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 Beach Haven Times on January 9, 2025.

The roll call reflected the following members present: Councilman Joe DeBenedetto, Councilman Peter M. Hartney, Council President William D. Hodgson, Councilman Lee Lieber, Councilman Gerry P. Little, and Mayor Francis R. Hodgson. Councilwoman Jaqueline L. Siciliano was absent.

Police Chief Jack Casella, Borough Superintendent Art Yahn, and CFO Michael Gross attended.

All present joined Mayor F. Hodgson in a salute to the Flag.

Councilman Hartney moved to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting. Councilman Little seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the minutes were approved.

The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to open the public hearing for Bond Ordinance 2025-05. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. The hearing was opened to the public with a vote in the affirmative. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent. No comments were made. Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to close the hearing. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the hearing was closed. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to adopt Bond Ordinance 2025-05. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Bond Ordinance 2025-05 was adopted. This ordinance authorizes \$256,984.98 above the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law.

ORDINANCE 2025-05

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AUTHORIZED BY THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN. (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14).

The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Resolutions 2025-89 to 2025-101 were approved, as attached.

Mayor F. Hodgson read the March 2025 Municipal Court and CFO reports.

Councilman Lieber presented the April 2025 police department statistical report. Chief Casella wants everyone to know that the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. One of Borough's seasonal law enforcement officers has recently graduated from the police academy.

Councilman DeBenedetto reported that seventy lifeguards may be appointed this season. Earning the position is highly competitive, as all lifeguards must pass a swim test. The new lifeguard truck has been outfitted with lettering, lights, and sirens. There are two lifeguards in training sessions with forty candidates in each session. The fence at the Bay Beach and the pavers at the pickleball courts have been completed. The benches at the courts are being replaced. As the Mayor mentioned, the floating dock was damaged. We are replacing the three basketball systems and have found a beautiful replacement pavilion for the Bay Beach.

Council President Wm. Hodgson provided the April 2025 sanitation report. He also offered the Streets & Roads report for Councilwoman Siciliano. During March, the DPW cleared drain-out falls and basin-tops, repaired the drainpipe on N. 14th Street, and repaired a sinkhole at the bulkhead on N. 7th Street. The Atlantic City Electric LED Street light installation is expected to be completed by May 9th. Work on N. 1st Street Bulkhead will begin on Monday, May 19th. The Borough has requested a start date of August 18th for the bulkhead work on North 12th and North 13th Streets. The engineering plans for the SFY 2024 NJDOT project have been submitted to the State for approval. Please be reminded that the traffic lights will be reinstated on Monday, May 19th, and Central Avenue has been converted into a two-way road.

Councilman Hartney has invited everyone to the Memorial Day Service on May 24th at 11:00 am. He met with representatives from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) and the Army Corps of Engineers regarding budget issues that prevented Surf City from undergoing beach replenishment. The 9th Legislative District has not responded to his letter regarding beach access. The County hosted an Unlock the Beach event, for which he represented the mayor. The seasonal Holiday badge has sold out, and this year's beach badge numbers are higher than those of last year.

Councilman Little provided the February 2025 water and sewer report. Spring hydrant flushing was conducted. We replaced a broken manhole casing at Veterans Park. The Bay Beach water was restored. They changed a chemical feed pump and coordinated the leak survey report. Most of the project at the N. 13th Street water tower has been completed. We are waiting for a light. Hopefully, the tower will be ready for service.

Samantha Ryan requested that a bench be placed in memory of her sister at the N. 3rd Street beach. Councilman Hartney moved that the request be approved. Council President Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Mayor F. Hodgson addressed Arlene Morrison's request to Turn the Town Teal in September to raise awareness of ovarian cancer. Councilman DeBenedetto moved to approve the request. Councilman Lieber seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Owen LaRocca wrote to request the annual SuperKids event at the N. 11th Street beach from August 4th through August 8th, and August 11th through August 15th. Councilman Hartney moved to approve the request. Council President Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the request was approved. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to pay the bills. Councilman DeBenedetto seconded the motion. The bills were approved for payment. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Susanne Gilbert of N. 10^{th} Street thanked the Mayor & Council for the wave on the water tower.

Lisa Ball of Barnegat asked about the status of KiteFest.

