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

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING. Ordinance #18-0871 to adopt FY2018-2019 Municipal Budget. Mayor Childs opened the hearing at 6:33 p.m. to hear comments from the public on Ordinance #18-0871. There were no comments on the proposed budget. Mayor Childs closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL. Mr. Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Dietrich second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Mr. Stevens noted a scrivener's error on Item 7.B.iv. because the director was misidentified. Ms. Herrmann said the error was already corrected for the final record.

5. MINUTES APPROVAL. Regular Meeting May 8, 2018. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the May 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes with an amendment to line 291 to show that he voted against the motion. Mr. Ott second. Mayor Childs said he reviewed the audio of the meeting and there were only aye votes cast. Councilmember Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Dietrich, Johnson, Ott, and Scoles voted against. MOTION FAILED. Mayor Childs moved to approve the May 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Scoles second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Ms. Betty Lowery, 4th Avenue North: I’d like to begin my comments on the historical society presentation with a little history lesson. Council several, a couple of years ago, voted and bought a piece of property, and it's been a bone of contention ever since. Some people said it shouldn’t’ve been there. Some people said you shouldn’t’ve done it. It's going to be exchanged for this. It’s gonna be exchanged for that, and this is history. We can't deny that history happened. It's part of who we were, where we began. There was a historical festival this past October a year ago and it was amazing. I'm not part of the committee. I didn’t know anything about it until somebody said they need volunteers, and I’m always up for an adventure, and I did, and it was absolutely great. But, I was so disappointed. As it got closer and closer to the festival, I never saw any banners. I didn't hear any noise about it. But, I was there. No one from council showed up except for the Mayor. Absolutely no one. No support from council whatsoever, except for the mayor. One person told me, well, it was their birthday. Apparently a lot of you are having birthdays. And someone else said, well, I don't do that kind of thing. I'm not gonna celebrate slavery. We weren’t celebrating slavery. We were talking about how people lived at that time. There were [sic] farming equipment. We made butter with a little shaker jar. Everybody loved that. Sweet potatoes were for sale there. It's a very small plantation, and while I was there, I learned that there were actually gravesites. One of the present presenters said that a slave couple the wife had to be buried there on the Ark Plantation, because that's where she was born. Her husband had to be buried somewhere else, because he was not born on the Ark Plantation. It was such an education. We had, if you want to look at the economic aspect of it, we had visitors who came in and said, wow, this is great. I didn't know anything about it. We had councilperson to walk up, take a look at it, and walk away; never come in. I don't understand this. I really don’t. We have another opportunity and to the best of my knowledge, this opportunity is not getting much support from council. Once it's gone, it's gone, people. We’re always trying to label our town. We want to brand our town as being something. We’re the family beach. Wouldn’t this be an amazing thing to be able to put the paperwork? I don't understand. My granddaughter, as I was telling them [sic] about it, what we did and what
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57 we saw. They live in Nashville. (Time ended.) They wanted to know when the next one was. They can’t come. There
58 may never be another. Thank you.
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60 Good evening everybody. It’s been a long time. It’s been four years since I stood up here and I did a
61 presentation with [Mr.] Cad Holmes and [Dr.] Ben Burroughs. We’re the ones who brought it to the attention of the
62 town about the Ark Plantation and the Ark Cemetery. I’m not up here to speak tonight. I had no intentions of
63 speaking. I was gonna let [Ms. Mabry] do that, but this afternoon something came across my desk. I’ve been
64 working very closely with [Dr.] Burroughs. This afternoon around four o’clock we got the commitment for the
65 historical markers. State of South Carolina Historical Coordinator Aaron has approved the historical markers for the
66 Ark Cemetery and the Ark Plantation. So congratulations to the town of Surfside. We will be on the Historical
67 Register. (Applause.) I want to thank the volunteers that helped out with the Historical Society, because it’s been a
68 very long four years. I feel like we took a lot of loss, invisible loss and it’s up to you. It’s up to the people of the
69 community. What do you want to do with your historical site? Thank you. Mayor Childs: Could we get your name
70 and address? Ms. Suliman: It’s Joyce Suliman and I live at Cypress Drive smack dab in the middle of the cemetery.
71 (Laughter)
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73 Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South: This has to do with Item 7.A. Over two years ago, Town Council
74 purchased a lot on South Willow Drive and 3rd Avenue at an absurd price of nearly $400,000 between actual cash
75 and tax write offs to the seller. Will the townspeople ever be able to get into that property? Better yet, Town Council
76 should find some sucker as you were and sell it back to them for $400,000. This town is not in the museum business.
77 To me that’s up to the county to be in the museum business. I have yet to see one item that was unearthed at the
78 $400,000 park that we cannot go into. I’m told they’re in town hall. They apparently are not. That was $400,000 of
79 taxpayer money that nobody yet has been able to step onto. Don’t do it again.
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81 Ms. Carol Lucas, Cypress Drive: My comments address the two agenda items: Communication Item 7.A.
82 Historical Society and Item 8.D. in Business, Historical Society Request. About two weeks ago a neighbor gave me
83 a letter that he had gotten from yet another neighbor. The letter began Surfside Beach Historical Society needs your
84 help. We must raise $120,000 by August 4 to purchase the last undeveloped lot in the Ark Plantation Cemetery. The
85 address wasn’t given, but I can tell you it’s a narrow lot on South Hollywood between Cypress and Juniper. The letter
86 goes on to say the seller has agreed to give us 90 days to raise the purchase price and there is a post office box where
87 you can send your donations. The members of the board are listed, and they include Ms. Mabry as parliamentarian
88 and publicity. Last Thursday I asked [Ms.] Herrmann to forward a copy of this letter to everyone on council and
89 with it, my email stating in part I strongly oppose the intent to purchase the lot on South Hollywood Drive. I urge
90 council to review the actions of the society and its legal relationship with the city. To understand my position, first
91 of all I should say, I do not oppose an Ark memorial, but I think that we already have a place for it on Surfside Drive
92 near the Veterans Memorial. In August 2015, the city purchased land at the corner of 3rd Avenue South and Willow
93 Drive for over $300,000 where the plantation home had stood. On November 15 of that year this historical site, society, asked to be a committee of the city and that occurred. It’s important to remember, because committees have
94 rules to follow. At this time, the property has been off-limits to citizens; ropes around it with no trespassing signs. I
95 get irritated every time I drive past it. Last year, the society again made efforts to get the city purchased a lot of
96 empty lot on the corner of Hollywood and Cypress. A private party bought the lot. On the day they closed the
97 property, they were met there with members of the society and newspaper people with cameras. What a welcome,
98 and it hasn't stopped. Yesterday, the cameras were back filming the empty lot next door; the lot the society wants to
99 buy now. Then it got worse. An unidentified woman told the two children who live in the house that has been built
100 on the corner lot that they were living over graves. What was she thinking? It really doesn't matter now that no
101 bones were found before the house was built. They dug up the lot down 10 feet tearing out roots of trees. There were
102 no bones; she was wrong, but the damage is done. Where will this end? I hope with council choosing not to spend
103 more of our limited funds for the Ark memorials [sic]. I don't think members of the society have bad intentions, but
104 they do not speak for me. I am not one of the ‘us’ in their letter, and I wonder, did the society discuss this plan with
105 (time ended) members of council to get it approved before acting? I doubt it. That's probably what tonight’s about.
106 Perhaps the society would be better off if they disenfranchised itself from the city, then it wouldn't have to follow its
107 rules.
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109 Ms. Carol Cook, 7th Avenue South: I would first like to request that the person behind Surfside Beach
110 Keeping It Real (a Facebook page) apologize to the mayor, council, residents, and members of the Rutledge family
111 for her post that states ‘Most communities embrace their history, but not Surfside Beach it appears. One question
bodes to be answered. If the cemetery in the area of 3rd and Willow were a white cemetery, would the town officials respond to it differently? This is not a racial issue and I find it appalling that they are attempting to make it into one.

