

## Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 – 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 all council members were present.

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

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

**Chief Phillips** – gave the monthly police department report and reminded everyone that the PD Children’s Christmas party is Dec. 21 at Stahlman Park.

**Michelle Booth** – Tree lighting ceremony is Nov. 30; Holiday Home tour is Dec. 7; Kites @ Night is Dec. 14 and Surfing Santas is Dec. 21 from 12-3.

**Dortha Pekar for the Historical Committee** – Thanks for supporting Thunder on the Brazos fundraiser. Tom Hines requested that the old Stahlman Park sound system be donated to the Historical Committee.

**Jennie Green-Prats** – City water system maps and Stahlman Park flooring;

**Gregg Bisso** – SOBA Treasures by the Sea was a success; Public Works and Systems guys are taking care of business and the city owned properties are looking good.

**Robbie Morris** –Bluewater Highway, still waiting on the County.

**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 October 8, 2019 Council meeting.
- B. Consider approval of the October 2019 financials.
- C. Consider approval of the City holiday schedule for 2020.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to approve items A & C on the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.

Discussion ensued regarding item B.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to accept the October 2019 financials as presented. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

- 5) **Discuss and take possible action regarding John Mercer presenting a time line, and monthly project updates to City Council regarding the water project.**

Mr. Mercer presented an update on the waterline project for the Freeport water purchase and an update on the Surfside Shores CDBG project.

- 6) **Discuss and take possible action on amendment no. 1 to the professional services agreement between the Village of Surfside Beach and John D. Mercer & Associates.**

Motion was made by Bisso to approve the contract amendment #1 with John D. Mercer & Associates. Motion was made by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 7) **Discuss and take possible action on appointing an alternate to the Planning Committee.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to table this to the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

- 8) **Discuss and take possible action appointing a new member to the Beach Advisory Committee.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to appoint Mark Wilson. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed by a vote of 4-1 (Roberson against).

- 9) **Discuss and take possible action on appointing a new member to the Tourism Committee and an alternate to the Tourism Committee.**

Motion was made by R Morris to appoint Britni Haley and Peggy Llewellyn to the Tourism Committee. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to appoint Todd Jones as an alternate on the Tourism Committee. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

- 10) **Discuss and take possible action on replacing the metal water distribution line in Surfside, this includes developing a time line and financing this project.**

Discussion only.

- 11) **Discuss and take possible action requiring the department heads to develop job descriptions and standard operating procedures for the employees under them.**

Discussion only.

- 12) **Discuss the Groin project with monthly updates to council and citizens.**

Mayor Davison gave an update on the status of the groins and the Restore Act process.

- 13) Discuss and take possible action approving Robbie Morris to be a signer for the purchase of police vehicles.**

Motion was made by Bisso to approve R. Morris as a signer for the next PD vehicle to be purchased. Motion was seconded by Robertson and approved with a 3-1 vote, Capretta against and R Morris abstained.

- 14) Discuss and take possible action on applying for the Bird City Program through the Audubon Texas Society and Texas Parks and Wildlife.**

Motion was made by Morris to approve the funding and to appoint Sandy Shanks as head of the Birding program. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

- 15) Discuss and take possible action on reserving Stahlman Park for turtle patrol class on March 7, 2020.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to waive the Stahlman Park fee for the turtle patrol class. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

- 16) Discuss and take possible action on reserving Stahlman Park for the Surfside Marathon on Feb. 21-22 at no cost.**

Motion was made by Jennie Green-Prats to waive the Stahlman Park fee for the Surfside Marathon. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

- 17) Discuss and take possible action to reserve the ground level at Stahlman Park for the Dunes Day event on January 18, 2020.**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to waive the Stahlman Park fee for the Dunes Day event. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

- 18) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance requiring jurisdictional determination of boundaries between uplands and wetlands.**

Motion was made by J. Green-Prats to adopt ordinance 2019-11-01. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-11-01

*AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF SURFSIDE BEACH, TEXAS, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS; ADDING SECTION 12-5; REQUIRING CERTAIN JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATIONS TO BE MADE BEFORE A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED; CONTAINING A PREAMBLE; CONTAINING A SEVERANCE CLAUSE; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AND BE IN FORCE FROM AND AFTER ITS DESCRIPTIVE CAPTION HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE BRAZOSPORT FACTS.*

- 19) **Discuss and take possible action on approval to plant 25-30 trees along the Nature Trail.**

Motion was made by Bisso to approve planting of the trees. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

- 20) **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**The City Council may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.074. PERSONNEL MATTERS; CLOSED MEETING. (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; specifically regarding John Sloan from Reserve to Fulltime Officer and Francis Heckler from Fulltime Officer to Reserve.**

**Council recessed into executive session at 8:51 pm**

**Council resumed regular session at 8:57 pm**

- 21) **Action, if any, out of executive session.**

Motion was made by Morris to appoint John Sloan to a fulltime officer position. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Capretta to appoint Francis Heckler as a reserve officer. Motion was seconded by Morris and passed unanimously.

- 22) **Comments from citizens not on the agenda. None**

- 23) **Adjourn—9:00 p.m.**

**Passed and approved this 12th day of November, 2019.**

  
Larry Davison, Mayor

Attest:

  
Amanda Davenport, City Secretary