

## Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

### 1) CALL TO ORDER QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE

- Mayor Zach Parsch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and confirmed a quorum was present (Jonathan Gerber, Stephen Kedlarchuk, Oscar Jalifi, Marsha Hines, Jennie Green-Prats)

### 2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- Alderman Oscar Jalifi offered the invocation. Mayor Parsch led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas state flag

### 3) MAYOR/ COUNCIL/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

#### A. Mayor Report:

- Mayor Parsch thanked all the City employees for their support during his term as Mayor.
- Mayor announced this will be his last City Council meeting and that Marsha Hines will assume mayoral responsibilities
- Mayor outlined accomplishments: Staffing improvements, financial health, FEMA recovery, Grant projects and Capital improvements

#### City Administrator Report:

- Future will feature a consolidated City Administrator report
- Department Heads will still attend when agenda items require subject expertise
- Department reports remain publicly accessible
- Beach, infrastructure and grant-related projects are progressing as planned.

#### B. Council Reports

##### Alderman Gerber:

Reported on the SPCA contract, 3 dogs have been removed from the community and surrendered to the SPCA. Reported that repairs were made to the Ambulance and the new ambulance is operational. An electrical meter at EMS center was replaced resulting in fewer power related disruptions. Reported the replacement of light bulbs in various lighting fixtures in the community. Reported 52 participants and \$5835 raised for the bone cancer awareness fund raiser. Reported there will be a presentation by Vacu-Tech next month.

##### Alderman Kedlarchuk:

Reported on the pothole repairs in the community. Issued appreciation to the mayor for his service. Issued a welcome to City Administrator, William Cox

**Alderman Jalifi:**

Appreciation issued to David Calhoun for his leadership with the Surfside, Sunset and Sound festival. 600 wristbands were issued, which is the largest event ever held by VOSB. The next scheduled Surfside, Sunset and Sound festival will be held on May 1 & 2, 2026.

**Alderman Hines:**

Issued appreciation to the mayor for his service.

**Alderman Green-Prats:**

Remarked she attended and observed the last court session that was held and noted the court is extremely busy and that it does pose parking challenges at City Hall.

**C. Police Department Report:**

- Reported March statistics
- Bi-weekly officer training has been implemented
- Upcoming high-risk traffic stop training at Stahlman Park

**D. EMS Report:**

- March EMS calls increased 96% compared to the prior year
- Beach calls increased significantly as well
- Reminder hurricane season is fast approaching, need to prepare

**E. Public Works:**

- 1200 ft of waterline repaired on Bluewater Highway
- Removed two dead ends and looped the system
- Fire hydrant at Stahlman Park has been replaced
- 3 fire hydrants in the Village are out of service
- All working fire hydrants have green caps
- Polyphosphate tanks at each plant now have enclosures around each tank

**F. Building Safety/Code Enforcement:**

- VOSB has completed the inspections at the Salty Pelican and is currently awaiting county health inspections.
- Fire inspections are complete and signed off
- 134 Yucca has been demoed and a lien for money owed has been placed
- Signs in easements have been picked up and will be held at City Hall for 30 days to be claimed by owners

**G. Finance Report:**

- Opened a Tex Pool account strictly dedicated to the HB1915 fund
- Transferred \$2.8 million into the HB1915 fund account
- All accounts have been reconciled to date
- All reports are filed for the month
- Working on a 6-month budget analysis
- Closing unused accounts to cut unnecessary expenses

**H. Human Resources Report:**

- Four EMS openings
- Hosting positions for seasonal beach crew labor
- DML Risk Pool reports are complete
- Warrant roundup doubled this year
- FEMA is still on hold for hurricane Bery

**I. Tourism/IT Report:**

- Preparations ongoing for the May 2 Sunset, Surf & Sound event
- VFD Bar B Que event is May 2
- Election Day is May 2
- Encouragement to bring Tourism committee back to life
- Upcoming TML mandatory training

**J. Beach Report:**

- Brazoria County completed the 2026 agreement with VOSB
- Main beach entrance project has started
- Road repairs continue as equipment on hand allows

**4. BUSINESS OF VISITORS NOT ON THE AGENDA:**

- St. Patrick's Day Parade committee presentation of a donation check to the VFD, PD and EMS

**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:**

- Consider minutes from City Council meeting held on March 10, 2026
- Discuss and take possible action to approve renewing the Cooperative Agreement for animal sheltering with the SPCA of Brazoria County
- Item was removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion, Alderman Gerber presented the contents of the SPCA contract agreement, discussion ensued for clarification.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Green-Prats moved to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting held on April 10, 2026. Alderman Hines seconded the motion.
- Alderman Green-Prats made a motion to remove this item from the consent agenda for further discussion. Alderman Gerber seconded the motion

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats
- Motion passed unanimously
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Pratas

**6. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE FY BUDGET BY INCREASING POLICE OVERTIME FROM \$15,000 TO \$40,000, WITH THE ADDITIONAL \$25,000 TO BE FUNDED FROM THE GENERAL FUND, RESULTING IN TOTAL EXPENSES OF \$2,096,536.76 AND REVISED NET INCOME OF \$801,200.52**

**AGENDA:**

- Chief Hester addressed the council requesting an increase in the PD overtime budget in the amount of \$25,000 to be funded from the General Fund.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Jalifi made the motion to amend the FY budget to increase the General Fund from \$15,000 to \$40,000, an increase of \$25,000 for Police overtime. Alderman Hines seconded the motion

**VOTE:**

- Motion Passed 3-2
- Yes – Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats
- No – Alderman Gerber
- Abstain – Alderman Kedlarchuk

**7. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE EMS GL #6113 (FUEL/OIL/WASH) BY \$11,000 FROM \$4,000 TO \$15,000**

**AGENDA:**

- EMS director presented a request for an increase in the EMS fuel budget due to significantly rising fuel costs. Based on projected call volume for the rest of the FY an additional \$11,000 is being requested.

