

Minutes of Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, October 10, 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 noted that a quorum of City Council was in attendance Robertson attended via zoom.

2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jalifi gave the invocation and Mayor Bisso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Mayor/council/department head reports

Gerber – pleased to be here

Jalifi – Many people have spoken against changing the golf cart regulations

Green-Prats – Thanked staff

Parsch – Against golf cart changes and gave Beach Advisory Committee update

Mayor Bisso – gave an update regarding the groin project, the Stahlman Park repairs, the HGAC sewer grant and water quality;

Chief – gave monthly PD report and introduced EMS staff;

Chris gave the monthly EMS report.

4) Business of visitors not on the agenda.

Mr. Chuck Wiggins spoke asking for Swan Court to be repaired and wants to know the status (private or public) of the street.

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 September 12, 2023.

B. Consider approval of Ordinance 2023-10-10 amending the Surfside Beach Dune Protection and Beach Access Plan section 6 & 8.

Motion was made by Gerber to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 6) **Discuss and take possible action making changes to the committees and commissions in the Surfside Beach Code of Ordinances.**

Bisso presented for discussion only. Bisso would like to make all commissions have the same number of members and make re-appointments a possibility for all commissions.

- 7) **Discuss and take possible action to adopt the final draft of the lighting ordinance submitted by the Planning Commission to Council for approval and start the process of codification into the Village of Surfside's municipal code.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to accept the lighting ordinance. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed 3 for; 1 against (Robertson)

- 8) **Discuss and take possible action to nominate members to the Brazoria County Appraisal District Board via Resolution 10.10.23.**

Motion was made by Gerber to nominate Gail Robinson, Deric Hebert and Randi Toumbs to the BCAD Board. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 9) **Discuss possible legal action to address all individuals who refuse to pay hotel taxes.**

Motion was made by Parsch to take action on all delinquent HOT taxes. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 10) **Discuss and take possible action to increase the Hotel/Motel tax rate.**

Discussion ensued and a motion to table was made by Green-Prats. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 11) **Discuss and take possible action to appoint Sean Britt to the Tourism committee.**

Considering the changes that will be made regarding the commissions, this item was removed by Mayor Bisso.

- 12) **Discuss and take possible action to reconsider allocation for budget expense line item 4410 Park Landscape. Specifically, regarding the budget for services provided by Seth Miles, and alternatively the use of municipal resources to replace a portion of the services provided under this line item previously.**

Discussion regarding mowing contract of Seth Miles.

- 13) **Discuss and take possible action to hire a full-time paid City Administrator for the Village of Surfside.**

Discussion presented by Jon Gerber who made a motion to seek legal counsel and advertise the job posting. The motion died for lack of a second.

- 14) **Discuss and amend ordinance Article IV. Use of golf carts, Sec 46-171 designating areas and times for Golf Cart and UTV operation, to add the times from dawn to dusk operation times to section (a).**

Item 14 regarding use of golf carts was removed from the agenda by Green-Prats.



Gregg Bisso, Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport
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City Secretary