I would also like to ask her why she blames developers who purchased the land at the site, and built homes, why was this site not maintained. Why was it determined to be abandoned? Per [Ms. Mabry’s] request on the May 10th email, I ask you to dissolve the historical society and allowed it to break away from the town. Via a Facebook post a week ago, I asked if the park would be deeded to the town and the society responded no, it will not be deeded to the town. This raises multiple questions. If the society owns the property and remains a town sponsored society, doesn’t the town own the property? Who will ensure the land? Who will maintain the land? If this society dissolves due to lack of interest, then who owns the land, if the town doesn’t? If you allow the society to remain a town sponsored entity, how can you give them permission to become a 501(3)(C), and establish a Go Fund Me Page, which is in conflict with our ordinances? The town has invested tax dollars and accommodation dollars; 10,000 of our accommodation tax dollars to pay for those plaques that she was speaking about, and on what I consider to be a pet project of a couple of town residents, the archaeological dig produced a handful of trinkets and the graves were cavities in the ground, which could’ve been part of the cemetery, or perhaps the burial site of the Chicora or Pee Dee Native Americans or the Spanish who roamed the area long before John Tillman did in 1801. It also could have been graves of the early plantation owners or their families or slaves. Again, I ask you to dissolve the society. [Ms. Mabry] back in June 2015 per council minutes said that the town is more than flip-flops and beach towels. Well, yes, we are more than flip-flops and beach towels. We’re an autism friendly beach, a family beach with activities and amenities to attract many visitors. [Ms. Mabry] on 7/27… Mayor Childs: (gavel) Ma’am, please don’t mention names. Ms. Cook: I’m sorry. Per the council minutes from 7/27/15 one of the councilmembers stated ‘that corner is the whole history of Surfside Beach.’ Again, really? What about the Native Americans (time ended; thank you.

Mr. Tom Meccia, Hollywood Drive South: I live right next door to the proposed site. The lot is 423 Hollywood Drive South. Putting a sign up that says this used to be part, part of a cemetery right next door to my house is gonna cut my property value probably in half, as well as the next-door neighbor who just built a house and was first occupied less than a month ago. Let me go back a little bit and correct one thing. Everybody’s saying this is a cemetery, but the letter definition of the cemetery is much different. This was actually a burial plot in shallow graves always on higher ground so that the bodies wouldn’t float up in a flood. This lot floods every time there’s a heavy thunderstorm. In the previous flood we had two years ago, a year and a half, farmers lost their crops. It stayed flooded for three days. It’s much too low. There’s nobody buried there. There are plots, they exist. They’re up the hill about 100 yards east, not in this low ground. Just a few feet across the fence at my property line, the previous owner built a pool. I called him. He said they found nothing when they dug that pool. You can’t dig a pool in a modern cemetery without finding something. Also if there’s, if this was an attraction for people who want to come by there, I’m gonna have a problem with people parking in my yard; my driveway. This is a very small lot. There’s other options. I agree there should be a memorial. We need to remember history. If they put a memorial on a lot over on Willow, a beautiful piece of land; you can’t build on it. This lot is intended to build a family home, which would not only add to the tax base of the city, but it would also be part of the city's model, the Family Beach. Somebody just mentioned that a few minute ago, the Family Beach. This is a residential area. While a park is not commercial, it does attract like a commercial business does, and I’m most concerned about my property value. And, there’s just so many other options, why is there not a plaque where the graves actually are? Because it's privately owned property. Nobody wants a plaque on their property. Even the lady who belongs to the society and lives in that area isn’t putting a plaque on her property. Why should I have to have a plaque on mine, next-door, of course, but still affecting my property? (Time ended.) Severely affecting it. Thanks for your time.

Ms. Sherry Singleton, Historical Society Secretary: I am on the board. I’m the secretary. I live in Socastee, actually. We had a business here many years ago, and my interest originally stemmed from the fact that I was doing genealogical work and found that my husband is a grandson of the Tillman’s. And when they found the information and I learned that there was a meeting up here when [Ms. Suliman and Dr. Burroughs] presented the information, it intrigued me tremendously that we could bring back and educate the people about the history, and the fact is that we are in a unique position. We have got descendants of the people that lived at the Ark Plantation that are still in this area, and very much interested in the preservation and the realization of what took place here, and what has happened in Surfside is not any different than what's happening all over the South where cemeteries in the South; it is so common for there to be burials, as you said shallow, maybe, but burials on private property. That's how it was done, and the plantations, the Ark Plantation was a large plantation. It was 3000-plus acres and it was here since the early 1700s, so the graves, the burials that took place there took place over a period of over 200 years, and the, yes, it is true the graves would’ve been primarily in the higher area. Just recently, the couple that bought a house behind...
[Ms. Suliman’s], they had the county come out and do the under, the sonar and they found, was it four adult graves or three (speaking to audience)? There’s five total, so they found four adult graves and one of an infant. One of the graves was only about 12 inches below the ground. So, those are facts. That's not, you know, hearsay. Could it have been Indians? You know, maybe, except that the graves all faced east to west, and that is traditional for the African-Americans or the slaves that were there. They believed that they were buried facing the east their souls with catch the next wave back to Africa. That was part of their beliefs. They did not use markers, not because they were poor and could not afford them, but it was not tradition. The tradition was to use maybe a shell or a piece of sandstone and there are graves that we, the first graves found were once marked with sandstone. So it is not proper in that context to say, well, they weren’t marked, therefore, it didn’t exist. (Time ended.) Oh, it did exist, but it was tradition to not have it marked. So, I'm very much in favor of continuing our preservation efforts.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Historical Society, Ms. Mary Beth Mabry. Mayor Childs explained that Mrs. Mabry will make a presentation on behalf of the Surfside Beach Historical Society. He asked councilmembers to hold questions and comments until the business item was presented and welcomed Ms. Mabry to offer the presentation.

