



South Strand Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Council members present: Mike Hagg, Ryan Swaim, Steve Attias, Troy Crider, Kyle Hawley, Eric Hunt, Al Kipple, Terri Larkin, Ryan MacDonald, Samantha Slapnik, Beck Coggeshall, Woody DuRant, Al Jordan, Lauren Joseph, Jackie Neal

Council members absent: Sean Bond, Kim McCutchen, Maribeth Lamuraglia

Chamber staff present: Shannon Furtick, Jimmy Gray, Karen Riordan

Others present: Stacey Johnson, Amie Hayes, Kathy Strauss, Donald Hovis, Bob Ziegler, Gairy Nichols, Brandon Skipper

Hagg and Swaim called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

- I. Welcome & Introductions
Ryan Swaim and Mike Hagg welcomed the council and Old Chicago Pizza & Taproom for hosting the meeting.
- II. Review of January Meeting Minutes
A motion was made by Eric Hunt to approve the minutes that were presented. Samantha Slapnik second. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. South Carolina Department of Transportation
Stacey Johnson a program manager with the South Carolina Department of Transportation gave an update to the South Strand Council about the current and upcoming projects along the Grand Strand with the focus on the south end.
- IV. Legislative Update
Jimmy Gray, MBACC's governmental affairs director, discussed the current legislative initiatives taking place locally, in the state, and federal.
- V. Surfside Beach Candidate Forum
The forum will be co-sponsored with the South Strand Council and Coastal Carolinas Association of Realtors on Thursday, October 17 at the Holiday Inn Oceanfront in Surfside Beach. The program will be from 4:30-6 p.m. and from 6-7 p.m. the attendees will meet the candidates running for Town Council and Mayor.
- VI. Economic Development & Infrastructure Forum
The South Strand, West of the Waterway, and North Strand Councils will be hosting an Economic Development and Infrastructure Forum on October 23 at the Asher Theatre from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The speakers include Kirk Lovell with the Myrtle Beach International Airport, Justin Powell with the South Carolina Department of Transportation and Rob Salvino with Coastal Carolina University.

VII. Other Business

Karen Riordan, MBACC's President & CEO, updated the council on the chamber's goal and vision for the year. Focusing on the CVB and Visit Myrtle Beach the projected impact from the tourist season. Also stating chamber renewals are going well at 78% as of August.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.