going to see a whole lot of new businesses.
358 The last new business that I see is the Sunset Massage Parlor. Nobody wants to put in a business here
359 right now, because many of our structures are run down. The recommended light poles can be seen in
360 North Myrtle Beach. We need to look seriously at attracting businesses. We have an increase in medical
361 insurance for employees. We want to keep the police, we gotta give them more money; fire we have to
362 get more money, because everything goes higher. The only way to get more revenue is from [the
363 taxpayers] or new businesses. You have to put some lipstick on this highway out here and make it look
364 better so people want to invest money and come here. We have to change, in my opinion, because what
365 we're doing is not working.

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367 Mr. Courtney said this is government. Projects have to move forward. We know the pier is
368 hanging off on the ocean. We're dealing with that. But you know what? The town has to move forward.
369 Improvements have to be done. We have these projects sitting. We have the US 17 that's being
370 resurfaced. It will look nice with new roads and new medians. One thing that might have been
371 overlooked was lighting. The lighting that we have now is aluminum 14 foot poles. They sit below the

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372 road surface. They should be up on a monument on a block, but they're sitting 4 feet in the ditch and
373 underwater when it rains. They don't illuminate Highway 17. As Mr. Ott said, we have to bring businesses
374 in. We need the revenue. We have to make it a little bit more attractive. Every municipality is improving
375 their lighting. Myrtle Beach is now doing it now. It is really attractive and does bring people into town.
376 You see it in Myrtle Beach; Mount Pleasant; North Myrtle Beach even stepped it up a notch and used a
377 more expensive pole. This is a one-time opportunity. We will not get the opportunity to do this again.
378 Santee Cooper said they will meet us with this, after this you can do it. As far as the tap fees, that's to
379 bury the wiring going across on the top of Highway 17. Santee Cooper will bury those taps, and that
380 would be paid by us. Ms. Fellner said that is correct. The cost would be between \$500,000 and \$600,000
381 for the approximately 25 taps, but remember it's a 50:50 partnership with Santee Cooper. For every
382 dollar we put, Santee Cooper would put in a dollar; it would be run through the franchise fee. It is a
383 three year cycle: the first year is the engineering; second year is a do 'X' amount in the project, and the
384 third year is the cleanup. This is just like the underground wiring anywhere else in town. Mr. Courtney
385 said this project is a one-time shot, correct? Ms. Fellner said yes, and the important thing is that portions
386 could be done later, but because they're gonna resurface Highway 17, the cost will be a lot cheaper right
387 now, and if we do it all at one time. When we sat down, one thing Santee Cooper told the subcommittee
388 members that if we were to come back and want to do this five years from now, the cost would be more
389 than doubled.

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391 Mr. Johnson said so basically what we're doing is diverting the underground wiring project on
392 Ocean Boulevard to Highway 17 Business. Ms. Fellner said yes, for one three year course. Mr. Johnson
393 said I have no problem supporting this as long as we can get some help funding the cost to bury the taps
394 for the Caropines and Deerfield substations. Get with our legislators and County Councilmembers to work
395 something out, so the town doesn't bear the full cost. Mayor Childs said Mr. Johnson, you're exactly right.
396 The infrastructure committee made that clear to the administrator.

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398 Mr. Pellegrino said basically the initial project cost would be 15-percent of the \$1.27 million,
399 which is \$190,000, plus the \$91,700. Ms. Fellner said no; that would not all be in the first year. That
400 would be over three years. Mr. Pellegrino said were looking out-of-pocket somewhere around \$300,000,
401 and then the recurring charge of \$18,000 more. Ms. Fellner said I don't have my calculator with me, but
402 it sounds correct. Mr. Pellegrino said just to comment on bringing businesses into town, I'm all for that,
403 but I don't think the look of Highway 17 is a major contributor for that. We have business license issues,
404 which were trying to fix. That's a much bigger contributor than the actual appearance of Highway 17.

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406 Mr. Stevens said if the taps are buried, there will not be any overhead wires going across
407 Highway 17. Ms. Fellner said that's correct, but wires will run on either side of the highway.

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409 Ms. Samples asked which fund would pay the cost that Mr. Pellegrino discussed. Ms. Fellner said
410 she would have to check. Ms. Samples asked if accommodations tax (a-tax) or hospitality tax could be
411 used. Ms. Fellner said hospitality funds certainly; a-tax really requires a major corridor to a tourism venue
412 like a civic center. I would argue that Surfside Drive to our fishing pier qualifies, and I would argue that
413 with the Tourism Expenditure Review Committee (TERC). I don't think anyone has been successful
414 arguing that Highway 17 Business is a tourism corridor; that is not to say I wouldn't try. Ms. Samples said
415 the hospitality fund is a very good option. Ms. Fellner said yes, hospitality would be fine, and that's
416 probably where we would take it, but I don't want to misspeak. Ms. Samples said I support the
417 infrastructure subcommittee's recommendation. I do have an issue as I agree with Mr. Johnson that the
418 County has to participate in the burying of tap wires for the Caropines and Deerfield substations. Ms.
419 Fellner said I will have a meeting with Mr. Gosnell about that very issue, and it may require council to get
420 involved. Ms. Samples said absolutely.