Ms. Mabry: Thank you so much for allowing us to speak. We do appreciate it. You already got the good news. But, I would like to make that clear about the markers. Council did vote to have four. We've only gotten two approved from the state, so it is not going to be the 10,000. We’ve already; the town’s already graciously given us the money to have the state look at it, and it takes forever. We’re talking years sometimes to get something approved. Our documentation has to match up perfectly with the state’s documentation, and then they go back and research everything to make sure every period and every comma is right where it’s supposed to be. So it’s not an overnight thing. I’ve never lived in a town and never visited a town that did not have a historical society, and we did not have historical markers throughout. It is important to recognize who you are; what you’ve become, and how far you’ve grown, and that's one of the things that our society wants to do. We want to talk a little bit on 3rd and Willow. There's some misunderstandings about that property; how it was paid for, and what our intent as a society was to help the town do, and that was the town was bought out of discretionary finds [sic], as all council knows, but a lot of people, other people, don't, and that it comes from meter money. There is a land fund. We used that land fund to purchase that property wisely. We did have a full appraisal on the property and we did, we did appraisal price, which would, we would not want to go over, but we did have to meet appraisal price. That's a beautiful piece of property. One of the prettiest pieces of property I think you're going to find anywhere. Garden City; you're not find anything that we have that anyone else have. I don't even know if you can find that in Myrtle Beach to be quite honest, and what it could be is amazing with the grants that are available. Simply by saying that this is an Ark historical garden and educational center, you open yourself up to hundreds and hundreds of grants. Anytime you use the word historic, education, and flower, you pretty much get them all in there, so there's no reason what we're doing here tonight is asking if we can help the town apply for every grant available and make that into a wonderful destination park where we would actually have people come and visit. While they're here visiting, they're going to eat lunch. There is a secondary residual effect of that having that park fixed the best it could be. I talked to an architectural landscape. He recommended at least a third of it be in historical plantings so that we would get more people attracted to the property, and also, there's grants out there that would help you recoup your money. I mean, wouldn’t the council like to get some of the money that they spent back, and that's possible, too. So we’d like for you to take that into consideration that we apply for every grant we can. That we make that a real showpiece, and we all, because the frustration is there about not being able, I agree, we can't walk on that property, and it's unfair and unfortunately often times the historical society gets blamed for it. As far as artifacts, it was very important, and I want to thank them. Well, we’re not supposed to do that. I want to thank the ones that were so encouraging with the archaeological dig, because it did date things exactly as we had documented, but excuse me, it really did help do that. I also want to talk about the cemetery. We know that we don't have the support of council to buy that piece of property, and we do not blame you. We do not fault you. We do not ask you. However, we feel that that is a preservation historical site. We have no intention of doing anything with that property, except applying for grants and make it in, and actually it is a very small lot; narrow and long, and it would only be half of what it is now, because the driveways have to go in one way and out the other. So it is a very small plat [sic] of land when you think about a park. It would be tree lined with one bench. It is certainly not going to be intrusive to the neighborhood. I doubt if you see thousands and thousands of people going into a tucked-in little tiny park. It just isn’t gonna happen. We have only two pieces of property in the Town of Surfside Beach that we’re going to have as historic sites. Only two. We want this to be more, and I do use the word sand and flip-flops. We are more than that. We have a rich
history and one of our projects is to have a snapshot in time going from 1740, because we know that we were here before the Revolutionary War, all the way up to 2018, when it was a fishing village in the 50s and the 40s; when in the 60s we started to expand, and in the 70s we start to have visitors come in and the town really changed in the 80s when we started thinking about paving streets and having really good protection and becoming a really a vibrant beach community. There is such progress from 1740 to today. We’d like to do that in snapshot in time. There are things that we know that it’s not just the Ark. It is much more than that. Further back and up till today, and we want to make sure that the town has education. That they have the knowledge that we should share. We should be proud of what we are and not hide it. We don’t want to be intrusive. But, I know that there are some people that think we should go away from the town. I prefer not to. We did have a vote and the board was very clear that we do not want to leave the town, but in order to buy property we have to become a 501(C)(3), because nobody will give us money, if we can’t give them a tax deduction, and I think y’all are aware of that. It is against the ordinance. I’m very well aware of that, and we want you to know that we are aware of it. We have our hands tied. Historical societies live on donations and grants. That’s just a fact. It’s all over the United States. We’re in a position that if we don’t get donations, and if we don’t have funding and individual donors, then we can’t proceed. We can’t print a bulletin. We can’t have a brochure. I have to come up here and beg you for permission to buy a box of pens. You can’t educate without funding. And our funding has to come through grants, and we can’t get a grant, if we don’t have a 501(C)(3). That’s just the fact. So we’re kind of in the devil and the deep blue sea. So, what we’re asking for is two things: that we help you and you help the town by applying for as many grants as we can, and we open up the park, hopefully reimburse the town a great deal of the money, and we go forward with that, and that we’re granted an exemption on the 501(C)(3), provided that we have the town audit our books yearly. That we have in our articles very specific ways that we’re allowed to spend the money that’s given, and that you get a quarterly report every quarter. If you choose not to allow us to stay within the town, I would like to say we’re not gonna go away, but we would like to have your support. We want to be part of this town. We are proud of being part of Surfside Beach. We want to do more than what we’re doing. We have gathered in four years as many documents as anybody could gather, but now we want to put them to good use. So, I’m begging you. I’m humbly coming before you to please let us remain with the town with very strong stipulations on that 501(C)(3) which you have every, in fact in our articles, it does say that the town can look at the books; they can be audited. You can have carte blanche. It also says very clearly how we can spend the money. That would only be on teaching materials, and brochures, preservation of property, and it’s very clearly written out. We don’t have an opportunity just to go willy-nilly and do anything on public land. As far is that lot goes, if we are lucky, excuse me, if we are lucky enough to buy the property, we have a team of attorneys. We would be trustees of that property, because we do not want it sold. We want it to remain forever and ever. Amen. If we remain with the town, certainly the town would be involved in that property. So it’s up to you. I hope that you take our words to heart, and our good intentions to heart, and thank you for your time.

B. Department Reports.

i. Events. Supervisor Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Staff visited 99 businesses and distributed a copy of the ordinance along with a flyer regarding the public information drop-in for plastic bag ordinance held on Friday, May 18th. Two people showed up: Doug Bell from Divine Dining and town resident Rod Smith. Out of those 99 businesses, 36, which is over one-third of them, have already complied with plastic bag ordinance. Eleven businesses were totally unaware of the ordinance. Unfortunately, the lady who does the hula shows will not be available this summer due to illness and she won’t be back from Duke Hospital until sometime in August.

ii. Finance. Director King presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. There were no questions or comments.

iii. Fire. Chief Otte presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. Ott asked how volunteer recruitment was going. Chief Otte said four applications came in, and they are waiting for medical clearance for a couple of them. There are at least 44 more applications to review, and we anticipate being well staffed for the summer season.

iv. Planning, Building & Zoning. Director Morris presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Mr. Johnson asked for an explanation for the variance request on Highway 17. Ms. Morris said that is a variance request from Surfside United Methodist Church to allow a new LED monument sign on the property line instead of no less than 5 feet off the front property line as required by the code. The second variance regards the
window coverings at the BBQ House that prohibits mirrored or reflective window coverings. Mr. Ott said the
council chamber doors have that mirrored tint. Mr. Morris said the public works director was notified about that.

