Town Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson, Pellegrino, Samples, and Stevens were in attendance. Mayor Childs was absent. A quorum was present. Others present: Interim Administrator Duckett; Town Clerk Herrmann; Fire Chief Otte; Police Chief Hofmann; Public Works Director Adair; Events Supervisor Ellis, and Chief Building Official Farria.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. A. Invocation: Reverend Mike BeLue from Timberlake Baptist Church gave the invocation. B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Pro Tempore Ott led the Pledge.

3. AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the amended agenda as presented that includes Item 7.F. Pier Building Design, Contract, Bid Services, and Construction Observation. Mr. Johnson second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. Pier Workshop March 23, 2018; Pier Workshop March 26, 2018; Special Meeting April 5, 2018, and Regular Meeting April 10, 2018. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt March 23rd and March 26th pier workshop minutes as presented. Mr. Johnson second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Johnson moved to approve the April 5th special meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Stevens second. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott noted that the name of the member seconding the motion to adjourn was not stated. Mr. Stevens said he made that second. Ms. Herrmann said the final minutes would be corrected. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South: Speaking on the memorandum of understanding with Pier Outfitters, I see no reason at all for this town to give him any kind of a break. I think what it's called is he buys insurance. I have a rental house in town. I buy insurance in case I have a loss of income on that rental house. Mr. Kremer should likewise buy insurance; not take it out on my back. Thank you.

Ms. Betty Lowery, 4th Avenue North: I apologize for the azaleas stuck all over the back of my shirt. It happens when you climb in looking for a tennis ball. I wanted to comment on the plastic bag waiver. I'm not privy to all the details of that, but what concerns me is if we start giving one business a waiver, then I don't understand why all the businesses shouldn't get a waiver. I understand that it's inconvenient because businesses have gotten used to using plastic bags, and I understand that it's an added expense, because this means they're going to have to come up with something else: baskets, boxes, paper bags, something. We have businesses in town that don't use boxes or paper bags or plastic bags and they're doing quite well, but I understand from their point of view. However, we've got to start somewhere. We passed it. It's important. I don't see why anyone should get a waiver if you're going to do that you might as well negate the entire thing. And the other thing, I was a little bit confused by the numbers involving Collins Engineers. One time there was a 200 and something thousand [amount] and the next time it was at 400 and something thousand. I didn't understand if those were two separate figures and combined it was six, or if the second one was an accumulated number. I'm not a numbers person, so save me here; explain it to me. Thank you.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Employee Awards. Fire Captain Larry Carter was recognized for completing five years of service. He received a plaque, pin, check, and a standing ovation.

B. Department Reports.

i. Events. Supervisor Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said the 33 weekend baseball tournaments are a real bargain for our town. Those parents, coaches and
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players will come here every weekend, stay in our town and see how marvelous the Town of Surfside Beach is and what it has to offer. Thank you to the Surfside Beach Youth Association.

ii. Finance. Mr. Duckett presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. Stevens understood the proposed budget might be $27,000 short. Mr. Duckett replied we have been working on the budget for next year. The budget workshop is on May 17th. My hope is to present a balanced budget.

iii. Fire. Chief Otte presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Chief Otte noted that the total number of runs year-to-date was down about 20 to 30 calls. In his opinion, this is a result of the automatic mutual aid agreement with Horry County, and the town is not being dispatched to every call outside of town. Ms. Samples asked why the picture was included in the report. Chief Otte explained that at the last meeting there was some question as to whether the town’s fire department apparatus responded to the Pickled Cucumber fire. This picture was taken that night at the Pickle Cucumber. It shows Engine 57 at the back of the building with attack lines and supply lines engaged. At the front of the picture you can see that Engine 56 was also there with engaged attack and supply lines. I wanted to ensure that everyone was aware that the town personnel and apparatus responded. Mr. Stevens asked if all the fire inspections on Pickle Cucumber were completed. Chief Otte said yes, insofar as the fire aspect. Mr. Courtney appreciated the picture and said he was at that fire and asked if the new fire truck is planned for the upcoming budget? Chief Otte said yes, there are funds in capital replacement for the purchase. Mr. Courtney asked if the department was still recruiting volunteers. Chief Otte said yes. We received several requests from people asking to submit an application. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said Horry County is advertising for firefighters on television. They also seem to have a staffing problem. Are there any significant changes that were reported at the Hurricane Evacuation Drill Meeting? Chief Otte said that drill sponsored by the state. It was more law-enforcement driven so they could determine evacuation routes. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott asked if Glens Bay Road would be used once it is open. Chief Otte said yes.

iv. Planning, Building & Zoning. Mr. Farria presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. Farria noted that the final inspection was issued today for the razing of the small building next to Omega Pancake House Restaurant. Mr. Stevens said the Pickled Cucumber staff told him they hope to be reopening in July, and asked for the status. Mr. Farria said the plans were submitted, and there were some items to be addressed. I hope to complete the review this week and give them a permit so they start repairs. Ms. Samples was disappointed that the overlay ordinance was not on the agenda tonight, since first reading was on March 27th. During first reading we asked that the business committee take a look at, and they did and responded with recommendations on April 10th. I just want us to be aware that it would be nice if we could get things moving along. Mr. Duckett said the committee delivered the report to town council and not to the person that has to present the ordinance. She didn't get the changes until a number of days later. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott thanked Ms. Samples for bringing this up and asked Mr. Duckett make sure that's on our next agenda. I like the Pickled Cucumber, and so does everybody else. Let's make sure that moves right along, please. Mr. Farria said sure. Ms. Samples said, “Mr. Duckett, if you will review the minutes of the meeting before last, when we had staff here, it was pretty clear what the plan of action was.” I just want to state that for the record. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott referred to the abandoned house at 4th Avenue South and asked if a letter was sent. Mr. Farria said as far as I know it's an abandoned house. A certified letter was sent on March 22nd giving 30 days from receipt of the letter to respond. We are right at 30 days now and I will follow up. The address of record for the owner was the house address. If the letter is not received, the next step would be to find exactly where the owners are. The code gives options to condemn the house or to be able to get entry through an administrative warrant, if the owners cannot be located. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said if the property needs maintenance, we were working on the nuisance ordinance, which includes this type situation and allow the town to maintain the property and charge the owner. Mr. Farria said the property maintenance code allows you to do that, and a lien would be placed on the property for the maintenance cost and the town would be paid when the property sold, if not sooner. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott asked if the police and fire departments were notified of the abandoned property. Mr. Farria reiterated that he hasn’t been able to go inside the building to determine what problems exist. Once entry is allowed, issues can be identified and the proper departments contacted. Mr. Duckett was asked to bring the nuisance ordinance to the next meeting.

