CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Childs called the workshop to order at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Childs, Mayor Pro Tempore Pellegrino, and Councilmembers Dietrich, Johnson, Ott, and Scoles were in attendance. Councilmember Stevens was absent. A quorum was present. Staff present: Town Administrator Pieper; Town Clerk Herrmann; Finance Director King; Fire Chief Otte, and Police Chief Hofmann, who arrived at 10:40 a.m. and left at 11:00 a.m. Guests: Jonathan Sigmund, Collins Engineers, Inc.; James Hubbard, LS3P Architecture, and Troy Roehm, LS3P Architecture.

Mr. Sigman gave an update on the status saying that the 35 percent plans were presented to the town on August 30th, and those plans were submitted to FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to begin its Environmental Review, which could take up to 18 months. After this meeting, the design team will push forward to 65 percent, 95 percent and then construction. This meeting is to ensure the design meets the expectations of Town Council, because after this point, making major changes would negatively impact the timeline. The design team was confident that the proposed design meets the criteria stated by council.

Mr. Sigman explained that the pier would remain within the existing footprint, but would be elevated to meet the highest elevation required by the new flood maps and to meet the town’s three foot freeboard requirement. The pier foundation will be concrete, and designed to house a future second story on each building. The pylons will be situated further apart, because concrete is much stronger than wood. There will be composite wood or similar material break-away panels designed to float when battered by heavy seas. The panels will be easily replaced so the pier can be reopened quickly after a storm. Maintenance should not be necessary on the concrete foundation for ten years; then it is important to perform spot repairs. There should not be any major maintenance for 20 years.

Mr. Roehm presented several slides and a set of plans titled “Surfside Beach Fishing Pier Restoration, 35% Design Development,” a copy of which is on file. The three buildings were designed to be similar, but each one has its own distinct features. A set of stairs identify the main entryway that are situated within the footprint, but do not extend as far into the parking area as the existing ramp. The design includes storefront and storage space for the town; two hydraulic elevators; an ADA accessible ramp; restaurant and restaurant deck enlarged to the 15 foot allowable, and ADA accessible public restrooms. The roof is designed to camouflage mechanical equipment, and for the time being, the upper story of each building will be used for storage.

Mr. Sigman said the next step is to push the design forward to get ready for a building permit while the FEMA review is being done, and possibly prepare and let a bid package. Best case scenario would be to start demolition at the end of a season and have the new buildings ready at the start of the next season; whether than can be done remains to be determined.

Mr. Ott moved to accept the proposed plans and to authorize staff to move forward with the design team to complete the design. Mr. Dietrich second. All voted in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Childs declared the workshop adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Prepared and submitted by

Debra E. Herrmann, CMC, Town Clerk
VOTE:  Yes  No

SURFSIDE BEACH TOWN COUNCIL

Robert F. Childs, III, Mayor

Ron Ott, Mayor Pro Tempore

Timothy T. Courtney, Town Council

Mark L. Johnson, Town Council

David L. Pellegrino, Town Council

Julie M. Samples, Town Council

Absent

Randle M. Stevens, Town Council

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