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: Town Administrator Pieper; 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: Father Ron Greiser, Church of the Resurrection, gave the invocation. B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

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

4. MINUTES APPROVAL. Executive Sessions and Regular Meetings July 10 and August 14, 2018. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the executive sessions and regular meeting minutes for both the July 10 and August 14, 2018 meetings as presented. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Agenda Items Only.

Mr. Larry McKeen, 6th Avenue South, said regarding the public works report that the trees were being transplanted from Highway 17 to Martin Field. In his opinion, preserving the trees was worthwhile, but the trees were taking up too many parking spaces at Martin Field. Perhaps they should be planted elsewhere.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Employee Awards. i. Mark Priganc and Gilbert Williams. Mayor Childs and Chief Hofmann presented both officers with a 5-year anniversary plaque, pin, and service award check. Ms. Nicole Kindzia who works in the finance department also achieved 5 years of service, but was unable to attend.

B. Department Reports.

i. Events. Supervisor Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. The Eternal Wave Surfoff will be held Saturday, September 9th, if anyone would like to attend. They expect around 85 surfers and over 200 spectators. Mr. Brian Pedrick from the Surfside Beach Youth Association announced that the Surfside Dixie Youth Baseball Minors 10 year old team was the Sub-District Tournament Champions for 2018. The team decided to give the trophy to the Town of Surfside Beach. The trophy will be displayed in the lobby at Town Hall. Congratulations and a standing ovation were given to the team, and coaches.

ii. Finance. Director King presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

iii. Fire. Chief Otte presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

iv. Planning, Building & Zoning. Director Morris presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. A discussion was held regarding anonymous complaints. Generally, when an anonymous complaint is received there is actually a violation.

v. Police. Chief Hofmann presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. Town Council CONCURRED to retire K9 Viking as requested, and allow him to retire to the home of his handler, Officer Hans. A presentation as “Honorary Graduate of the Citizens Police Academy” was made to Mr. Boyd Sadler an absentia.
vi. Public Works. Director Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

C. Administrator’s Report. Administrator Pieper said an amendment to the prohibition of obstructions in the town rights-of-way will be presented at the next meeting for consideration. The parking kiosks have maintenance issues because the units have reached their useful life span. A proposal will be forthcoming. The 35 percent pier design threshold for submission to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) should be completed this week and submitted. Once those plans are approved, FEMA will begin the environmental study. Cost estimates were requested that will be presented to council in a workshop after receipt.

7. BUSINESS.

A. First Reading Ordinance #18-0877 MASC (Municipal Association of South Carolina) Setoff Debt Collection, Administrator Pieper. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0877 as presented. Mr. Dietrich second. Mr. Pieper presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Street Resurfacing 4.86 Miles, Director Adair. Mr. Stevens moved to approve the recommendation at a cost of approximately $900,300 (the bid price) for paving and up to $75,000 (estimate) for engineering. Mr. Ott second. Mr. Pieper reminded councilmembers that a budget amendment would be brought forward mid-year. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

C. Committee Appointments

i. Construction Board of Appeals. Mr. Ott suggested deferring this appointment until the volunteer provided detailed information. There were no objections.

ii. Stormwater and Senior Citizens. Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Ms. Carol Lucas to the Stormwater Committee and Ms. Gail King to the Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee. Mr. Ott second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Ott asked that the overlay workshop with the business committee that was deferred at the July 10th meeting be scheduled as quickly as possible. Ms. Herrmann said dates are already being considered. He also believes council should consider requiring complainants identify themselves, but the names could be kept private. The town is in the forefront of plastic bag bans. Kroger just announced that it will stop using them in all of its 2,800 stores.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS. General Comments.

Ms. Westcott, Cedar Drive North, said many years ago five mils were collected dedicated to stormwater projects that ended after five years. We should again seriously consider a millage for stormwater projects.

Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South, spoke disparagingly of various individuals. Ms. Scoles called point of order; the speaker was citing personal names. Mayor Childs ruled Mr. Dodge out of order and ended his comments.

10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Mr. Ott wanted the town to become the “friendly” family beach.

Mr. Dietrich appreciated the updates on stormwater projects. Congratulations were offered for the officers’ longevity. Nice job to off duty Officer Ziolkowski for assisting the citizens with the tire change.

Mr. Pellegrino said stormwater is an issue; work needs to continue on stormwater projects. He wants to pay using current budget funds without adding a fee or tax increase. Congratulations to the Youth Association baseball team. The Subdivision win was the result of hard work and dedication. The town heard
three examples tonight of good citizenship: the baseball team that donated the trophy to the town; the 
honorarium to Mr. Sadler, and Officer Ziolkowski changing a tire. There are many people who strive to be 
good neighbors and make the town a great community.

Ms. Scoles thanked the department directors and Mr. Pieper for responding to her inquiries in a 
timely manner. Stormwater problems require attention and those projects will require funding by the citizens.

Mr. Stevens thanked those who volunteered to serve on committees. He thanked staff for their good 
work. The new pier will be the only concrete pier on the coast. Highway 17 is being improved by the State.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Dietrich 
second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Prepared and submitted by:

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Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: September 11, 2018

Surfside Beach Town Council

VOTE: Yes No

Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor

David L. Pellegrino, Mayor Pro Tempore

Bruce H. Dietrich, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

Ron Ott, Town Council

Debbie Scoles, Town Council

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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