

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Thursday, May 12, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

COUNCIL MEETING:

1) CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Bisso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and announced a quorum of Council was present.

2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Invocation was given by Jalifi.

**3) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2022.05.12A
CANVASS OF THE 2022 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Motion was made by Petty to approve the election canvass showing that Robertson (91 votes) and Gerber (71 votes) won the Alderman positions and Mayor Bisso was unopposed. Proposition A, (the adoption of an additional sales and use tax within the city at the rate of .5% to be used for the limited purpose of the construction and maintenance of public infrastructure) was passed with 135 total votes and 102 of those votes being cast to pass the proposition. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

4) Swearing in of Council members by Chief Wood

Chief swore in Mayor Bisso and Councilman Robertson and Councilman Gerber.

5) Mayor/council/committee/department head/organization reports

Chief Wood gave the monthly PD activity report.

Robert King gave the EMS activity report.

Sandy Shanks reminded everyone of the May 14 Historical event
Toni Capretta - SOBA planted sea oats last month and there is a meeting on Saturday; access 1 signs need to be moved

Oscar Jalifi – met with TXDot on landscaping on Hwy 332; showers at the main entrance need to be fixed and the one at Whelk and Beach; place the City Attorney designation on the June agenda.

6) Business of visitors not on the agenda. Noone in attendance wished to speak.

- 7) **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 April 12, 2022.**
- B. **Consider approval of the April 2022 financials.**
- C. **Consider allowing cannons to be used during the May 14th Texas Independence celebration**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 8) **Discuss the ongoing waterline project and the groin project.**

Mayor Bisso gave updates on the waterline and groin projects. Getting supplies for the waterline project has been a problem.

- 9) **Discuss and take possible action authorizing the Mayor to sign an audit engagement letter with KM&L Certified Public Accountants.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to authorize the Mayor to sign the engagement letter. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 10) **Discuss and take possible action on wage increase for the beach trash pickers.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to increase the wage range to \$12 per hour. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 11) **Discuss and take possible action on hiring a Parks and Rec Director or transitioning our current head of department to manage maintenance of Stahlman Park, Crabbing Pier, City Hall, Nature Trail/Splash Pad and Main Entrance.**

Motion was made by Robertson to table this item. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem and passed unanimously.

- 12) **Discuss and take possible action on maintenance of the Splash Pad needs to be painted before the summer season.**

No action taken at this time.

- 13) Discuss and take possible action on designating an area of land for the Amphitheater as a place to host current concerts, off season plays and concerts, volunteer events, and as a rentable venue.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to form a steering committee for this item. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

- 14) Discuss and take possible action on purchasing durable outdoor furniture for Stahlman Park deck area.**

No action was taken for this item.

- 15) Discuss and take possible action to address the changes for the Beach and Dune plan from the B.A.C.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to submit the plan as presented. Motion was seconded by Jailif and passed unanimously.

- 16) Discuss and take possible action on using alleyways for primary property access.**

Motion was made by Gerber to discuss specifically 312 Seabeam. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Petty to allow 312 Seabeam to use the alleyway as the primary property access. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

- 17) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2022-05-12B regarding clinging to vehicles.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to pass Ordinance 2022-05-12B prohibiting clinging to vehicles. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed with 4 votes for and 1 against (Gerber).

- 18) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2022-05-12C regarding possession of missiles with intent to harm.**

No action was taken on this item.

- 19) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2022-05-12D regarding private property.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve Ord 2022-05-12D prohibiting crossing private property to reach the beach. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed 4-1(Gerber).

- 20) **Discuss and take possible action regarding the Waste Connections trash pick-up schedule.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to change the trash pick-up schedule. Motion was seconded by Jailifi and passed unanimously.

- 21) **Discuss and take possible action regarding contracting with nexbillpay for utility billing processing.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to enter into a contract with Nexbillpay. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 22) **Discuss and take possible action on requiring permits for large group gatherings on the beach.**

Chief Wood was instructed to adapt a permit for large group events.



Gregg Bisso, Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport, City Secretary