

**Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council**

Tuesday June 14, 2022 – 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 and declared a quorum to be in attendance, Jalifi and Petty via zoom.
- 2) **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Robertson gave the invocation.
- 3) **Mayor/council/committee/department head/organization reports**  
**Chief Wood** gave the monthly PD activity report and commendation to Officer Bosco for two beach rescues;  
**Robert King** gave the EMS monthly activity report;  
**Michelle Booth** introduced the new website for tourism, new city app and landscaping through TXDot along Hwy. 332;  
**Francis Conway** reported that the draft proposal for the Beach and Dune Plan amendment has been submitted to the GLO;  
**Dortha Pekar** reported on the Battle of Velasco information;  
**Jon Gerber** thanked Jeannie Green-Prats for the work she did while on the council and stated the he is looking forward to the new term;  
**Sean Robertson** reported on his conversation with Thomas Durnin regarding the groin project;  
**Toni Capretta** SOBA meeting at Stahlman Park on Saturday at 5:30;  
**Oscar Jalifi** stated they are working on a plan with TXDot for the landscaping;  
**Gregg Bisso** – the boring under the canal is complete for the water line; HGAC grant is waiting approval through GLO; Splashpad has been repaired; soft sand conditions on the beach have worsened and we finally received the new zoning map and will have it mounted to the wall and put on the website.
- 4) **Business of visitors not on the agenda.**  
Clare Dunne has concerns about the walkover at Gulfway Court.  
Richard Sublett concerns on road repairs on Coral Court and Gulfway Court, replace the street sign and place “dead end” sign.
- 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 May 12, 2022.**
- B. Consider approval of the May 2022 financials.**
- C. Consider approval of Cannon Fire the June 25 Historical Committee event**

Motion was made by Gerber to approve the consent agenda with changes to the minutes to reflect that he did not vote on item number 19 on the May agenda. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed unanimously.

- 6) Discuss and take possible action to appoint a Mayor ProTem.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to nominate Toni Capretta for Mayor Pro Tem. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 7) Discuss and take possible action on appointing members to the "Surfside Beach Police Department Advisory Board" as provided for in Chapter 22 – LAW ENFORCEMENT ARTICLE IV. – POLICE ADVISORY BOARD Sec. 22-86.- Appointment, etc...**

Motion was made by Gerber to appoint members to the Beach Advisory Board. Motion died for lack of second.

- 8) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance Sec. 46-171 – "Designated areas and times for golf cart operation" (Ordinance No. 2016-02-09B, § 2, 2-9-2016; Ord. No. 2021-12-14, § 2, 12-14-2021).  
Action: to delete item "(d)" that restricts operations to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00p.m.**

Motion was made by Robertson to delete item "(d)" that restricts operations to 7:00 a.m. to 9:00p.m. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed 3 for; 1 against (Jalifi). Bob Petty abstained due to conflict of interest.

Jalifi left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

- 9) Discuss and take possible action designating Surfside Beach as a Dark Sky Community.**

Motion was made by Gerber to adopt and begin the process to be a Dark Sky Community. Motion was seconded by Robertson and with the resulting vote being a tie, the deciding vote to pass the motion was decided by Mayor Bisso.

- 10) Discuss and take possible action changing section 22-60 of the Surfside Beach code of ordinances regarding the number of reserve officers in the police department.**

Motion was made by Capretta to change the ordinance to read "at the Police Chief's discretion". Motion was seconded by Petty and passed 3 for; 1 against (Gerber)

**11) Discuss and take possible action awarding the bid for the Hurricane Debris Management and Debris Monitoring.**

Motion was made by Robertson to award the bid for Debris Management to Ceres Environmental and Debris Monitoring to DebrisTech. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed unanimously.

**12) Discuss and take possible action on Council and Committee Liaison assignments.**

Mayor Bisso appointed Robertson and Gerber to the P&Z; Oscar Jalifi to the tourism committee and Toni Capretta to the Beach Advisory Committee

**13) Discuss the Police's newer focus area of Marine patrol so City Council members may understand the problem being solved, the budget, external entities being coordinated with to obtain resources, city related jurisdiction, time commitments by leadership and officers, and pros and cons of this overall effort.**

Discussion ensued between Chief and Council, no action was taken at this time.

**14) Discuss and take possible action requiring attendance at monthly council meetings of the Public Works Director to provide updates on progress towards compliance with the Temporary Injunction Court Order # B-1-GN-19-003191 Case # 51455 Village of Surfside Beach (Regarding sewer & water violations).**

Mayor Bisso will handle this item with staff.

**15) Discuss and take possible action on Proposal from Green Services regarding repair of damages done to Bluewater Highway by a Developer and roadway damages incurred by Hurricane Nicholas.**

Motion was made by Robertson to accept the proposal from Green Services. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed unanimously.

**16) Discuss and take possible action on allowing water test wells no greater than 25 ft deep on private property within The Village for bacteria, nutrient and salinity level testing.**

Motion was made by Capretta to table this item. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

**17) Discuss and take possible action awarding the bid for the replacement of the Stahlman Park roof.**

Motion was made by Petty to accept the bid by Brazosport Roofing. Motion was seconded by Capretta and passed unanimously.

**18) Discuss and take possible action setting a Battle of Velasco monument at the end of Monument Drive.**

Motion was made by Capretta to proceed with placement at the end of Monument Drive. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

**19) Discuss and take possible action to appoint Patton Ritter as the Village designated City Attorney.**

Motion was made by Capretta to appoint Patton Ritter as the Village designated City Attorney at a monthly fee of \$1500.00. Motion was seconded by Petty and passed unanimously.



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Gregg Bisso  
Mayor

Attest:



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Amanda Javerper