

**Borough of Surf City  
Governing Body Meeting Minutes**

Mayor F. Hodgson called the meeting to order, reading the following statement: in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting of the Borough Council has been provided to three newspapers and published in the January 30, 2020 issue of the Beach Haven Times.

Roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman John G. Hadash, Councilman Peter Hartney, Councilman William D. Hodgson, Council President John H. Klose, Councilman James B. Russell, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano & Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Absent: none.

All present joined Mayor Hodgson in a salute to the flag.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approve the regular minutes from the February 11, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved as presented.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020-02. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Ordinance 2020-02 was approved, as introduced by title.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE 2020 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,  
APPROPRIATING \$625,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$593,750 BONDS  
AND NOTES TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COSTS THEREOF, AUTHORIZED IN AND BY THE  
BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, IN THE COUNTY OF OCEAN, NEW JERSEY.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose moved to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020-03. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Ordinance 2020-03 was approved, as introduced by title.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING, REVISING, AND/OR REPEALING ORDINANCES ENTITLED  
“REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN,  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000” SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 30 ENTITLED ZONING. SPECIFICALLY,  
AS FOLLOWS. SECTION 30-11.5(C)4 OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FIRES AND DEVICES, SECTION  
30-6.4(B) & SECTION 30-7.4(B) BUILDING AREA & DIMENSIONS, AND SECTION 30-5.2(A)  
BUSINESS ZONE- USES & REGULATIONS.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2020-04. Councilman President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Ordinance 2020-04 was approved, as introduced by title.

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
 VACATING ALL RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY IN A  
 TWENTY (20') FOOT ALLEY LYING BETWEEN LOTS 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 20 & 21,  
 BLOCK 53, WHICH ALLEY IS LOCATED BETWEEN 21<sup>ST</sup> STREET AND 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET AND  
 DESIGNATED AS LOT 22 BLOCK 53 ON THE TAX RECORDS OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: Mr. Wm. Hodgson. Absent: none.

Councilwoman Siciliano moved to the approve Resolution 2020-54. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City, New Jersey desires to amend the 2020 Temporary Capital Budget of said municipality by increasing the amount thereon to include the repair and resurfacing of various roads and related expenses, for the Borough of Surf City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, New Jersey, as follows.

Section 1. The 2020 Temporary Capital Budget of the Borough of Surf City is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read, as follows.

AMENDMENT 1  
 2020 TEMPORARY CAPITAL BUDGET OF THE  
 BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, NEW JERSEY  
 Projects Schedules for 2020 - Method of Financing

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Cost</u>	<u>Capital Imp.</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Surplus</u>	<u>General</u> <u>Bonds</u>	<u>Capital</u> <u>Reserve</u>
Repair & resurface various roads and any related expenses.	\$625,000	\$31,250		\$593,750	

Section 2. The Clerk be and is authorized and directed to file two certified copies of this resolution with the Division of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey, within three days after the adoption of these projects to be included in the 2020 Capital Budget, as adopted.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to the approve Resolution 2020-55. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be and is hereby given to proceed with the necessary plans, specifications and bids for the following projects.

1. Removal of underground storage tank located at N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Maintenance on vertical pressure filters and replacement of filter media of the water treatment plant located at S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.
3. The 2020 NJ DOT Road Improvements for N. 4<sup>th</sup> and N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-56. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City has entered a contract with the municipalities of Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars and Barnegat Light to jointly employ a Construction Code Official; and

WHEREAS, the agreement requires the Borough Council to annually consider Schedule C; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the attached Schedule C is hereby approved, effective as of January 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the municipalities of Beach Haven, Harvey Cedars and Barnegat Light.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-57. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be and is hereby given to Mayor Hodgson to proceed with sending his spring letter to the Borough taxpayers.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-58. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF STAFFORD FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES.

