



**SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
February 1, 2018 ♦ 4:00 P.M.**

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1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Childs called the special meeting to order at 4:00 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: Acting Administrator Hofmann; Town Clerk Herrmann, and Public Works Director Adair.

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Mayor Childs said the town attorney confirmed this afternoon that Town Council may hold a special meeting any time as long as the agenda was published 24 hours in advance and that the topic for the meeting was shown on the agenda.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS. (3 minutes).

Mr. Sandra Elliott, 5th Avenue North: I think the agenda is for moving the office, not cost up to 2000. Mayor Childs said the motion is to move the planning, billing and zoning office to the Dick M. Johnson [Civic Center] not to exceed \$2000. Ms. Elliott: Okay. I'm in favor of that, because I think it was a mistake to bring it back into town hall. The people in town hall are the administrative, and the construction itself being upstairs is not in compliance with ADA and they do work for us. I mean if a contractor wants to build a house, he would have to go see the planning and zoning first to say is that lot big enough, and then from that would be a plan, stormwater, several meetings, and then I think it's a approval and gets a permit and they have like 12 inspections, and we can't reach their office. Many people can't walk up steps. So they need to be accessible, and there was a reason, I'm gonna say from Betty Lowery wanted me to say, there was a reason. Ms. Herrmann: Ms. Elliott, you cannot speak on behalf of anyone else. Ms. Elliott: Alright, I can't speak for her. Can I say for myself? Mayor Childs: Yes. Ms. Elliott: Okay, it's a, there was a reason it was put over there in the first place, and that reason was good enough. It should still stand. Thank you.

Mr. Steve Shore, 1st Avenue North: I'm not against the moving at all. It's not what I'm saying. I just have to wonder what's the urgency that this couldn't wait till the next meeting to do this? You had to call a special meeting to do this. I know you can't answer me. To move a new hire into another building, what's the urgency? That's the question I've got. Is a new hire on a probationary period? The new hire for P&Z. Mr. Ott called *point of order*, but the point was not stated. Mayor Childs: Are you talking on the move itself? The motion is on the moving of the planning and zoning to the civic center. Mr. Shore: I'm asking some questions about why the urgency of it. Mayor Childs: Well, if we could just stay on the subject of moving, please. Mr. Shore: Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Patricia Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive: I'm just going to say right quick that I'm just kind of surprised that it was some not left in the civic center. I'm real happy to see it move back to the civic center because it's a handicap issue. We need to have handicap accessibility for something like this, especially for planning and building because the people who really need to plan and build carefully are the handicapped and to have them come to an office that's up a flight of stairs seems kind of sad like we didn't think that through and it's also second and final point it's kind of sad that we moved it up the stairs. There must've been some question involved moving it upstairs and it's a shame there's a cost moving it back, but please let's put it in the civic center where it is absolutely handicap accessible, and thank you, and God bless you for your time.

3. BUSINESS. Moving the Planning, Building and Zoning offices to the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Mr. Ott moved to instruct John Adair to begin the moving of the planning, building and zoning offices to the Dick M. Johnson Civic Center at a cost not to exceed \$2000. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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4. ADJOURNMENT. Mayor Childs adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by,

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved:

VOTE: Yes No

SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor

Ron Ott, Mayor Pro Tempore

Timothy T. Courtney, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

David L. Pellegrino, Town Council

Julie M. Samples, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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