v. Police. Chief Hofmann presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Statistics from
the 2018 Spring Rally were received today. The date range is May 12 to May 19, Saturday to Saturday, the police
department answered 691 calls for service; issued 155 citations; issued 146 warnings; 61 people were booked into
jail, 42 of those were Surfside Beach Police Department arrest. During that period, we made almost the same
number of arrest that we did during the entire month of April. A citizen commented to me, and I thought it would be
worthwhile to comment on why we have so many written warnings, in case you have questions from your
constituents. I don’t consider the department a money maker. When our officers stop law-abiding citizens about
minor traffic violations, and they feel a warning is appropriate, we encourage the officers to take appropriate action
reflecting a minor violation. Officers who are being proactive will stop people for minor violations and turn those
into investigations by looking beyond the stop resulting in drug arrests, etc. I think that it's important to leave that
decision in their hands. Mr. Ott said the canines have been really active. Are they called when stops are made?
Chief Hofmann said K9 Units can be called to a scene when an officer has a reasonable suspicion or concern; assist
when they see a stop, or initiate an investigation independently. The K9 Unit has authority based on case law that
supports open-air scents by canine officer, so the dog can be walked around every single car that we stop. Often
times K9 Officers are assigned complaints about drugs. It is important for the canines to be involved to get negative
and positive alerts, because it reinforces their training, and builds reliability on the K9 Officer's skills. Mr. Ott said I
find it amazing. They're doing a great job, and I think we should put their pictures on both sides of the town.
(Laughter) Mr. Stevens asked about the automobile break-ins on the south end of town and asked if any arrests have
been made? Chief Hofmann said there haven't been any arrests; but all of the vehicles that were involved were left
unlocked. The subjects are going around and just checking for unlocked doors and stealing items. Please lock your
cars. Mr. Dietrich asked if the town has a decibel meter. Chief Hofmann said yes. Mayor Childs asked if the beach
officers could be reminded to limit digging of holes on the beach to two feet. Chief Hofmann said yes; shovels were
placed in the beach vehicles last summer so officers could fill in holes when necessary.

vi. Public Works. Director Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Tom
Nophsker took first place in the American Public Works Association Backhoe Rodeo for the Pee Dee Region.
(Applause) The traffic island at Pine and Cherry Drives has been re-landscaped. The grounds department gets all the
credit. They are doing a great job. Town Council was asked to concur to use lighted traffic signs on the Mast Arms
to be installed on Highway 17 at a cost of approximately $33,000. Council DENIED. Mr. Johnson asked what the
plan was regarding [yard debris] paper bags after July 1st. Mr. Adair said he would comply with the Solid Waste
Authority’s directives. There may be a grace period, but if we take a load of your debris that has plastic bags, it their
plan is to fine the town per load. Residents that continue using plastic bags will be given a written notice. There will
come a point in time when the plastic bags will no longer be collected. Mr. Johnson asked if anything could be done
to stop the depositing of yard debris on Cedar Drive at 10th Avenue North by the lake. Mr. Adair said that problem is
not unique to that particular area; it’s all over town. Unfortunately much of this happens in the evening when there’s
nobody working that can do code enforcement. Unless the offenders are caught by a citizen who immediately calls
the police, there is no one who can respond. Mr. Johnson asked if there could be an exemption to allow lawn
maintenance companies that work for handicapped and elderly individuals to leave the debris for the town to collect.
Mr. Adair said not without violating the current town code, which council could amend, but there has to be a
subjective way to determine who was qualified. Mr. Johnson said I understand. Mr. Adair said if you open that door,
you might as well repeal the code. Mr. Ott asked if there were any other municipalities in the local area that has lit
signs on mast arms that he could see. Ms. Morris said Georgetown City. Mr. Ott said I don’t think I’ve seen our
town look as good as it does right now. It looks terrific. (Applause) Between your staff and our Keep Surfside Beach
Beautiful Committee, you all have really made my town look beautiful. This is really exceptional. Mr. Adair said
many efforts and new things have been tried; staff is really top-notch. Crepe Myrtle trees that are on the highway are
being transplanted throughout town in anticipation of the Highway 17 upgrade project. Staff is doing a stellar job. I
will relay your comments to them.

C. Administrator’s Report. Interim Administrator Duckett presented the written report, a copy of which is
attached hereto. Mr. Duckett said there are two consensus requests tonight. First, staff requests consensus to extend
the auditors engagement one additional year to end FY2018 2019. An RFP will be let during the spring of 2019 for
the fiscal years 2020 and thereafter. Council CONCURRED. Second, staff requests consensus to continue the
town's banking relationship with South State Bank for four years in response to the RFPs that were let. Council CONCURRED.

8. BUSINESS.

A. Second Reading Ordinance #18-0868 Design Overlay District, Director Morris. Ms. Scoles moved to defer second reading of Ordinance #18-0868 until after a workshop that includes the business committee members is held to discuss the ordinance in detail. Mr. Ott second. Mr. Pellegrino said the first four levels of modification in the code are the same as Horry County’s, but three levels were added that require compliance with all sections at the same time. In my opinion, that will deter people from upgrading their property, because it's all or none, and they will have to spend lots of money to comply fully with the code to make it look perfect, instead of just being allowed to make some modifications to improve the property. When businesses go to sell, they may have trouble, because the new owners will have to invest a lot of money right from the start. I really like the way the county overlay stated that, and that is what the business committee recommended. Mr. Johnson said in my opinion, if you remove the change of ownership, tenant, and use sections out it basically strips the overlay. Mr. Pellegrino said I did not say take those out; they are the triggers to make changes, but that all sections adhere for each of those. There are levels of modification for very minor, minor, significant, major. You can have levels of improvement without a situation where an owner has to do all or nothing. There should be a progression with levels of improvement. Mayor Childs said this would be deferred to a workshop, and the clerk was asked to notify the members of council and the business committee of a workshop date. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Dietrich, Ott, Scoles, and Stevens voted in favor. Mr. Johnson voted against. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED.