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422 Mr. Pellegrino said Ms. Samples brought up the hospitality fund. If we were to use around
423 \$300,000 for this project, would that be money that we could use for the pier instead? Ms. Fellner said
424 whatever money you have that is unallocated can be used; the simple answer is yes, but that's over

425 three years, and again the scope of the pier project could be very small or sizable. If we're going to have
426 to float a bond, then as Mr. Courtney said before, the town needs to move forward. This is an
427 opportunity. We're not get this again two years from now. Council has to make this decision now, and if
428 they want to do it, we need to seize the opportunity. Unfortunately, timing is always 'when it rains it
429 pours.' We have many large projects coming, but that's the reality of it. Mr. Pellegrino said thank you.
430 That the conundrum, but considering we are just paying for beach renourishment, and we have the pier
431 looming, that is \$300,000 more dollars we have on the table for the pier. We need to consider that. Ms.
432 Fellner said since you brought up beach renourishment, I forgot to add in my updates that we will be
433 sitting down with the contractor in the next week, because the Army Corps had a successful bid. We will
434 be moving forward. We still don't know which end they intend to start, but that should be determined at
435 the pre-con meeting.

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437 Mr. Courtney moved to approve the upgrades as presented by the Infrastructure Subcommittee.
438 Mr. Ott second. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Samples
439 and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmember Pellegrino voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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441 **G. Motions and/or directions to the Town Administrator from Executive Session.** There
442 were no motions or directions to the town administrator.

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444 **8. TOWN COUNCIL DISCUSSION.**

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446 **A. Cantilevered Decks, Mayor Pro Tempore Ott.** Mr. Ott presented his discussion on
447 allowing town residents to have cantilevered decks when their property abutted the town's stormwater
448 retention ponds. Mr. Ott said in response to the derogatory remark made during the agenda public
449 comments, I did do my homework. I'm not putting docks in. One of the things that need to be done right
450 away with this, and I'm here asking for consensus from council to proceed with this is to consider
451 cantilevered decks that would extend at the end of people's property with no post or anything in the
452 water; no access into the water. Just a deck at the end of their property if they live on these retention
453 ponds. I know some people are interested. Myself, I am not. With all the discussion that went on forever
454 with the docks, we don't want anything that can get into the water. We don't want anything that would
455 inhibit any type of work being done by the town in the retention ponds. When we need to go in there and
456 dredge them we don't want to ask people to move anything. If you have a standard vertical type of post
457 put in it, it cannot be in the water. Anything that would support the deck would be a truss. That's what a
458 cantilever basically is. It is a truss that would be on an angle. You can see one on Dogwood around 4th
459 Avenue North. I believe that people who own property bordering the town's retention ponds have the
460 right to utilize their property by the water. We are not going to encroach into the water ways at all. I
461 would never approve that. Mr. Johnson asked Ms. Fellner if cantilevered decks were allowed now. Ms.
462 Fellner said no; anything that encroaches over the water is considered a dock. Mayor Childs asked if it
463 was correct that FEMA was opposed to this, as well as the CRS committee. I was told today that the
464 town's liability insurance was against this, and should something happen, the town will be responsible for
465 any damage that occurred. Ms. Fellner said that is correct. Those are the statements that we received the
466 last time this was brought up, however, I think Mr. Ott is raising a different type construction than we've
467 asked or posed before, because we didn't pose a cantilevered type deck, which would involve changing
468 the definition of dock that is in the zoning ordinance. **COUNCIL CONCURRED to have staff meet
469 with Mayor Pro Tempore Ott and Councilmember Stevens and to bring additional information
470 for discussion.**

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472 **B. Ocean Boulevard Pedestrian Signage and Crossovers, Councilmember Courtney.** Mr.
473 Courtney presented his discussion on the need for improved pedestrian signage and crossover repainting
474 along Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Courtney said crosswalks have been complained about all year. I also heard
475 a couple of complaints as I walked into this meeting. This is not a distraction or an added project'; it is
476 maintenance. It's unfortunate, but the crossovers have not been maintained. On Ocean Boulevard from
477 16th Avenue North to Melody Lane there is a straight run with no traffic calming devices; no stop signs,

