

## Minutes of Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

**1) CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Bisso called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**3) Discuss and take possible action on Ordinance 2024.05.14GE  
CANVASS OF THE 2024 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to accept the canvass as presented and approve Ordinance 2024.05.14GE. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

**4) SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBERS and RECOGNITION OF  
OUT-GOING COUNCIL MEMBER, Sean Robertson**

Chief swore in the newly elected Council and Mayor and presented Robertson with a plaque of appreciation for his dedication and service to Surfside Village.

**5) OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: Council will open a public hearing  
regarding the Conditional Use Permit for an RV Park.**

Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m. Josh Hart and Garrett Davison presented this item and discussed the pros and cons of the location. Davison laid out the long term plans, regarding length of stay per rental, security, protecting wetlands, etc.

**6) Close Public Hearing at 7:36 p.m.**

**7) Mayor/council/department head reports**

**Chief Moncier:** reported on the monthly PD activities for April and presented awards to his officers.

**Gerber:** Re-enactment of the signing of the Treaty of Velasco;

**Jalifi:** question the amount of agenda items allowed per Councilman;

**Mayor Bisso:** Update on the groin project and Stahlman Park repairs; reported on the recent trip to other coastal cities regarding the rescue equipment that they use for surf rescues and demonstrations.

Bisso states that our police department must be better equipped to handle these situations in the safest possible way; discussed the increase in the beach permits; readying all departments for hurricane season.

**Green-Prats:** what is the status on employee handbook and job descriptions.

**8) Business of visitors not on the agenda/St. Patrick's Committee presentation**

Melinda Wilhelm/St. Patrick's Day committee presented a donation to the PD and Fire Department.

Donna Rickard presented a donation to the PD and Fire Department.

**9) 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 meetings on March 12 and April 9, 2024.**

**B. Consider approval of accounts payable from April, 2024.**

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

**10) Discuss and take action to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem in accordance with the Texas Local Government Code Section 22.037.**

Motion was made by Gerber to appoint Jennie Green-Prats as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion was seconded by Parsch and the motion passed unanimously.

**11) Discuss and take possible action regarding a conditional use permit located off Bluewater Highway on Lot 146 & Tract 216 of the Brazos Coast Investment Company Subdivision Div. 1, Surfside Beach, Texas.**

Mayor Bisso called for the motion on this, however this item dies for lack of motion.

**12) Discuss and take possible action to appoint a Finance Director.**

Motion was made by Gerber to appoint Toni Truly as Finance Director. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

**13) Discuss and take possible action to repair, replace or remove the crabbing pier.**

Motion was made by Zack Parsch to make repairs as presented. Motion was seconded by Gerber and it passed unanimously.

**14) Discuss and take possible action on a Resolution regarding a contract for the purpose of financing Heavy Equipment (mini-excavator).**

Motion was made by Gerber to finance a mini-excavator with Government Capital Corporation. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed with 4 for, 1 against (Jalifi)

**15) Discuss and take possible action to consider current applicants and to fill vacancies on the commissions and committees.**

Motion was made by Gerber to appoint James French to the Planning Committee. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Gerber to appoint Donna Rickard, Lori Plunkett as committee members and Gary Witt and Marla Ferguson as alternate members to the Tourism/Beautification committee. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed unanimously.

**16) Discuss and take possible action regarding Human Resources policy consider reinstating previous contract for rapid 10 panel drug testing to be done by Proactive/All American Screening for 35\$ each.**

Motion was made by Gerber to outsource the drug testing to Proactive/All American Screening. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

**17) Discuss and take possible action regarding Human Resources policy consider convening an advisory panel to make recommendations regarding HR practices, and potential changes**

**to the employee handbook and employment related policies. (specifically with a focus on drug testing policies)**

Motion was made to table this item by Green-Prats. Motion was seconded by Parsch and passed unanimously.

- 18) Discuss and take possible action to approve Ordinance 2024-05-14 modifying section 2-90 of the Code of Ordinances regarding special and emergency meetings.**

Motion was made by Gerber to approve Ordinance 2024-05-14 regarding calling special and emergency meetings. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and approved unanimously.

- 19) Adjourn.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.



Gregg Bisso, Mayor

Attest:



Amanda Davenport, City Secretary