

Minutes of Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE**
Mayor Bisso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and noted that all members of City Council were in attendance.
- 2) **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Jalifi gave the invocation and Mayor Bisso led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) **Mayor/council/department head reports**
Gerber: discussed the walkover at Jetty Park
Jalifi: Pilings on the city sign at the entrance are rotten
Parsch: the Hotel tax question and answer townhall meeting went well
Mayor Bisso: Update on the groin project and Stahlman Park repairs; reported that Velasco Drainage District will be out improving the drainage in the Village; HGAC sewer grant is still crawling along; St. Patrick's Day parade is this Saturday and promises to be a good time for all as usual.
Chief Moncier: reported on the monthly PD activities for January and February.
Erick: 64 completed work orders this month, otherwise, business as usual
- 4) Business of visitors not on the agenda. **None**
- 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 January 9, 2024.
 - B. Consider approval of accounts payable from January, 2024.
 - C. Consider approval of the Historical reenactment, cannon fire, and use of Council chambers for the 18th of May 2024. *Gerber*
 - D. Approve estimate from Green's Services for road stripping. *Bisso*
 - E. Approve extending the Interlocal Cooperation Contract for the Failure to Appear Program between the Village and the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas

Motion was made by Green-Prats to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.
- 6) Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance No. 2023.11.14 regarding lighting as submitted by the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Parsch to pass with a strikeout of C6 businesses. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed with 4 for 1 against (Robertson)

- 7) Discuss and take possible action to use funds from the Municipal Court Security Fund for the purchase of a lidar gun and a 16 TB external hard drive for the Surfside Beach police department.

Motion was made by Robertson to approve the expenditure. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 8) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2024.02.13 regarding NO Parking along Bluewater Highway.

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve Ord 2024.02.13 with amendment to say "unless there is designated parking areas". Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed unanimously.

- 9) Discuss and take possible action regarding a Notice of CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC Filing to Change Rates.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to oppose the rates. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

- 10) Discuss and take possible action regarding Ordinance 2024.03.12 amending the Surfside Beach Water Conservation plan by updating the five year and ten year goals.

Motion was made by Robertson to approve Ordinance 2024.03.12 water conservation ordinance. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and take possible action to purchase excavator from Alpha & Omega Construction Equipment for no more than \$29,500.00 through the Government Capital Corporation financing.

Motion was made by Gerber to buy the excavator from Alpha & Omega Construction Equipment. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 12) Discuss and take possible action to establish the Chief's Advisory Panel for the Surfside Beach Texas Police Department.

Motion was made by Gerber to approve the Chief's Advisory Panel. Motion was seconded by Robertson. Motion was removed from consideration by Gerber and no action was taken.

- 13) Discuss and take possible action regarding: Approval of location near the Timeline Fence for Daughters of the Republic of Texas and future insignia medallions from other historically related groups, and proposed landscaping around monument.

Motion was made by Gerber to approve placing the Daughters of the Republic of Texas medallion near the timeline fence. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved 4 for, 1 against (Jalifi)

- 14) Discuss and take possible action to move city hall to Stahlman Park.

Motion was made by Jalifi to hire an architect to do a feasibility study on next steps on City Hall repair and Stahlman Park rehabilitation. Motion was seconded by Gerber.

Discussion ensued and the Motion was amended.

Motion was made by Robertson to place Mayor Bisso on point to lead a feasibility study on potential options for City Hall and Stahlman Park. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed 4 for and 1 abstention (Green-Prats)

- 15) **Executive Session:**

Surfside City Council will adjourn into an EXECUTIVE SESSION (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 Judges serving the Surfside Municipal Court.

Council entered Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 9:19 p.m.

Motion was made by Gerber to go into executive session with Attorney Patton and City Secretary Davenport. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.

- 16) Action, if any out of executive session, and adjourn

Motion was made by Green-Prats to appoint Robert Barfield and possible another as alternate municipal court judge. Motion was second by Jalifi and passed unanimously.



Gregg Bisso, Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport, City Secretary