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478 no yield signs. All you have is a crosswalk at Surfside Drive, and multiple crosswalks between the town
479 limits. The lines on those crosswalks and the signage all used to have on them 'State Law Yield to
480 Pedestrians in the right-of-way.' The cost of those signs is \$7.00 each. The white lines need to be painted
481 again. We had Hurricane Matthew; salt water came on the boulevard. Many of these lines have been
482 taken off the roadway. We have tourists and residents that crossover Ocean Boulevard. You have cars
483 that are going down on a two mile stretch with no crosswalks. They need to be repainted or resurfaced.
484 They used paint back in the day; now they use thermoplastic that last about 20 years. Ms. Fellner said on
485 the boulevard thermoplastic lasts about 10 years, because the sand is so abrasive. Mr. Courtney said this
486 should have been part of a maintenance plan and shouldn't have to come before council. I know we got
487 caught up with other issues like the pier this year, but in the last 10 years, we have 24 crosswalks that
488 need to be redone. With that, there are tourists trying to cross Ocean Boulevard for whom cars will not
489 yield the right-of-way. We've been asking Mr. Adair to work on his project since the winter with little or
490 no progress. Ms. Fellner and Mr. Adair looked at the areas and she recommended that we do on the
491 crosswalks again. The cost of the thermoplastic is the issue, correct? Ms. Fellner said the cost about
492 \$18,000 just for the thermoplastic striping and there are 33 crosswalks on Ocean Boulevard that would
493 have to be done. This is not budgeted and would require a budget amendment. Having said that, there is
494 no reason why we couldn't do it. Before council makes a decision on this, I'd like to determine the
495 balance in the road funds; maybe we could do a little less of some other project to maybe pay for this
496 out of road funds. We have to be very careful in how we use our road funds, and there are different road
497 funds. CTC (County Transportation Committee) monies can only be used for certain things. I'd like to look
498 into this and bring a funding strategy for consideration that would make all council happy with this. Mr.
499 Courtney said I would like to see a maintenance record from Mr. Adair detailing scheduled projects. If the
500 crosswalks had be repaired over the years, we wouldn't have all 33 of them to do now. Ms. Fellner said
501 the company that installs the thermoplastic don't come here to do just a few things. There is usually one
502 fairly sizable project when they come; but we could have certainly have done half. Mr. Courtney said I do
503 not want to see any problems on that roadway. Mayor Childs asked if the price included signage. Ms.
504 Fellner said no. Mr. Pellegrino said I do agree we need to have crosswalks. In the past they were painted,
505 why can't we paint them now? Ms. Fellner said the problem on Ocean Boulevard is that if you use regular
506 paint, it won't last a season. It takes a while to paint them, so you're talking about a lot of labor to
507 expend to then have to do it again next year. Thermoplastic lasts a lot longer, and we've got a really
508 environmentally challenged condition on Ocean Boulevard, because it's not just the saltwater, it's the
509 sand that grates against that crossover, and the tires and everything. Paint just doesn't hold up. Mayor
510 Childs said he saw SCDOT spray painting Highway 17 towards Charleston and asked what type paint the
511 state uses when they paint street lines. Ms. Fellner said I don't know, but the road is not a beach front
512 road. Sand on the road is the issue we have. Mr. Courtney said I spoke with Mr. Adair today. SCDOT uses
513 a liquid thermoplastic, and that is what would need to be done on the crosswalks. Ms. Samples agreed
514 with Mr. Courtney that it needs to be done. I wish it would've been done before the tourist season began.
515 Having said that, I do not support spinning \$18,000 for 33 crosswalks. When you come back with your
516 information, if you would also come back with a plan of action from Mr. Adair for what he thinks could be
517 the best solution to hold up for this season and future seasons. I would just like some options, before we
518 agree. I get the sand. I get as soon as we have a storm the sand comes up on the boulevard. At this
519 point, \$18,000 when we have many other things to address, I would just like some options of having it
520 done in-house. Ms. Fellner said staff cannot use thermoplastic. Ms. Samples said to be clear, I would like
521 to know options for what can be done using our staff in the interim. Mayor Childs said I agree with Ms.
522 Samples. Mr. Ott said this is a critical safety item. If you look at what Myrtle Beach and North Myrtle
523 Beach have done to their crosswalks, and I know we can also do that. We look like cave people. Those
524 cities value their tourists who visit from worldwide. Tourism is where we get much of our revenue. We
525 need to make the town look inviting, and welcome them. Ms. Fellner said that is why I would like to see
526 what it would qualify for in the different road funds. That would be a painless way to fund the project.
527 RIDE III funds will be about \$400,000, so I need to research this and bring back the information to
528 council. Mayor Childs asked if were discussing just painting; not the signage. Mr. Ott said right. The signs
529 are \$7.00 each, and I would the public to ride along Ocean Boulevard in Myrtle Beach. They've got oases
530 in the middle the road for people to wait when they are crossing that protects them. Myrtle Beach is

531 putting a lot of money into this. Ms. Fellner said they have had a number of people hit the Ocean
532 Boulevard. Mr. Ott added that we don't want anybody hit. Mr. Johnson said from what I recall going
533 down Ocean Boulevard, we have signs on each side of the road indicating the pedestrian crosswalks. We
534 had signs in the middle of the street, and they lasted about one summer, before people mowed them
535 over. I previously brought up flashing pedestrian crosswalk signs that I saw when I was in Tampa,
536 Florida watching the Clemson Tigers win the National Championship. We stayed in Madeira Beach where
537 every crosswalk had signs with a button to turn on flashing yellow caution lights when someone was
538 ready to cross the street. It was ingenious and would solve a lot of our concerns and problems. The
539 problem is the price; but, we need to look at something like that for the long-term. Mayor Childs said we
540 have to be careful with signage. We are spending millions of dollars down on Ocean Boulevard to take
541 poles down and remove wires. We have Dr. Padua coming from Clemson University to present a
542 landscape design for Ocean Boulevard. We're hope to remove a lot of these no parking signs eventually,
543 and eliminate many signs. I hope we wouldn't put any signs on the crosswalks all the way down Ocean
544 Boulevard. It would look like pink and yellow dominoes. I would think one sign at the beginning of town,
545 one in the middle of town, and one of the other side. I think people would certainly get the message
546 without having a sign at every block. We should move slowly on more signage. We just have too many
547 signs now. Mr. Ott recommended that Mayor Childs visit Ocean Boulevard in Myrtle Beach. Their signs are
548 very small, safety items and are also traffic calming devices that tell you that the pedestrians have the
549 right-of-way. Mr. Courtney reiterated that this was basic maintenance. The signs already exist; some of
550 them came down, but the polls are still there; markings are still there, they are faded out. This item
551 should be included in the budget, it should be something that's done on a regular basis. It's not
552 something that council has to go into discussion over. I urge the public to ride down Ocean Boulevard.
553 The worst crossover is at Surfside Drive and Ocean Boulevard where our tourists park. Mr. Stevens asked
554 if the signs are required by state law; if yes, we have to use them. As Mr. Courtney said, this is just
555 maintenance. I think we need to bring this back. The work should be done as a maintenance program
556 over time, to minimize expenditures in one year. It is definitely something we need to consider, if it is
557 state law. We need to make sure that our residents and guests are safe crossing Ocean Boulevard. I
558 realize that we don't have the traffic that Myrtle Beach does, but we still need to make sure that the
559 public safety is taken care. Mayor Childs said I agree with Mr. Stevens on the lines part. I think it's
560 something that could be done on a regular maintenance; eventually they would all be done. I have no
561 objection to the lines. I think they're very useful. I just object to too much signage. Ms. Fellner would
562 look into this and bring information back to Town Council.