v. Police. Chief Hofmann presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Chief Hofmann said there was no property damage under the High Risk Activities during March, and apologized for the typographical error. Also one note that was not in the report is that our Bike Week planning is done. All ops plans were submitted to our assisting agencies. We have our outside state partners lined up to work. We will be a little
short on staffing this year, and short a couple cars, but we are prepared and everything is in order. Mr. Stevens
congratulated Chief Hofmann on the positive interview he had Trey Paul on TV. You can view it online; he gave a
very professional interview. Mr. Courtney cited the number of calls, summonses and warnings, and said the officers
were doing a fantastic job. Thank you for getting the message out to slow down in town.

vi. Public Works. Director Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr.
Johnson said several messages were received regarding the construction noise and potential property damage at the
Myrtle Swash area. Can you give us an update? Mr. Adair said the contractors are continually using “silent pumps”,
even though they still make noise, to divert the water from the inland part of the swash to the ocean to keep it dry so
they can pour concrete. That will happen for at least another week. There were several items in the message that will
be addressed, but unfortunately, the pump noise cannot be stopped. To clear the record, that parking area being
disputed is a town right-of-way up. Old Colony Realty and Surfside Realty were pleased to learn the project will be
completed before Memorial Day. Mr. Courtney said thank you to Mayor Pro Tempore Ott for recommending the
13th Avenue South handicapped ramp and Mr. Adair and his crew for working on it along with the Surfrider
Foundation. Thank you for the cooperation with the beach sweep this past weekend. There was a good turn-out and
we got a lot of trash off the beach. Ms. Samples said the incessant pump noise that some residents were experiencing
was the big concern at the swash, and it will help if we can tell them the project will end soon. Mr. Adair was
hopeful the pump use could be stopped in another week or two. Ms. Samples said there was a lot of confusion that
you can no longer put yard trimmings in plastic bags. You need to use paper bags. However, you can still use
plastic bags trash bags for your trash. Mr. Adair said yes; you can still put household trash in plastic bags. Ms.
Samples said this change had nothing to do with the single-use plastic bag ban. Mr. Adair said no, the Solid Waste
Authority will not accept lawn debris in plastic bags after July 1st because their composting operation equipment is
being damaged from the plastic bags. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott asked if there any chance we get a waiver from the
Solid Waste Authority. Mr. Adair said no, and there will be penalties on all loads that show up with plastic bags.
Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said the Memorial Day holidays are approaching; don’t mess up our golf cart parade. Tell
them to finish the bridge! Mr. Stevens referred to the finance report and said there was a good revenue balance in the
sanitation fund. Mr. Adair said some of that revenue derived from FEMA payments because of the hurricane. We
can’t use that balance as a benchmark, because it does include hurricane money.

C. Administrator’s Report. Mr. Duckett said I was prepared to ask for consensus of council to amend the
budget to the appropriate funds for an additional police vehicle, but Chief Hofmann will make do with existing
vehicles. (Laughter) The Adaptive Surf Event will be held on May 5th at 13th Avenue South, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
They expect 150 to 200 people, including volunteers. I think it would be on interesting for all of us able-bodied
people to see how they enjoy the surf, it takes a lot of intestinal fortitude when some of them can’t move a limb. My
hat goes off to the people that make that happen. Mr. Courtney asked if there would be a problem with the upcoming
budget. Mr. Stevens mentioned earlier that he heard there is a $27,000 shortage. Mr. Duckett said we are in the
preparatory phase. Our intent it to present a balanced budget at the workshop. Mr. Courtney asked if the budget
would be balanced without cutting personnel. Mr. Duckett said I can’t say for sure about that. Mr. Courtney said so
we should be cautious about spending. Mr. Duckett replied yes. Ms. Samples said I am confused about the budget.
We are coming to the end of our budget where we always need to do some adjusting. The next few months are no
different than the past. We’re not talking about extra money. We’re just talking about finishing up the budget and
finding in each one of the departments those funds that have yet to be used in that particular department. No red
flags here. Mr. Duckett said in local government at the end of your current fiscal year prior to your voting to pass the
second reading of your new budget for the upcoming years, it’s required by law that that you amend your budget to
actually reflect how you spent the money; not how you appropriated the money. Of course, you will have to vote on
that as a council. As part of that it behooves the town’s finance director and the administrator to scrape the money
together and if you will, and apply it to current needs, because you can't put it in a bag and carry it over to the next
year. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said this is basically money that we appropriated to do things and maybe some of
those things weren’t all finished. Mr. Duckett said that is correct. Mr. Johnson asked for a reminder about the
Adaptive Surf Event. Mr. Duckett said that would be sent. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said he didn’t realize that many
derhandicapped people and volunteers to help them would come here to enjoy our beach. This is going to be a great
event for the Town of Surfside Beach. The event was taken away from another town and brought here, because of the
handicap access. Mr. Duckett said I might also add that they are very self-sufficient. They will bring their own
provisions, and tents. All they want is for people to come out to watch. Mr. Stevens asked for clarification that left
over revenue cannot be carried forward to the next budget year. Mr. Duckett no, you cannot. The budget workshop
will have slides, charts and graphs with explanations about where revenue comes and expenditures go. Well-run
cities of all shapes and sizes maintain a fund balance so that you actually have money that is accounted for in various funds that may be put aside for specific purposes, such as emergency planning. You don’t want so much money at the end of the fiscal year that it could be argued that you were collecting too much tax revenue.

