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, Scollo, 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: Reverend Jeff Wood, Oasis of Hope Church, gave the invocation. B. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Childs led the Pledge.

3. PUBLIC HEARING. Ordinance #18-0875 Future Land Use Provision to add C4 Entertainment District. Mayor Childs opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. There were no public comments. Mayor Childs closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m.

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

5. MINUTES APPROVAL. Regular Meeting August 28, 2018. (Note: September 11, 2018 meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Florence.) Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the August 28, 2018 regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Ott second. Mr. Johnson noted for the record that he was absent at the August 28th meeting. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS. Agenda Items Only. There were no public comments.

6. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Committee (KSBB), Chairman Mull. Ms. Mull presented the committee’s recommendation, a copy of which is on file and will be discussed during business. Committee members Ashley Hine, Meg Perrino, and Jeff Hine offered information regarding the impact of the event on families, as a potential revenue source, and how the event could affect town economics.

B. Department Reports.

i. Events. Supervisor Ellis presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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. Ms. Morris asked Town Council for concurrence to issue temporary certificates of occupancy for homes that were completed, except for recording an as-built survey. The Horry County Courthouse was flooded as a result of Hurricane Florence. She explained that the temporary certificate of occupancy will require filing the as-built survey within thirty (30) days. Council CONCURRED. Ms. Morris reported that there are currently just over 200 undeveloped residential lots left in town. Many of those lots are large enough to split into two or three lots. The Pickled Cucumber reconstruction permit is approaching its one year expiration; the building official contacted the contractor.
v. Police. Chief Hofmann presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto.

vi. Public Works. Director Adair presented the written report, a copy of which is attached hereto. A request was made for a drainage ditch preventative maintenance schedule. Mayor Childs and Mr. Ott believed Mr. Adair should include a second front end loader in the budget to ensure the town has proper equipment to clean the swashes during storm event.

C. Administrator’s Report. Administrator Pieper said many individuals were involved preparing for and carrying out the emergency operation plan with the arrival of Hurricane Florence and continue to spend hours doing post hurricane work. He and councilmembers expressed appreciation to both staff and volunteers.

7. BUSINESS.

A. Ordinances:

i. Second Reading Ordinance #18-0877 MASC Setoff Debt Collection, Administrator Pieper. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt second reading of Ordinance #18-0877 as presented. Mr. Johnson second. Mr. Pieper presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

ii. First Reading Ordinance #18-0874 Establish Entertainment District, Director Morris. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0874 as presented. Mr. Ott second. Ms. Morris presented the decision paper, a copy of which are on file. Council was given the draft body of the ordinance being discussed by the planning commission. The commission has a public hearing scheduled on October 2nd. The question was asked whether first reading by title only was legal. Town Attorney Crosby assured councilmembers it was a “perfectly legal” action; however, the final could not be adopted until council received the planning commission’s recommendation. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

iii. First Reading Ordinance #18-0875 Amend Future Land Use in the Comprehensive Plan, Director Morris. Mr. Dietrich moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0875 as presented, and including the property at 113 Seaside Drive as requested by the owner. Mr. Stevens second. Ms. Morris presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. The resolution from the planning commission was executed; it would be emailed to councilmembers, and also included with the second reading documents. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

iv. First Reading Ordinance #18-0876 Rezone C3 to C4, Director Morris. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0876 as presented, including the addition of 113 Seaside Drive as requested by the owner. Ms. Scoles and Mr. Ott second. Ms. Morris presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

v. First Reading Ordinance #18-0878 Obstructions Prohibited [In Rights-of-way], Administrator Pieper. Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0878 as presented. Mr. Ott second. Mr. Pieper presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

vi. First Reading Ordinance #18-0880 Amend Single Use Plastic Bags. Administrator Pieper. Mr. Ott moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0880 as presented. Ms. Scoles second. Mr. Pieper presented the decision paper and ordinance, copies of which are on file. Council agreed that second reading should have an exemption for dog waste bags for its consideration. Mr. Pellegrino questioned “biodegradable” saying that some products requires 50 to 100 years to degrade, which in his
opinion was not specific enough in the spirit of the ordinance. Mr. Johnson did not support the original ordinance and unless the state and county adopted similar bans, he would not support it. Mayor Childs, and Councilmembers Dietrich, Ott, Scoles and Stevens voted in favor. Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino and Councilmember Johnson voted against. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**vii. First Reading Ordinance #18-0881 to Establish Overlay in C4.** Mr. Stevens moved to adopt first reading of Ordinance #18-0881 as presented. Mr. Ott second. Ms. Morris presented the decision paper and draft ordinance as presented to the planning commission, copies of which are on file. After discussion regarding lot sizes, on which almost every building could add 1,000 square feet to its size with the proposed setback requirements; existing property setbacks being grandfathered; verbiage to address outdoor music, not conversation; and decibel levels, Mr. Pieper said he would contact other cities about their levels. After further discussion, all voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Keep Surfside Beach Beautiful Recommendation, Mayor Childs Liaison.** Mr. Stevens moved to adopt the recommendations in the decision paper on “It’s a Wonderful Life in Surfside Beach.” Mr. Ott and Mr. Johnson second. A brief discussion was held regarding the outdoor movie cost; marketing the event, and garnering town participation since we are so near the Christmas season. Compliments were given to the committee for its efforts to support the town. All voted in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. Appointments to Ralph Magliette Senior Citizens Committee (2 vacancies), Ms. Kat Brown, Mr. Steve Shore.** Mr. Stevens moved to appoint Ms. Brown and Mr. Shore 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.
There was no other discussion.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS. General Comments.**
Ms. Pat Winegardner, Cypress Drive, spoke again about the problem with the ditch in front of her house not draining properly. Mayor Childs asked her to meet with Mr. Adair after the meeting.

