

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, April 14, 2020 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

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

Mayor Davison called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and acknowledged that a quorum was present. Audience attended via webex portal due to COVID 19 pandemic.

2) **INVOCATION by Councilman Morris, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3) **Mayor/council/committee/departement head/organization reports**

Chief Phillips – monthly pd activity report

Gregg Bisso –spoke regarding opposition to the SPOT project and sending a letter asking for them to start the process all over for public comment; sewer at 922 Seashell; 1009 Seashell buffer tank; turtle patrol and US Fish and Game; permitting on the walkovers.

Toni Capretta – Boat ramp dredging and the Surfside Shores fire hydrant project;

Jennie Green-Prats – make sure everyone goes online and fills out the Census information;

Larry Davison – J. Mercer, city engineer, moving along on the Freeport waterline project; USACE permit submitted and approved; bond application was approved; possible construction starting in October 2020. Surfside Shores CDBG project has been approved by TCEQ. A draft of the water system map has been completed, still needs work by city personnel. Bluewater Highway shoulder work (along the bay side) will begin April 27, 2020. Restore Act and CEPR funding still waiting for contract completion. Warned everyone regarding people traveling around cities with new scams to get your personal information. Having conversations with County Judge and Commissioners regarding coming out of the COVID 19 shutdown.

Robbie Morris- gave an update on COVID 19; questioned the opening of Beach Drive parking.

Sean Robertson – asked Chief how the PD was doing during the pandemic; extension of Brazosport Food Pantry on the island.

4) 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 March 10, 2020 Council meeting and emergency meetings from March 19, 23, and 28th.**
- B. Consider approval of the March 2020 financials.**

Jennie Green-Prats mentioned that an item regarding Scene of the Accident agenda item should have been put on this agenda since it was tabled from last meeting.

Motion was made by Bisso to approve the consent agenda with the date correction on the March 19th minutes. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

5) Discuss and take possible action on advertising for bids on the CDBG Surfside Shores project.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to advertise for bids for the CDBG Surfside Shores Project. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

6) Discuss and take possible action on filling a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Motion was made by Morris to appoint Shannon Pierce to the Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

7) Discuss and take possible action on filling a vacancy on the Tourism Committee.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to appoint Brenda O'Bannon to the Tourism Committee. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

8) Executive Session: The City Council may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Section 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 the subject of the deliberation or hearing requests a public hearing namely: Resignation of Councilmember Robbie Morris and appointment to fulfill his council term.

Council began executive session at 8:03 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

9) Action out of executive session

Motion was made by Robertson to accept the resignation of Councilman Robbie Morris. Motion was seconded by Bisso and passed unanimously.

10) Business of visitors not on the agenda.

James McDonald spoke to council via text regarding his water bill.

11) Adjourn at 8:35 pm

Passed and approved this 12th day of May, 2020.


Larry Davison, Mayor

Attest:


Amanda Davenport, City Secretary