7. BUSINESS.

A. Second Reading Ordinance #18-0869 Chapter 5, Mayor Pro Tempore election, etc., Interim Administrator Duckett. Ms. Samples moved to adopt second reading as presented. Mr. Pellegrino second. Mr. Duckett presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. Mr. Johnson moved to amend the residency from three (3) years to five (5) years. Mr. Courtney second. Mr. Johnson explained that, in my opinion, you need to live in town at least five years to know what’s going on. I don’t think three years is enough; it’s as simple as that. Mr. Courtney agreed with Mr. Johnson and said I sat in the audience many, many years before running for council. I think it’s important to you really to know [what is going on.] When you attend meetings for years, you have an idea what's going. Serving on committees prior to running for council is also helpful, but should not be required. Mr. Pellegrino said the difference in living in town between three and five years is inconsequential if the individual is not involved in the process. If you don’t attend meetings, or read minutes, etc. you could live here 20 years and not know what it is going on. I think three years is fine. If someone plans to run for office, the key is to become involved for some time so they can learn about the process ahead of time. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott agreed that committee involvement gave individuals a different perspective. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott, and Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmembers Pellegrino and Samples voted against. MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED. Mr. Stevens moved to amend the mayor pro tempore election to state that the mayor pro tem pore shall have at least two years of experience on council. Mr. Courtney second for purpose of discussion. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said that was a question when he became mayor pro tem, but I had 14 years of experience as chairman of the board of zoning appeals. Mr. Pellegrino said I think seven councilmembers can determine whether the level of experience and qualifications are sufficient. I do not support the amendment. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott agreed. Councilmembers Courtney, Johnson and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott and Councilmembers Pellegrino and Samples voted against. MOTION TO AMEND FAILED – No Majority. All voted in favor of the primary motion as amended. MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

Mr. Johnson called point of order, and said, “I would just like to mention that it’s not just about the mayor pro tem; it’s about the fees as well.” Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said thank you; Mr. Duckett addressed that during the presentation.

B. Resolution #18-188 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Pier Outfitters, Inc., Interim Administrator Duckett. Mr. Duckett said this MOU with Pier Outfitters is almost identical to the one that was passed by this council almost exactly one year ago. The one difference is I am recommending that the rent be increased by $10,000, and we are forgiving them a provision of the original contracted that stated if they made more than X number of dollars they would have to pay 10% of that the town. One reason for the recommendation is that your previous administrator before her departure had been in contact with Mr. Kremers, and this is one of those calls that you get as the interim administrator where somebody discloses a discussion with the previous administrator that was made on behalf of the town. You want to respond that person is no longer here, but as a practical matter, if a businessman made a business decision based on representations on what his ability is to earn a decent wage this summer, then I think that needs to be honored. That's why I bring this to you today. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said this resolution would increase the rent payment. Mr. Duckett said yes, but not collect any other compensation. Ms. Samples moved to approve Resolution 18-188. Mr. Pellegrino second. Mr. Pellegrino asked if this had already been communicated to Kremers. Mr. Duckett said he spoke with the Kremers about a disputed repair, but the Kremers agreed to cover the $4,500 cost without debating responsibility as to whether it was required by the contract. The Kremers understand the terms of the resolution and also understand their contract expires at the end of this calendar year. MS. Samples asked what would happen after the five months. Mr. Duckett said we don't know. The Kremers’ generally start closing after the season is over. They didn't elect to keep it open when it was operating as a fishing pier during the off season; certain months were optional. Ms. Samples asked when the five month period began. Mr. Duckett said when they open; I think it is February. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott called point of order, and asked that the discussion stay within this context of the resolution. Mr. Stevens said the resolutions states they will pay $12,000 per month for five months. Mr. Duckett said that's correct. Mr. Stevens asked if the contract would be renegotiated at that point, since it is a publicly owned property. Mr. Duckett said if the buildings are completed, habitable, and rentable I suggest that this council then instruct your employees to issue an RFP (request for proposals) so anybody
interested in renting it could submit their proposal. Proposals normally arrive sealed; they are opened at same time, and are cataloged. All voted in favor. \textbf{MOTION CARRIED.}

\textbf{C. Resolution \#18-190 Declaration of Runoff Election Results, Interim Administrator Duckett.} Mr. Duckett presented the resolution, a copy of which is on file. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt Resolution \#18-190 as presented. Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. \textbf{MOTION CARRIED.} Ms. Samples noted that there were 705 ballots cast out of 3,414 registered electors. Voter apathy is alive and well in the Town of Surfside Beach. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott thanked everyone who voted.

