

MINUTES

August 12, 2014

City Council Special Meeting and Budget Workshop

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Larry Davison, Councilwoman E. Elizabeth Brown, Councilman Troy McMinn
Councilman Chris Gaschler, Councilman Gregg Bisso, Councilwoman Sharon Aust

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES PRESENT

Chief of Police Gary Phillips, City Secretary Sandra Miller

The meeting started at 6:30.

1. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
2. MOMENT OF SILENCE
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. Discuss amendments to the Surfside Beach zoning ordinance.

**City Attorney Tim Kirwin opened with an overview of the amendments that were made to the zoning ordinance. It was noted that the neighborhood commercial was removed since there were no areas designated as such. An accurate definition for accessory building was inserted. There was some discussion on the newly added definition of patio homes and how council would like that to be fashioned. It was also noted that the patio homes and RV Parks were now only allowed in commercial zones 1 and 2 and both required a conditional use permit. Additional comments from the public were heard. Tim also went on to review the amendments that were made in an effort to update the code with subsequent changes that had been made such as setting the lot size at 6000 square feet rather than it being at the old standard of 22000 square feet.

5. Close public hearing.
6. Open regular City Council meeting.
7. CITIZENS'/VISITORS' COMMENTS TO COUNCIL

** Brooks opened the floor to Kevin Meylor so that he could talk about the little library book sharing project that was being proposed. It was suggested that the placement could be out in front of city hall and the Meylor family could maintain it. Brooks Porter asked about the CEPRA projects. Mayor Davison gave the update on the status of the projects. Work should start after turtle season.

8. MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

** Chief Phillips spoke about the police activity for the month. Chief then presented Jalene Hoffman with a plaque in appreciation for her and her husband Todd Hoffman filing for and obtaining a grant for computers for the fleet vehicles.

** Jan Grant said that the historical committee met and had a good meeting. Dortha Pekar added that the committee needed help selling tables for the Texas Navy Day dinner and also that they were in need of auction items.

** Ronnie Grant spoke about the planning commission meeting. He said that the committee had nominated Jennie Green as the chairman for the group. He also added that they looked at the re-plat request for 1310 Surf, Dale Ngo.

** Janna Williams said that the tourism committee had not met but that they needed to work out a new meeting date because the Lions Club met the same day that they did.

** Peggy Llewellyn said that the Beach Advisory Committee had met, they spoke about the seaweed and the planned edits for the local maintenance plan. Peggy asked that Council appoint a new liaison.

** Councilman Gaschler asked about the RV in front of Castaways. Mayor Davison said that there was no one living in it but the police would monitor it.

9. CONSENT ITEMS.

Consider approval of the minutes from City Council July Meetings.

Consider approval of the financials for July 2014.

Motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilwomen Aust and with all in favor the consent items were approved.

10. REGULAR SESSION

Presentation. Surfside Trails Project – by Peggy Llewellyn

** Peggy Llewellyn gave a PowerPoint presentation of the plans for the trails and how they tie into the fort. After the presentation there was some Q and A. Mayor Davison presented Peggy with an honorary plaque for her hard work and dedication to this and many other grants and for the donation of her time as an engineer.

*** At this time Mayor Davison asked for a motion to go out of order so that the items could be heard that required the city attorney to be present, and after he could be dismissed to make the trip home.

*** *Motion was made by Councilman Bisso, second by Councilman Gaschler and with all in favor the Mayor proceeded on the agenda to item K on the agenda.*

A) Discuss and consider an ordinance setting standards for building permits.

****** After brief discussion a motion was made by Gaschler, second by Bisso and with all in favor this ordinance was passed.

****** *Once again a motion was made to go out of order on the agenda; a motion was made by McMinn, second Gaschler and with all in favor the Mayor proceeded to item H on the agenda.*

B) Discuss and consider on ordinance making the Surfside Beach Historical Committee a panel of 7 rather than 5.

****** Councilman Bisso stated that with the new dinner and project of the fort rebuild there was a need for more members. It was asked if there was a difference in the wording of commission verses committee, attorney Tim Kirwin said no not in this application. A motion was made by Bisso, second by Gaschler and with all in favor the new ordinance was passed making the historical committee a body of 7 rather than 5.

C) Discuss Treasures by the seas Kite Flying contest.

******Dortha Pekar spoke about this event. It was noted that this was a part of Treasures by the Sea and not a separate event. Dortha said that they would try to keep folks out of the dunes. This would be an exhibition and no selling etc. would be associated. A motion was made by Aust to approve this event, second by Bisso and with all in favor the event was approved.

D) Discuss and consider a location for Surfside Lions Club sign.

****** Motion was made by Bisso to allow for the sign to be at the main entrance, second by Gaschler and with all in favor the item was approved.

E) Discuss and consider use of Stahlman Park at no charge for the Surfside Lions Club on October 4, 2014.

****** Motion was made by Bisso, second by Brown and with all in favor the item was approved.

F) Discuss and consider waiver of temporary vendor permit fee for BBQ fundraiser August 31st 2014 for the Surfside Beach Lions Club.

****** Motion was made by Brown seconded by Bisso and with all in favor the event was approved.

G) Discuss and take record vote of proposed tax rate.