Council President W. Hodgson moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, the meeting was adjourned. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Little, and Mr. Lieber. There were no nays or abstentions. Mrs. Siciliano was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

CHannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator

ORDINANCE 2025-05

ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK AUTHORIZED BY THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN. (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

WHEREAS, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.5% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the following two succeeding years; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City in the County of Ocean finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2025 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that a 3.5 % increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$256,984.98 over the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Borough Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the following two succeeding years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, in the County of Ocean, a majority of the full authorized membership of this Governing Body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2025 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of Surf City shall, per this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5 %, amounting to \$256,984.98, and that the CY 2025 Municipal Budget for the Borough of Surf City be approved and adopted per this ordinance; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that a certified copy of this ordinance, upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

SECTION III

If any word, phrase, clause, section, or provision of this ordinance shall be found by any Court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal, or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section, or provision shall be severable from the balance of the ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION IV

According to law, this ordinance shall take effect immediately after final adoption.

NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that the foregoing Ordinance was introduced and passed on the first reading at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey, on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

Further notice is given that said Ordinance will be considered for final passage and adoption after a public hearing, to be held at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. in the Municipal Building, 813 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, New Jersey, at which time and place, any person desiring to be heard upon the same will be allowed to be so heard. Complete copies are available in the Municipal Clerk's office during regular business hours.

CHRISTINE HANNEMAN, RMC/CMR/QPA

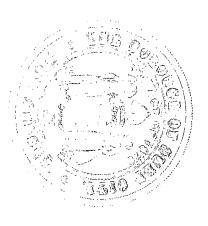
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

Introduction 4/09/2025

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RESOLUTION 2025-89 TO READ THE BUDGET BY TITLE ONLY AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, N.J.S.40A:4-8 provides that the budget be read by title only at the time of the public hearing if a resolution is passed by not less than a majority of the full Governing Body, providing that at least one week before the date of hearing, a complete copy of the approved budget as advertised has been posted in the Borough Hall, a copy has been posted on the official website and copies have been made available by the Clerk to persons requiring them;

WHEREAS, these conditions have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the budget be read only by title.

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.

CHAMMEMANN, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

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RESOLUTION 2025-90 TO ADOPT THE 2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, that the budget, hereinbefore set forth, is hereby adopted, and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated herein set forth, as appropriations and authorization of the amount of \$4,910,000.00 to be raised by taxation for Municipal purposes.

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-91

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE AND INSPECTIONS PROCESSED.

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean ("County") serves as the Local Enforcing Agency ("LEA") for the Borough of Surf City ("Borough") and is responsible for conducting certain fire inspection services on behalf of the Borough pursuant to the Uniform Fire Safety Act, N.J.S.A. 52:27D-192, et. seq. ("Act"), and the Uniform Fire Code, N.J.A.C. 5:70-1.1, et. seq. ("Code"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough has notified all residential property owners in the 2024 Mayor's Spring letter mailing and

WHEREAS, the Borough has processed one hundred fifty-three applications with residential certifications in lieu of inspections and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that authority is given to Mayor F. Hodgson to certify this resolution that the Borough of Surf City has met the requirements of the Uniform Fire Safety Act. N.J.S.A. 42:27D-192 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:70-1.1 et seq per the agreement.

I, FRANCIS R. HODGSON, Mayor of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify the facts of the foregoing resolution.

FRANCIS R. HODGSON

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 813 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City, NJ.

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

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WHEREAS, the water & sewer collector has received an overpayment of \$3,650.00 from George Harry, property owner of 35 N. 1^{st} Street Block 12 Lot 17; and

WHEREAS, the water & sewer collector is requesting that the payee receive a refund for the overpayment; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that the W/S Collector and Chief Financial Officer be and are hereby authorized to proceed with a credit for the next five years or until the amount of \$3,650.00 has been expended, whichever comes first. as above referenced.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the credit will only apply to George and Kara Harry and will not be transferred or paid out at a transfer of title exchange, change, or ownership.

CERTIFICATIONS

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at 813 Long Beach Boulevard, Surf City, NJ.

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

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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 Community Affairs Life Hazard Use \$771.00 Fee.

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 14, 2025, 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

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WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and N.J.A.C. 5:34-7.29(c), may by resolution and without advertising for bids, purchase any goods or services under the direction of the Qualified Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, under Ordinance 2-11.2, the purchase may be issued over the amount of 2,000 with the approval of the Mayor & Council and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough of Surf Governing Body that the Department of Finance issue the final purchase orders for the following items in the corresponding approximate amounts.

