

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, February 11, 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 – Discussed the Freeport water issue; Police Chief recruitment, financials, FEMA update from Hurricane Beryl, water bills and delinquent accounts.

John Gerber – working on TCEQ loan forgiveness and TCEQ grant opportunities; accountability and transparency; worked on splash pad electricity.

Erick Ingram- Public works daily reports; reduced the consumption of water from Freeport; 100 completed work orders in January;

Hines – information on website;

Kelly Marsh – gave the monthly activity report for the Police Department; hiring officers; ticket writers are finally working and racial profiling is completed and submitted.

Oscar Jalifi – Tourism met and moving into stage 1 of the Amphitheater and Event Complex;

Tony – EMS – new stair chair is here and March and April Symposium is coming up;

Josh Hart – reported the monthly activity for the Building/Code Enforcement department, the crabbing pier repair is underway along with the Stahlman Park walkover;

Green-Prats – who is going to follow-up on action agreed upon during council meetings?

Toby Bolinger – Winterized the City owned buildings; created a golf cart beach entrance on Carlton..

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 14 & 27, 2025.**

B. **Consider approval of accounts payable from January 2025.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve item A on the consent agenda, item B was not provided for this meeting. Motion was seconded by Marsha Hines and passed unanimously.

6) **Discuss and take possible action to align local ordinances dealing with signs (chapter 36-Signs) with state statutes.**

Motion by Gerber to align local sign ordinance (Chapter 36 of the Code of Ordinances) with state statutes by allowing the Planning Committee to review guidelines. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed with 4 for, 1 against (Jalifi)

- 7) **Discuss and take action to change the short-term rental fee to be more in line with other TX rental communities, which is an annual registration and fee of \$200-\$250.**

Motion was made by Gerber to a \$100 annual fee. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and failed with 1 for and 4 against.

Motion was made by Jalifi to raise the registration fee to \$200 annually. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved 3 for; 2 against (Kedlarchuk and Gerber)

- 8) **Discuss and take action to approve the ordinance to create EMS as a stand-alone department, effectively decoupling from Police Department.**

Motion by Gerber to table this item as requested by Mayor Parsch. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 9) **Discuss and take possible action to authorize Marsha Hines to contact TXDOT for Surfside Intracoastal Waterway Bridge aesthetic improvements.**

Motion was made by Gerber to approve Hines to contact TXDOT for IWC bridge improvements. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.

- 10) **Discuss and take possible action to donate to the Old Velasco Historical Committee for construction of the Fort.**

Discussion stated that this committee would actually be the Cradle of Texas Conservancy, not the Old Velasco Historical Committee.

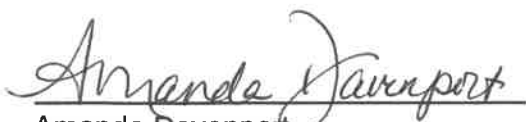
Motion was made by Jalifi to donate \$250,000 to the Cradle of Texas Conservancy for the construction of the Fort. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed with 3 for and 2 against (Green-Prats and Kedlarchuk)

- 11) **Adjourn at 8:23 p.m.**

Passed and approved this 11th day of March 2025.



Zach Parsch
Mayor



Amanda Davenport,
City Secretary