B. First Reading Ordinance #18-0870 Chapter 7, Nuisances, Director Morris. Mr. Dietrich moved to approve first reading of Ordinance #18-0870. Mr. Ott second. Mr. Ott said we might need another workshop on this even though it has a lot of teeth to it. Mayor Childs said we had two workshops on this. Mr. Ott said there are simple things like timing that refer to what is ‘a reasonable amount of time.’ A reasonable amount of time might be different for me than it is someone else. I want a time period stated. Ms. Morris agreed with Mr. Ott and said if it is an imminent danger, we are going act on it immediately. The town has already adopted the Property Maintenance Codes, a copy of which was distributed to each councilmember in the packets. The Property Maintenance Code addresses much of the ordinance that was presented by the past administration, but that ordinance went above and beyond what was required by law. The Property Maintenance Code allows for appeals to the construction board of appeals. It also allows council to determine two areas of enforcement: one is the height of weeds, which council decided several years ago that 12 inches high was the maximum before enforcement acted. The other is to determine a reasonable time. Staff recommends counting business days to allow reasonable time for correction of a violation. After a lengthy discussion, regarding times for notices, major and minor infractions as determined by the code enforcement officer, and scenarios for correction, Mr. Ott moved to allow 15 business days to correct any infraction, unless it was an imminent danger. Mr. Dietrich second. Mr. Pellegrino believed there should be different times for correction for major and minor infractions, and moved to amend the motion to allow five (changed by friendly amendment from three) business days to correct a minor infraction, with 15 business days to correct a major infraction. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor the motion to amend. MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED. Ms. Morris asked for clarification if the intention was to include the red letter changes in Articles I and III of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Ott moved to adopt the red letter changes presented Articles I and III as set forth in proposed Ordinance #18-0870. Mr. Dietrich second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED. All voted in favor of the primary motion as amended. MOTION CARRIED AS AMENDED.

C. First Reading Ordinance #18-0871 FY2018-2019 Municipal Budget, Director King. Mr. Johnson moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0871 to adopt FY2018-2019 Municipal Budget. Mr. Ott and Ms. Scoles second. Ms. King said we don't have a tax increase. A public hearing as required by law was held at the beginning of this meeting. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

D. Historical Society Request (Presented during Communications.) Mr. Dietrich moved that the Surfside Beach Historical Society comply with the Town Code of Ordinance Section 2-62 that established the society, and Section 4-30 Solicitation of Funds for town sponsored, charity, and nonprofit events that was established for all committees under the auspices of the town. Mr. Pellegrino second. Mr. Dietrich said the concern here is if we open the door, we open the door for everybody. Mr. Pellegrino said I have no problem with trying to
buy the property without the town actually buying it, but we have a process we need to go through and we have ordinances. I don’t think anyone up here wants to condone violating the ordinances. All voted in favor.**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. **Town Council Discussion.** Any other matters to be discussed by Town Council.

Mr. Ott said I would like to have an executive session to discuss the possible purchase of two pieces of property in the town at the next meeting. Council **CONCURRED.**

Ms. Scoles said I attended an MASC meeting in Georgetown today along with Mr. Stevens. Some information came out of that regarding executive sessions and what’s discussed in executive sessions. I have some information that I received from the meeting that I would like to give the town clerk to pass on to every member of council, if that’s okay. Mayor Childs said that’s a good idea; absolutely.

10. **Public Comments – General Comments** (5-minutes per speaker.)

Ms. Wanda Burgess, 15th Avenue South: Y’all just voted against the historical society request citing a previous ordinance. Now, I realize y’all can’t respond. Okay, that’s no problem. But, if you’re going to do something like that citing a specific ordinance, saying that we already have this, we need to abide by this, how about at least reading that ordinance so those of us who don’t cart ‘em around with this will know specifically what you’re saying, because you’ve voted against something and I don’t know what you’ve (**). You just point blank voted. Said nope, we’re gonna stick with what we’ve got, but no description of what we have. And like I said, I don’t carry the ordinance around with me. Appreciate it.

Ms. Mary Beth Mabry, 15th Avenue North: Needless to say, we’re all extremely disappointed. We understand, and we knew that the question was going to be raised if we do one for one, we gotta do it for the other. Well, so what? What if the beautification wanted to be a 501(C) [sic]? What if they wanted to raise money? What if they wanted to do grants? Would the whole world come to an end? Nothing would happen. As long as there was oversight; as long as there were audits that could be done; as long as financial reports can be made, and as long as the town knew exactly what the money was going for, I don’t see why you would have a problem with that. So what if other organizations wanted to do it? I don’t understand what; I mean basically, what you’re doing is telling us if you become a 501(c) [sic], we are not gonna have anything to do with you. You are kicked out from the town. That’s what you said. If we don’t become a 501(c) [sic] we can’t buy the property that you will not buy. Do you understand? Do you understand where we are? We can’t even make brochures and have ‘em printed. You are missing out on 55 grants that we know of that you won’t even let us help you apply for because we have the documentation. Why are you not wanting these grants? Why do you not want; I don’t understand it. I can’t for the life of me say here is $20,000; here is $5,000 and you are saying, well, we got an ordinance, honey and you just can’t do it. Why? Can’t you amend an ordinance? I see you do it all the time. I’ve done it. Everybody in this room that has ever set up there before has done it. We’re not asking for something that you cannot have oversight on. We’re not. We’re asking for something that is going to be giving back to the town. You’re getting the benefit. My mind is about to explode with the fact that you say, no, this is the ordinance, and by yiminie [sic] that’s the way it’s gonna be. We don’t see any benefit in you getting money and giving it to the town. God bless. I can see now we have been fighting 3rd and Willow all the time with a rope wrapped around it, because you will not let us apply for grants that is [sic] there and available, and would reimburse the town what they spent. How narrow minded is that? You would end up with a property and the money, and a park with residual; people will come and see it. They’ll visit it. They’ll eat lunch while they’re here. I, my mind is going to explode. I expected to be dressed down. I expected to say this is what you’re gonna do. I expected it. I was prepared for it, but let me sit here and tell you now, we’re not gonna go away, because of an ordinance that could’ve been amended. Why won’t you let us do our job? There’s no historical society that I know of that has greater restraints than we do. Why you won’t you let us help you, and help the citizens? I think I am absolutely in such shock that you are so narrow minded as to turn down perfectly good money. I just don’t get it. But, I would love to see an email, because let me remind the public here and you every step of the way I kept you informed by email. You cannot act like you did not know. So, you did know. You chose not to ask me a question. In fact, in one of those emails according to the attorney, if I do not hear from you, I will assume we have a permission. Do you remember the last line of your email? We took that as permission. We gave you the email. The last line asked for permission. If I do not hear from you, we know we have your permission. We did not hear from...
you. Remember, gentlemen, I don't write emails without an attorney. I wouldn't've put that in there just for my
health. We thought we had (time ended) your support.

Ms. Joyce Suliman, Cypress Drive: I just so happened to buy a house on the cemetery. I was told my house
was in the cemetery by the fire department. That's how I found out about it, and I kindly walked myself over from
the firehouse to town hall. Through the Freedom of Information Act I got the file on the cemetery. If the cemetery
never existed, the file wouldn't've existed, but it did. Now we're at the stage where the state has recognized the
documents that we provided them were enough to show that the cemetery does exist, has existed, and always will
exist. It is history. You just heard from me earlier today that we are getting historical markers. We have been
approved. The state has cross-referenced everything that we provided for the cemetery and also for the Ark
Plantation house. Now I stood here or sat here and listened to everybody talking. But there's one person in this room
that I think everybody's ignored, and that person is Sabe Rutledge. She's been sitting back there, and she's almost in
tears, because we're talking about the burial for her grandfather. He is Sabe Rutledge. The one who was buried in
1952. She remembers going to his funeral. Now, how are you going to tell her that that cemetery didn't exist? I
mean, you guys ought to be ashamed of yourself [sic]. Every one of you. This isn't something that came up
overnight. The town knew about the cemetery. The town always has known about the cemetery. Pat Giovani (a
former town administrator), he wanted to put something in the file just to protect the town, because we had a builder
that came in and wanted to build, and he brought in a court document that said the cemetery was abandoned. State
law says you can declare a cemetery abandoned. But, state law also says you have to remove the remains. That's the
predicament that it left us in, and what about all of us homeowners that live on this block? We're left with; to pick
up the pieces. We have a neighbor that wants to put in a pool. She don't [sic] know if she's gonna dig up bones next
week, but we'll find out. But that's what we're left with, because that's what was put on our lap. So anyway, if any
of you have the decency, please apologize to [Ms. Rutledge.]