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Services Act, N.J.S.A.40:8A-1 et seq authorizes the Borough of Surf City to enter into a contract for the provision of certain governmental services with the Township of Stafford; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:8A-4 requires that such a contract be authorized by resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Borough of Surf City to authorize the execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Township of Stafford for construction inspection services, commencing January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute an interlocal government services agreement with Township of Stafford.
2. A copy of this agreement shall be kept on file and made available for public inspection at the Municipal Clerk's office during normal business hours.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-59. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION'S "ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF ARREST AND CONVICTION RECORDS IN EMPLOYMENT DECISIONS UNDER TITLE VII OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964"

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5 as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183 requires the governing body of each municipality and county to certify that their local unit's hiring practices comply with the United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's "Enforcement Guidance on the Consideration of Arrest and Conviction Records in Employment Decisions Under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964," as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e et seq., (April 25, 2012) before submitting

its approved annual budget to the Division of Local Government Services in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body of the Borough of Surf City have familiarized themselves with the contents of the above-referenced enforcement guidance and with their local unit's hiring practices as they pertain to the consideration of an individual's criminal history, as evidenced by the Group Affidavit Form of the governing body attached hereto:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, this 13th day of March, 2019, by the Mayor and governing body of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, that the Borough has complied with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-5, as amended by P.L. 2017, c.183, by certifying that the local unit's hiring practices comply with the above-referenced enforcement guidance and hereby directs the Borough Clerk to cause to be maintained and available for inspection a certified copy of this Resolution and the required affidavit to show evidence of said compliance; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Borough Clerk to the following:

1. The Honorable Francis R. Hodgson, Sr., Mayor;
2. Surf City Borough Council Members;
3. Michael Gross, C.F.O.;
4. Kevin Frenia, RMA, Auditor; and
5. Christopher J. Connors, Esquire.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-60. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

A RESOLUTION TO AFFIRM THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY'S CIVIL RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO ALL OFFICIALS, APPOINTEES, EMPLOYEES PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT COME INTO CONTACT WITH MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES, OFFICIALS AND VOLUNTEERS.

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Borough of Surf City to treat the public, employees, prospective employees, appointees, volunteers and contractors in a manner consistent with all applicable civil rights laws and regulations including, but not limited to the Federal Civil Right Act of 1964 as subsequently amended, the New Jersey Law against Discrimination, the Americans with Disability Act and the Conscientious Employee Protection Act, and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Surf City has determined that certain procedures need to be established to accomplish this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that:

Section 1: No official, employee, appointee or volunteer of the Borough of Surf City by whatever title known, or any entity that is in any way a part of the Borough of Surf City shall engage, either directly or indirectly in any act including the failure to act that constitutes discrimination, harassment or a violation of any person's constitutional rights while such official, employee, appointee volunteer, or entity is engaged in or acting on behalf of the Borough of Surf City's business or using the facilities or property of the Borough of Surf City.

Section 2: The prohibitions and requirements of this resolution shall extend to any person or entity, including but not limited to any volunteer or inter-local organization, whether structured as a government entity or a private entity, that receives authorization or support in any way from the Borough of Surf City to provide services that otherwise could be performed by the Borough of Surf City.

Section 3: Discrimination, harassment and civil rights shall be defined for purposes of this resolution using the latest definitions contained in the applicable Federal and State laws concerning discrimination, harassment and civil rights.

Section 4: The Borough Council may establish written procedures for any person to report alleged discrimination, harassment and violations of civil rights prohibited by this resolution. Such procedures shall include alternate ways to report a complaint so that the person making the complaint need not communicate with the alleged violator in the event the alleged violator would be the normal contact for such complaints.

Section 5: No person shall retaliate against any person who reports any alleged discrimination, harassment or violation of civil rights, provided however, that any person who reports alleged violations in bad faith shall be subject to appropriate discipline.

Section 6: The Borough Council may establish written procedures that require all officials, employees, appointees and volunteers of the Borough of Surf City as well as all other entities subject to this resolution to periodically complete training concerning their duties, responsibilities and rights pursuant to this resolution.

Section 7: The Borough Council may establish a system to monitor compliance and shall report at least annually to the Governing Body the results of the monitoring.