\textbf{D. Plastic Bag Waiver – Surfside Beach Bargain Beachwear Store, Interim Administrator Duckett.} Mr. Duckett presented the decision paper, a copy of which is on file. Ms. Samples said I do not support this. I think it sets a terrible precedent. We’ve been talking about plastic bags for a while and this council saw fit to enact a plastic bag ban, which I think that's a great thing. I do have concerns about the plastic bag ban, which I brought up to council before. The previous administrator had a plan of action in place to have an 'inform and educate' session for our local businesses. Unfortunately, that has not happen, so I do have some concerns about the implementation. However, the CVS at the corner of the 5th Avenue North is already using paper bags, and we appreciate that effort. I am not in support of any waivers as it relates to the single use plastic bags. Mr. Pellegrino said I'm not in support of any waiver either, because once you allow one then everyone will be asking. It kind of defeats the purpose of the ban. It stinks, though, because this business probably bought their stock of bags many months ago before we voted on that ordinance. We really don't have a concrete implementation plan, so no one had a timeline for anything. Mr. Stevens concur with Ms. Samples and Mr. Pellegrino. We voted for it and we decided to do it. In this particular case, Bargain Beachwear and Eagles have stores from one end of this is the beach area to the other and can use those bags in their other stores. Mr. Johnson said a precedent was set a long time ago when we passed the single use plastic bag ban. It was ill conceived. Amazingly, we don’t have any of the outside residents in the audience now that supported the bag ban. Imagine that! I’ve gone to several restaurants in town, and they said they were never told about the ban. That's ironic, because we had a town administrator sitting over there saying that 70% of the restaurant owners or managers were notify and so on. It’s ironic that places I frequent were never contacted. I don’t like the bag ban simply because Horry County does not have one. There are Walmart stores just outside town on both the north and south end; they are everywhere Horry County and on the beach. If we are going to ban bags, ban them on the beach. Otherwise, it's a \textit{mess.} \textit{[Laughter]} I apologize for voting for it. \textit{(Laughter)} I’m the only one that has apologized for voting for it. Mr. Pellegrino said I did vote ‘no.’ I do agree with Mr. Johnson. This council voted yes, so we have an ordinance now, and whether I agree or not, the ordinance has to be enforced. Mr. Courtney said I’m concerned about what I’m hearing, and what the impact will be to our local businesses. I also heard feedback from local businesses and this has impacted them in a big way. Was any information sent out by the town about this ordinance or was any anything given to the business owners that gave him a timeline. Most of the businesses I spoke to had bought their stock for the summer. Mr. Duckett said I'm not aware; I was merely a citizen when this was adopted. Since I am now known as an employee, I have caught a lot of disrespect from various store owners and employees. They are saying I will have caused them to lose their jobs when their store closes. I’ll do whatever council decides, and council has already decided it's a matter of communication. Mr. Courtney said the town did not inform the businesses, correct. Mr. Duckett said not to my knowledge. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said ignorance of the law is no excuse. The other thing is this town led the way with a smoking ban and Horry County still hasn’t adopted it. All of our retail operations are glad we don’t smoke. Ms. Herrmann informed Town Council that a flyer about the single use plastic bag ban was included with the business license applications, which were mailed around April 1st. Mr. Johnson said I do not recognize the economic hardship issue \textit{[in this case,] and do not support a waiver. However, I do believe the ordinance should be brought back to council within the next month. \textit{(Applause)} Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said it would be brought back automatically in 12 months. Ms. Samples said memory is a funny thing. We all received copies of the surveys that were sent out to the businesses before the plastic bag ban was enacted. In the information listed all of the businesses who responded and who didn't respond. We were aware of who did and did not support the ban. And yes, 70% of them based on the information we got did support the plastic bag ban. As it relates to plastic bags, you can spend $20 and get a 1,000 bags; spend $100 and get 5,000, or you can spend $200 and get 10,000 bags. The cost of plastic bags does not create a hardship, in my opinion. Tonight is not the night to debate the plastic bag ban ordinance. But, I believe it is this council's failure as it has been we enact laws, and then we do nothing about it. We just sit back and say okay, let it be done, and then we do not inform anybody about anything. I've brought this up numerous times since my term began. We make changes and then we don't tell anybody about them until they come in to have something done, and that includes our residents and businesses. The single use plastic bag ban has been talked about; it's been all over the press; we notified the businesses, and it is
incumbent upon us to help to inform and educate. We have not done that, and that’s our failure to do so. Instead of changing what we’ve done, let’s talk about what staff can do. I understand that notices were sent with the business license renewals. But we can do more, and there are opportunities, businesses and organizations out there that are willing to come in and help us. We need to reach out and ask the people who came before council and were so passionate about it, because they know what they’re doing. Plastic bag bans are being adopted all over the state. We either need to get on board or get out of the way. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said I agree with Ms. Samples. Ms. Samples moved to deny the request for a one year waiver from Surfside Beach Bargain Beachwear Store. Mr. Pellegrino second. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott and Councilmembers Courtney, Samples and Stevens voted in favor. Councilmembers Johnson and Pellegrino voted against. MOTION TO DENY WAIVER REQUEST CARRIED.

E. Accommodations Tax Committee Appointment (1 Vacancy), Ms. Melody Lane-Laveglia. Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Ms. Lane-Laveglia to the accommodations tax committee for a four year term. Mr. Johnson second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

F. Pier Building Design, Contract, Bid Services, and Construction Observation with Collins Engineers, Director Adair. Mr. Adair presented the decision paper, a copy of which is on file. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said council would approve the buildings, but no plans have been presented. Mr. Adair explained that Town Council would be asked to consider options for building designs, colors, paints, etc; however, these preliminary plans are necessary to get to that point. There will be multiple meetings for Town Council input about the pier as the process continues. Mr. Pellegrino referred to Ms. Lowery’s comments about the $436,000. Does this include previous payment? Mr. Adair said this is a separate agreement from the 208 that was approved last month, which was for the pier design. This estimate was included in the estimate given to FEMA for reimbursement. The engineers were asked to design the buildings to accommodate a second story in the future. Once the preliminary building plans are finished, the EHP (Federal Environment and Historical Preservation) review can start. Mr. Pellegrino said the consultant said the EHP could take up to 18 months. Is FEMA firm on that timeframe? Mr. Adair responded that the time will depend on other storm events in the country, but the consultant hopes it is completed much faster. This review has to be done for all the large scale projects. I’m hopeful the EHP will be completed sooner, because we are not changing the pier footprint, but I can’t speak for FEMA. COUNCIL CONCURRED TO HAVE INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR DUCKETT EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS AS REQUESTED.

