

**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 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, and CFO Michael Gross attended.

Mayor F. Hodgson invited Linda Hochuli to speak about Friends of the Ocean County Library week and signed a proclamation.

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

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025, meeting. Councilman Hartney 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. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to approve the introduction of Ordinance 2025-08 by title only. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. This ordinance authorizes the financing for the purchase of a police vehicle.

**ORDINANCE 2025-08**

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND OUTFITTING OF A POLICE VEHICLE, APPROPRIATING \$75,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$71,250 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.**

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 approve the introduction of Ordinance 2025-09 by title only. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. This ordinance amends the zoning for driveways on the boulevard.

**ORDINANCE 2025-09**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 30 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY ENTITLED "ZONING" SO AS TO REVISE THE**

**REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO DRIVEWAY ACCESS FROM LONG BEACH BOULEVARD.**

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 approve the introduction of Ordinance 2025-10 by title only. Councilwoman Siciliano seconded the motion. This ordinance amends the length of service awards program.

**ORDINANCE 2025-10**

**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 2 OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SURF CITY ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATION” SO AS TO REVISE SECTION 2-62 ENTITLED “LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM (LOSAP)”.**

The roll call reflected the following votes for approval: Mr. DeBenedetto, Mr. Hartney, Mr. Wm. Hodgson, Mr. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Resolutions 2025-147 to 2025-155 were approved, as attached.

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

Councilman Lieber presented the September 2025 police department statistical report. They have completed all of the required training for the annual certification. The Surf City Police Department will host its annual Trunk or Treat on October 25, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Emergency placards will be mailed to residents at the end of the month.

Councilman DeBenedetto reported that the window replacement and pavilion installation will begin next Tuesday. DPW installed a new concrete pad at the bay beach this week. Over the summer, we installed three new basketball systems. Art and the crew did a great job. Mark is looking at redesigning the lifeguard stands for future seasons.

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

Councilwoman Siciliano shared that on September 25<sup>th</sup> we had a pre-con meeting with Arawak, Inc. for the upcoming ARPA road reconstruction project. The drainage work will begin late October, and they will more than likely be back in the Spring to complete the paving. The meeting for the affected public will be tomorrow at 9:30 am. The work on the N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street Bulkhead is close to complete.

Councilman Hartney reported the beach badge sale and expense report. Not all expenses have been accounted for but for every \$1.00 the badge fees covered \$.98 of the expenses. The holiday badges are on sale now. They capture the spirit of the 250th anniversary of America. Dune grass will be available for everyone next month. Finally, he presented certificates to the highest badge sellers for the 2025 season.

Councilman Little provided the September 2025 water and sewer report. We had a service line break on N. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and a valve/water main failure on N. 4<sup>th</sup> & Shore Avenue. We acquired and purchased a new touch screen for our system. The system went down this summer causing a lot of overtime in the department. We thank the guys for all their efforts. The 9<sup>th</sup> Street water tower light will affectionately be known as the Jim Russell light and the wave on the 13<sup>th</sup> Street tower will be known as the Gilbert wave, after Susanne Gilbert.

Susan Burd has requested that a memorial bench be placed at N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street and the Bay for her husband and son. Council President Wm. Hodgson moved to approve the request. Councilman Hartney 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. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Kenneth Don has requested that a memorial bench be placed at N. 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Bay for his mother. Councilman DeBenedetto moved to approve the request. Councilwoman Siciliano 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. Lieber, Mr. Little, and Mrs. Siciliano.

Council President W. Hodgson moved to pay the bills. Councilwoman Siciliano 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.

Jim Hines thanked the Mayor and Council for their support with the pickleball tournament this summer.

Mayor F. Hodgson mentioned that the Kite Fest was a success.

Scott & Kathy Mariani, along with their friend Kathy Hess, made presentation to host a 5K run in their late son's memory. They will submit a written presentation at a later time

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 Hannemann, RMC/CMR/QPA

Borough Clerk/Administrator

NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Friends of the Library raise money that enables our library to move from good to great -- providing the resources for additional programming, much needed equipment, support for children's summer reading, and special events throughout the year; and

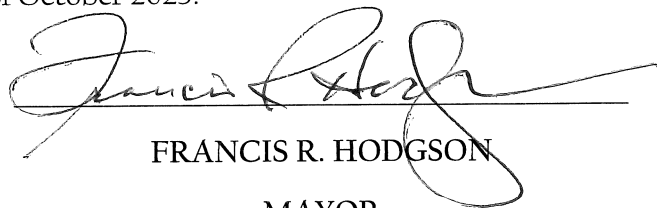
WHEREAS, the work of the Friends highlights, on an on-going basis, the fact that our library is the cornerstone of the community, providing opportunities for all to engage in the joy of life-long learning and connect with the thoughts and ideas of others from ages past to present; and

WHEREAS, the Friends understand the critical importance of well-funded libraries and advocate to ensure that our library gets the resources it needs to provide a wide variety of services to all ages including access to print and electronic materials, along with expert assistance in research, readers' advisory, and children's services; and

WHEREAS, the Friends' gift of their time and commitment to the library sets an example for all in how volunteerism leads to positive civic engagement and the betterment of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Mayor Francis R. Hodgson proclaim October 19- 25, 2025, as Friends of Libraries week in Borough of Surf City and urges everyone to join the Friends of the Library and thank them for all they do to make our library and community so much better.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the official Borough of Surf City to be affixed on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025.