Ms. Carrie Johnson, Harbor Lights: I agree with everything Ms. Mabry said. I'll say that first. Second
thing is the overlay. I'm appalled that y'all sit up there and do nothing. Nothing, nothing, nothing. You sent the
overlay to planning and zoning several months ago. We sent it back to you. You tore it to pieces. You found out you
were losing business to Horry County. You sent it back to planning and zoning to make it more [sic] strict. We had
it strict to start with. You tore it up. Okay, we went through it with a fine tooth comb, page by page by page, and it
was; we listened to the recommendations from the business committee; we heard from the public, and we sent it to
you with a unanimous vote like we sent it to you, and all you do is kick the can down the road. Get off your rumpus
and do something. Thank you.

Ms. Janet Gambino, Hollywood Drive South: All I'm asking is a little bit of kindness and a little bit of
respect for P&Z, and to be included in the workshop. If the business committee is gonna be included, I get what
that's all about. But, if they're going to be included, please invite us, too. Thank you.

Ms. Sherry Singleton, Historical Society Secretary: One of the things that we have been doing over the
past year is putting together documentation, and we have much of it together. I brought with me packets. You all
have been given all of this information; much more than what I have got gathered and garnered together tonight. But
what I've got here just basically is the thumbnail sketch of why the cemetery is in evidence (***) and why the state
would approve the [historical markers]; we have pictures, photographs of the graves. Sabe Rutledge was a living
human being, and what's really interesting about him is that we have his story. The Works Project [by] Genevieve
Chandler interviewed several of the ex-slaves or their children before they would pass away, and it's part of the
Library of Congress; they're his words. She even recorded his dialect: 'You know, first thing I realized, remember,
used to cry to go to the old boss, old mastah for sugar.' Now he tells his story and through his story we can see
through his eyes what life was. You can't get that any other place, and the thing that is really bothering me is the
steadfast refusal; the steadfast refusal to embrace. Okay, I'm saying the town made a boo-boo. It happens all over.
This is an article, you can pull them up yourself. This is just one. The New York Times has been carrying it, and I've
got copies of it. I can give to all of you. I made copies especially to give you that talks about a residential; this is a
residential developer in Georgia [who] came across the same thing. He bought a piece of property to develop it. He
did not know there were graves there. He found them, and rather than go through the process of contacting relatives
to see if they wanted to have the graves moved, and rather than going to the expense of having to move all the
graves, he took the prime [lot], and in his case, too, it was the prime piece of property, because it was the highest.
The nice lot that was the one he was gonna sell as the hilltop view, and instead, he took that lot, and he fenced it off
and preserved it, and did that at his own cost; his own expense. He chose to do that in this article. I like this one,
because it relates back to South Carolina. Michael Trinkley is with the Chicora Foundation in Columbia, South Carolina, and I have spoken to him and emailed back and forth with him on different occasions for different cemeteries. This is not the only cemetery I am interested in, but he, the Chicora Foundation is the cemetery preservation organization, and he actively helps with communities that are facing this kind of problem and developers to help them navigate it, because it is a problem, and it's an ongoing problem, and it's our choice and it's our town's choice as to how we are going to be viewed in the future. Are we going to stick our head in the sand and try to keep kicking everybody around and say it didn’t happen? Well, it's okay. We’re not to tell anybody about it or do we embrace it? Come on, I mean I’m tired of walking around elephants in the room. If the screw-up was made, it was made, and you don't keep ignoring it when the facts are there. You just don't do that. We said a prayer. We asked for God's help and guidance when we opened the meeting tonight, and I am telling you as a Christian, as a decent human being, I cannot ignore the fact that a mistake was made, and people are going around acting like ‘Oh, well. No, no, no, no, not us.’ Yeah, we’re human. The town is made up human beings. We’re gonna make mistakes. Now it's time to move forward (*time ended*) in unity. I do not personally want to see … Mayor Childs: (*gavel*)

Ma’am, time is up. Ms. Singleton: Okay, but we’re volunteers. We’re not paid. Thank you very much.

Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South: You people are evil. Well, maybe not evil; nefarious. Ah, maybe not nefarious, but bad. Some of you on council were not here a week. What you did to Judge Wentz was horrible. Some of you did not know anything about her, or probably never saw her, but the puppet master pulled your strings and like little puppets, you did as you were told. Shameful. She is a wonderful person and a very good judge. You made a horrible mistake getting rid of her. Have you done the background checks on the new council people yet? I'm going to ask this question every meeting until you do it. So do it. Every police officer that’s hired gets a background check. Most people get a background check when they get a job. Do it here. I would like to see the background checks. At the west end of nothing park on the corner of 6th Avenue South and Willow Drive, the owner of the adjacent house has put a driveway to his home through the park. I think this should be stopped, because if he does it long enough, it's his land. It should be stopped now. Nobody should be using that park, the nothing park for a driveway. Has the town ever been reimbursed for the monies an employee of the finance department stole from us? We’ve never had an answer to that question. What is the status of the investigation into the $10,000 check to Clemson University Endowment? Never really had a real answer to that question, either. Tell the people. Hey, we’re paying your salary. Wow, money came in the two mile town for one of our elected officials in the just held election from Fort Mill. Now you hire an administrator from all of places Fort Mill. Sha-zam [sic]. What a coincidence. For those of you very new to town two - mile town is a nickname for Surfside Beach.

Mr. Boyd Sadler, 8th Avenue South: It’s gonna be an interesting thing; a whole couple years here. I think Mr. Dodge did have a few points that should’ve been addressed, and I think he did a pretty good job of it this evening. One thing that has been overlooked for the past couple years is the lawsuits against this town. We haven’t heard anything on that status. Since then, we changed administrators like a lot of us change clothes. I mean, it’s like so frequent it’s unreal. Yeah, I think that we should bring it back up and let us hear, not to embarrass people, but to let the town know what’s going on in this town. Unfortunately, so often in this town, as well as across this state, politics gets in the way of operating governments, and with the ethics of those governmental leaders, and I’m afraid that it’s really happening now. The overlay. I was proudly told by one of you that it was your vote that actually got me on there, on the planning and zoning commission. I appreciate that, but make it work like, you know, you’re gonna have the overlay with the business committee meeting, the planning and zoning commission, if I was told right about it of its importance and by all means should be included also in that meeting. It should be a joint effort, and it wouldn't hurt to have councilmembers there too, you know, to understand what’s going on. You know, give their input. I would like to see that done. It's like, you know, it’s why you have a commission, and if I'm not mistaken, that’s something required by the state, and not including the zoning commission, zoning and planning commission (**). I think getting on track would be a really good thing, at this point, but again, I would like to, and I’m sure that there are other people here in town that would like to hear where these lawsuits are, and why one of ‘em is two years old. Thank you. Have a great evening.