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564 **C. Any matter of concern or information to be discussed by Town Council.** There was no
565 other discussion.

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

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569 Mr. Harry Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard: I want to talk about South Ocean Boulevard. I
570 looked at it and I'm one of the people who actually wanted lines and wanted signs and fought for it. But,
571 honestly, I think most of the lines are there. I don't think most of them are gone. Now the problem with
572 doing it now for \$18,000; when are we paving Ocean Boulevard? I think we paved it about seven years
573 ago. I think the state paved it seven years ago. So in a couple years, we might have to pave it and we
574 just wasted \$18,000 with the lines that stayed with us for 10 years. I think touching 'em up a little bit
575 might be the way to go. Now with the signs, like Mr. Childs said, the Council at the time didn't want all
576 these signs. I think just about every sign, maybe one or two of 'em were missing. There wasn't a sign on
577 every single block. I looked up those signs. I think they're like three feet high, and I'm not sure how
578 wide, maybe six or eight inches wide. I think they were like \$62 a sign. I could be wrong, but I think
579 they're more like \$62. But some you got it. It's that long stretch that no one has to stop. Now, we all
580 know the local secret is when [Highway] 17 is backed up, we're gonna use Ocean Boulevard. You've got
581 a straight run from Atlantic [Avenue in Garden City] to 17th Avenue North. You don't have to stop one
582 time. I was coming down Surfside Drive today and was stopped at the stop sign. A gentleman was in the
583 crosswalk almost halfway across the street. Somebody almost took him down. Dangerous; I'm all for

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584 safety, believe me. So my suggestion to you all is to look at putting stop signs in high density areas on
585 Ocean Boulevard. Surfside Drive, high density; 6th North has a big parking lot there, that area; maybe 3rd
586 North; 5th South; 13th South, you have a parking lot on ocean side and you have a parking lot on the
587 street side. [There is] a lot of traffic. Also on Melody Lane. Just let people know that they're not gonna
588 blow right through our town. That's what people are crossing. If you every go down to Melody Lane,
589 because the state would not allow us to have no parking on Melody Lane, there is almost 100 cars parked
590 on Melody Lane along the right-of-way. People are crossing; people come out of those cares. Four, six
591 people each car. That's a lot of people. So, let's think safety. I understand; I love the idea of painting
592 those, but let's repair 'em, let's touch 'em up a little bit, and then have a plan. We're gonna pave Ocean
593 Boulevard three years, four years, and then throw that great stuff on it and make it last. Also, I'm
594 chairman of the parking committee. We made recommendations about three months ago. Some of 'em
595 were about taking down signs; housekeeping things, I don't even know why it hasn't come to you. But,
596 there were several recommendations we made for Surfside Drive for the businesses on Surfside Drive;
597 important stuff. I mean really important stuff. Now, you might disagree with me, but I've got store
598 owners who came to me, or asking me, hey, what happened. Well, guess what? I shoot from the hip. Put
599 it all on you that you didn't do anything about it. It's important. So, I hope before the season is over, you
600 guys do something about it. With the sand, I hope you're gonna start with the south side. That's where
601 there's no beach. You go to the north end there's plenty of beach. You start on the north by the time you
602 get to the south, there ain't got no money [sic.] I don't want to see that. I have a question about
603 occupancy on rental houses. Is there a total occupancy. Can you have a three bedroom house and have
604 60 people in it? It's getting there. It used to be in these rental homes one or two families would rent
605 them. Now there are five or six, seven. There's cars all over the place. There are kids coming down, ten
606 cars, 11 cars (*time ended*) for one single rental house. I don't know who's responsible for this. Who
607 checks it? Who monitors it? This is a safety; this is a catastrophe waiting to happen. God forbid one of
608 these houses catch on fire. We'll lose a lot of people. Am I done? Mayor Childs said your time ended. Mr.
609 Kohlmann said thank you.

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611 Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South: Quite a few meetings ago, a young man came in here and
612 told us he would be happy to pick up our e-waste. No charge. It would save the town roughly \$16,000,
613 you people said, Mr. Adair said. What has happened to that suggestion? I'm all for saving money, people,
614 not spending it. I think this man had a great idea to come in here at no charge to the town and pick up
615 our e-waste. I would like to know why it hasn't been done. Second thing is the fastest way to fix the pier,
616 sell it. A private individual will have that fixed up pretty quick. Thank you.

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618 Ms. Kathy Goddard, 15th Avenue South. I just want to sort of, maybe mention what I've noticed
619 on Highway 17, [which you said] was being paved. I've noticed that on side roads that are coming onto
620 Highway 17, that where they turn onto the main highway going north and south that it would be
621 advisable if someone would mentioned when it's being paved that you really mark those turn lanes, if
622 you're turning on and going heading south, or you're going across to head north, or you're going across
623 just come into Surfside that those turn lanes be marked, also, because I saw a car a few times come
624 across and they turned into a car coming around to turn to go south and they almost hit head on where
625 the car was coming across from Surfside, and they didn't see a car over there, and the car came up on
626 that side road and came in and the cars almost hit head on because there's no lane marked. Another
627 thing, it would hold up the side road traffic. There's enough room on those side roads where they come
628 out if you would mark this lane to turn south, the middle lane to go over, and the lane coming north or
629 south to turn this way with markers. I'm just saying that's what I've observed. Living here 30 years now.
630 It would really save someone's life. Also, when traffic is coming down and they go off those exits, the
631 first thing they do is go clear across those three lanes. They don't even look to see if a car is coming to
632 turn. They just shoot straight across, which could be another accident. So I think those lanes ought to be
633 [marked] turn and straight across. There's enough room to put turn and straight across on those lanes
634 going in, out and across; just an observation. I agree with Mr. Kohlmann on the speed limits on the
635 Ocean Boulevard and the signage. Thank you.

