

## Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, March 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. Gerber arrived at 7:10 and Kedlarchuk was absent.

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

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

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

**Mayor Parsch** – Swear-In (by Ritter) and welcomed new police Chief Philip Hester; Thanks to Kelly Marsh for his interim chief work; discussed the Freeport water issue; financials, gave a SPOT update.

**John Gerber** – always available, ready to help at any time.

**Erick Ingram**-monthly public works activity report;

**Chief Hester** – gave the monthly activity report for the Police Department; and the chain of command;

**Oscar Jalifi** – Tourism did not meet;

**Tony** – EMS – monthly EMS report;

**Josh Hart** – reported the monthly activity for the Building/Code Enforcement department, Stahlman Park walkover updates; GLO was on the island and toured the beach with Toby and Josh;

**Green-Prats** – make sure the committee meetings are not at the same time;

**Toby Bolinger** – Trash barrels and signage still being placed on the beach, meeting with BCSS regarding porta potties.

**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. 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 February 2025.**

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

Motion was made by Jalifi to remove item B and approve item A as requested by Green-Prats due to #10 on the Minutes. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed unanimously.

- 6) Discuss and take possible action on allocating funds for the walkovers at Whelk (ADA), at Oyster, at Sundial, at Crab and at Angel Wing. Funding source, the Hotel Fund.**

Motion was made by Gerber to allocate funds from Hotel Fund. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats. Discussion ensued and no vote was taken.

- 7) Conduct public hearing regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit at 18 Fort Velasco Street, Surfside Beach regarding the sale of alcohol.**

*Public hearing was opened at 7:35 p.m. The owner spoke in favor of the CUP and Josh Hart answered questions related to the building and address. Public Hearing was closed at 7:47 p.m.*

- 8) Discuss and take possible action regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit at 18 Fort Velasco Street, Surfside Beach regarding the sale of alcohol.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve the CUP application at 18 Ft Velasco with a separate address and an encroachment restriction on the Deed. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 9) Discuss and take action to approve the Ordinance # 2025.03.11C to create EMS as a stand-alone department, effectively decoupling from Police Department.**

Motion was made by Gerber to approve Ord. 2025.03.11C to create EMS as a stand-alone department. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed unanimously.

- 10) Discuss and take action to approve an ordinance amending Ordinance # 2025.03.11A by changing the wording to prohibit burning or removing dune mitigation materials from the dunes areas, including Christmas trees, hay bales, etc.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to approve Ord 2025.03.11A re: prohibiting the removal of dune mitigation materials from the dune areas. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and take possible action to approve Debbie Steinle as a new BAC member and discuss and possibly appoint new Tourism committee members.**

Motion was made by Gerber to appoint Debbie Steinle to the Beach Advisory Committee. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Jalifi to appoint Cailyn Anderson to the Tourism Committee. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.

- 12) Discuss and take possible action regarding vendors on the beach.**

Motion was made by Gerber to allow vendors on the beach. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and discussion ensued.

Motion was amended by Gerber to send the question "to allow vending on the beach" to the Planning Committee and the Beach Advisory Committee and bring recommendations back to Council. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

**13) Discuss and take possible action to build one (1) bay side parking area as a test to future beach parking solutions along Bluewater Highway.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to construct at least one parking area along Bluewater Highway bay side for additional beach parking. Motion was seconded by Gerber and discussion ensued. An amended Motion was made by Jalifi to task the Planning Committee to research for additional beach parking areas. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

**14) Discuss and take possible action to approve the short-term rental registration fee Ordinance # 2025.03.11B.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve Ord 2025.03.11B to increase the short-term rental annual registration fee. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed with a tie at 2 and Mayor Parsch voted "for" to pass the motion to increase the fee.

**15) Discuss and take possible action to amend: Sec. 50-5. - R-1 Striking the wording in: (d) (2) Political signs limited to 30 days prior to the date of the election. All temporary signs must be removed no later than 15 days after the sale, event or election is concluded.**

Motion by Gerber to amend Section 50-5 allowing the City Attorney to construct the wording to bring in life with State law. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

**16) Discuss and take possible action to strike from the Village of Surfside code of ordinance: Sec. 2-95. - Regulation of pictorial record of meetings.**

Motion was made by Gerber to refer the section on pictorial meeting to the City Attorney and amend the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed 3-1 (Jalifi)

**17) Discuss and take possible action regarding conflict-of-interest disclosures Chapter 171 of the Local Government Code regulates local public officials' conflicts of interest. TEX. LOC. GOV'T CODE §§ 171.001-.010**

Green-Prats stated that Council needs to remember to declare any conflicts of interest.

**18) 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 table this time. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 19) Executive Session: THE CITY COUNCIL WILL ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, AS AUTHORIZED BY THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SECTIONS 551.071 (CONSULTATION WITH AN ATTORNEY) CONSULTATION with attorney: update on Attorney General injunction AND 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/or duties of the City Attorney Patton Ritter.**

City Council recessed into exe session at 8:35 p.m. Motion was made by Gerber to invite Ritter and Davenport in to closed session. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

Council reconvened into regular session at 9:02 p.m

- 20) Action, if any, out of executive session. No action was taken out of exe session.**

**Adjourn at 9:05 p.m.**

**Passed and approved this 8th day of April 2025.**



Zach Parsch  
Mayor



Amanda Davenport,  
City Secretary