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

Mr. Stevens referred to the letter sent to Town Council from director Sandy Martin, Horry County Elections & Registration, requesting that the town move its elections to November in odd years, because Surfside Beach is the only municipality in the county with a different election day. I think this would actually save us some money that we’re spending on elections. Why not have ‘em when everybody else has ‘em. I’ve even like to see it on the same time that everybody else is running for office, because you always will have more turnout. We have voter apathy, but when they have a President or Congress running, I guarantee y’all get out and vote. We need to seriously look at our election and change it from the odd time of April and make it to November when everybody else has theirs. Mr. Johnson said this is not the first time this has requested, and I’m sure that the town clerk can back me up on this. It’s been going on for years and years. It’s always an issue. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said to echo Ms. Samples’ comment that we don’t have the voter turnout, and if it was, we would get a much better turnout probably with a major election in there, too. Mr. Pellegrino said I have no problem with it. I think it would help the voter turnout, but I would like to hear input from the Election Commission and the clerk. I don’t even know why we have elections in April, or whether that is a better time. Ms. Herrmann said the reason our elections are in April is because the fiscal year used to end on March 31st. With the April elections, new councilmembers were seated after the budget was adopted. When council changed the fiscal year to end on June 30th, they didn’t change the election time. Now new councilmembers are being seated a month before the budget has to be adopted. The county will not handle our election, the town’s Election Day just would occur on the same day as everyone else’s. It is entirely up to council. It is the same amount of work and cost whether we do it in April or November. Ms. Samples said also we hold nonpartisan elections, and it was always nice that we were unique, and we could concentrate on the Town of Surfside Beach elections, and not the national, state, or local elections. I certainly don’t have an issue, if this council decides to change the day, but as the clerk pointed out, we’re still going to have to run the election for the Town of Surfside Beach. So it isn’t going to save us any money, and it’s just going to put us in the pool with everyone else. I don’t know if that’s a good thing or not. Mr. Courtney said I think it should go back to the Election Commission and
let them work it out to research; what the exact cost is to the taxpayers; what the ins and outs are, and if it would be beneficial to the town. As the letter states, we are the only city that has a different election day. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott agreed. Mr. Stevens agreed. Council CONCURRED to send this to the Election Commission and to bring the matter under business on the next meeting.

Mr. Stevens said Mr. Duckett told me the advertisement for the town administrator on the website is the job description. I am dissatisfied and disillusioned that the exact same ordinance we have all our town website was not used. The Section 2-113 used states there are 11 different items for the duties of the town administrator. Section 2-113 duties administrator the town administrator says the town administrator is responsible for keeping the Town Council fully informed to support Town Councilmembers fulfillment of their fiduciary responsibilities, and better react represent the citizens. Nowhere in this Section 2-113 did it have that. It didn’t have anything about us keeping council fully informed, except for the financial condition and future needs and make recommendations that as may seem to him desirable. I told the guy that I talked to last Saturday was this not the town ordinance. We don’t want somebody coming in here thinking their duties will be different. We want the duties to be spelled out, and they are in our ordinances. The duties should be exactly word for word as in our town ordinance. Mr. Stevens didn’t know how that happened and wanted an answer. Mr. Duckett said it happened when nobody was in charge. Mr. Courtney said good answer. Mr. Stevens asked when it was put on the website. Mr. Duckett said it was put on the website in February when Town Council directed that it be done. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott jokingly said [the Mayor] isn’t here, let’s blame him! (Laughter) Mr. Stevens wanted consensus of council that we change this on our website. Council CONCURRED.

Mr. Johnson said many times people have complained about Huckabee Complex and the fact that most of the participants live in the county. I serve on the Municipal Association Board of Directors and we meet regularly. That is not an unusual incident. Virtually every city or town that has a nice park or facilities has the same issue. I just wanted to bring that out to let everyone know. Ms. Ellis is nodding agreement from the audience. We're doing what we do and the people are glad that we do it. Mayor Pro Tempore Ott said let me add that I love baseball and I think team sports build character in youth.

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

Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South: The following is my opinion. The city of Chicago is said to have dirty politics. But here in Surfside Beach, we have filthy politics. Candidates running as a team. Mayor and councilperson heavily involved in the election. Money pouring into town from Fort Mill, Lexington, Myrtle Beach and who knows where else, and a group of evil people called ‘Surfside Strong’ who sent out a disgusting mailing vilifying Mr. Courtney. Why didn’t the other candidates who had to be as shocked as I was condemn this garbage? But no, they did not. I guess they thought if it hurt him, it’ll help them. This is not very Christian like to me. This all makes me wonder why this dirty money would be spent to sway an election in the little old 2 mile town. Could it be to ensure passage of the proposed E District at the pier area? Who knows? Could it be to ensure enough votes to vote for raising the building height limit at the pier area so high-rises could be built? Who knows? Could it be so our politicians could become wealthy at the cost of giving this gem called Surfside Beach to the developers from Lexington, Fort Mill, Myrtle Beach, and elsewhere? Maybe even right here, or could it be all of the above? Lastly, I am requesting that a background check be done on the two recently elected councilmembers, and the results be publicly discussed at the next council meeting. I do not think this is asking too much since our recently fired administrator, Mrs. Fellner, did background checks on about 40 townspeople without their knowledge for apparently no reason. Each one of these 40 or so or less residents should be made aware that these checks were done on them. That is called an invasion of privacy. I also think that the new administrator should be required if that's possible to live in the Town of Surfside Beach so they have a vested interest in this town. Thank you.

Mr. Boyd Sadler, 8th Avenue South: I have a lot to say that I was gonna say tonight, but I’m gonna keep it short, because I don’t want to get thrown out. Chief Hofmann might want to do that to me. But anyway, I think democracy worked again here today. Wow, it’s shocking. It really is. There’s no way that the exceptions to the rule, the ordinances, the plastic bags should be given to anybody at this point. It’s been all over the news. It’s not a secret. The day it was voted on that next morning it was on all the news stations. Everybody had knowledge of it. It is a real controversy and the State of South Carolina is even trying to stop it from happening in other towns and cities. So far, since that’s been done, groups like Surfrider and other organizations around have been handing out bags. In fact, even one of our candidates, Carol Cook, and she handed out, I forget the number, it's gotta be around 1,300 bags in
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town here. At least that, probably more. I’m not good at counting anymore, either, but she visited a lot of houses and
I’m sure most of you got one [delivered] to your door. They’re there. Everybody knew. Maybe some people didn’t
want to hear, and I’m gonna leave it at that. But it was really pleasant to see democracy working again, and having
an ordinance, it’s established and backing it up, not giving breaks on it. We don’t need that door open. Thank you.