Ms. Naomi Bethea, (*address not given*): Good evening. I don't live in Surfside. I am happy to be a descendent of Sabe Rutledge. I heard about the meeting and I came a few years ago when they were talking about the historical society. My question is, basically, is there any reason why you can't amend your ordinance. Have you ever amended an ordinance before? What, what are the reasons why you can't amend it to; it seems to me like they are stating that you able to get funds. They may be able to get funds through grants and they’ve done a lot of investigation. So I was just listening. I haven't heard from your group, the council. What's the reason behind it? Are
you going to respond to your constituents why you just dropped it? And, is it just dropped? It’s a dead subject?

You’re not intending to do anything else, and that is my question. So, it’s dead. The historical society will have to
find another route. You’d rather do without any funds, because it seems like they got a good plan, and they’ve
investigated, and they’ve got some sources, and anyone who knows anything about society, historical societies like
they said, know it's done with donations and fundraising. Is it because we don't have a large group of the relatives
here? I came to a meeting about four years ago. A lot of us came and I just think a lot of ’em have just gotten
disenchanted; why bother? But I heard that there was a meeting, and I had intended to join. I’ve had some problems
in the past, but it just seems like you’re not interested; you’re disinterested. What if it comes up again for let's say
the Indian tribes or some other descendants from across the water who came? Okay, would you have the same
attitude that you can't do anything? Thank you.

Sandra Elliott, 5th Avenue North: I see that there is [sic] seven elected officials up there, and it’s, and I’d
like to talk about the main question of the night for the historical society. I cannot believe that the history of the
town will not be respected, or challenged in any way. But my question to you is why aren’t we involving the county
in this; the state representatives, and try to change state law that when we find a cemetery whether it's maintained or
not, you do not build on it; you do not sell that land for a hundred years from last person buried like other states
have. You can look it up in their Constitutions and you will see that it’s state law. I hate to say where I came from,
but that's where it comes from. This would not have ever happened to the lady who just buried her grandfather in
1952, because we would have till 2052, and none of those houses would have been on that property and the court
system should’ve not voted for it. What I would like to see is our representatives work with representatives of the
state that can change state law. Thank you.

Ms. Carol Cook, 7th Avenue South: I would like to applaud the council for upholding our ordinances, and I
think by upholding our ordinances that [Ms. Mabry] got her answer that you are not backing it, and I hope that she
goes through with her threat of breaking away. She did not tell the council how the property would be maintained.
She did not say who would insure the property. It was stated by the historical committee that the property would not
be deeded to the town, so I fail to see where the residents and especially those residents whose property borders the
cemetery would benefit from it. Thank you again.

Ms. Dora Eaddy, Surfside Drive: I’m not gonna talk about a cemetery. I'm going to talk the police
department. About two weeks ago, I was outside, and blue light naturally stopped a car, and I have to look when I
see a blue light to see what’s going on. Well, somebody had an expired tag. The police got out and she was very
nice, and she was very cordial. She talked to ‘em, and I heard her say ‘but it’s expired.’ So she went back and sat in
her car and did a dilly [sic] (computer check), and she came back and she said, ‘Sir, I'm so sorry. I don't know…’ I'm
sorry I’m so nervous; so, ‘know all the laws in Tennessee, but I know the law in South Carolina.’ But she stood
there for about ten minutes and talked to him, in that hot [sun], one of the hot days we’ve had. So, I just wanted y’all
to know that our police is good. We have a wonderful force. Thank you very much and good evening. (Applause)

Ms. Meg Perrino, Cedar Drive North: A couple of things. One, I just want to thank our public works
department for being so awesome, because they have helped the beautification committee get the Pine Drive and
Cedar Drive little island there looking really pretty, and that was requested by a citizen to our committee directly,
and we went to [Mr. Adair] and he and his team were able to make it look really nice. It looks really good with the
rocks there in front of the [Pine Drive] Gospel Church. And I also wanted to say thank you to the police, as well,
with all of your drug arrests. It kind of goes back to something that I still stand on, and I still kind of want someone
to take accountability for this, and I really want someone to think about the ramifications. That sounds like a lot
more drug arrests than we’ve had, and you know to hear from someone that there was a guy that was passed out in
Denny's [Restaurant] and the police had to revive him with NARCAN® (a drug antidote), and when he gave his
address it was a fake address. Turns out that he lives in a rehab house. I’m not gonna stop with this, because you
guys know my story, but we need to really start to think about what's now invited in our community, because the
first thing I said the first time I spoke on this is there are drugs in those homes. The police get there; he’s got Xanax
that’s not prescribed to him on his person. They take him to his room; he had Xanax there in his room. Okay, I told
you the very first time there are drugs in these houses. Do you remember hearing my voice say that? Do you? So,
I’m telling you guys, this is still something that’s top of mind for me, and I’m not gonna let it go just because new
people are sitting here. You guys have to help us, too. Okay? This is an unprecedented amount of heroin, and now
we’ve got this over here behind the seafood [restaurant] is now like a known drug den to monitor that. We’ve gotta
make sure that we don’t let more of this come in here, and I appreciate our police doing the things that they’ve been
Ms. Betty Lowery, 4th Avenue North: I'm not talking about cemeteries. I'm talking about the historical society. I'm talking about an opportunity to keep evidence of our history; who we were; how we became who we are. It seems to have become a personal attack, and I don't like this. Ms. Mabry is not the historical society. She speaks for them; them. So anything that should be directed, should be directed to the group. She is the speaker for them. Also I think you're missing out on a real opportunity. I understand about the ordinance, and that's not up for debate. I understand that. I also understand that they're in kind of an awkward position here. What are they going to do? Fix it. You've messed up on this. Fix it, if the ordinance does not allow it, fix it. Don't just cut it off. Something was said about people being involved. I will not forget that historical society event when we had a policto out of DC who managed to find room for us between breakfast in one state and dinner in another to have lunch with us. That was from the nation's capital. It was important enough for them. We had state people there. We had county politicos there. But somehow, nobody but the mayor; you know, you've messed up. Don't let this slip away. Don't let this happen. If there's something in the way, find a way to fix it. You're the people we hired to do this. Fix it.