** After some discussion a motion was made by McMinn with the appropriate verbiage, second by Brown to adopt the effective tax rate and with all in favor the item was approved.

H) Discuss and consider budget workshop date and time.

** It was noted that Chief was going to have his Neighborhood Watch meeting on 8-19 at 6.30 and so it was decided that the budget workshop could start after that at 7.00 PM. As made by Aust, second by Bisso and with all in favor the meeting was set.

I) Discuss and consider adding three new members to the Surfside Beach Beautification Committee. NO ACTION

J) Discuss and consider accepting bid on lot of land located on Nesmith.

** It was discussed as to if the city had any liability in accepting the back tax offer from the sheriffs sale. The city attorney commented that the city has no liability and accepting the offer in no way confirmed the ability to improve the property. Motion was made by Gaschler to approve the offer second by Bisso. Brown and McMinn were also in favor and Aust was opposed stating that she had concerns about accepting the offers knowing that the land was wetlands.

11. CLOSED SESSION

The City Council to convene into closed session pursuant to the Texas Government Code. Section 551.074, "Personnel Matters", to discuss any action necessary regarding personnel.

A) Discuss permanently appointing Pete Gutierrez as Public Works Supervisor for Surfside Beach.

** Pete was present and stated that he wanted his evaluation open session.

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** Aust asked if TCEQ was conducting an audit, Bisso said yes but that this was a standard regular audit of the OSSF files. Bisso made a motion to approve Pete as the PW Supervisor, second by McMinn. Brown was in favor, Gaschler asked if he could ask some questions, Mayor said no because he had a motion, Gaschler and Aust were opposed but with a majority in favor the employee was approved.

Attest:



Sandra Miller, City Secretary

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- 1) OPEN PUBLIC MEETING
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- 4) Discuss and take action on adoption of Surfside Beach Zoning Ordinance as amended at public hearing August 12, 2014.

** After review of the changes a motion was made by Bisso, seconded by Aust and with all in favor the ordinance was approved. Mayor Davison read the summary aloud.

- 5) Discuss and take action on an ordinance amending the Area in Proximity to the Surfside Public Water Plants.

** Mayor Davison read the summary aloud. McMinn asked if this was only applicable to septic and not city sewer. Mayor Davison said yes, this would apply only to the Yucca well and Surfside Shores well. Brown made a motion to approve the ordinance as written, second by McMinn and with all in favor the ordinance was approved.

- 6) Discuss and take action on a resolution designating Peggy Llewellyn and Mayor Davison to act on behalf of the Village in applying for and administration of TPWD Park Grant funds.

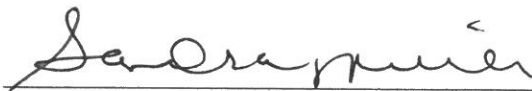
** Mayor Davison announced the plans to apply for these funds to help pay for the splash park. Peggy Llewellyn gave an overview of the grant. It is a 50/50 matching grant and that the application was due by the end of the month. It came up all the sudden or more notice would have been given. A motion was made by Brown to adopt the resolution, second by Aust and with all in favor the item was approved.

7) Budget Workshop

** Mayor opened the discussion with the General Fund. It was noted that there is an estimated \$200,000.00 in unencumbered cash to be left after this fiscal year. Chief Philips spoke to a potential need to increase funds for radio user fees. The amount was increased to \$4000.00. Sandra pointed out that the first community disaster loan payment would be due in April 2015 and so this was added to the GF non-departmental lines. Aust asked about the administrative funds allocated from the beach to the city secretary salary. Gaschler asked if the funds were still needed for the new pole barn, Davison explained that he planned to get that built this year. McMinn asked about the line for the backhoe payment at zero, Sandra said it is paid in full. Some Q and A ensued about insuring and permitting the building. Sandra pointed out the heavy amounts that will be transferred to the system and beach fund this year from the general fund. In the system fund it was noted the amount of funds requested by Pete in order to add a new tank, liner and water lines. Sandra noted that this fund is in better shape than it has been but is still needing supplemental help from the general fund. Mayor Davison asked Sandra to conduct an audit of the sewer related expense to ensure that what we are charging is enough. Mayor asked how long we have left to pay down the loan for the purchase of the water system. Sandra said about four. On to the beach fund, Mayor said that he would like to add a line that showed the increase we plan to ask for. This would be \$4.00 more at 25k permits so an increase of \$100k in the beach revenues and then an expense line to show some of these funds used to pay back the general fund and some of them set aside for CMP grants and other such capital outlays. It was noted that of the \$111k we spend for police patrol in the beach, the hotel fund pays for \$50k of that. Janna Williams asked about this line item. Brooks Porter asked if we could allocate more funds for clicks on the internet as traffic was down. Mayor Davison said that he would check into this. Brown asked what the Web Master funds were for. Sandra responded for the annual maintenance fees. Sandra added that she planned to add funds for line 4713 boat ramp maintenance because we would still need to dredge that area out. Brooks asked Sandra to ask EZ Task about the visitor count.

8) ADJOURN

Attest:



Sandra Miller, City Secretary