FRANCIS R. HODGSON  
MAYOR

**RESOLUTION 2025-147**  
**AMENDING THE CAPITAL BUDGET**

WHEREAS, the Borough of Surf City, New Jersey, desires to amend the 2025 Capital Budget of the said municipality by increasing the amount thereon to include improvements to the streets/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 2025 Capital Budget of the Borough of Surf City is hereby amended by adding thereto a Schedule to read as follows:

AMENDMENT #1 CAPITAL BUDGET  
 Projects Schedules for 2025 Method of Financing

PROJECT	EST. COST	CAPITAL IMP. FUND	CAPITAL SURPLUS	GENERAL BONDS	CAPITAL RESERVE
Police vehicle	\$75,000.00	\$3,750.00		\$71,250.00	

Section 2. The Clerk 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 2025 Temporary Capital Budget as adopted.

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 October 8, 2025, at 7:30 PM.



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

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

RESOLUTION 2025-148

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY CONTRACT FOR THE REPAIR OF  
THE N. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET WATER MAIN.

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law permits the award of emergency contracts pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-6 et. seq., subject to specific criteria, and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-6 et seq. allows the award of contracts without public advertising for bids and bidding when an emergency exists affecting the public health, safety or welfare which requires the immediate delivery of goods or the performance of services, wherein the award of contract is made in the manner prescribed by the aforesaid statutory provision; and

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that the emergency described above affects the public health, safety, and/or welfare and requires the immediate performance of services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the declaration and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-6 et. seq., the aforesaid repair to the N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Water Main for \$59,030.00

WHEREAS, certification of funds having been made by the Chief Financial Officer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City, that the contract be awarded to Shore Connection, Inc. for the aforesaid emergency repairs to the N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Water Main for \$59,030.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the contract is being awarded without public advertisement for bids pursuant to an emergency affecting the public health, safety, and/or welfare, and as authorized by the Local Public Contract Laws, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A: 11-6, which permits the awarding of emergency contracts.

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Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 2025-149

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 purchase of the following goods and services:

- Beach Mats from Access Rec for \$39,863.00 for public property. The 2024 CDBG Grant funds this purchase.
- Two new garage doors from Liberty Door and Awning for \$10,400.00 for public property.
- Touch Screen from C & D Instrumental Services LLC for \$2,378.40.00 for the water & sewer department.
- 6" Mueller Valve from A.C. Shultes for \$4,740.00 for the water & sewer department.

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*Christine Hannemann*

CHRISTINE HANNEMANN, RMC/CMR/QPA

Municipal Clerk/Administrator

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

RESOLUTION 2025-150

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Borough of Surf City that the fee for the construction of a memorial bench be \$1,200.00

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

RESOLUTION 2025-151

WHEREAS, the Borough receives escrow bonds posted for professional fees, performance guarantees, and inspection fees, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City that the following listed escrow bonds be released to the corresponding applicants with the balances to be released to the Borough of Surf City.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Block &amp; Lot</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Posted Amount</u>	<u>Amount to Applicant</u>	<u>Amount to Borough</u>
Rinaldi	B 77 L 30	Curb	\$6,000.00	0	\$6,000.00

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

RESOLUTION 2025-152

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of Surf City acknowledges receipt and reading of the annual Community Rating System update.

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

RESOLUTION 2025-153

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

CERTIFICATION

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DeBenedetto			✓				
Hartney		✓					<i>Recuse</i>
Wm. Hodgson	✓		✓				
Lieber			✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano			✓				

RESOLUTION 2025-154

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following individuals be appointed part-time, with no benefits to the Department of Public Works, as laborers at the corresponding hourly rates, effective October 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025.

- Troy Luongo \$17.90 per hour
- Robert Haman \$17.90 per hour
- Michael Parmigiano \$17.00 an hour
- Jared Russo \$17.65 per hour
- Keith Sprague \$17.65 per hour
- Michael Mosher \$17.65 per hour
- Kyle David Hunter \$17.90 per hour
- Kaelee Gross \$17.90 per hour
- Logan Ceekler \$17.90 per hour

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Wm. Hodgson			✓				
Lieber		/	✓				
Little			✓				
Siciliano	/		✓				