

Minutes of Surfside Beach City Council Meeting

Tuesday December 10, 2024

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

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

Mayor Parsch called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. due to a Board of Adjustment meeting beforehand, and announced that a quorum of Council was present.

2) **INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Jalifi gave the invocation and Mayor Parsch led the Pledge.

3) **Swearing in of Marsha Hines as Alderman filling a partial term.**

Marsha Hines was sworn in as Alderman and Council congratulated her and thanked her for giving her time to volunteering with the Village.

4) **Mayor/council/department head reports.**

Mayor Parsch reported that the HGAC sewer grant is in it's final stages and we should be getting the contract any time now; CAT A FEMA has been approved for the Governor's Loan regarding Beryl expenses; the new organization chart has been completed; BAC will be placing square hay bales along with the Christmas trees for dune mitigation.

Gerber - reported that the Plaza construction will start soon with the historical landmarks; Lobbying to get help with island improvements;

Jalifi - Hired tourism specialist - Barron Munoz and he'll be working on the Food and Arts Festival along with Dunes Day;

Hines - Thanked the Mayor and Council for the appointment.

Green-Prats - requested that a "potential quorum of council is possible" be added to every committee agenda;

Marsh- PD and EMS monthly activity and flow chart;

Foster - Public Works monthly activity report, all 3 lines are working at this time;

Solis - new utility clerk has been hired and Misty is moving to Court, reported on FEMA status regarding Beryl expenses.

5) **Business of visitors not on the agenda.** None

6) **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 November 12, 2024.

B. Consider approval of accounts payable from November 2024.

C. Consider approval of St. Patrick's day committee Stahlman Park reservation on 2/28/25 and 3/1/25 and a waiver for cannon fire and street closure for the parade on March 15, 2024.

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

7) **Discuss and take possible action on a City organizational chart to reflect current chain of command and have it posted to the website.**

Zach presented this item and explained his goals for the staff.

- 8) Discuss and take possible action to increase the Stahlman Park deposit fee.

This item was removed from the agenda per Green-Prats.

- 9) Discuss and take possible action to adopt guidelines from the Texas Comptroller's TRANSPARENCY STAR program and to start providing the required documentation to qualify for a Traditional Finances Transparency Star.

Motion was made by Gerber to adopt the program guidelines for the Texas Comptroller's Transparency Star program. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed with 4 for and one abstention (Kedlarchuk).

- 10) Discuss and take possible action to increase the sewer and water rates for the Village of Surfside Beach residents.

Motion was made by Jalifi to increase the water rates by 10% until mid-February. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed with 3 voting for and 2 against (Kedlarchuk & Gerber).

- 11) 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, specifically to discuss the vacant police chief position; AND Sec. 551.072. DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY; CLOSED MEETING. A governmental body may conduct a closed meeting to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the governmental body in negotiations with a third person.

Motion was made by Green-Prats to include Davenport and Ritter in the executive session. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 12) Action, if any, out of executive session.

Motion was made by Jalifi to contract with the Texas Police Officer's Association for the hiring of a Police Chief. Motion was seconded by Hines and passed 4 for and 1 abstention (Kedlarchuk)

- 13) Adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

Passed and approved this 14th day of January, 2025.



Zach Parsch, Mayor



Amanda Davenport, City Secretary