

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, January 14, 2024 – 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, crabbing pier repair and early bird beach permits being sold at half price until the end of January 2025.

John Gerber – gave an update on Historical Committee activities at the “plaza”; appreciates everyone on Council;

Erick Ingram- Public works daily reports; reduced the consumption of water from Freeport; monthly activity reports;

Kelly Marsh – gave the monthly activity report for the Police Department; hiring officers;

Oscar Jalifi – Tourism met and discussed a marketing plan with new Tourism Specialist, Barron Leger.

Beall – awarded Tiffany Colquitt as Medic of the Month;

Josh Hart – reported the monthly activity for the Building/Code Enforcement department, the crabbing pier repair and Stahlman Park drainage;

Janet Solis – we still have open position in PD and EMS.

Toby Bolinger – received the permit to place hay bales and Christmas trees on the beach for dune mitigation. Reported on re-locating the monument signs from the front entrance to the historical plaza.

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 December 10, 2024.

B. Consider approval of accounts payable from December 2024.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

6) Conduct public hearing regarding a request for a Conditional Use Permit at 323 Ocean Avenue, Surfside Beach regarding the sale of alcohol.

Public Hearing was opened at 7:55 p.m. and closed at 8:09 p.m. Marissa Montejano spoke as representative for 323 Ocean Avenue and owner of Surfing Rita. Discussion ensued regarding traffic pattern and road conditions.

- 7) **Discuss and take possible action regarding a Conditional Use Permit at 323 Ocean Avenue, Surfside Beach regarding the sale of alcohol.**

Motion by Jalifi to approve the CUP at 323 Ocean Avenue regarding permitting the sell of alcohol at this location. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed 4 for, 1 against (Kedlarchuk).

- 8) **Discuss and take possible action regarding a crawfish boil competition fundraiser and the possibility of waiving Stahlman Park rental fees and discussing options with the Volunteer Fire Department.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to approve the donation of the Stahlman Park rental for the VFD crawfish boil fundraiser. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 9) **Discuss the report and proposal for water distribution and storage system made by the Mayor's Clean Water Task Force.**

Dean Angell presented this report and discussed with audience and Council.

- 10) **Discuss and update Council regarding the Chief of Police position.**

Mayor covered this item in his monthly report and Gerber thanked interim Chief Marsh for showing up and taking care of business.

- 11) **Discuss and take possible action to establish a contract between the Village of Surfside Beach and the SPCA for the handling, sheltering and adoption of stray or abandoned animals in need of care within our municipal boundaries when owners cannot be found.**

Motion was made by Gerber to authorize a contract with the SPCA. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed with 4 for and 1 against (Jalifi)

- 12) **Discuss and take possible action for the Village to donate usage of the upper level of Stahlman Park for the 11th through the 13th of July 2025 for Team Shark at the Moon's, a registered 501c3, "take a bite out of cancer" fishing tournament and award ceremony.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve the donation of the Stahlman Park rental. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

- 13) **Discuss and take possible action to direct the responsible department (Parks,Toby) to make weekly written reports on the number and location of all street/road repairs made, what type of repair and their goal for the number of repairs to be made in the next week/month. Reports to be sent weekly to ALL Councilmembers and Mayor. Furthermore, that this report be posted on a regular basis to the city's Facebook page in a timely manner. Also, I am asking whoever is responsible to provide ALL Council members and Mayor with a weekly report on the status of all current and proposed grant applications for repair of the streets/roads.**

This was a discussion item only. A monthly report is appropriate and expected from all department heads and for anything specific contact the appropriate department.

- 14) Discuss and take action on issuing a temporary moratorium regarding connections to the AirVac system, for health and safety reasons, until permanent repairs are made to ensure routine and reliable sewer service.**

Motion was made by Gerber to enact a moratorium on sewer tie-ins for new builds. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk.

Discussion ensued and City Attorney Patton spoke about the required public hearings as set out through the Local Government Code. No vote was taken.

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

Mayor Parsch removed for further work on the ordinance, place on the February agenda.

- 16) Discuss and take possible action to approve Ord. 2025-01-14ELE calling for the May 2025 General Election to elect 3 Alderman and a Special Election to elect a Mayor to fill an unexpired term.**

Motion by Green-Prats to approve the Ordinance 2025-01-14ELE calling for the May 2025 General Election to elect 3 Alderman and a Special Election to elect a Mayor to fill an unexpired term. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

- 17) 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 Jalifi to increase the annual registration fee to \$200. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and failed 3 against, 2 for (Jalifi and Green-Prats)

- 18) Adjourn at 9:12 p.m.**

Passed and approved this 11th day of February 2025.



Zach Parsch
Mayor



Amanda Davenport,
City Secretary