

Minutes of Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 – 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 recognized all Council members were present.
- 2) **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Zach Parsch gave the invocation.
- 3) **Mayor/council/committee/department head/organization reports**
Police Chief Moncier- gave the monthly PD activity report;
Robert King – gave the EMS monthly activity report;
Jon Gerber- met with TDEM and Chief re: grants; initiated a formal evaluation of city hall issues with the structural engineer;
Sean Robertson – Thanks to the PD for the recent professionalism regarding the Stahlman Park accident;
Oscar Jalifi – Business ideas need to be given more consideration; H/M tax and beach maintenance;
Zach Parsch – Thanks to PD; need to explore revenue generation;
Jennie Green-Prats – thanks to the PD and all the city staff;
Gregg Bisso – Stahlman Park accident; Structural Engineer will evaluate all city facilities;
Erick Ingram – gave monthly activity report; vacuum pump failed; talked about remedying the dirty water. John Foster gave recommendations to alleviate the strong odor in the water.
- 4) **Business of visitors not on the agenda.**
Jason Ringo with the BC Sheriff's dpt. gave kudos for the professionalism displayed during the Stahlman Park accident;
Glenda McGonigle – Driveways and golf carts.
- 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 May 16, 2023.**
- B. Consider approval of the May 2023 financials.**
- C. The Historical Committee needs use of the Council room on June 27 and 28.**
- D. Approve Resolution FY2024BMP designating Mayor Bisso to Act for and on behalf of the Village when dealing with the Texas General Land Office for the purpose of applying for state assistance to clean and maintain the public beach.**

Motion was made by Robertson to approve the consent agenda with a correction to item #10 in the Minutes, the number of votes “for” should be changed to 3 voting “for” and 2 “against”. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed unanimously.

- 6) Discuss and take possible action on request from the Historical Committee to use Hotel/Motel funds instead of Fort Funds for a \$5000 matching fund and an additional \$2500 for mound preparation also from Hotel/Motel Fund.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to use the Hotel/Motel funds for the Fort Velasco monument purposes. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

- 7) Discuss the history of the allocation of funds related to Court Security Fund, and the Court Technology Fund accounts. Where were the funds deposited and how are the funds being spent?**

Municipal Court Clerk Janet Solis was asked to explain this item, Ms. Solis explained the state laws for these funds and that the Village is abiding by all laws regarding these funds. This was discussion only.

- 8) Discuss and take possible action to appoint a Liaison to the Beach Advisory Committee.**

Motion was made by Robertson to appoint Zach Parsch to the Beach Advisory Committee as Liaison. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 9) Discuss citizen concerns and complaints regarding a lack of consistency in the collection of solid waste.**

Discussion only, Mayor Bisso will schedule a meeting with the company.

- 10) Discuss citizen dissatisfaction with the deteriorating quality of the water and noticeably unpleasant odor**

compared to just a few months ago.

Erick Ingram and John Foster of Public Works both discussed this issue and gave everyone the facts and some tips on troubleshooting the issue.

- 11) Discuss citizen concerns that the city has consistently failed to accurately collect water readings in a timely manner, and in some cases, has not collected them at all.**

Discussion took place regarding buried and underwater meters.

- 12) Discuss and take possible action to finalize adoption into municipal code of the 2018 IBC to address commercial development of property, after the three month prescribed period of review at the directive of the Surfside Village Council.**

Discussion took place and Patton Ritter was tasked with drafting an Ordinance.

- 13) Discuss water flushing at residences.**

Discussion only, this item coincided with item 11.

- 14) Discuss and take action regarding the leasing or purchasing of heavy equipment by the city.**

Robertson has a list of city needs and will work on the best approach for the City.

- 15) Discuss the City's hurricane preparedness.**

Discussion only. Working with Brazoria County on Hurricane Preparedness, Chief and the Police Department have a written plan.

- 16) Discuss and take possible action to approve Ordinance 2023.06.13A Regarding amending the policies of the police department Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 Article 2 sections 22-24 and 22-25.**

Motion was made by Robertson to adopt Ordinance 2023.06.13A regarding the PD policy and procedures manual changes. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed 3 for 2 against (Gerber & Green-Prats)

- 17) Discuss and take possible action to approve Ordinance 2023.06.13B Regarding amending the policies of the police department Code of Ordinances Chapter 22 Article 3,**

sections 22-62.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to adopt Ordinance 2023.06.13B regarding the PD Reserves manual changes. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

- 18) Executive Session: The City Council may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec. 551.071. CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; A governmental body may not conduct a private consultation with its attorney except: (1) when the governmental body seeks the advice of its attorney about:(A) pending or contemplated litigation; or (B) a settlement offer; or(2) on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter.**


Motion was made by Green-Prats to invite Patton and Davenport into executive session. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Green-Prats to hire Clay Steely on an hourly basis to represent Surfside in any action with Enterprise. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed unanimously.

- 20) Adjourn**

Adjourn at 10:23 p.m.



Gregg Bisso, Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport
City Secretary