

Minutes of Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE**
Mayor Bisso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and recognized a quorum of the Council was present. Sean Roberson gave the invocation.
- 2) **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) **Mayor/council/committee/department head/organization reports**
Police Chief Moncier- gave the monthly PD activity report;
Robert King – gave the EMS monthly activity report;
Sandy – Wings over Surfside coming up;
Tom Hines – May 6 signing of the Treaty of Ft. Velasco 6;
Frances Conway – BAC written directive and membership;
Maribel Hill – Planning Committee discussed the night lights possible ordinance;
Toni Capretta – Turtle season is starting, repaint golf cart path;
Oscar Jalifi – Wisconsin volunteers are on the island, Michelle Booth is working hard to coordinate them;
Sean Robertson – wrote letter of concern to Commissioner Buckingham of the GLO and understand it rendered positive actions.
Gregg Bisso – Freeport waterline update; attended Brazoria County Days and had a good meeting with the GLO.
Erick Ingram – Splash Pad serviced, painted and ready for the summer.
- 4) **Business of visitors not on the agenda.**
Glenda McGonigle asked about code enforcement.
Richard Sublett and Chrissy Daley concerned about the status of the Coral Court entrance;
Blair Baker concerned about the erosion issue on pedestrian beach.
Jason Bailey – connecting his property to sewer.
- 5) *ALL ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE SELF-EXPLANATORY, AND THE COUNCIL WILL ENACT THEM WITH ONE MOTION. UNLESS A COUNCIL MEMBER SO REQUESTS, NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS WILL OCCUR.*

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Consider approval of minutes from the Council meeting on February 14, 2023.

- B. Consider approval of the February 2023 financials.
- C. Grant a variance to the Historical Committee for canon fire on 5-6

Motion was made by Capretta to accept the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Petty and passed unanimously.

7) Discuss and take possible action regarding a Proclamation declaring April 2023 as Fair Housing Month.

Motion was made by Capretta to adopt April 2023 as Fair Housing Month. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

8) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Beach Advisory Committee written directive.

Motion was made by Petty to table at the request of Frances Conway. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed unanimously.

9) Discuss and take possible action to modify the Code of Ordinances section 22-28 regarding the hiring and disciplinary action policies regarding police officers.

Motion was made by Gerber to adopt this supplement and the motion died for lack of a second.

10) Discuss and take possible action regarding outdoor lighting standards in the Village of Surfside Beach.

Motion was made by Gerber to conditionally adopt outdoor lighting standards with a 3 month review. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and was not adopted by a 2 for – 3 against vote.

11) Discuss and take possible action regarding adopting the International Business Code of 2018 to address development of Commercial property.

Motion was made by Gerber to adopt the 2018 IBC and instruct the city attorney to draft an ordinance with a review in 3 months time. Motion was seconded by Petty and passed unanimously.

12) Discuss and take possible action to appoint a new member to the Beach Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Capretta to appoint Pam Maseda as an alternate to the Beach Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Petty and

passed unanimously.

13) Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-14A regarding amending the Section 22-28 of the Code of Ordinances regarding hiring and disciplinary action by the Chief of Police and City Council regarding PD.

Motion was made by Petty to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-14A. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed with 4 for; 1 against (Gerber)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, ARTICLE II, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH, TEXAS; AMENDING TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS OF SURFSIDE BEACH POLICE OFFICERS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

14) Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-14B regarding golf cart and UTV rules and requirements.

Motion was made by Robertson to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-14B. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed with 4 voting for. Mr. Gerber had left the room.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH, TEXAS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE HOURS OF OPERATION AND REGULATION OF OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

15) Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-14C regarding approval of Restricted Prior Service Credit with the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

Motion by Capretta to adopt Ordinance 2023-03-14C regarding Restricted Prior Service Credit with the TRMS. Motion was seconded by Petty and passed unanimously with a 4 for vote, Mr. Gerber abstained from voting.

16) Discuss and take possible action regarding the Village's water and sewer rates.

Motion was made by Robertson to add another tier to the water and sewer rates. Motion was seconded by Petty and passed with a 4-1 vote (Gerber against)

17) The City Council will adjourn into closed executive session pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to discuss personnel matters – specifically, matters involving the appointment/ re-appointment, employment, evaluation,

**reassignment, resignation and duties of the Municipal Court
Presiding Judge and Alternate Judge.**

Council adjourned into executive session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion was made by Capretta to invite Davenport and Ritter into the closed session. Motion was seconded by Petty and passed unanimously.

Council reconvened into open session at 10:01 pm.

18) Action out of executive session, If Any.

Motion was made by Capretta to appoint Chris Duncan as Presiding Municipal Court Judge and Pat Sebesta as Alternate Municipal Court Judge and passed with 4 for and 1 against (Gerber)

Adjourn at 10:02 p.m.



Gregg Bisso, Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport
City Secretary