Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 – 7:00 PM
Village of Surfside Beach
1304 Monument Drive
Surfside Beach, TX 77541

1) CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Bisso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced that all Council members were in attendance.

2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jalifi gave the invocation and Mayor Bisso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Mayor/council/department head reports

Chris Beall – EMS activity for the month of July 2024

Erick Ingram-gave an update on the sewer system, debris removal and sand cleanup;

Gerber - thanks to all city workers; discord in the community;

Jalifi – Coral Court; light ordinance violations; Open Meetings Act explanation;

Bisso – Hurricane Beryl recap and update on debris monitoring and removal; asked for help from Council and Community, can't do this alone.

4) Business of visitors not on the agenda.

Colleen Harris – walkover re: Francis Cove;

R. Sublett - Coral Court Road entrance and fence

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 July 6, 11, 15 & 31, 2024.
- B. Consider approval of accounts payable from July 2024.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to remove item B for further discussion and approve item A as presented. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

Jalifi questioned the full accounting of the accounts payable from July 2024 and was advised to get with the Finance Department with his questions.

6) Report from Mayor Bisso regarding Hurricane Beryl aftermath and recovery.

Mayor Bisso gave a full recap of Hurricane Beryl and recovery efforts, debris removal will start the 2nd pass on August 19th.

7) Discuss and take possible action to adopt ordinance no. 2024.08.13 creating a framework for enforcement of double red flag rules to enhance public water safety in extreme conditions and creating an exemption allowing surfing with appropriate equipment to continue unhindered in Surfside.

Motion was made by Parsch to approve Ord 2024.08.13 regarding Double Red Flags and surfing when they are flying. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed 3 for; 2 against

Gerber suggested that this ordinance be referred to as the Johnny Lee McGee Ordinance.

8) Discuss and take possible action regarding Waste Connections price increase.

Motion was made by Gerber to table. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed unanimously.

9) Discuss and take possible action on re-instating pay status to an Associate Municipal Court judge.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to pay the municipal court associate judge/s. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed 4 for and 1 abstain (Kedlarchuk)

10) Discuss and take possible regarding Council member behavior.

Jennie Green-Prats cautioned Council members regarding the Open Meetings Act and "walking quorums".

11) Executive Session: The City Council may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee unless the officer or employee who is subject of the deliberations or hearing request a public hearing namely: Police Chief William Moncier and Janet Solis

Council recessed into closed executive session regarding Janet Solis at 8:29 pm

Motion was made by Jalifi to invite Amanda Davenport and Patton Ritter into executive session. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

Action, if any, out of executive session.

Council reconvened into open session at 8:50 p.m.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to give Janet Solis 2 weeks to work up a grievance procedure manual. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

OPEN HEARING REGARDING WILLIAM MONCIER IN OPEN SESSION Discussion was held, William Moncier was not in attendance.

Motion was made by Gerber to accept William Moncier's resignation. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed 3 for; 2 against (Kedlarchuk and Green-Prats)

12) Adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

Passed and approved this 10th day of September 2024.

Gregg Bisso,

Mayor

Amanda Davenport

City Secretary