

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 two newspapers, the Asbury Park Press and published in the January 25, 2025, edition of the Beach Haven Times.

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

Borough Superintendent Art Yahn, Chief Jack Casella, Water Superintendent Ryan Brady and CFO Michael Gross attended.

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

Councilman Lieber moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 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. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Mr. Wm. D. Hodgson abstained.

Councilman Hartney moved to open public comment for Ordinance 2025-11. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was open. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. There were no comments. Councilman Hartney moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was closed. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-11. Councilman Hartney seconded that motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Ordinance 2025-11 was adopted. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Ordinance 2025-11 revises personnel policies.

ORDINANCE 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000," AS THE SAME IN CHAPTER 3, PERTAINS TO "PERSONNEL POLICIES."

Councilman Little moved to open public comment for Ordinance 2025-12. Council President Wm. Hodgson seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was open. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson,

Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. There were no comments. Councilman Little moved to close the public comment portion of the meeting. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. With a vote in the affirmative, public comment was closed. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Councilman Little moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-12. Council President Wm. Hodgson seconded that motion. With a vote in the affirmative, Ordinance 2025-12 was adopted. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano. Ordinance 2025-12 increases water & sewer fees.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, 2000," AS THE SAME IN CHAPTER 16, PERTAINS TO "WATER & SEWER."

Resolutions 2025-169 to 2025-173 were approved, as attached.

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

Councilman Lieber presented the November 2025 police department statistical report.

Councilman DeBenedetto reported that the window replacement installation is complete. The Borough is looking into a monitoring/pay system with Premier Parking for the boat ramp. There is no cost to start up with the company; the Borough will only need to provide power and Wi-Fi access. There is an 8-10-week lead time for installation. We are hoping for a startup date of April 1, 2025. He thanked Art Yahn for the Christmas Tree and decorations throughout town.

Council President Wm. Hodgson read the sanitary landfill analysis and recycling report for November 2025.

Councilwoman Siciliano shared the November 2025 Streets and Roads report prepared by Art Yahn. She shared that we have a pre-construction meeting with Monmouth Docks. Affected homeowners will be invited to a Zoom meeting. In other good news, the 9th Legislative District has notified the Borough that we will receive \$302,995 for the most recent NJDOT grant application. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Councilman Hartney reported on the holiday beach badge sale and expense report. The limited-edition badge honors 250 years of independence in 2026.

Councilman Little provided the November 2025 water and sewer report. The booster pump replacement has been completed; we received an insurance check for approximately \$54,000. We met with Essex Engineering to finalize plans for the water communication system. Our former water superintendent has resigned; we appointed Ryan Brady to the position. He thanked Art for his efforts in overseeing the water and sewer department in the interim. He also thanked the Mayor and Council President for their support.

Councilwoman Siciliano requested that she present another item of business and read a resolution dedicating the Bay Beach to the Mayor, F. Hodgson. The Borough Council would like to honor the mayor for his lengthy and dedicated service to the Borough. Under his management, the Borough has strong financial security. Mayor F. Hodgson provided a heartfelt thank you to all involved in the dedication.

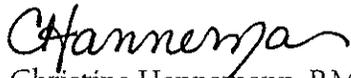
Councilwoman Siciliano moved to pay the bills. Councilman Hartney seconded the motion. The bills were approved for payment. The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Mayor F. Hodgson called for comments from the public.

There were no comments.

Councilman Hartney moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Siciliano 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. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine Hannefmann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-169

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF SUBCODE OFFICIAL AND INSPECTOR SERVICES THROUGH THE COMPETITIVE CONTRACTING PROCESS

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City has a desire to procure animal control services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1(b)(3), the Borough may use a competitive contracting process in lieu of public bidding for procurement of specialized goods and services, the price of which will exceed the bid threshold of \$44,000; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to evaluate such subcode and inspection services from vendors within the procedures as set forth in the New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A.40A:11- 4.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 5:34-4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2023, the Governor signed into law P.L. 2023, C 139, which local units may use competitive contracting for animal control services; and

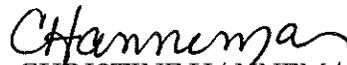
WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15(5), the Borough desires to enter into a contract for up to a one-year contract that will satisfy the needs of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, per statute N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.3(b), the Qualified Purchasing Agent will administer the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Borough of Surf City, County of Ocean, and the State of New Jersey, as follows: The Qualified Purchasing Agent is hereby authorized to commence the competitive contract procurement process as allowable under the New Jersey Local Public Contract Law allowing for a minimum of 20 days' notice after advertisement to receive responses, per N.J.S.A. 40A:11- 4.5(a).

