

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

1) **CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Parsch called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that a quorum of council was in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Green-Prats was absent due to illness.

2) **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

3) **Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2025.05.13GE canvass of the 2025 General Municipal Election**

Motion was made by Gerber to accept the canvass results of the 2025 General Municipal Election, electing Zach Parsch to the unexpired Mayoral term for one year and declaring unopposed candidates Oscar Jalifi, Marsha Hines and Jennie Green-Prats elected for another full-term and approve Ord. 2025.05.13GE. Motion was seconded by Hines and approved unanimously.

4) **SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS and MAYOR**

City Attorney and State of Texas Notary Patton Ritter swore in Mayor Parsch and Alderman Jalifi and Alderman Hines. Green-Prats was absent due to illness.

5) **Mayor/council/department head reports**

Mayor Parsch – a new EMS Director has been hired, public works is working hard to make road repairs, most HR policy changes have been completed. The Beach Advisory Committee has membership positions available and they are working on a budget for next year. Marsha Hines has been volunteering in finance to get that department up to date.

John Gerber – Historical re-enactment went well and was heavily attended. Registration of contractors was tabled by the Planning Committee, they still have work to do.

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

Erick Ingram – monthly public works activity report; CCR has been posted to website;

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

Oscar Jalifi – updated on Tourism activities and the Lampstand marketing campaign;

Frank DeMarco – EMS – monthly EMS report., making plans for holidays and big event weekends.

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

Toby Bolinger – Trash barrels and signage still being placed on the beach; beach permit sales are steady; working on street signs; getting the Mobi Chairs out and let people know they are available;

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.

- 6) **Business of visitors not on the agenda**
Donna Robinson – light up the flags at night at the monument;
Richard Sublett – thank you for putting information on the website;
Randy Tooms – private roads – Gulfway Court
- 7) **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 April 08, 2025.**
B. **Consider approval of accounts payable from April 2025.**

Motion was made by Gerber to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 8) **Discuss and take possible action to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem.**

Motion was made by Gerber to nominate Jennie Green-Prats for Mayor Pro Tem. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 9) **Discuss and take possible action to create an ordinance prohibiting digging and leaving large holes in the sand on the beach.**

Motion was made by Hines to instruct Patton to create an ordinance regarding digging and leaving large holes in the sand on the beach. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 10) **Discuss and take possible action to approve Ordinance 2025.05.13A amending 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 approve Ord 2025.05.13A changing the wording in section 12-5 of the Code of Ordinances. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 11) **Discuss and take possible action to purchase new equipment and procure maintenance services for existing water treatment equipment used by our First Responders at the Emergency Center.**

Motion was made by Gerber to purchase a new system spending no more than \$2500. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and failed with Mayor Parsch breaking a tie vote.

- 12) **Discuss and take possible action to approve Ordinance 2025.05.13B Beach recreation area rules ordinance Section 28-62 of the Surfside Code of Ordinances, specifically, 'No mobile vendors are allowed'.**

Motion was made by Gerber to table and send to Patton and Hester to create possible

language for this ordinance. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and take possible action to donate \$250,000.00 to the Cradle of Texas Conservancy for the purpose of building a replica of the old Fort Velasco site.**

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

- 14) Discuss and take action to appoint Frank DeMarco as our Emergency Manager, replacing Tony Scharp.**

This item was taken into executive session. Motion was made by Jalifi to appoint Frank DeMarco as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed 3 for; 1 against (Gerber)

- 15) Discuss and take possible action regarding RV parking on the beach.**

Motion was made by Gerber to regulate RV's on the beach. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed 3 for; 1 abstain(Kedlarchuk)

- 16) EXECUTIVE SESSION: Sec. 551.071. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; CLOSED MEETING. A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about: (A) pending or contemplated litigation; or (B) a settlement offer; or (2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**

Motion was made by Gerber to adjourn into executive session with Ritter and Davenport included. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 17) Action, if any, out of executive session.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to appoint Frank DeMarco as Emergency Management Coordinator. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed 3 for; 1 against (Gerber)

Adjourn 9:36 p.m.

Passed and approved this 10th day of June 2025.

Zach Parsch
Mayor

Amanda Davenport,
City Secretary