**MOTION:**

- Council discussed it and a motion was made to divide the requested funds between funding sources. Alderman Gerber made a motion to amend the motion to divide the funds between the General Fund and the Beach Fund. Alderman Green-Prats seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats

**8. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE TREATY ROAD EXTENSION PROPOSAL THAT WAS PREVIOUSLY TABLED AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 10, 2026**

**AGENDA:**

- Council discussed the mailers had been previously mailed out notifying residents of the road extension. Feedback received indicated no objections from residents. The extension will help control traffic congestion and provide additional access for first responders

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Gerber made a motion to approve the Treaty Road extension. Alderman Jalifi seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed 3-2
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines
- No – Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Green-Pra

**9. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO FUND A MESSAGING TOOL FOR THE COORDINATION OF OUR FIRST RESPONDERS WITH A NETWORK OF SKILLED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SHORE MARINE SEARCH AND RESCUE**

**AGENDA:**

- Representatives from the local surfing community presented a proposal for an Aqua Search volunteer program. Program is volunteer based. Liability and coordination with first responders as discussed. Council discussed the funding and training for water rescue situation.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Gerber made a motion to fund a messaging tool for the coordination of our first responders with a network of skilled volunteers for the shore marine search and rescue up to \$500. Alderman Kedlarchuk seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats

**10. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO PROVIDE FUNDING OF AT LEAST \$3,850 TO IMPLEMENT A TRAINING PROGRAM PURSUANT TO TEXAS TAX CODE (351.105 – ALLOCATION OF REVENUE: ELIGIBLE COASTAL MUNICIPALITIES)**

**AGENDA:**

- Council discussed funding training for first responders in water rescue situations. A two and half-day Swiftwater Rescue course for up to ten personnel was proposed. Differences between swift water and ocean rescue training was discussed.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Gerber made a motion to provide at least \$3,850 (1%) for training under Texas Tax code 351.105 (Hotel Occupancy Tax Allocation). Alderman Green-Prats seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats

**11. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO INSTRUCT LEGAL TO AMEND SEC. 2-158 (MUNICIPAL DEPOSITORIES) AND SEC. 2-519 (AUTHORIZED CHECK SIGNATORIES) TO INCLUDE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AS AN AUTHORIZED BANKING TRANSACTION SIGNATORY**

**AGENDA:**

- Council discussed adding the City Administrator as an authorized banking signatory.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Green-Prats made a motion to amend Sec. 2-158 (Municipal Depositories) and Sec. 2-519 (Authorized Check Signatories) to include the City Administrator as an authorized banking transaction signatory,

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats

**12. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO SET THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR SPENDING AUTHORITY AND APPROVAL LIMITS**

**AGENDA:**

- Council discussed setting spending authority limits for the City Administrator to meet efficiency and operational needs.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Jalifi made a motion to grant the City Administrator spending authority and approval limits of \$25,000. Alderman Gerber seconded the motion

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prat

**13. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO ACCEPT CONTRACTS WITH RENTALScape/DECKARD FOR THE VOSB SHORT TERM RENTAL PROGRAM**

**AGENDA:**

- Presentation from Rob with Rentalscape/Deckard on the process, utilization and benefits of their company to be able to provide the services VOSB requires for meeting the STR requirements of the Village. Council discussed the failures of the program currently in place to process the STR for the Village and the importance of acquiring a new program to meet these requirements.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Gerber made a motion to accept contracts with Rentalscape/Deckard for the short-term rental program.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats

**14. DISCUSSION REGARDING CHANGING THE CITY ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE TOURISM COMMITTEE (SEC. 2-399; CREATION, APPOINTMENT, REMOVAL, QUALIFICATIONS, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION)**

**AGENDA:**

- This item was stricken from the agenda

**15. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED FY 2026 HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX FUND**

**AGENDA:**

- Council discussed these funds are coming from tourists; therefore, expenditures include advertising, beach patrol, water tower projects and land acquisitions. The budget deficit is currently -\$1.1 million with reserves available. An amendment was proposed to reduce advertising from \$460,000 to \$250,000.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Gerber made a motion to accept the hotel budget deficits and move monies out of Tex Pool to the Operating Fund.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats

**16. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS INVOLVING THE VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH INCLUDING CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §551.071 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

**AGENDA:**

- Recessed to executive session regarding this item at 8:46 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:17 p.m.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Green-Prats made a motion to approve a settlement agreement with Ted Dahl in the amount of \$4,000 and B C I C DIV 1 LOT 19 (AD0009 B T Archer) ACRES 5. Alderman Jalifi seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 3-2
- Yes – Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats
- No – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk

**17. DISCUSS AND TAKE POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR REPAIRS TO VOSB CITY HALL INCLUDING CONSULTATION WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §551.071 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

**AGENDA:**

- Recessed to executive session regarding this item at 8:46 p.m.

**MOTION:**

- Alderman Jalifi made a motion to hire Robert Lee to make repairs to City Hall. Alderman Gerber seconded the motion.

**VOTE:**

- Motion passed unanimously 5-0
- Yes – Alderman Gerber, Alderman Kedlarchuk, Alderman Jalifi, Alderman Hines, Alderman Green-Prats

**18. ADJOURN**

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Passed and approved this 12th day of May 2026



Marsha Hines, Mayor



Cheryl D. Richards  
City Secretary