Ms. Carrie Johnson, Harbor Lights Drive: I’d like to speak just a little bit about the bag thing, too. For
years I’ve come to these meetings and I’ve heard you all sit up there and talk about how you’re so on the side of the
businesses; friendly; you want to bring in businesses, and now you want to dictate to the businesses here in
town that they can’t use plastic bags, whereas, just down the street a mile or two, there’s plenty of plastic bags. We
do frequent the businesses in town; 90% of the time when we go out to eat, we’re in town. It’s been said again
tonight that 70% of the businesses they got back; they were in favor of it. Well every business that we have been has
said they were never asked. They did not get anything to ask them whether they were in favor of it or not. Then you
bring up the smoking thing that we were first on that. Yes, we were, and other businesses not in the town, in the
county, followed along. There are other businesses, I think they are on their own doing the paper bags; but still,
you’ve got the Styrofoam cups; you’ve got the straws, all that stuff, and they’re taking it upon themselves to change
things. I feel like that’s what we need in the Town of Surfside Beach. Let them take it upon themselves to do it,
not push this on them, because it’s a huge expanse to these smaller businesses, and I personally would not be
surprised if you did not see some of these businesses moving out of town, because they don’t have to go very far.
Just a mile or two and be in the county. They’ll get the same clientele, but then they wouldn’t have to go to the extra
expense of these plastic, not having, being able to use plastic bags. Thank you, and just one more comment. When it
was passed, 95% of the people that were here were from North Carolina, Pawleys Island, Timbuktu. Hardly any
people in the town spoke in favor of it. Thank you.

Ms. Liz Bradley, Juniper Drive: I was one of the people that spoke about it then. I’m one of the people that
will speak about it now. People that were here were supporting, and were also people that I work with and I’ve gone
to other places to help support this there as well. The fact that people from all over want to make this world a cleaner
and better place, not only for us, but for generations to come, is not something that’s limited to only Surfside. The
fact that I have a passion about trying to keep our beaches and oceans clean, the fact that I’m a teacher and it’s
important to me as a parent and a professional is just something that’s upsetting to see coming back up again.
However, I’m thrilled that you guys all decided that this waiver was definitely not something you should support
and I hope you continue keep that in mind in the future. You guys made a great step forward; don’t take two steps
back.

Ms. Betty Lowery, 4th Avenue North: I am not a rabid [sic] supporter of plastic bags one way or the other,
but here we go. The biggest issue that were having with plastic bags is that you had to rush to a decision, because
you knew the state was gonna come in and try to take that decision out of your hands, and because of that there are a
lot of issues that are going to develop. Plastic bags coming in from out of town; as Carrie just said, you don’t have to
go very far to find businesses that are gonna be using plastic bags. But, I am so sick of seeing those things blowing
out the back of pickup trucks. I’m sick of seeing them in the trees. I hate seeing them like that. We can, we just
won’t even go there. I really understand why businesses are having an issue with it. I really do. It’s hard to make
changes. Change hurts. It just does. As I said, there are businesses in town that don’t use any kind of bag. Don’t use
any kind of container. Shortly after you passed this, there was something on TV about a diver in Australia who had
gone down to take pictures of fish. When he went down, he couldn’t find any fish, and they had the video; what he
was seeing was shredded plastic bags. So we have to consider that. What we also have to consider is how we’re
going to handle plastic bags coming in from out of town. Visitors are gonna come in. If they’re anything like my
daughter-in-law, they pack in plastic bags. They are going to buy their groceries along the way, and they’re gonna
bring those bags in. So, how are we going to handle that? I understand that business feel like they’re at a
disadvantage, because this is going to be able to use plastic bags, and this one is not. We’ve got a lot of issues that
we have to develop. Something else you need to consider, if you bring this thing back up, if you get rid of it, you’re
not going to have the option to go back and put it back in place, because the state will see that that wasn’t done.
There’s a lot of misinformation about it. I was in Piggly Wiggly one day and there was a man in the checkout
counter ahead of me talking to the girl on the register, and they were absolutely sure that the state was, regardless of
what Surfside said, the state was going to be able to say you can’t do it that way, and I had to explain to them, sorry,
we did it. And you know I wasn’t ugly about it. That’s already been done. The state can keep other people from
doing it, but they can’t change what we’ve done. So there’s misinformation about that. I know this seems very
rambling, but there’s so much going on here. There’s just a lot of issues that need to be addressed, and I don’t know
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... how much change you can do to this plastic bag ordinance, and still make sure that he stays in place. Can you change the date that is going to be implemented? Maybe not. How are you going to have it enforced in town? What if businesses say, ‘Hey, I’m just not gonna do it.’ How do you enforce that? There are a lot of things that you need to put in place, but I don't think one of them is removing the ban. I know it's hard. I know it's not going to be popular, but there's that saying if you not the leader, your view is never gonna change.

