

Minutes of Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, July 11, 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 a quorum of Council members were present. Jennie Green-Prats was absent, Gerber was not in attendance at this time. Gerber arrived at 7:05 p.m.

2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jalifi 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;

Sean Robertson – Kudos to the city leadership and city department heads;

Zach Parsch – Recognized Erick Ingram – thanks for all you do;

Gregg Bisso – We fielded questions from the GLO regarding the groin project; still waiting on the sewer grant from the HGAC/GLO, we have been preparing for emergency management and the budget workshops.

Erick Ingram – gave monthly activity report.

4) Business of visitors not on the agenda.

Coral Court and Gulfway residents reported that they have really smelly water.

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:

Consider approval of minutes from the Council meeting on June 13, 2023.

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed unanimously.

6) Discuss and make recommendations to add or change ordinance to provide more opportunities for business development within city limits and beach to increase general fund revenue and build/appoint an Economic Development Committee.

Motion was made by Parsch to create an Economic Development Committee. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed 4 for, 1 against (Gerber).

- 7) Discuss and take possible action to adopt Ordinance 2023-05-16A 2018 IBC to address commercial development of property.**

Motion was made by Robertson to approve Ordinance 2021-05-16A adopting the 2018 IBC. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed 4 for, 1 against (Gerber).

- 8) Discuss and take action to create a workshop to discuss plans for city buildings such as City Hall, Stahlman Park and barn storage for heavy equipment.**

Jalifi asked to plan a workshop for these issues to avoid filling a regular meeting agenda.

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

Robertson summarized his detailed research and recommended the purchase of a mini excavator and gave some suggestions for leasing such as length of term for lease, etc., and Parsch recommended corrosion protection on all equipment.

- 10) Discuss and take action to limit agenda item submissions to 3 items per alderman per month.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to limit agenda items to 3 per Alderman per meeting. Motion was seconded by Gerber.

Amended motion was made by Jalifi to limit agenda items to 3 items per Alderman per Regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed 3 for; 1 against (Gerber).

- 11) Discuss and take action to create an ordinance that declares that donations of any kind that are made to the city then become property of the city and can be dealt with as needed by city officials.**

City Attorney Ritter explained that there is already an ordinance in place addressing this issue and read it aloud. Mr. Jalifi accepted this and the meeting moved on.

- 12) Discuss and take action to approve amendments to the Beach User Fee and Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan, Section 6 & 8 and forward on to the General Land Office for review and comments.**

Motion was made by Parsch to approve the amendments to section 6 & 8 of the Dune Protection and Beach Access plan and forward on to the GLO for consideration. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

- 13) Discuss and take action on a lighting ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to table this item. Motion was seconded by Parsch and it passed 3 for; 1 against (Gerber).

- 14) Set possible dates for FY 2023-24 budget workshops.**

Budget workshop dates were discussed and set.

- 15) Executive Session: The City Council may convene into closed executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code, Sec. 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 subject of the deliberations or hearing request a public hearing namely: city secretary Amanda Davenport and Jedidiah Smith.**

Motion by Robertson to have Davenport and Ritter, Janet Solis and Moncier, Josh Hart and Erick Ingram invited to the session. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

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

Motion was made by Jalifi to take a vote regarding the Council's support and acknowledgment of Amanda Davenport's excellent leadership within City Hall. Motion was seconded by Robertson and passed with 3 for, 1 against. Mayor Bisso called for this to be roll call vote as follows: Gerber – opposed; Robertson – agree with the motion yes; Jalifi – yes, Parsch – yes

- 17) Adjourn 10:32 pm**



Gregg Bisso, Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport
City Secretary