



**Town of Surfside
Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
September 11, 2014
6 p.m.**

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

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mayor Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Commissioner Karukin, Commissioner Olchyk and Commissioner Cohen. Vice Mayor Tourgeman was absent.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Town Manager Search – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Mayor Dietch explained that the original scheduled meeting was to approve an employment agreement with Mr. William Evans but Mr. Evans withdrew his application and staff needed direction.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to cancel the solicitation and start a new recruitment process. Commissioner Olchyk seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

After a brief discussion Commissioner Karukin made a motion directing the Town Manager to engage with the firm of Colin Baenziger & Associates and move forward with a search.

Commissioner Olchyk did not agree with the proposed motion. She stated that there are other firms and that she was not aware of the cost of this firm. She suggested that if the Town was unable to find someone within a period of six (6) weeks, maybe finding an Interim Manager for a couple of months will help the Town. She feels that the Town is not in the position of spending \$20,000 – \$25,000.

Commissioner Karukin stated that in his opinion this was the right thing to do. He mentioned that in his opinion this process should be done professionally and methodically and do what other Towns do when they search for an executive position. He is against conducting this search as an in house effort and urged his fellow Commissioners to vote in favor of hiring a professional firm.

Commissioner Cohen seconded Commissioner Karukin's motion to engage a search firm.

Commissioner Olchyk stated that the Human Resources Director has done a very good job when recruiting other individuals and she is very capable to do it again. She stated that the Commission gave her a very short window for the recruitment process. She suggested providing the Human Resources Director a wider period of time to conduct a search, the Town could save \$25,000.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa called the roll. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Olchyk voting in opposition.

3. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Accepted this ____ day of _____, 2014

Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:

Sandra Novoa, CMC
Town Clerk



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
Sand Report
MINUTES**

September 11, 2014

7 p.m.

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

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mayor Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Recording Clerk, Frantza Duval, called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Commissioner Olchyk, Commissioner Cohen, and Commissioner Karukin. Vice Mayor Tourgeman was absent.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Joseph S. Kroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dietch acknowledged all members of the Sand Committee and consultants who were present at the meeting this evening.

2. Sand Committee Final Report – Michael P. Crotty, Town Manager

A. Presentation

The Town Manager presented the final report that included a summary of the committee's recommendation. It includes a sand solution of scraping the beach and placing in the dunes/street access area.

It also includes recommendations for standing beach committee and an urging resolution to the state.

Gordon Thomson provided a brief overview of the options originally presented to the sand committee.

Commissioner Karukin inquired about the available funds to cover the cost. Town Manager advised that it needs to be resolved with the Surf Club in the form of a proposal.

The proposal will be brought back to the Town Commission in October.

Commissioner Cohen inquired as to what the purpose of the sand removal.

Town Manager advised that residents were concerned with the toxicity and color of the sand.

The following individuals provided their feedback and concerns regarding the final sand report:

- Maurice Peter Neville
- George Kousoulas
- Norma Parron
- Marianne Meisheid
- Dr. Stephen Leatherman
- Howard Weinberg
- David Raymond
- Jeffrey Platt
- Deborah Cimadevilla
- Monica Grandeze
- Larisa Alonso
- Rob Ludicke
- Renee Tischler
- Lee Gottlieb

B. Discussion

The Town Commission advised that they are in favor of the Sand Committee's recommendation.

Commissioner Karukin inquired about the establishment of the beach committee. Mayor Dietch advised that a charter needs to be created.

Commissioner Karukin wants to move forward with the committee and want to move forward creating a resolution for the next Commission meeting in October.

Commissioner Karukin would also like to see added to the urging resolution language added about underground excavation before going to the state. Town Attorney, Linda Miller, advised that it will come before the Town Commission at the October Commission meeting.

Mayor Dietch advised that the urging resolution will be sent to other coastal communities.

Mayor Dietch inquired if scraping is permissible. Gordon Thomson advised that it is permissible as per conversations from Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

Mayor Dietch wants to add to the recommendation that the scraping be done after testing is done.

Mayor Dietch suggested having an Ex-Officio member on the standing committee, who could perhaps be a consultant with experience/knowledge in beach management issues.

Mayor Dietch advised that the term permanent has a connotation as it relates to the charter and wants it removed from committee title.

C. Commission Action on Report Recommendations:

1. Sand Recommendation

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to accept the committee's recommendation subject to all appropriate permits, including placing sand below the high water mark, and compliance with surfside committee establishment regulations; with modifications to the urging resolution as previously discussed; Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

2. Urging Resolution

This item was previously discussed and the Town Commission motioned to move forward with the resolution pending amendments to be made.

3. Establishment of Permanent Beach Committee

This item was previously discussed and the Town Commission motioned to move forward with the establishment of the beach committee.

3. Resolution Authorizing CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO RETAIN CB&I ENVIRONMENTAL & INFRASTRUCTURE, INC., ("CB&I") TO ASSIST AND PROVIDE THE TOWN COASTAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR RETENTION OF CB&I FOR CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 BUDGET NOT TO EXCEED \$16,496.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND, NON-DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT NO. 001-7900-590-3110; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Olchyk voiced her concerns with moving forward with CB & I. She doesn't like the idea of just accepting or moving forward with a business every time there's an emergency.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to accept the resolution authorizing CB&I Environmental & Infrastructure, Inc. to provide coastal engineering services to the Town; Commissioner Cohen seconded the motion.

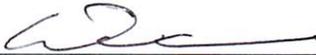
The motion passes 3-1 with Commissioner Olchyk voting in opposition. Vice Mayor Tourgeman is absent for the vote.

Commissioner Olchyk exited the meeting at 8:56pm

4. Adjournment

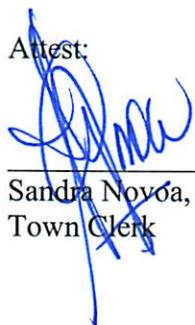
There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

Accepted this 14th day of October, 2014



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, CMC
Town Clerk