

## Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, April 8, 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 7:00 p.m.

### 2) **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

### 3) **Mayor/council/department head reports**

**Mayor Parsch** – gave an update on the Human Resources department and actions regarding posting for Finance Director and EMS personnel; TCEQ update and update on Village finances; St. Patrick's Day committee presented the annual donation to the PD/EMS and VFD;

**John Gerber** – updated on Planning Committee work regarding beach parking possibilities and signs and also reported on the Historical Monument Square; always available, ready to help at any time.

**Steve Kedlarchuk** – Thanks to Toby and the street crew for the repairs;

**Erick Ingram** – monthly public works activity report; painted fire hydrants; reported on status of TCEQ violations;

**Chief Hester** – gave the monthly activity report for the Police Department;

**Oscar Jalifi** – Village won the Keep Texas Beautiful Silver Star designation; Tourism Friendly Certification and working on bringing more events to town;

**Tony** – EMS – monthly EMS report;

**Josh Hart** – reported the monthly activity for the Building/Code Enforcement department, and the status of the Palm Point Subdivision;

**Toby Bolinger** – Trash barrels and signage still being placed on the beach; beach permit sales are steady;

**Janet Solis** – gave an update on the open positions in the Village employ.

**Amanda Davenport** – gave an update on the pending grants and grant applications.

### 4) **Business of visitors not on the agenda.**

Jonathan Burnsnill, Tammy and Eric Eckstrand, Randy Toomy and Clare Dunn spoke regarding the Palm Pint Subdivision and private roads. Rick Sublett is concerned about Coral Court entrance and Chrissy Daley is concerned about enforcement of beach rules.

### 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 11, 2025 and March 11, 2025.

- B. Consider approval of accounts payable from March 2025.
- C. Consider approval of expenditure from the Court Technology Fund for the purchase of a new court computer and (2) computer monitors not to exceed \$1200.00 in total.
- D. Proclamation declaring April 2025 as Fair Housing Month
- E. Proclamation declaring April 21, 2025 San Jacinto Day
- F. Approve the Brazoria Militia to stage the historical re-enactment on Saturday May 3, 2025 at the monument site

**Motion was made by Jenni Green-Prats to approve items A-E on the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.**

**Motion was made by Green-Prats to approve item F with Canon fire. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and failed with 2 voting for and 3 against.**

**Motion was made by Gerber to approve item F without canon fire, muskets only. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed with 4 for, 1 against (Kedlarchuk)**

- 6) Discuss and take possible action amending Sec. 48-172. - Construction of sanitary sewer system. striking the wording in: (a) (3) No person who connects to the sewer system shall ever reconnect to a septic system and striking the wording in: (b) (1) All persons, or their successors and assigns, owning property with connections as shown on Exhibit "A" are required to connect to the sewer system, and to disconnect and dispose of their septic systems as required by state law and regulations. No person who is required to connect to the sewer system shall ever reconnect to a septic system.

**Motion was made by Gerber to modify section 48-172 of the Municipal Code striking the wording in (a)(3) and (b)(1). Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk, no vote was taken**

**Discussion ensued regarding section 206**

**Motion was modified by Gerber to table this item. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed unanimously.**

- 7) Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance 2025.04.08A eliminating the provision for regulation of pictorial record of meetings.

**Motion was made by Gerber to approve Ordinance 2025.04.08A eliminating the provision for regulation of pictorial record of meetings. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.**

- 8) Discuss and take possible action to amend section 12-5 of the Code of Ordinances regarding wetland and upland delineation, in response to the recent decision of the USACE.

**Motion was made by Gerber to change section 12-5 to either a topographical survey showing the mean high tide or delineation. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats**

**Discussion ensued**

**Motion was amended by Gerber to direct the City Attorney to do an ordinance to change section 12-5 to either a topographical survey showing the mean high tide or delineation. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.**

- 9) Discuss the Comprehensive Work Plans signed onto by the Village of Surfside Beach with the nonprofit organization Communities Unlimited regarding sewer and water rates and infrastructure, as well as other discussions and progress made with associated entities, and related research.

**Discussion only presented by John Gerber that Communities Unlimited is working with us to find funding for our water and sewer problems.**

- 10) Discuss and take possible action regarding Sec 12-2. - Registration requirements for building permits. Registration of Builders, Remodelers, and Contractors who intend to obtain building permits for construction projects in an amount exceeding the sum of \$20,000.00.

Discussion presented by Gerber to help pay for infrastructure loans through developer fees, etc..

**Motion was made by Jalifi to table this item and send it to the Planning Committee for recommendation based upon the template provided in the Council packet. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.**

- 11) Discuss and take possible action to adopt simple guidelines as well as a recusal, abstention, attendance form to streamline the process for council members on agenda items that may represent a conflict of interest, and to start the enforcement of state laws regarding the conduct of local governing bodies.

**Motion was made by Jalifi to enforce the state law and use the Council form for conflicts and attendance issues TLGC 171. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed 4 for, 1 against (Green-Prats)**

- 12) Discuss and take possible action in Beach recreation area rules ordinance Section 28-62 of the Surfside Code of Ordinances, specifically, 'No mobile vendors are allowed.

**Motion was made by Jalifi to instruct the City Attorney to remove from our vending ordinance Section 28-62 "no mobile vending allowed". Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed with 4 for 1 against (Kedlarchuk)**

- 13) Discuss and take possible action regarding Flood Insurance for City Buildings.

**Motion was made by Gerber to cancel flood insurance policies. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.**

- 14) Request approval of the Village of Surfside Beach City Council to authorize the Mayor to transact on an electricity contract for the Village to lock in an optimal supply rate for a 72-month term that begins July 1, 2025.

**Motion was made by Green-Prats to allow Mayor Parsch to make the electricity contract decisions. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed unanimously.**

Adjourn at 9:54 p.m.

**Passed and approved this 13th day of May 2025.**



Zach Parsch  
Mayor



Amanda Davenport  
City Secretary