

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

1) CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Parsch at 7:20 p.m. All council members were present.

2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Jalifi gave the invocation and Mayor Parsch led the pledge.

3) Mayor/council/department head reports

Mayor Parsch – Update on budget, and groin and sewer projects, new utility billing software coming online and red tag late notices will be delivered.

John Gerber – gave an update on Historical Committee activities; appreciates everyone on Council.

Steve Kedlarchuk – thanks everyone for being here.

Oscar Jalifi – Old Guys Surf Reunion on October 4 at Stahlman Park

Erick Ingram– Public works daily reports; monthly activity reports.

Hester – gave the monthly activity report for the Police Department.

Frank– ambulance is back with a repaired A/C however the engine is still knocking; 2 EMS positions available.

Toby Bolinger – road repair still working on potholes.

Josh Hart – reported the monthly activity for the Building/Code Enforcement department,;

Janet Solis – still working on FEMA; thanks for the Labor Day donations to the law enforcement command center.

4) Business of visitors not on the agenda/Present Proclamation designating Texian Navy Day

Mayor Parsch presented the Texian Navy Day proclamation to Michael Bailey.

Sue Page would like the Council to address the pipeline ordinance and make it more stringent.

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 August 12, 2025

B. Consider approval of accounts payable from August 2025.

C. Appoint Chet Davidson to the Beach Advisory Committee.

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved 4 for 1 against.

6) Discuss and take possible action to purchase a replacement ambulance.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to purchase a new ambulance not to exceed \$79,900. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

7) Take action to Open Public hearing for discussion to adopt TMRS employee retirement option of 8% matching maximum (from 7%) and 20 years service (from 25). This will improve the VOSB employee retirement benefits at a total cost of \$20,713 annually if we have 100% participation.

Motion was made by Gerber to open the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

8) Take action to Close public regarding increasing the TMRS contribution.

Motion was made by Hines to close the public hearing. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

9) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2025.09 regarding the Village of Surfside Beach Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits authorizing (1) 20-year retirement eligibility; (2) an increase to the employee contribution rate; and (3) removal of the statutory maximum contribution rate.

Motion was made by Jalifi to adopt Ordinance 2025.09.09A to increase the TMRS employee contribution rate to 8%, adopt the 20 year retirement eligibility and remove the statutory maximum contribution rate. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed unanimously.

10) Take action to Open Public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for 2025.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to close the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2025. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

11) Take action to close the tax rate public hearing.

Motion was made by Hines to open the public hearing on the proposed tax rate for 2025. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

12) Discuss and take possible action to amend Section 8-22 of the Code of Ordinances to allow up to three egg-laying hens on private property within the city limits.

Motion was made by Kedlarchuk to table this item. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

13) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2025.09.09B to allow mobile vending on the beach per the Beach Advisory Committee vending guidelines.

Motion was made by Gerber to adopt Ordinance 2025.09.09B allowing mobile vending on the beach. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed with 4 for, 1 against (Kedlarchuk)

- 14) Discussion with Council, and a presentation by Chris Kneupper about the new down-sized project plan we are currently calling the Fort Velasco Discovery Center.**

Presentation was made by Chris Kneupper regarding the design and purpose of this project.

- 15) Discuss and take possible action to amend Chapter 46, Article V, Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The Village Of Surfside Beach, Texas, Adopting A Truck Routes Ordinance.**

Motion was made by Gerber to table this item. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 16) Discuss and take possible action on Waste Connections rate increase and potential service modification options.**

Item was presented by Mayor Parsch and discussion ensued. No action was taken.

- 17) Discuss and take possible action to appoint two alternate municipal court judges, namely Janet Solis and Tammy King Odom.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to approve the appointment of both Janet Solis and Tammy King Odom as alternate municipal court judges. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

Adjourn at 9:11 p.m.

Passed and approved this 14th day of October, 2025.



Zach Parsch
Mayor



Amanda Davenport
City Secretary