Section 8: At least annually, the Borough Council shall cause a summary of this resolution and the procedures established pursuant to this resolution to be communicated within the Borough of Surf City. This communication shall include a statement from the governing body expressing its unequivocal commitment to enforce this resolution. This summary shall also be posted on the Borough of Surf City's bulletin board

Section 9: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Section 10: A copy of this resolution shall be published in the official newspaper of the Borough of Surf City in order for the public to be made aware of this policy and the Borough of Surf City's commitment to the implementation and enforcement of this policy.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-67. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, The Recycling Enhancement Act, P.L.2007, chapter 311, has established a recycling fund from which tonnage grants may be made to municipalities in order to encourage local source separation and recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, there is levied upon the owner or operator of every solid waste facility (with certain exceptions) a recycling tax of \$3.00 per ton on all solid waste accepted for disposal or transfer at the solid waste facility; and

WHEREAS, whenever a municipality operates a municipal service system for solid waste collection, or provides for regular solid waste collection service under a contract awarded pursuant to the "Local Public Contracts Law", the amount of grant monies received by the municipality shall not be less than the annual amount of recycling tax paid by the municipality except that all grant moneys received by the municipality shall be expended only for its recycling program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City in the County of Ocean that the Borough of Surf City hereby certifies a submission of expenditure for taxes paid pursuant to P.L. 2007, chapter 311 in 2019. Documentation, hereto attached, supporting this submission is available at the Borough Hall and shall be maintained for no less than five (5) years from this date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the authorization be and is hereby given to proceed with the application for a Recycling Tonnage Grant.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-68. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that the Chief Financial Officer be and is hereby authorized to pay the State of New Jersey, Department of Environmental Protection Air Quality Permit invoice in the amount of \$885.00.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Hartney moved to the approve Resolution 2020-69. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City to provide authorization to contract with Bright Idea LED to provide LED lighting products for all Borough facilities under the NJCEP grant program.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to the approve Resolution 2020-70, attached hereto as Schedule B. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose moved to the approve Resolution 2020-71. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SHARED SERVICES AND INDEMNIFICATION  
AGREEMENT WITH THE LONG BEACH ISLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE PROVISION  
OF SNOW PLOWING IN ACCORDANCE WITH N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et. seq.

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-4 provides that any local unit may enter into an agreement with any other local unit or units to provide or receive any service that each local unit participating in the agreement is empowered to provide or receive within its own jurisdiction, including services incidental to the primary purposes of any of the participating local units including services from licensed or certified professionals required by statute to be appointed; and

WHEREAS, the Long Beach Island Board of Education (hereinafter “Long Beach Island School District”) and the Borough of Surf City (hereinafter “Borough”) wishes to enter into an agreement for the provision of snow plowing at the Ethel Jacobsen School, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. That the Governing Body does hereby authorize the execution of a Shared Services and Indemnification Agreement a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule “A”.
2. That the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute and the Borough Clerk to attest to the agreement.



3. That a certified copy of the resolution and agreement shall be kept on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk and available for public inspection during normal business hours.

4. That a certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Long Beach Island Board of Education.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Mayor F. Hodgson briefed members present with reports from the Municipal Court and the Chief Financial Officer for January 2020.

Councilman Hadash read the total receipts from the sanitation report. He also moved to approve Resolution 2020-63. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City to authorize Bellmawr Truck Repair to repair the 2007 Peterbilt trash truck in the approximate amount of \$8,955.93

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Hadash moved to approve Resolution 2020-66. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Gary Ruhmshottell be appointed in the Department of Public Works as part-time laborer on an as needed basis at the rate of \$13.00 per hour without benefits, effective March 11, 2020 until June 30, 2020.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell reported that the lifeguards had ordered the uniforms for the season. He also mentioned that the LIT program was already full of approved applicants. The pickle ball nets have been ordered. Councilman Russell moved to approved Resolution 2020-65.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be given to proceed to purchase Winterfest Snowflakes for the Boulevard during the holiday season in the amount of \$4,970.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Wm. Hodgson provided the February 2020 statistical report from the Police Department. He informed all present that the Easter egg hunt would be moved to the playground. This would provide a more secure, fenced in area with a lot of great hiding spots. There has been an increase in the presence of seals on the beach. Councilman Wm. Hodgson encouraged for to call the non-emergency number for the police department in the event they see a seal on the beach.