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637 Ms. Sherry Wardle, 1st Avenue North: Well, it seems to me that there is some debate amongst
638 council regarding what is responsible expenditures and discretionary expenditures. To me a responsible
639 expenditure is to properly insure your assets. I understand that \$106,000 would have insured our pier. I
640 don't know for how much. That wasn't disclosed. But I would like to get that information, and I would
641 like to find out the information on the other insurance companies that provided us with quotes. I'd also
642 like to find out who was responsible for making the decision not to insure the pier. Had we been insured,
643 we probably would've been able to move forward, at least with some of the preliminary things that need
644 to be done on the pier. To me, I certainly wouldn't decide not to insure my property, and I don't think
645 anyone here would make that decision as well. Now everyone here knows the expression, I've got good
646 news and I've got bad news. So the article I read in the *Myrtle Beach Herald*, the headline was Surfside
647 pier may rise later than expected. Okay, that's the bad news. We've gotta accept it. Can't change the
648 clock; can't go back. The good news, possibly, the town can replace the entire pier rather than repair it.
649 All right, more bad news. After FEMA reimbursement it'll probably cost the taxpayers, not the town.
650 Remember every time you read an article and it says the town that is the taxpayers. We're the ones who
651 find all these expenses. We're the ones who elected every one of you to make the decision to hire
652 appropriate administrative leadership, and frankly, I'm really let down. I really am. That was our greatest
653 asset. Probably one of the biggest draws to this town. And yes, let's fix, let's put the lighting out and 17
654 so that people driving to Myrtle Beach or to Garden City can how dilapidated some of the buildings are.
655 Well, as you know, I asked for that before, and I really think that at this point it needs to be discussed.
656 We need to find out what's been going on. Was there even any money budgeted last year for the
657 insurance? Was council even aware that we didn't have it? How long have we not had it? We're saving
658 what? We saved \$106,000 last year, but now we're in the hole for how much? We don't even know.
659 Probably well over \$2 million. And then you act like you're doing us a favor, oh, we don't want to raise
660 taxes. Well, I would've thought it was a little bit more prudent to maybe raise taxes or cut some of these
661 expenditures that seem frivolous or probably unnecessary like the \$7,500 to the farmers market to do
662 their advertising. They're not advertising for us. Are they bringing any money into this town? Have we
663 even tracked that? Do we have statistics on that? Everything here has been so opinionated. Do me a
664 favor, go home, go on the Internet and research the International Property Maintenance Code. That will
665 tell you what responsible property owners need to do. That is standard; the national standard for what
666 needs to be done to ensure safety in this town, and I agree, lighting is a very important issue and we
667 should consider lighting. We should consider signage. We should consider everything that the other
668 successful towns are considering. Thank you for listening.

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670 Ms. Carrie Johnson, Harbor Lights Drive: We seem to have a little problem in Harbor Lights. It is
671 planned developed community and there are few others in town. We have sidewalks on the sides of our
672 streets. So we have no road easements. Most driveways you can get max usually four vehicles in them. If
673 they are large vehicles, maybe not even that many. We had one of our people pass away a couple of
674 weeks ago. People came to their house to pay respects, and they were parked on the side of the road,
675 because there's no place else to park. We have no road easement, and they were ticketed for that. So,
676 I'm just wondering if some kind of exception can be made for the planned developed communities in
677 town, because there are no through-ways; there's no thru streets. You come into the community, you go
678 out of the community. There is no through street to go to 17 or to go to the beach, or anywhere else.
679 About this parking issue, I mean if you want to have a few people over, they have no place to park. Then
680 you've got a 15 foot rule from the driveway. Well, if I'm 15 feet from my driveway, then I'm within 15 of
681 my neighbor's driveway. There's just no way to do it. Something needs to be done other than people
682 given tickets. We usually, if somebody has to park on the road, we don't have somebody that will park
683 directly across. They're very good about that. They will stagger the cars, so there's no problem with any
684 kind of vehicles getting though; the fire department, if they need to get through, nothing like that.
685 There's usually no problem like that. So just wondering if somehow the exception can be made for that.

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687 Mr. Bill Kinken, Dogwood Drive North: Talking about crossing the street, I cross it six to eight
688 times a day walking the dog. I'd be nuts, if I depended on the crosswalk and the signage for cars to stop.
689 I wouldn't be here to talk to you today. It doesn't matter if the drivers aren't educated. You're taking

690 your life in your own hands, so good luck with that. Under this temporary standing, I hope that doesn't
691 include people that are building homes. During the past two years, I've been, every time I go by the 14th
692 Avenue North there's been people parked in the street. This past year they were blocking the sidewalk, at
693 least two to three days a week or more. They block the road. I'm not talking about the guys delivering
694 concrete or lumber or the delivery people. I'm talking about the guys doing work. The A/C guys, the
695 plumbers, the framers, roofers that have no respect for our rights to use our roads. The builder should be
696 made responsible to come up with a plan for parking. When they were doing last year and in 2016, they
697 built four homes on 14th North. Four or five times I talked to the superintendent about having his guys
698 park on either side of my lot. It's the city's property. It's a short walk from there to where they were
699 working. Finally two trucks showed up, but every, and I'm sure [Mayor Childs] has seen it. Every day,
700 just about, somebody was parked in the street for an extended period of time. I'm not worried about
701 people mowing grass. I'm not worried about people delivering packages. It's the people that are there for
702 six or eight hours a day that bother me. I listened to the summary of the June 2nd meeting on trees and
703 it sounded like we were retreating from what we had talked about in the changes that the owners would
704 no longer, it would go back to where the owners don't have responsibility or the right to remove trees
705 that they want moved. That should be a basic homeowner's right, unless it's one of these landmark trees,
706 which I think I heard there's 36 of them. I don't have one, but I would like everybody to be able to trim a
707 tree or remove a tree if they so deem. I don't think it should be the city's decision whether we get to do
708 that or not. You want to do with less regulation? That's where you can start. Thank you very much and I
709 appreciate you all serving. Thank you.

