



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
July 7, 2010
7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Fl
Surfside, FL 33154

MINUTES

1. Opening

A. Call to Order Mayor Daniel Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk, Debra Eastman called the roll with Commissioner Michael Karukin, Commissioner Edward Kopelman, Commissioner Marta Olchyk, Vice Mayor Joe Graubart and Mayor Daniel Dietch in attendance.

C. Pledge of Allegiance Police Chief David Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Discussion on re-adoption zoning code

Mayor Dietch explained the purpose of the meeting and asked that public comments be limited to two minutes.

Jason Nevader requested a review of curb cuts and suggested that a base of 50 feet be used so that a 100 foot lot could have two curb cuts. At the request of Mayor Dietch, Sarah Sinatra, Town Planner will bring before the Planning and Zoning Board for review. Jason Nevader spoke in favor of side yard storage for boats as opposed to front yard storage.

Harvey Moscovitz asked about the new limit of one hour parking.

Town Planner, Sarah Sinatra reviewed the PowerPoint presentation (attached) pages 1 through 6.

Galen Bakken spoke about change of use to allow hotels seemed to have allowed for smaller units which increases density.

Alan Gorme asked about changes being required by referendum. Town Attorney, Lynn Dannheisser explained.

Tony Blate questioned the lot area per dwelling. Sarah Sinatra, Town Planner explained. Neisen Kasdin representing Transacta introduced Cecelia Ward who concurred with the presentation and explanation of the Town Planner, Sarah Sinatra.

Town Planner, Sarah Sinatra presented page 7 of the PowerPoint. Mayor Dietch explained the old code is pre-2008 and the new code is 2008 with any changes adopted since then.

Ken Arnold spoke about hotels on Collins Avenue.

Stan Bershada reminded that South Florida was built on tourism and spoke of its importance to the economy.

Mario Border asked why the Town is going through this process. Town Attorney, Lynn Dannheisser explained the litigation which triggered the review of the adoption process.

Town Planner, Sarah Sinatra explained page 9, Net v Gross for hotel rooms. Sylvia Coltrane explained that 350 sq ft gross is a generous room for most hotels and is more than required.

Town Planner, Sarah Sinatra explained page 10 of the PowerPoint "Parking". There was a discussion about the tendency to avoid valet parking due to extra cost. It was suggested that the cost of valet could be imbedded in the room rate. Sarah Sinatra suggested that the cost might be tied to site plan approval as a voluntary act. Town Attorney, Lynn Dannheisser suggested that with further study, there may be a way to accomplish this.

Jason Kasdin suggested that the requirement might be tied to licensing. Sylvia Coltrane explained the number of parking spaces with consideration for occupancy rate. Bernie Obelander suggested that the Town Commission seek area within the town for parking. Bernice Alfonso expressed concern with limited parking and the need for additional security personnel. Shaun Grenald suggested a parking trust fund. Richard Iacobacci spoke in favor of tandem parking.

Town Planner, Sarah Sinatra explained pages 11 and 12 of the PowerPoint. Barbara Cohen spoke in favor of a new hotel. Barbara McLaughlin spoke in favor of proposed hotel. Cecilia Ward on behalf of Transacta pointed out that the Town's Comprehensive Plan indicates that hotels are critical to the Town. Shaun Grenald spoke in favor of the proposed hotel. Richard Iacobacci spoke in favor of the proposed hotel. Frank Cardoso spoke in favor of the adopting the new code. Alan Gorme asked about what flag the hotel developer is considering. Sergio Castenada spoke in favor of tourism. Sylvia Coltrane spoke about the proposed hotel and that she is negotiating with Marriott, Starwood and Hilton and gave proposed occupancy and estimated revenue to the Town and surrounding businesses. Chuck Edelstein spoke in favor of the proposed hotel. Louise Riholta spoke in favor of the proposed hotel. Neisen Kasdin spoke in favor of the proposed hotel.

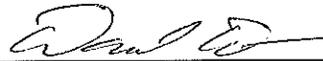
Commissioner Marta Olchyk made a motion to direct the Town Clerk to advertise the ordinance to re-adopt the zoning code for the consideration of the Town Commission at their August regular meeting. The motion received a second from Commissioner Edward Kopelman. The Town Clerk called the roll and the motion passed 4-1 with Vice Mayor Joe Graubart voting in opposition.

Town Attorney, Lynn Dannheisser requested the call of an Executive Session relating to the Bankes litigation strategy. After discussion, it was agreed that the session would be set for July 15, 2010 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Daniel Dietch thanked all of those in attendance and the Town Commission for their participation.

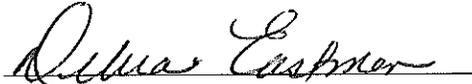
3. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Accepted this 10 day of Aug., 2010.



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Debra E. Eastman, MMC

Town Clerk