Councilwoman Siciliano reported that DPW would continue to work on barricades. Routine roadwork tests were conducted on February 22, 2020 for the N. 5<sup>th</sup> & N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street projects. The drainage pipes had been delivered to N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and New Jersey Natural Gas was present for work on N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Councilwoman Siciliano had also mentioned that she and the Borough Clerk attended the annual streets & roads meeting with Ocean County representatives for upcoming projects in the Borough. She moved to approve Resolution 2020-62. Councilman Russell seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be given to proceed to contract with C & L Street Sweeping in the amount of \$3,550.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Hartney reported that the beaches were in good condition and badges were ordered. He also mentioned that Art Yahn did a great job with the dune fencing this year. Councilman Hartney also moved to approve the Resolution 2020-61. Councilman Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

WHEREAS, the National Institute of Mental Health reports that 1 in 4 adult's experiences mental illness in a given year and 1 in 17 adults live with a serious mental illness such as schizophrenia, major depression, or bipolar disorder: and

WHEREAS, approximately 20% of youth ages 13 to 18 and 13% of youth ages 8 to 15 experience severe mental disorders in a given year; and

WHEREAS, the stigma associated with the disease of mental illness is identified as the primary reason individuals fail to seek the help they need to recover from the disease; and

WHEREAS, the Stigma-Free Campaign aims to inspire the public interest and open dialogues about stigma, raise awareness of the disease of mental illness, and create a culture wherein residents who have the disease of mental illness feel supported by their community and neighbors and feel free to seek treatment for the disease without fear of stigma; and

WHEREAS, promoting awareness that there can be no "health" without mental health will break down barriers and encourage residents of all ages to be mindful of their mental health and ask for help when needed; and

WHEREAS, local resources are available to treat the disease of mental illness so no one resident needs to suffer alone or feel hopeless; and

WHEREAS, establishing Stigma-Free Zones will raise awareness of resources and encourage residents to engage in care as soon as the need is identified so recovery can begin, hope is inspired, and tragedies are avoided; and

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that Surf City recognizes the community needs and supports the efforts of the County of Ocean in designating Surf City as a Stigma-Free Zone.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Council President Klose reported that improvements continued to be made with the wells and all was well with water & sewer. He also moved to approve Resolution 2020-64. Councilman Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the following was approved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authorization be given to proceed to purchase a mole from Cutter Drill & Machine in the amount of \$4,521.00.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Mayor F. Hodgson called for any comments from the public. Dan Malay from How You Brewin of 8 N. Long Beach Boulevard has inquired about fire pit ordinances.

A letter from Pamela Middleton requesting a memorial bench for the N. 15<sup>th</sup> ocean beach entrance. Councilman Russell moved to approve the request. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

A letter from Greg O'Connell requesting permission for the Association of Surf Angling Club to host fishing tournaments on May 2, 2020 and October 17, 2020. Councilman Russell moved to approve the request under the direction of the police department and public works. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Mayor F. Hodgson called for any comments from the public.

Councilman Russell moved to pay the bills. Council President Klose seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the bills were approved to be paid.

BE IT RESOLVED BY COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, N.J. that the appurtenances known as "Scheduled Payment Reports" containing vouchers to be paid in the total amounts of:

Water & Sewer	\$116,753.64
Current	\$895,299.26
Payroll Account	\$178,790.38
Dog License Account	\$13.80
Ice Cream Vendor Account	\$0.00
Escrow Release	\$7,282.28
Tax Certificate Account	\$0.00

are hereby ordered paid and the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to draw an order upon the  
Borough Treasurer for same.

Approved by: Councilman Hartney  
Council President Klose  
Councilman Russell

Dated: March 13, 2020.

/s/ Francis R. Hodgson, Mayor

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson,  
Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Councilman Russell moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion.  
With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned.

Roll call reflected the following votes in approval: Mr. Hadash, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson,  
Mr. Klose, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA  
Borough Clerk/Administrator