

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 Asbury Park Press on January 11, 2024.

The roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman Joseph DeBenedetto, Council President William D. Hodgson, Councilman Gerry P. Little, Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano, and Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Councilman Peter M. Hartney and Councilman John D. McMenamain were absent. Police Chief Jack Casella was also present. All present joined Mayor F. Hodgson in a salute to the Flag. Mayor F. Hodgson explained that the Borough Council has called this meeting to consider the Governor's Executive Order about outdoor dining. The meeting was noticed in the paper, on the Borough sign, on social media, on the website, and on the Sandpaper's website and social media page. Council President Wm. Hodgson further explained that this meeting was called to give businesses time to prepare for the season.

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

Ron Fiore asked about outdoor music.

Matt Nichols asked about parking.

Jaime Ryan asked if he would still have eight outdoor seats.

Jim Nast asked if outdoor bars were approved with the resolution.

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to approve Resolution 2024-94 expanding outdoor dining. Councilman DeBenedetto seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Resolution 2024-94 was approved. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Hartney & Mr. McMenamain. Mayor F. Hodgson asked if there were any more comments from the public. There were no comments.

Councilman Little moved to adjourn the meeting, and Councilman DeBenedetto seconded it. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: Mr. Hartney & Mr. McMenamain.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION 2024-94

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order on outdoor dining was codified by P.L. 2021, c 15, as amended by P.L. 2022 C. 85, has been extended to November 31, 2024, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of Surf City to provide temporary relief to outdoor dining applicants as follows:

1. All outdoor seating applicants with existing approved indoor seating may relocate thirty percent of seating outdoors. The total number of approved indoor and outdoor seating combined may not exceed the total approved site plan seating.
2. Outdoor dining must be closed to all guests no later than 10:00 pm.
3. Tents, canopies, and umbrellas are permitted.
4. All venues participating shall maintain an ADA parking space.
5. Service bars and stations are permitted for employee use only. No patron bars are allowed.
6. This resolution does not permit amplified music or radio-projected music.
7. All seating must be confined within the property lines.
8. As per ADA requirements, a five-foot walkway must be maintained in the public right of way.
9. This resolution takes effect on May 16, 2024.
10. The outdoor dining application is due to the Zoning Officer no later than June 15, 2024. All applications shall include a plan on a current survey or site plan depicting the design and placement of tents or coverings, tables, and fixtures. A certificate of liability insurance naming the Borough of Surf City as additional insured and an indemnification agreement must also be submitted.
11. This provision expires on November 31, 2024. By then, all items related to expanded outdoor dining must be removed from the site.
12. All persons or entities electing to pursue temporary relief by the provisions of this order are hereby given notice that the expenditure of any funds or the incurrence of any costs or issues in reliance of the provisions of the resolution shall be at their sole and exclusive expense and/or risk.
13. Except for the temporary relief set forth herein, all applicants must comply with all Federal, State, County, and local laws and regulations, including zoning and general ordinances.

CERTIFICATION

I, CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Governing Body of The Borough of Surf City at a meeting held on May 15, 2024, at 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City, NJ.



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

Method	Approved			Denied	Carried		
	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto		✓	✓				
Hartney						✓	
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Little			✓				
McMenamin						✓	
Siciliano			✓				