Ms. Gail King, Hollywood Drive North: Integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral character, sincerity, and trustworthiness. Insanity is a spectrum of both group and individual behavior characterized by abnormal behavior patterns; doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. Hopefully the group of people in Surfside Beach that have continually used inappropriate flyers, social media, and lies and slander in an attempt to discredit and criticize particular ideas, beliefs, and principles of our candidates, mayor, and citizens will finally realize that the people of Surfside Beach will not tolerate this. This insane behavior, and I repeat, insane behavior is not what we wanted in the past nor in the future. We as a town are so much better than this. Integrity has won elections past and present. In the future if you want to know what the candidates’ goals and agendas are, don't assume what you read on social media or flyers is accurate. Seek out the candidate and asked them personally. Debates were great source of information this year. Social media is fake news, especially when a person slanders a citizen of our town, and condemns them for renting and not owning a home and accusations of it being an attic, which could cause permanent brain damage. Slanderous and insane accusations that this person continues to do on social media regularly should not be tolerated. Last time I checked a lot of people rent, and they have the exact same voting rights as a homeowner. Town Council members should be held to a higher standard, and your actions should reflect that. Was that the case in last week's runoff, [no.] The police had to be called a couple times. Council members, we vote you in. Your actions and words will have consequences. Time for each and every one of you to try and get along and please try to work together and stop acting at times like petulant children. If you cannot, then please step down and let someone who is willing to act like an adult do the job. If you attended the beach sweep that we had on Saturday, you would've seen how real leaders directed a group of people to accomplish a task without negativity or any problems. Actually it was a great time and most people enjoyed it and will be willing to return in June. Finally, Atlantic Beach has always been on the news, but it seems like Surfside has taken that spot. People are not going to agree on all the topics most of the time, but from here on out, let's treat others, everybody with respect and kindness instead of slandering and bullying, and maybe Surfside Beach will go back to being known as the Family Beach. Thank you.

Ms. Patricia Magliette, Harbor Lights Drive: With respect to our last speaker, who spoke very well, I'd like to talk about our past election flyers. Okay, I do believe that Surfside Beach isn't as bad as Atlantic Beach or is a mess. I think Surfside Beach is trying to heal. We have different people with different opinions and it gets messy sometimes. However, on the respective flyers, the good flyer came out with the man that said, well with somebody that said that they truly support the fire department and the police, and the person won. So, okay. So I read the flyer. I believe the flyer, and I'm watching really, really closely. When this comes up, and it should come up soon, because we need two more firemen. There were even asked last time or so about how they handled the fire, and did they do it right, and yet still they've not gotten their two more full-time firemen. So alright, when this comes up, and it should come up soon, I expect said candidate who won that on his, on their flyer to support the firemen with their two more firemen needed to retain the ISO number one status. Also, shortly should come up with; talk about a raise for policemen, and once again on this flyer, support the police, I'm gonna be watching to see if the said person supports the police getting a raise, even if it's just a little one. So then another positive flyer came to my house that said the person believed in safety for the town. So, okay, when this voting for our firemen, two of them that we need, and for our police who need that raise, I'm gonna be looking at this candidate, also who ran to see the wonderful flyer, the truth in his flyer, I'm gonna watch his words and see if he put his money where his mouth is, and I'm watching to see what happens on these flyers happens in real life. You can put anything on a flyer, but once you do, I expect you to step up and do it in person. I will be watching and listening. Third and finally, the flyer that came out with Surfside Strong that ugly, horrible flyer that compared someone to a dictator and had that woman on, okay, we don't know yet who Surfside Strong was, but the town of Surfside, the people of Surfside are not like that. Whoever decided to call themselves Surfside Strong and put this garbage into our mailboxes is as yet to come out and say who they really are. And that's cowardly. If you're gonna put out a flyer like that you need to man-up; say who you are, and why you said it or don't even bother sending out that flyer. I believe in our town. I believe in our people, until proven otherwise. And that's all I have to say. Good night and God bless.
Mr. Don Reed, 16th Avenue South: To be honest with you, I didn’t see this plastic bag thing coming today, so I don't have a script. I'm just talking, so please pardon the random, and maybe I'll even have an anxiety attack. (Laughter) The reason I started coming here is because my wife insisted I come here to support the plastic bags. I didn't. I saw this as a pick; bumper sticker ordinance that had no meaning; wasn't addressing the problem, and was focused on the 17 Corridor. We’re talking about the suppliers. We supply cars and people still speed. We supply alcohol and people still get drunk. We still buy drugs, and people still miss use it. The education and the enforcement is what solves the problem. This ordinance that you had had none of that. I don't think we should repeal it. I think we should address the things. The group that you're criticizing all came with good hearts, good passion, and they all offered to help. They all had activities that could do things. You had an educational system there. You have the total people; you had the people from North Carolina, they all offered help. You haven't asked; you haven't solicited. Your promise was that that was going to be the first step. I haven't seen yet any directive from this council to the town administrator to come up with a proposal for education. On a personal note, I think we need to move that from the 17 Corrido down onto our beach as Mr. Johnson said. There’s one group in this town that's thinks they're very influential. They supply money to the elect few people and they do nothing but rape our beaches, and that's the real estate industry. They bring the people in here, they don’t educate them on how they’re supposed be. They don’t post notices at their, in their facilities. The people that rent and the real estate people need to step up. They need to man up and say take ownership of how they're making their money, instead of sending money to the PACs to elect people in their favor, some of that money should go for polls signs and postage and education and public announcements, and some give back to this community, not just take it. That's it. Thank you.

10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you all for coming out tonight. There were great comments, and I appreciate them all. Again, thank you for coming out. It’s gonna be an interesting two to four to six to ten years! Thank you very much.

Mr. Stevens: I was thinking about what people said about the election; about the nasty politics. Also thinking about what people said about social media. I can tell you that I've seen stuff on social media written about me. I had somebody that claimed that they had a background check on me. Maybe Ms. Fellner did, I don't have any idea who did the background check. But it was all just factious stuff. Total lies. I got a copy of it. Just remember, if you say something bad, you can be sued for slander, defamation, and libel. And if people want to say false stuff, it’s different when you say something that's actually true. If you say something that’s true, it’s public record, it can be proven without a shadow of a doubt you can’t be sued for that. But if you say something that is false, defamatory, slanderous, and I consider that flyer against Tim Courtney slanderous, most slanderous thing I've ever seen. That was defamatory and libelous. I did find out who sent it out. National Direct Marketing they’re right over there on Forestbrook Road. Anybody wants to find out who did it, that's who did it. That’s who mailed it out. How did I find out? I went straight to the post office, and I showed them the mailing names, and they said, just like that National Direct Marketing. The other flyers which had Permit 200 were mailed out by Pronto Press. Sooner or later Surfside Strong you're going to be exposed, and when you are exposed, whoever was behind it, I hope you get the biggest lawsuit for defamation, libel and slander that you've ever seen, because that's what you deserve. You’re nothing but lower than the bottom of the septic tank. I don't like any of that kind of stuff. Anybody wants to slander me, see you in court.