Ms. Kohlmann, South Ocean Boulevard, was confused about the public hearing and subsequent first readings of the ordinances. Mayor Childs began to respond; Mr. Johnson called point of order stating that unless rules were suspended, a response could not be made. Mayor Childs said point taken, and asked her to meet with the attorney after the meeting. Ms. Kohlmann said it was great that the town was supporting the Salvation Army relief effort, but believed it should also support South Strand Helping Hand that is located in town and asked how they could work together.

Ms. Mary Beth Mabry, 15th Avenue North, said according to someone she spoke with at the Municipal Association, the town could not read an ordinance by title only unless there were three readings.

Mr. Tom Dodge, 8th Avenue South, commended Ms. Kohlmann for her tireless efforts to help people in need. He said his comments at the last meeting were quoting approved minutes; they were not disparaging.

Mr. Jeff Hine, 13th Avenue North, thanked public works staff for working throughout the hurricane. That showed commitment and dedication. About 75 people volunteered in the last beach sweep and everyone was invited on the 20th of October to clean the beach.

Ms. Ashley Hine, 17th Avenue North, said many of her friends and family members are suffering because of the post hurricane flooding. Ms. Kohlmann has been very helpful. We can do more as a
community through South Strand Helping Hand. She thanked council for supporting the KSBB committee’s plan.

Mr. Gary White, Lakeside Drive, opposed the prohibition of rebuilding a residential property in the Entertainment District, if it was destroyed.

Ms. Meg Perrino, Cedar Drive North, thanked council for approving the KSBB committee’s plan. The KSBB committee is a “marketing machine.” “It’s a Wonderful Life in Surfside Beach” has been discussed for three years; between now and November 29th, KSBB will make something happen. Compliments to public works crews for keeping the town so clean and beautiful. There is a ditch on Pine Drive that needs some attention. Mr. Adair spoke from the audience (**).

10. TOWN COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Mr. Ott thanked South Strand Helping Hand for helping the community. He challenged council to complete the town’s stormwater projects; funds have to be found. In his opinion, all the ditches should be piped.

Mr. Dietrich thanked Ms. Brown and Mr. Shore for volunteering to serve on the senior committee. Compliments were given to staff for outstanding jobs during the hurricane, and to KSBB for its work.

Mr. Johnson thanked town employees, who are the most awesome on the Grand Strand and perhaps the state. He was sad to hear Lee Black retired. He was an awesome employee and person. He wished him all the best. His family supports South Strand Helping Hand annually and have done so for at least 15 years; as long as they have been open. He encouraged everyone to support Helping Hand. He challenged councilmembers to get involved with “It’s a Wonderful Life in Surfside Beach.” The town has a council form of government, which means that all members have equal power. That is what makes us work.

Mr. Pellegrino said it isn’t often you see so many examples of a great community all at once. Thank you to staff for its preparation for the storm, and follow up, which continues. The committees are a big part of making the town work. I appreciate that they have energy and passion; offer recommendations and information. We hear comments and consider them when we vote. South Strand Helping Hand is a very positive service for our community. Thank you to Ms. Kohlmann and others who volunteer there. Seeing hundreds of kids at the school bagging sand was amazing.

Ms. Scoles thanked the KSBB saying they do a lot of good work for the town. The Christmas event will be great project. There were lots of compliments by citizens about how public works staff handled the hurricane preparations and cleanup. Mr. Pieper was thanked for his continual communiques during the event. She reminded everyone of the overlay workshop on Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Stevens thanked all staff who did the job during the hurricane. Even though we did not have a direct hit, it was a possibility. Former Councilmember Magliette did whatever necessary to ensure South Strand Helping Hand had supplies to help the needy. If each resident made a small donation, Helping Hand would raise a lot of money. Ms. Kohlmann was commended for her work at Helping Hand, which is the Surfside Beach Charity. He thanked Ms. Brown and Mr. Shore for volunteering for the senior committee. He encouraged everyone to participate in the Christmas project, and to donate to Helping Hand.
Mayor Childs said council supports Helping Hand more than is known. He and his wife support Helping Hand at Thanksgiving, and make donations throughout the year. A few years ago, the car show diverted some of its profits to Helping Hand. The north side of town has many stormwater issues, because money ran out. He thanked staff for their efforts during the hurricane. The Sundown Restaurant, Golden Egg Pancake House, Dr. & Mrs. John Rathburn, Chick-Fil-A of Surfside, Dagwood’s Deli, Carolina Roadhouse, Texas Roadhouse, Waffle House, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Milz, and Floyd Law Firm were generous providing food for staff and volunteers; thank you letters were sent to each one. Thank you to the citizens who complied with the curfew, and prayers for those affected by the flooding aftermath in neighboring communities.

11. ADJOURNMENT. Mr. Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Mr. Johnson second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Prepared and submitted by:

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk

Approved: October 9, 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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