

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, September 10 – 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 7:15 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:**
Interim Chief Marsh – still checking applicants, Brazoria County still helping us out on Patrol and we are utilizing our reserves;
Chris Beall – EMS activity for the month of August 2024 and upcoming activities;
Erick Ingram–gave an update on the sewer system, vacuum pump burned up this morning;
Gerber – I am always available just call;
Kedlarchuk – researching pothole material
Jalifi – Tourism committee looking for chairperson;
Bisso –update on debris monitoring and removal; asked for help from Council and Community, drainage update with Velasco Drainage.
- 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 August 12, 13, 14, 20, 26, 29 and September 3, 2024.
 - B. Consider approval of accounts payable from August, 2024.

Motion was made by Parsch to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.
- 6) **PUBLIC HEARING: Open PUBLIC HEARING regarding the FY 2024-2025 Maintenance and Operating Budget for the Village of Surfside Beach. This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$82,637, which is a 5.27 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$28,214.**

Public Hearing was opened at 8:00 p.m. Comments were made by the Public

who were in attendance and the public hearing was closed at 8:03 p.m.

- 7) Discuss and take possible action to approve Ordinance 2024-09-10A approving (by record vote) the FY 2024-2025 Village of Surfside Beach Maintenance and Operating General Fund Budget.**

Motion was made by Parsch to approve the General Fund Budget for FY 2024-2025. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and was approved unanimously as follows: Gerber – yes; Kedlarchuk – yes; Jalifi – yes; Parsch – yes; Green=Prats – yes.

- 8) Discuss and take possible action to ratify the FY 2024-2025 Budget and find that the Proposed Tax Rate of .279199/\$100 will generate more property tax revenue than the previous fiscal year budget.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to ratify the proposed tax rate. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 9) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2024-09-10B setting the 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operation of .24848, and the Ad Valorem tax rate for Debt Service of .030719 totaling a rate of .279199.**

Jalifi made the motion as follows: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of .279199, which is effectively a 3.68 % increase in the tax rate. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed with the following recorded vote: Gerber – yes; Kedlarchuk – yes; Jalifi – yes; Parsch – yes; Green=Prats – yes.

- 10) Discuss and take action to establish Surfside Beach EMS as a stand-alone department, effectively decoupling from PD.**

Motion was made by Parsch to look into the step to create a stand-alone EMS, meaning not reporting to the Police Department. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and take possible action to raise the rental rates for Stahlman Park.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve the Stahlman Park rate increases effective immediately. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed 4 for; 1 against (Kedlarchuk)

New Stahlman Park Rental Rates

<i>Upstairs/Downstairs Combo</i>	<i>\$1200/daily</i>	<i>\$200 deposit</i>
<i>Upstairs only</i>	<i>\$1100/daily</i>	<i>\$200 deposit</i>
<i>Downstairs Only</i>	<i>\$250/ daily</i>	<i>\$100 deposit</i>

- 12) Discuss and take possible action to create a Mayor's Clean Water Task Force and to define the duties of such advisory committee.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to create a clean water task committee. Motion was seconded by Parsch and approved unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and take possible action regarding a rate increase notice by Waste Connections, Inc.**

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


- 14) Executive Session: Sec. 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.**

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 Parsch to adjourn into executive session at 8:31 p.m. with Davenport and Ritter. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 15) Action, if any, out of executive session. No action was taken, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.**

Passed and approved this 8th day of October 2024.



Jennie Green-Prats
Mayor Pro Tem



Amanda Davenport,
City Secretary