Mr. Pellegrino: Thank you for coming tonight. Some of the comments were good. Some weren’t. I’ll just respond to some of them. I did condemn the flyer two weeks ago. We had comments on that, and I thought it was an awful flyer, and I said that, and I also said that I don't support Surfside Strong, and I don't want their support. In fact, the flyers that were also talked about by another citizen about me, police, and fire, although I do support them, that did not come for me. That was information from four years ago, and it wasn’t even current information, and I have no idea who sent it out. But I have proven in the past my support of ISO1 and different things, and raises for the police two years ago, and working on raises for different areas now. I do support our public safety. As far as the height restriction. I will never vote for anything that raises height restriction over 55 feet in R3. That’s clear. I spent $250 on my campaign: $240 on signs and $10 on copies of my orange flyers, which many of you got. That's it. I accepted no money from anyone, because money creates bias and money creates obligation, and I don't want that affecting my vote. I vote for citizens. I vote for tourists. I vote for business owners. And, I vote for second homeowners. That's who I vote for, because they all pay taxes and that's who I represent. You know one side may benefit; one side may not this time, but then it’ll flip-flop the other time. So that's who I consider. I struggle with the fact that no one puts their names on anything. It’s a problem with the flyers, Surfside Strong, obviously, also social
Ms. Samples: Thank you, Mr. Mayor Pro Tem. Great job tonight. A lot of the comments are pretty rich tonight. Interesting. I want to thank staff so much for your constant hard work and support of our residents and of this council. You are all to be admired and I appreciate you very much. Mr. Duckett, it’s been a pleasure to work with you, even though it’s been short, and I know that you are as anxious to become a private citizen again as I am, so thank you very much. I wanted to thank my friends and supporters. It’s been a fun two years, and I appreciate all of the kind comments, in particular the last few weeks. Thank you very much. I also wanted to take a moment to thank the Mayor; he’s not here. As you all know Bob Childs defeated Mayor Samples in the election two years ago, and when I decided to run there were people who said, ‘Oh, my gosh. How’s that gonna work?’ The one thing my husband asked me to do when I took office when I was seated was do not criticize the mayor. It is a difficult job. He’s got a lot to learn even though he’s been on council for a while. So, please be supportive of him, and I assured him I would. Let me tell you this, Mr. Childs, Mayor Childs, could not have been more welcoming to me, and more respectful of me, and we’ve worked well together and I’ve really appreciated that, and I wanted to share that with you because he is a kind and honorable man who’s doing a very, very difficult job. So, sometimes I don’t think we give him enough respect, quite frankly. So, I wanted to say that. I wish he was here to hear it, but he and I will talk after, and again, to the citizens, thank you very much for coming out. It’s always a pleasure to see you and to have you come up and share with us your thoughts and concerns. Mr. Mayor Pro Tem, thank you. (Applause) Mayor Pro Tempore Ott: Thank you very much, Julie. It’s been a pleasure to serve with you.

Mr. Courtney: Thank you. This night is one of the best nights that I’ve had here in two years. The election; I wasn’t even gonna bring it up. Surfside Strong, you’re weak. Very weak. You know why? You didn’t even give me a run for my money. I wasn’t really trying that hard. I had two back surgeries, and had some problems, so I’m not gonna dance around it. The flyers were a joke. I find them very; I’m thick skinned. It doesn’t bother me. You could mail them out; throw them right in the garbage. I think most of the people do that with them, as well. So, it was a joke to me. To be a police officer, you have to have thick skin and if you ever want to challenge me on my credentials, feel free. I’d be more than happy to show them to you. I really want to express one thing, be nice and be kind to each other when you leave here. Be civil. I’ve said this many times. Hasn’t this election taught us anything? Have even the past elections? I mean this goes on election after election. It’s getting boring already. Try to get along. Try to be civil. I’ve gotta live here with my wife and children. I have no regrets for what I’ve done, and by being up on this council, and I want to thank staff for their hard work. They do a good job, each and every one of them. Yeah, it’s our job to challenge them; to question them when we see something wrong, but we always, we care for them. They’re considered family. They’re part of us; the Family Beach, so are our businesses, second homeowners, our tourists, our real estate [companies.] Everybody that comes together. Be civil out there. Be nice when you see me you don’t have to look the other way. You can wave. It’s okay. Put away your political differences, and put them away. I want thank you for the great two years. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve each and every one of you. I will be out in there in the community. I will be sitting in that chair right behind you in a couple weeks, so I’m looking forward. So, we’ll have some fun. I’ll keep it quiet and nice. Again. I want thank everybody. Have a blessed night. God bless you. Thank you. (Applause) Mayor Pro Tempore Ott: Thank you, Mr. Courtney. It was a pleasure serving with you.

Mayor Pro Tempore Ott: I miss Ms. King tonight. I hope she feels a lot better. She’s a real ace the way she takes care of this town and the money in this town. I did miss her, because I had a couple of questions for her. I’ll get her next time. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful really did a great job on the beach Saturday, and as one resident said, it does show our family. We get out there. We help each other and we do these things. We can see it. I thank the Election Commission that took care of this election, and stayed unbiased completely, and all our residents that worked in the polls. I appreciate everything and thank you for coming out. Thank you for your comments and as we’re losing our two companions, this is not easy to do, because we do face you every two weeks. Whatever
happens, we gotta pay the piper, and you guys are blowing on that pipe and telling us. Thank you very much for coming out here and listening to us.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Ms. Samples and Mr. Courtney second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Prepared and submitted by:

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Surfside Beach Town Council

VOTE: Yes No

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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