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711 Ms. Carol Cook, 7th Avenue South: I have a question for the administrator that you can answer
712 next week. There's a rumor going around town that the town is planning on buying some property and
713 bringing in Section 8 housing. I just want to hear from council that is just a rumor. Ms. Fellner said there
714 is no truth to that.

715 716 **10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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718 Mr. Pellegrino: Thank you very much for coming. There was a public comment on insurance for
719 the pier. We don't carry insurance for the pier, if we did, we would've paid over \$2.5 million since the last
720 time we lost the pier. It's kind of hit or miss, if get into a storm cycle, we lose the pier quite often,
721 certainly insurance be a great investment. But if you lose it every 20 or 30 years, not so much. I talked
722 about that before, but I'm not sure about the rest of council. As far as Harbor Lights and the traffic
723 tickets when people are visiting, that's pretty frustrating. I don't know, Ms. Fellner, it would be nice if we
724 could kind of do some common sense training, or something, because we get tickets for some really
725 dumb things, and there's no other place for them to park. I don't know where else in that situation; they
726 could have pulled on to someone's yard; jumped the curb and pulled on someone's yard. At some point
727 we need to assess the situation, and make some kind of good decision. So that's a tough one. That's
728 expectations, and I know we have ordinances, and everything is not black and white in life. So that's
729 certainly something we need to follow up on. I'll finish with a little story here. I had one of my stores I
730 had a customer complaint, and yes it does happen. One of my employees didn't treat a customer well. So
731 I called this person and started talking to him and he said they're staying in Surfside. So, when I get a
732 customer complaint I give them a gift card, so I said I'll just drop the gift card off, because they're in the
733 middle of their vacation and maybe he could use it before the end of the trip. So, I go over there and it
734 was on the corner of Ocean Boulevard and 12th South. I start talking to them, and say how do you like
735 Surfside Beach, and they love it. How long you been coming here; two years. And I said I'm on the Town
736 Council that's why I asked these questions. I didn't get a negative look, so that was positive there. But
737 they did say well, since you're on Town Council, there is one thing I'm frustrated about. They said you
738 guys banned tents. The reason we started coming here two years ago was because we could use a tent,
739 and now next years, we don't know if we're gonna come back. I hear it all the time. That's one person;
740 that's this and that, but were going to feel that. That's frustrating, because I normally when a vote goes
741 bad, I don't bring it up. This one really upsets me, because that's a big slap in the face of a lot of
742 tourists, so you can say what you want about that, but that one is going to hurt and it's unfortunate.

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743 Thank you very much for coming. Have a great night.
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745 Ms. Samples: Mr. Pellegrino, I agree with your comments about the tents. I guess you and I are
746 going to have a hard time letting that one go. Thank you all for your comments tonight, and sticking with
747 us. We passed our budget tonight. That's a big deal, and most importantly, we do not have a tax
748 increase on that new budget, and our staff was remarkable in pulling together that budget. I cannot say
749 that enough. Thank you, and please, I wish Ms. King was here so I could thank her personally for all of
750 her hard work on that budget. I appreciate it so, so very much. Ms. Carol Cook, thank you for coming up
751 before council and asking a direct question about a rumor that is out there, because they are in an
752 abundance in our small town. I don't know if it's because we are a small town, and therefore, everything
753 gets a little more personal, but the rumors out there are just rampant, and 99-percent of them are just
754 not true or either they're half-truths. So I appreciate the fact that you came up and asked that question
755 direct. The gentleman who came up and asked about the gentleman who came before us regarding e-
756 waste, and how why would we not go with that gentleman, because he is offering us such a service at no
757 cost practically; why would we not go with that gentleman? You know it's true what they say, you get,
758 you're not going to get something for nothing. That gentleman has not been accredited by DHEC (South
759 Carolina Department of Housing and Urban Development.) We told him that as soon as he gets his
760 accreditation, he's welcome to come back before us, but until that time, no, were not interested. Ms.
761 Johnson, she left as well. There are a few communities actually in town that have the parking problem.
762 There are some on the south end. Actually, it is kind of ridiculous that we do ticket someone for visiting a
763 homeowner and staying for short time. It's just; I don't have anything further to say about that, except
764 that Chief, it's just kind a ridiculous. (Chief Hofmann said he would like to respond, if given the
765 opportunity. There are two sides to the story.) Ms. Samples said thank you, and certainly there are two
766 sides to every story, and I do want you to have an opportunity to respond, and hopefully the Mayor will
767 give you that time before we finish tonight. That's all I have. Thank you all so much for your time and
768 attention. I appreciate it.
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770 Mr. Stevens: Thank you everybody for coming out here tonight. The guy in reference to the
771 person about e-waste, the guy that didn't have the certification, but he's working on get it. He is going to
772 come back and talk to us. Ms. Cook mentioned about the government housing. That came up before us
773 back when Councilmember Ralph Magliette was living in May 2015. We didn't want it then. It came back,
774 and me [sic] and Mr. Pellegrino talked about it. We still don't want it. As far as I'm concerned, we're a 1.5
775 to 2 square mile town. We don't need any government housing ever. Believe me, I'll fight against this. I
776 never want it here. It doesn't belong here. Take it to the big cities. That's where it belongs. As far as
777 some of the other things we talked about, when we have these people out here like an elderly couple
778 that can't mow their grass, we've got a landscaper who contracted with them, they need to be able to do
779 the job. But at that same time, one fella mentioned something that I agree with; he talked about the
780 guys working on a house all day long. They don't need to be parking out on the street and blocking our
781 sidewalks and our streets, because they're there all day long, but the person who is there a couple hours
782 cutting the grass, doing the landscaping, there's nothing wrong with that. I agree with you. Sometimes
783 we give more tickets than we do; as a matter of fact, Chief Hoffman is, I respect him, because he wrote
784 me a ticket one time when I was disobeying the law. I didn't mean to you. But I parked on 5th Avenue
785 North and Hollywood and I was parked next to the stop sign. I deserved the ticket and I paid it. I
786 commend him for giving me a ticket. *(Laughter.)* He wasn't chief, then, either. He was just a regular guy,
787 you know. The pier, I think we really need council to get involved more on the pier. We need to find out
788 what exactly what FEMA is saying. There's a lot of things going on right now that we need to know
789 about. We need to be able to be educated on that and know everything that possibly can happen. Believe
790 me, one guy said give it investors, you know, I can tell you what, a couple of good investors that have
791 deep pockets would probably build it bigger and better and everything as long as we kept the pier. That's
792 the only way I'd want it. But that's something we have to think about. We're either gonna have a pier or
793 we're not gonna have a pier. I want to see it come back because it produces a lot of money. We were
794 talking about 17 and the infrastructure; these three fellows are on infrastructure committee, and I asked
795 some questions. I wasn't against it, but the thing is, think about this when I state what I say, name a

