

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, August 11, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

The City Council reserves the right to meet in closed session on any agenda item, should the need arise and if applicable, pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

PUBLIC HEARING

Open public hearing via WebEx due to the Covid-19 pandemic. This hearing is to take public comment regarding the voluntary annexation of property legally described as A0639 R H BARROW TRACT 2-2A ACRES 32.02; Address: 3113 COUNTY ROAD 257 TX. If you would like to comment on this item please use the WebEx chat feature or text 979-482-7851.

Public hearing was opened at 7:00 pm and closed at 7:02 pm

COUNCIL MEETING:

- 1) **Mayor Davison called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and acknowledged that a quorum was present. Audience attended via webex portal due to COVID 19 pandemic.**
- 2) **INVOCATION by Councilman Robertson, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3) **Mayor/council/committee/department head/organization reports**

Chief Phillips – monthly pd activity report

Gregg Bisso – fire hydrants, public works vehicles, Beach Drive walkovers, sewer station concerns;

Toni Capretta – Palapa removal, boat ramp needs dredging, gas tank in Surfside Shores;

Oscar Jalifi – close the beach at night for safety reasons;

Jennie Green-Prats – parts inventory, the spreadsheet Kennedy is working on looks good;

Larry Davison – introduced Tristan Butcher, sewer update and mapping, golf cart licensing, water project (Freeport line), crabbing pier repairs from TS Hanna

Sean Robertson – beach safety concerns at night;

Michelle Booth – beach cleanup is going well, beach cleanup scheduled for this weekend the 16th, all fall events for the Tourism committee will be outside events.

- 4) **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 July 14, 2020 Council meeting.**
B. **Consider approval of the July 2020 financials.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 5) **Discuss and take possible action for road improvements for Swan Court.**
Swan Court is a private road, the residents have the option to deed it to the City if the street is brought up to City standards of 60' feet wide.
- 6) **Discuss recent actions taken for the AirVac sewer system (what has been done by the Mayor and City Staff since the Special Meeting, what is occurring in the next 30 days).**

The pit location map has been partially completed, we've ordered more controllers and pistons, and we are continuing to collect data on trouble pits.

- 7) **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2020-08-11A amending the early voting dates and the date for the municipal general election.**

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to approve Ordinance 2020-08-11A amending the early voting date and the date for the general election. Motion was seconded by Bisso and passed unanimously.

- 8) **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2020-08-11B amending the zoning ordinance to require any building over 3000 sq feet to obtain a Variance from the Village of Surfside Beach.**

Motion by Green-Prats to accept ordinance 202-08-11B amending the zoning ordinance to require any residential building over 3000 sq ft to obtain a variance. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

- 9) **Discuss and take possible action on FY2020 tax rate.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to propose a tax increase with a rate of .334846 and schedule a public hearing on the tax increase at 7:00 pm on August 18 at City Hall. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta


and passed as follows: Green-Prats: aye; Bisso: aye; Capretta: aye; Jalifi: aye; Robertson: aye

- 10) **Discuss and take possible action to set date/s for budget workshop.**
Motion by Bisso to hold budget workshop on August 18 & 25, 2020.
Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.
- 11) **Business of visitors not on the agenda. If you would like to speak to council on any subject not on the agenda, you should either (1) text your request to 979-482-7851; (2) email amanda@surfsidetx.org or (3) use the chat feature on the webex portal at <https://villageofsurfsidebeach.my.webex.com/meet/csr>**

No parking on Thunder; request for budget workshops to be held at Stahlman Park

- 12) **Adjourn at 8:40 pm.**

Passed and approved this 8th day of September 2020.


Larry Davison, Mayor

Attest:


Amanda Davenport, City Secretary