11. Town Council Comments.

Mr. Ott: I realize that, and you should realize, we don't, this five minutes is tough on us, and it should be tough on us. This is what reminds us of what we're doing or not doing, and we need the people to come here and tell us, because if you don't, do you know what will happen? I do. We won't do any of it. So you need to come back and you need to say okay, I'm gonna keep reminding you. I'm gonna keep telling you. We need to keep hearing that so that we work together as a council and I appreciate everything everybody says. There are, where you don't think there's a will, there's a way. We can we can do these things. Thank you for coming out tonight.

Mr. Dietrich: First of all, I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. The ordinance is what dictated what happened tonight. It's not personal feelings. I can agree with a lot of things that were said. However, the ordinance is the ordinance. Can it be approached again? I'm sure it can. Does it need to be? In my opinion, yes. However, the ordinance is what dictated what happened tonight and I hope you all understand that. With that, have a safe trip home. Thanks for your comments. I appreciate them.

Mr. Johnson: Thank you for all coming out this evening. Obviously, the historical society issue is a hot button issue, and I do believe that we need to readdress the ordinance concerning 501(C)(3) issues. I do support the historical society and their work. Someone mentioned that we should get involved with the county and the state, and with other people. Well, I think the council at the time had given the historical society that guidance to do what they could to get this thing rolling, because I was one of advocates of purchasing the Ark Plantation property, and I am not against purchasing the other property; that corner lot. I don't know if we have the funds to do that. We just passed first reading on a balanced budget and I don't believe we have any funds in that budget for the purchase of additional property at this time. But, I just want to let you know that I fully support the historical society and I will do whatever I have to do to help their cause. I don't know what it's gonna take, but again, I appreciate them. On another note, I had a question from a client of mine who is on 10th Avenue South and they had heard that there is another halfway house on Moss Drive. (Unknown speaker from audience: Bay Street Mayor Childs: (gavel) Please. Mr. Johnson: Bay Street, on Bay Drive. That really concerns me that they seem to be popping up everywhere, and I don't know that we can do to stop it, but you know, it is an issue, and it really concerns me, and I would like to ask the town administrator to do some research and see how we can either restrict it or eradicate it or whatever. I don't, you know, I'm not against necessarily the people that are in these places, but you heard tonight about some issues that go on in some of these places, so it's beginning to be a major concern in the Town of Surfside Beach, and I would like to thank Mrs. Bethea for coming and speaking. Thank you, and I appreciate all of your comments. Thank you to council for all that you do, and good night.

Mr. Pellegrino: Thank you for coming tonight. I do agree about the halfway house. It is very concerning to me, and I agree with Mr. Johnson to request that the administrator see if there's anything we can do about that, because I thought we had the two and we stopped the bleeding, but now it's still going on. That's very concerning. As far as the historical committee, I mean basically we were being asked to uphold an ordinance here and we all agreed that we shouldn't break the law. Now, if four people agree to change ordinance; Ms. Bethea asked the question, we
can change an ordinance. That's how it works. So I don't think this is dead by any means. But, we really were
in a spot today where we couldn't tell you guys to move forward, because we were breaking an ordinance. Now
certainly in upcoming meetings we can we can look at the ordinance, and do something with the ordinance, but that
is the right process. We need to decide if we’re gonna amend the ordinance, first, and then we can move forward
with the rest of it. So we have to make sure we go through the process there. There was a lot information to digest
for that ordinance to be amended at this meeting, because that whole fact that it didn’t follow the ordinance was; I
know it was news to me, it was given to me with the packet. I’m sure that's when everyone discovered that. So
there's; we need to understand why this in the ordinance and what history is there. But certainly we can look at that
again. As far as the overlay, I think it's a great idea for the planning commission and business committee to sort that
out without my involvement. I honestly don't want to be. I was involved with a bit of business committee review.
Obviously, I have an interest in that, because I own a business here. I think that we would get a final solution very
quickly, if those two groups got together and hash through this. I think that's a pathway to the solution. Finally, I
agree with Mr. Ott’s comment today; the town looks good. So thank you to the beautification committee. Thank you
to the staff, because it looks good. It’s good for the residents. It’s definitely good for tourist time now that they're all
starting to come into the town, and everything looks nice and clean and very well maintained. So, thank you. Thank
you very much. Have a good night.

Mr. Stevens: Thank you everybody for coming out. Word was mentioned earlier by Ms. Mabry, ‘grants.’
There ain’t [sic] nothing that would please more people in this town than to see a grant pay for, give us all the
money back for 3rd Avenue South and Willow, and believe me, we had a lady in here and said she would go out and
try to get us grants. Seems like everybody on council didn’t want to have anything to do it. We did have a course
today, and I attended it today where we talk about ordinances, and you know as well as I do you have to have four
votes to change anything. The fact is we talk about ordinances today. An ordinance to change it has to be
repealed, and a new ordinance put in its place. We discussed that today with the Municipal Association in a class. So
that’s one of things we have to do. I like what Ms. Gambino said. She’d like to be here at our workshop on the
overlay along with the business committee, and I agree a hundred percent. We need all the information we can have.
As far as the overlay, I want to see the overlay mirror Horry County's overlay. I don't want to see it penalize
anybody. If I want to come in here and I have money to buy a piece of property, I don't want to be penalized just
because I buy that property. So, we need to take care of the overlay, and we need to follow state law. There are two
halfway houses in this town. One’s at 10th Avenue South and Bay, corner, and the other one’s over there next to the
bocce ball courts. I think it’s right across from Mr. Buzz Engelhard’s house. But anyway, the problem is we have that
and there are laws that have to do with halfway houses, and I like, I think one of the council people said, ask you to
look into that real in depth. There are federal laws, and I have a, I think about 147 page thing about federal laws that
I sent to one of our town people about all kinds of housing, any kind of housing that I, government housing, it has
laws that has applies to it [sic], and I sent it to the person, and we do have a history, and I understand about slaves.
The problem with the cemeteries and things like; go to Sandy Island, for example. I can walk on one side of the
island and I can find graves all over the place, and go to the other side and find graves. So this was a plantation just
like Sandy Island was. Marina Plantation was their plantation and those descendants still live on that island. We
need to respect those people. That's why we need to somehow or another address what you just said. Basically, if
I’m understanding right, all you asked for was to be able to raise the money, and if it’s not gonna cost the town any
for you to raise the money to buy a piece of [sic] lot, I don’t have any problem with it. So, think about, I think this
council needs to think about everything we’ve talked about tonight, and we also need to look back at our laws and
see if we can adjust ‘em. If they’re not right, let’s change ‘em. I think Mr. Ott said always revisit your laws. Thank
y’all for coming out. I hope everybody has a good week, and may God bless you all.

Mayor Childs: On those halfway houses, what I can understand is it's a federal government thing. We had
nothing to do with it. We didn’t know they were coming in, and as far as I know, unless somebody knows something
different, we’re not gonna stop ‘em. We didn’t invite them in, and we certainly don't want problems that might come
with it. But, unless somebody has some real good suggestion, I don’t know what we’re gonna do about it. It’s like
ADA, they’re covered by the federal government. But anyway, I want to thank everybody for coming.
12. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Mr. Dietrich second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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