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796 major corporation that's coming in and made, a major corporation, big, that's made Surfside Beach their
797 home in the last 40 years. You can't name anybody other than a drugstore. We can get those anywhere.
798 That's why we want to have; make sure Highway 17 when they pave it from Melody Lane all the way
799 down to 544, and the state's paying for that. By the way, if remember a few years ago, the town tried to
800 make us pay for it. We got the money back, now the state's paying for. That's a fact. That was a bad
801 move on us. But now the state's paving the road. We need to make sure that we are attractive so we can
802 bring in business. Mr. Pellegrino serves on the business committee. We talked about that today at the
803 business committee thing. We need to make Surfside attractive to businesses, and we need to bring
804 businesses in the area that can produce revenue for our town, because the more they pay, the better off
805 you are. That's about all I have to say other than I got my property on Sandy Island back and I'm a
806 happy camper now. Thank you all for coming out. Have a good evening and have a good week.
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808 Mr. Ott: I gather it's the fire department that looks for excessive occupancy in homes. If there is
809 such a thing going on, we need to check that out as soon as possible. The only restriction on that I
810 wanted on cutting the large trees was that whoever was cutting them down has insurance and bonding
811 in case that thing hit's their neighbor's house and that's it. Because if you're gonna be; I couldn't cut
812 down [an] 80-foot tree. I don't know how many people can. I'm not qualified to do that. I know a lot of
813 people who would try to do it. That's the only thing that I wanted to make sure that happened to protect
814 your neighbors. You never know if Mr. Stevens would have a chainsaw. He might try to cut down a great
815 big tree, right? Mr. Stevens replied, "Not in my yard." Mr. Ott: And in Harbor Lights, I didn't know that
816 you could, that you weren't allowed to park. I used to go to Councilmember Magliette's house a couple
817 times a week and I used to park in front of his house. I guess I just got away with it. The reason for the
818 tents, and this is my part on that tent ban list, there is no beach down on the south end. At high tide we
819 only had; we measured 12 feet from the surf to the dune and you put in a 10 foot tent, you had two feet
820 to walk around it. That's the only thing I asked for is to have no tents in this restricted area from 8th
821 Avenue South down to Melody Lane cause there is room for 'em. People need to be conscious of that
822 fact that we need to really look at putting more beach at the south end. It's a bad condition, and it's
823 getting worse all the time. And I was glad to hear from Ms. Fellner today saying we're on board now. It's
824 going to happen for us. No, it'll never happen, section, I don't ever see Section 8 in this little town.
825 They've got lot area out there on the other side of Conway. They can put them out there because that
826 brings you in rehab, step down units and step down housing for people coming from rehabs and prison.
827 This a little tiny beach town. We don't need to have that here, ever. I really appreciate everybody coming
828 out and contributing to us. Thank you very much.
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830 Mr. Courtney: Good evening. Thank you very much for coming out, I appreciate it. I just want to
831 be clear on a couple of things. You know, we do know that the pier is hanging off. We are aware of it.
832 We are trying to move forward on it. But we are a government. We are a town. We have to move
833 forward with the projects we have. If every disaster, we stopped doing our maintenance or our regular
834 duties in town, we would not function. I went through Hurricane Sandy. Yes, the infrastructure was
835 wiped out. But you know what, projects go on, the police at the police [sic]; the fire, we need the fire.
836 We need the grounds crew, and we need our roads maintained, and the stuff that we have out there. So,
837 you know, as far as lining and painting and stuff like that, this is all maintenance, house maintenance
838 that has to be done. As far as US 17, this project was coming. It has been in the works for a long time, a
839 long time before I even got on council. We got on the infrastructure committee, we saw a couple things
840 that may not have been noticed before. We sat down with Santee Cooper again. This was one shot; that
841 was it. It's the cover of the book. It's the front of Surfside Beach. It's our appearance that brings people
842 in. We do need our tourism, we need attractions here. I knew the tent thing wouldn't lie out [sic], so
843 again I'm glad that Ms. Fellner said that we should be seeing beach renourishment. I heard about this
844 tent issue and unfortunately, you know, it's like anything else. When they banned New York City,
845 smoking in New York City, people said they'll never go back to New York City. That didn't happen. They
846 got used to the ban. Just like Myrtle Beach, North Myrtle Beach, all these other municipalities that had
847 the ban on tents, there was a reason, alright. The reason was we had our chief of lifeguards come up
848 here and said there was a problem with it. So again, we got to take action. It's the right thing to do. I