	Department	Approx. Amount	<u>Vendor</u>
Three Basketball Systems	Public Property	\$7,500.00	Willy Goat Toys & Playgrounds
Beach Badge Uniforms	Beach Fees	\$8,572.75	Various Vendors
Repair Boat Ramp Dock	Public Property	\$5,800.00	Amon Construction

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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WHEREAS, according to Ordinances 04-09 and 04-11, a performance guarantee may be posted with the Borough for permanent curb installation, inspections, or other performance work at the time of exchange of ownership and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Official made a final inspection and approved the same to be in conformance with the Borough ordinances and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, that the following guarantees may be released.

Type	Block /Lot	Posted Amount	Amount to Applicant	Amount to Borough
Performance Bond	69/8	\$3,700	\$3,700	0
Inspection Fees	29/21	\$250	0	\$250

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.

CHAWNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA
Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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OPPOSING NEW JERSEY PROTECTING AGAINST CLIMATE THREATS/RESILIENT ENVIRONMENTS AND LANDSCAPE RULES (NJPACT)

WHEREAS, the Council of the Borough of Surf City opposes the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) 1,057-page NJPACT rules due to their significant adverse impacts, the [Insert Governing Body] sets forth the following objections:

A. NJPACT'S CREATION, IMPACT, AND CONSEQUENCES

- 1. NJPACT, stemming from Governor Murphy's Executive Order 100, imposes excessive building regulations, including raising homes and roads 5 feet above base flood elevation, far exceeding federal and local standards, effective around August 2026.
- 2. NJPACT rules will devastate coastal economies, reducing property values, tourism, and housing affordability, impacting the entire state's economic vitality and exacerbating housing shortages.
- 3. NJPACT relies on a sea level rise study with only a 17% likelihood 75 years from now
- 4. Homes along the Jersey Shore, typically replaced every 25-30 years, would be overbuilt under NJPACT, imposing unnecessary costs when risks could be reassessed in 2050 or 2075.
- 5. NJPACT's costs make compliance unaffordable for current and future homeowners, forcing middle-class retreat and favoring the ultra-wealthy.
- 6. NJPACT aligns minimum standards with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) but offers no premium discounts for exceeding them, creating financial burdens without benefits.
- 7. Without funding, NJPACT's enforcement strains municipalities, risking economic disaster for tourism-dependent seasonal economies.
- 8. Unfunded mandates may lead to inconsistent regional protection, disproportionately harming smaller communities.

B. REALITIES AND PRUDENT COURSE

- 9. With an 83% probability that NJPACT's mandates will be unnecessary in 76 years, a more gradual, legislatively supported approach is warranted.
- 10. Coastal communities contribute \$16 billion annually to New Jersey's economy, and beach replenishment is not a burden but a driver of tourism and jobs.
- 11. The Borough of Surf City proactively addresses climate risks through resilient action plans [or similar], meeting stringent FEMA standards and designing infrastructure for 500-year floods.
- 12. NJPACT's extreme approach, based on unlikely scenarios, defies science and burdens residents and municipalities unnecessarily.

13. The Borough of Surf City supports reasonable climate policies but requests NJPACT's withdrawal or amendment to a fact-based, gradual approach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City vigorously opposes NJPACT due to its threat to public health, welfare, and economic stability.

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ.

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-97

RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING AN INTERMITTENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CHRISTY L. MAIMONE UNDER THE FEDERAL FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE ACT (FMLA)

WHEREAS, Christy L. Maimone is a tax/financial clerk for the Borough of Surf City; and

WHEREAS, Christy L. Maimone has been employed as a full-time employee of the Borough since January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Christy L. Maimone has requested an intermittent leave of absence for medical reasons under the guidelines of the Federal Medical Leave Act (FMLA), having filed a Certification of Healthcare Provider dated March 21, 2025, for a condition beginning March 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, under the FMLA, employees may take one continuous period of leave and may claim up to twelve (12) weeks of benefits in a twelve (12) month period; however, employees may, in the alternative, take intermittent leave up to eight (8) weeks/fifty-six (56) days in a twelve (12) month period; and

WHEREAS, the request for intermittent leave was administratively approved by the Borough Administrator effective March 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, said intermittent leave will be paid leave of absence using accrued sick and personal leave time, which after exhausting paid leave, Christy L. Maimone will be on unpaid leave of absence; and

