



## South Strand Council Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 22, 2020

**Council members present:** Mike Hagg, Amy Stevens, Beck Coggeshall, Billy Nichols, Dodi Hodges, Eric Hunt, Jackie Neal, Julie Sluss, Kim Fowler, Lori Thompson, Meredith Harrison, Ryan MacDonald, Sam Smith, Ted Cligrow, Teri Edgar

**Council members absent:** Al Kipple, Angela Cottingham, Kim McCutchen, Kitty Howell, Kyle Hawley, Maribeth Lamuraglia, Sammy Truett, Steve Attias, Teri Cronin

**Chamber staff present:** Shannon Furtick, Cindy Gettig

Hagg called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

I. Welcome & Introductions

Council members and staff introduced themselves.

II. Committee Packet Overview

Council reviewed their packets which included information about the chamber, the business development division, south strand council mission, council contacts, the Board of Directors list and Robert's Rules of Order.

Hagg and Furtick informed the council the chamber has 2,700 member investors, with the mission to promote the business community and work to make the community a better place to work and play. The bottom line for us is to "Promote, protect, and improve." Everything the chamber does should fall into one of those areas.

III. Discussion on 2020 Meeting Topics and Speakers

Topics discussed were an update on the Surfside Beach pier, master plan for the south end with the planning and zoning department, Georgetown County streetscapes, Inlet Square Mall plans, dredging along the inlet, and South Carolina Department of Transportation outline on the intersection changes.

IV. 2020 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, May 6

Guest Speaker from topics discussed by the council

3-5 p.m.

Location – TBA

Wednesday, August 19

Guest Speaker from topics discussed by the council

3-5 p.m.

Location – TBA

Wednesday, October 14  
Economic Development & Infrastructure Forum  
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
Location – TBA

Tuesday, November 17  
Holiday Mixer  
5-7 p.m.  
Damon's Oceanfront Grill  
2985 S. Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach

- I. Member-to-Member Business Expo  
The expo is taking place on Thursday, January 23 from 4-7 p.m. at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. There will be 120 exhibitors with around 700 attendees.
- II. South Carolina Hall of Fame  
The board of trustees of the Official South Carolina Hall of Fame will be honoring Darius Rucker, Dr. Leo Twiggs, and Elizabeth Evelyn Wright on Friday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center.
- III. Legislative Reception  
The reception will take place at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center on Wednesday, March 4 from 6-9 p.m. transportation will be provided by the chamber for investors to attend. This is your chance to talk about issues important to our area and help educate the legislators about the significant impact the Grand Strand has on the state's economy.
- IV. Annual Meeting  
The chamber's Annual Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 28 at the Hilton Myrtle Beach Resort. The chamber is requesting nominations for the eight business and individual categories by March 13. The winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting along with the chamber 2019 accomplishments and plans for the 2020 year. There will be celebration for the Volunteer of the Year and Ambassador of the Year on Thursday, May 14 at the Myrtle Beach Train Depot.
- V. Other Business  
Grand Strand Young Professionals are hosting their annual Shuckin' on the Strand Oyster Roast on Saturday, February 22 from 12-4 p.m. at The Hot Fish Club benefiting Substitute for Santa. Tickets are \$30 per adult and \$10 for children.
- VI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.