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849 appreciate you coming out. Again, we will work on this pier with every one of us on this council is putting
850 seven days in a week and long hours and I don't think there is anyone here that doesn't want to see that
851 pier go up fast, but we want to make sure it's done right and it's done proper. Thank you very much.
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853 Mr. Johnson: I think everything that, almost everything that needs to be said has been said,
854 except well, I just want to say that it is really not up to us to determine where the beach renourishment
855 begins and ends. You know, if it were up to me, it would start in Garden City and go north, because the
856 whole entire Grand Strand is going to be involved in the beach renourishment. I just want to say that I
857 am still against the banning tents and canopies on the beach. I thank you all for coming out. God bless
858 you and have a great evening.
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860 Mayor Childs: To answer your question on Highway 17, the state picked an engineering firm.
861 Their primary concern is safety. Everything, everything they've done and planned for 17 is done with
862 safety at the highest [level] it can get. It wasn't just putting a road in. That's all they concentrated on;
863 safety. That's why they're doing away with a lot of these turnarounds. That's why they're making
864 deceleration lanes, acceleration lanes so they don't stop and you know. But I can assure you that you'll
865 be very, very pleased when the state finishes with what they're doing. I'd like to, on account of so many
866 rumors get started around here that are not factual, I would like and your name has mentioned
867 numerous times tonight. I'd like, if you'd like to say something [Chief Hofmann], but I ask the council
868 let's not have a back and forth question and answer. Let the Chief maybe answer some of these
869 questions that have been brought up.
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871 Chief Hoffman: Thank you Mr. Mayor, council and community. I'm kind of between a rock and a
872 hard place here. Nobody likes to get tickets and I'll tell you this that I have never seen anger before; you
873 can get someone speeding ticket that's \$200 and four points and they will tell you to have a nice day, but
874 you write them a \$25 parking ticket and they will burn the lobby up at the police department. So, thank
875 you for giving me the opportunity, Mr. Mayor and Council, to respond a little bit, because there are
876 sometimes three sides to every story. We received complaints about parking, and we go out and find;
877 there have been several complaints from some people even in this room at this moment regarding police
878 department doing no parking enforcement. And I took a look at that and there were some areas that we
879 could improve on. There were some parking issues and at the same time, there were some things that
880 could be fixed. So, in kind of response, Mr. Pellegrino, our officers have a lot of common sense, but the
881 ordinance drives their actions. So that's why we came forth, and said, you said can the police department
882 be told not to enforce certain things. Well, we can't [because] that is true selective enforcement if we say
883 we can't do this, this, this, and this, but it's okay we're not gonna write tickets for this. If the community
884 and Council wishes us to not do certain parking enforcement, I totally respect that. I just ask that we
885 correct, amend the ordinance, which is what we're doing to address some issues that occurred. At the
886 same time, please know that one of the biggest issues that I have with the proposed amendment is that,
887 in fact, one resident came up and said exactly what Captain Miller and I were discussing today. Where
888 are you going to draw the line on what is contract services and what is the reasonable amount of time
889 someone to do that. The 14th North, is that gentleman still here that brought that up? You nailed it. At
890 14th North they were building houses there around Ocean Boulevard and on 14th North. What is
891 contractual service, and how long does that take? If plumbers come in to plumb two beach houses that
892 are right next to each other on Ocean Boulevard, can they park their plumbing trucks on your Ocean
893 Boulevard in June or July? So we are trying to find the balance, but I get exactly what you meant, Mr.
894 Pellegrino, by that. The folks who were in Harbor Lights, those tickets were rescinded. We did not; once
895 we found out what was going on, we immediately pulled those tickets back and dismissed them. That
896 was a totally different situation than someone just parking in the street long term. I agree with that a
897 hundred percent. That was the right thing to do. You know, I just ask that everybody keep in mind that
898 we get complaints about parking, and if we go out and write tickets, and then people are mad about
899 parking tickets. So there's that; either we have an ordinance or we don't. We want to enforce fairly,
900 evenly, and consistently. That is something that I feel very strongly about that we do things fairly. But at
901 the same time, we do need to exercise some common sense. We've had some discussions down at the

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902 police department about that too that a good community oriented policing strategy is to when you see
903 something looks a little out of the ordinary like that the doors on police cars open up and we can get out
904 of them, and we can walk up and knock on a door and say hey, can you guys move the car, it's in the
905 street, it's in violation of the ordinance or something along those lines. But, keep in mind over time also
906 that some contractors have completely abused when they can park and not park and things like that. So I
907 thank you for giving me an opportunity respond. I hope that maybe that helps clarify some of it a little
908 bit.

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910 Mr. Stevens asked for the floor to comment. Mayor Childs said no; he would not be recognized.

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912 **11. ADJOURNMENT.** Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Ms.
913 Samples second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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