WHEREAS, the governing body wishes to formally authorize the FMLA intermittent leave of absence for Christy L. Maimone, memorializing the approval authorized by the Borough Administrator on March 21, 2025; and

DASTI, McGUCKIN McNICHOLS, CONNORS ANTHONY & BUCKLEY

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

620 WEST LACEY ROAD FORKED RIVER, N.J. 08731 WHEREAS, during the period of unpaid leave of absence Christy L. Maimone will be responsible for contributing her employee share costs of the health benefits based on pensionable salary and the premium cost percentage calculation; and

WHEREAS, during the unpaid portion of Chrisy L. Maimone's FMLA intermittent leave of absence she may be entitled to temporary disability benefits from the State of New Jersey, Department of Labor. It shall be the responsibility of Christy L. Maimone to make application in order to receive any temporary disability benefits

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED, this 14th day of May, 2025, 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 authorizes the FMLA intermittent leave of absence for Christy L. Maimone, memorializing the approval authorized by the Borough Administrator on March 18, 2025, which shall be a paid leave of absence until exhausting any and all sick and personal leave time; after exhausting paid leave Christy L. Maimone will be on an unpaid leave of absence.
- 2. During the period of unpaid leave of absence, Christy L. Maimone will be responsible for contributing her employee share of the health benefits costs based on her pensionable salary and a premium cost percentage calculation.
- 3. Any absences taken under these provisions will require a doctor's note after three consecutive days.
- 4. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Christy L. Maimone, the Borough Administrator, and the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough.

DASTI, McGUCKIN McNICHOLS, CONNORS ANTHONY & BUCKLEY

COUNSELLORS AT LAW

620 WEST LACEY ROAD FORKED RIVER, N.J. 08731

CERTIFICATION

I, Christine Hannemann, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Governing Body at a regular meeting held on May 14, 2025.

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA
Borough Clerk, Borough of Surf City

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COUNSELLORS AT LAW

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WATER & SEWER

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Gaetano Balsamo is appointed full-time with benefits as a laborer to the water & sewer and public works departments at \$18.41 per hour for a one-year probationary period, effective May 14, 2025.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Keith Sprague is appointed part-time with no benefits at \$25.00 to the position of code enforcer, effective May 14, 2025, through December 31, 2025. When acting as a Laborer, the hourly rate is \$17.65 per hour.

PUBLIC WORKS

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the following individuals be appointed part-time with no benefits to the laborer position, effective for the corresponding rates and dates.

Michael Russo at \$17.00 per hour effective April 30, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

Derek Lamar Roach at \$17.00 per hr hour effective April 30, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

Ernesto Oliveira at \$17.00 per hour effective April 21, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

Kaelee Gross at \$17.90 per hour effective May 20, 2025, through September 30, 2025.

BEACH BADGE DEPARTMENT

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Stephanie Randel be appointed part-time with no benefits at \$17.40 per hour as a boat ramp attendant, effective June 14, 2025, through September 1, 2025.

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 duly adopted by the Governing Body at a meeting held on May 14, 2025, at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers at 813 Long Beach Boulevard Surf City, NJ

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

	(Approved) Denied Carried							
Method		Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note	
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Hartney		✓	/					
Wm. Hodgson	✓		/					
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WHEREAS, the Surf City Vol. Fire Company #1 and EMS have applied for a license for an on-premises merchandise raffle to take place on July 15, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45-2.1, the Surf City Vol. Fire Company #1 and EMS have obtained ID number 485-9-17286 from the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Surf City that license 25-09 be issued for an on-premises merchandise game to be held on July 12, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal fee for said license be and is hereby waived per Ordinance 95-4.

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WHEREAS, the Surf City Vol. Fire Company #1 and EMS have applied for a license for an on-premises 50/50 raffle to take place on July 12, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45-2.1, the Surf City Vol. Fire Company #1 and EMS have obtained ID number 485-9-17286 from the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Surf City that license 25-10 be issued for an on-premises 50/50 raffle to be held on July 12, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal fee for said license be and is hereby waived per Ordinance 95-4.

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WHEREAS, the Surf City Vol. Fire Company #1 and EMS have applied for a license for a Casino Night to take place on July 12, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:45-2.1, the Surf City Vol. Fire Company #1 and EMS have obtained ID number 485-9-17286 from the Legalized Games of Chance Control Commission and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Surf City that license 25-11 be issued for an on-premises casino game to be held on July 12, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal fee for said license be and is hereby waived per Ordinance 95-4.

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