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 December 10, 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

Council Member	Roll Call						
	Moved	Second	<u>Approved</u> Ayes	Denied Nays	Carried Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney		✓	✓				
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Lieber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2025-170

WHEREAS, the County of Ocean has created and established a program to assist municipalities in the repair and maintenance of municipal streets in addition to providing certain materials and supplies in connection therewith and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:65-1 et seq., authorizes local units to agree to provide services jointly by contract when approved by resolution, per N.J.S.A.40A:65-5 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City wishes to agree with the County of Ocean to provide certain repair, maintenance services, road overlay, materials, and supplies, not to exceed the total sum of \$375,000.00, to be disbursed as follows:

Road Department \$345,000.00
 Engineering Department \$ 25,000.00
 Vehicle Services Department \$ 5,000.00

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

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Surf City are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute a Joint Services Agreement with the County of Ocean to provide services in the Borough of Surf City.
2. A copy of this Agreement shall be kept on file and be available for public inspection at the office of the Municipal Clerk.
3. This agreement shall take effect January 1, 2026, and remain in full force and effect through December 31, 2026. Sufficient funds have been appropriated and are available in the current municipal budget.

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Christine Hannemann

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 Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 2025-171

WATER & SEWER

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Ryan Brady be appointed full-time with benefits to the Department of Public Works as the Water & Sewer Superintendent at an annual salary of \$110,000 per year.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED THAT Ryan Brady is entitled to twenty-three vacations each year.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED that Michael Ingling be appointed to be contacted for consulting and for water & sewer emergencies at a rate of \$75 per hour with no benefits on a as needed basis.

BE IT FURTHERED RESOLVED THAT the Borough agrees to reimburse and/or directly pay any fees necessary to obtain and maintain the NJDEP licensing required for Michael Ingling

POLICE

WHEREAS, John Boyne has taken two courses at the University of Oklahoma, CRJU 5073 and CRJU 5343 which totaled \$4,230.00; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in accordance with the Police Contract, John Boyne be reimbursed for \$2,000.00 for college tuition expenses for the two courses mentioned above.

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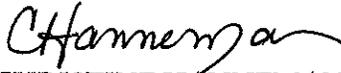
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Hartney		✓	✓				
Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Lieber			✓				
Little	✓		✓				
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2025-172

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Surf City that the applications for probationary membership in the Surf City Volunteer Fire Co. as submitted by Michael Vile is hereby approved.

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	Roll Call						
Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Note
DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney							<i>Recuse</i>
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Lieber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano		✓	✓				

RESOLUTION 2025-173

WHEREAS, Francis R. Hodgson, Sr. was born and raised in South Philadelphia. He was the son of Daniel and Rose Hodgson and had two brothers, Dan and Bill, and two sisters, Beatrice and Rosalie; and

WHEREAS, Fran was a member of the armed forces serving in the US Navy from 1955 through 1957; and

WHEREAS, he moved to Long Beach Island, met Carol Ann Johnsen, and they were married on September 20, 1959, subsequently establishing a home and raising a family with four generations of Hodgsons, including 8 great grandchildren, presently living in Surf City; and

WHEREAS, Fran was a businessman in Surf City when he decided to begin a life of public service, being appointed as a member of the Surf City Board of Health on January 1st, 1964; and

WHEREAS, He was appointed to serve as a member of the Surf City Borough Council commencing August 1, 1969, and became Council President on January 1st, 1972:

WHEREAS, on January 1st, 2016, Francis R. Hodgson, Sr. became Mayor of the Borough of Surf City and works tirelessly to keep Surf City a debt-free, family-friendly community for residents and visitors alike; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Hodgson has dedicated 62 years to the Borough of Surf City; and

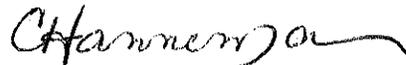
WHEREAS, along the way, he has collected the town's most cherished stories, and his decades of service have brought the Borough's history to life, connecting past and present with every tale he shares; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on December 10th, 2025, the area commonly known as the Surf City Bay Beach will henceforth be known as the Francis R. Hodgson Surf City Bay Beach; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Surf City Borough Council, borough employees, family, friends, and visitors to Surf City will be reminded for years to come of Mayor Hodgson's dedication to his beloved community.

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