

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the City Council

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Village of Surfside Beach

1304 Monument Drive

Surfside Beach, TX 77541

1) CALL TO ORDER, QUORUM IN ATTENDANCE

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Parsch at 7:00 p.m.

2) INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Jalifi gave the invocation and Mayor Parsch led the pledge.

3) Mayor/council/department head reports

Mayor Parsch – Introduced himself and thanking those for helping with his first month in transition. Discussed the Freeport water issue; Beryl issues, financials, municipal citation warrants and recruitment.

John Gerber – appreciate everyone on Council;

Erick Ingram- Public works daily reports; reduced the consumption of water from Freeport; monthly activity reports;

Kelly Marsh – gave the monthly activity report for the Police Department; hiring officers;

Oscar Jalifi – Thanks to Zach for taking the Mayor vacant position.

Kedlarchuk – Thanks to Zach; discussed the Gulflink project.

Jennie Green-Prats – suggested two meetings a month for a while.

Cahoon – reported on the monthly activity of the EMS department;

Josh Hart – reported the monthly activity for the Building/Code Enforcement department, the crabbing pier repair and Stahlman Park drainage;

Dortha Pekar – reported on the refurbishment of the Battle of Velasco Monument

4) Business of visitors not on the agenda.

Peggy and Norm Llewellyn inquired about FEMA for Beryl damages;

Richard Sublett again reported Coral Court is still torn up

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 October 8, 14 & 17, 2024.

B. Consider approval of accounts payable from October 2024.

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.

- 6) Discuss and take possible action to appoint Anthony Scharp as the Emergency Management Coordinator.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to appoint Anthony Scharp as the EMS Coordinator pending any violation of employment law. Motion was seconded by Gerber and passed unanimously.

- 7) Discuss and take possible action to increase the garbage rates by 3.80% due to the Waste Connections rate increase.**

Motion was made by Green-Prats to raise the garbage rates by 3.80 %. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

- 8) Discuss and take possible action on a City organizational chart to reflect current chain of command and post to the website.**

Mayor Parsch stated this would be completed and posted by the next meeting.

- 9) Discuss and take possible action on a Resolution designating Mayor Parsch to act for and on behalf of the Village of Surfside Beach in dealing with the Texas General Land Office.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve Parsch as the designated signor for the Village with the Texas General Land Office. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 10) Discuss and take possible action to enter into an agreement with KM&L for the FY 2024 financial audit.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to contract with KM&L for the 2024 FY Audit. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and passed unanimously.

- 11) Discuss and take possible action authorizing Mayor Parsch to sign a Proclamation and letter of support for the Village of Surfside Beach to be recognized as a Tourism Friendly Texas Certified Community.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to allow Mayor Parsch to sign the Proclamation and letter of support. Motion was seconded by Kedlarchuk and passed unanimously.

- 12) Discuss and take possible action to increase the HOT taxes from 5% to 7% as allowed in the Tx Tax Code 351.105.**

Motion was made by Gerber (for the sake of discussion) to increase the HOT tax. Motion dies for lack of second. Much discussion ensued from both Council and audience members, concerning lawful usage of funds and loss of

revenue for vacation homeowners due to increased taxes.

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

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

- 14) Discuss and take possible action to pay the Mammoth Dive Academy for services rendered in good faith.**

This item was moved to Executive Session.

- 15) Discuss the need to hire a City Administrator for the future and continuity of government services in Surfside.**

Gerber would like to see the Village hire a City Administrator for the sake of continuity and all municipal operations overseen by someone with experience in the field.

- 16) Discuss and take possible action on an update regarding the comparison of HOT revenues collected by the Village to those reported to the State Comptroller.**

Discussion only from Mr. Steve Porter and the need for a Village zip code to make HOT taxes easier to identify and collect.

- 17) Discuss and take possible action to approve a policy on prohibited technology on city owned devices.**

Motion was made by Jalifi to approve a prohibited technology ordinance. Motion was seconded by Green-Prats and approved unanimously.

- 18) 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 appointment to the Council vacant position.**

Council recessed into executive session at 09:39 p.m. and reconvened into regular session at 10:14 p.m.

Motion was made by Jalifi to invite Ritter, Davenport and Marsh into executive session. Motion was seconded Gerber and passed unanimously.

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


Motion was made by Green-Prats to appoint Marsha Hines as Alderman to fulfill the vacancy created by Zach Parsch who was appointed last month as interim Mayor. Motion was seconded by Jalifi and passed unanimously.

Adjourn at 10:16 p.m.

Passed and approved this 10th day of December 2024.



Zach Parsch
Mayor



Amanda Davenport,
City Secretary