



**Town of Surfside  
Special Town Commission Meeting  
AGENDA  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023  
5:30 PM  
Commission Chambers**

***Rule 7.05 Decorum. Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the commission shall be barred from further appearance before the commission by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue or again address the commission is granted by the majority vote of the commission members present. No clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts in support or opposition to a speaker or his or her remarks shall be permitted. Signs or placards may be disallowed in the commission chamber by the presiding officer. Persons exiting the commission chambers shall do so quietly.***

***Rule 6.06 (a)3 Agenda. The good and welfare portion of the agenda set for 8:15 p.m. shall be restricted to discussion on subjects not already specifically scheduled on the agenda for discussion and debate. In no event shall this portion of the agenda be allotted more than 45 minutes with each speaker to be given no more than three minutes, unless by vote of a majority of the members of the commission present, it is agreed to extend the time frames. Likewise, commission members shall be restricted to speaking three minutes each unless an extension is granted in the same manner as set forth in the prior sentence.***

***Any person who received compensation, remuneration or expenses for conducting lobbying activities is required to register as a lobbyist with the Town Clerk prior to engaging in lobbying activities per Town Code Sec. 2-235. "Lobbyist" specifically includes the principal, as defined in this section, as well as any agent, officer or employee of a principal, regardless of whether such lobbying activities fall within the normal scope of employment of such agent, officer or employee. The term "lobbyist" specifically excludes any person who only appears as a representative of a not-for-profit community-based organization for the purpose of requesting a grant without special compensation or reimbursement for the appearance; and any person who only appears as a representative of a neighborhood, homeowners or condominium association without compensation for the appearance, whether direct or indirect or contingent, to express support of or opposition to any item.***

***Per Miami Dade County Fire Marshal, the Commission Chambers has a maximum capacity of 99 people. Once this capacity has been reached, people will be asked to watch the meeting from the first floor.***

## 1. Opening

### 1.A Call to Order

### 1.B Roll Call of Members

### 1.C Pledge of Allegiance

## 2. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communication

### 2.A Resident Only Parking in the Abbot Ave Parking Lot - Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

### 2.B Reappointment of Acting Town Manager as per Section 12 of the Town Charter - Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

### 2.C Increasing accessibility of the Town Calendar - Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

### 2.D Playground Equipment at Community Center During Park Closure - Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

### 2.E FREEBEE Transportation - Commissioner Marianne Meischeid

## 3. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Hector R. Gomez  
Acting Town Manager

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TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COMMISSION AND/OR TOWN BOARDS MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING.

THESE MEETINGS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY MEANS OF OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY, SPECIFICALLY, A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. THE LOCATION 9293 HARDING AVENUE, SURFSIDE, FL 33154, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SHALL SERVE AS AN ACCESS POINT FOR SUCH COMMUNICATION.



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**DISCUSSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

**Agenda #:** 2.A

**Date:** February 14, 2023

**From:** Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

**Subject:** Resident Only Parking in the Abbot Ave Parking Lot

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**Suggested Action:** – For the commission to establish short term parking spaces in the Abbot Ave parking lot reserved for "Resident Only" parking.

**Background/Analysis:** – The Town of Surfside has had a parking shortage since the 1980's. With the recent growth of the community, the demand for parking spaces often exceeds the supply. This has led to a variety of problems, such as increased traffic congestion and air pollution from cars circling around looking for a spot, as well as increased stress for drivers. Additionally, the lack of available parking has had an impact on residents, more specifically the elderly and families, who frequently drive to CVS to pick up medication and other essential healthcare items.

To address this issue, the Town Commission has approved the implementation of a smart parking systems which will utilize technology to optimize the use of existing parking spaces and make it easier for drivers to find available spots. However, this solution is still being studied, and will take time to implement. We need an immediate solution for our residents who are currently spending 10+ minutes circling the lot waiting for a spot to open up.

An expeditious solution would be to assign a certain number of parking spots (the amount to be determined by a discussion by the commission) to be "resident only" parking. These spots would be short-term parking (my proposed time is 15 minutes), to allow residents to pick up their essentials from CVS or a coffee at Starbucks, while ensuring turnover and availability of these designated parking spots.

"Resident Only" would be defined as vehicles which have a valid Surfside Parking sticker displayed on the windshield.

**Budget Impact:** – Signage and installation.



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**DISCUSSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

**Agenda #:** 2.B

**Date:** February 14, 2023

**From:** Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

**Subject:** Reappointment of Acting Town Manager as per Section 12 of the Town Charter

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**Suggested Action:** – To reappoint Hector Gomez as Acting Town Manager as required by Section 12 of the Town Charter.

**Background/Analysis:** – In December of 2022 the Town Commission Appointed Mr. Hector Gomez as acting Town Manager. According to Section 12 of the Surfside Town Charter which states; Within ninety (90) days periods after the appointment of an acting town manager, the commission must either appoint a permanent town manager or an acting town manager.

At the time of the next commission meeting (March 14, 2023), ninety (90) days will have already passed since the recent appointment of our Acting Town Manager. Therefore, the commission must utilize this February meeting to either appoint a permanent or acting town manager, or risk violation of our Town Charter.

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**Sec. 12. - Appointment of town manager.**

The commission, by a majority vote of all its members, shall appoint an officer of the town who shall have the title of town manager and shall have the powers and perform the duties in this Charter provided. The town manager may designate the town clerk or other town employee to perform the duties of the town manager during a brief absence or incapacity of the town manager. Nevertheless, the commission shall have the power to appoint an acting town manager in the event of the absence, illness, death, discharge or resignation of the town manager. **Within ninety (90) days periods [sic] after the appointment of an acting town manager, the commission must either appoint a permanent town manager or an acting town manager.** The salary of the town manager shall not be decreased during his lawful occupancy of that office.



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**DISCUSSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

**Agenda #:** 2.C

**Date:** February 14, 2023

**From:** Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

**Subject:** Increasing accessibility of the Town Calendar

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**Suggested Action:** – To have our Town Calendar of events entered into and managed in a google calendar, which residents can subscribe to, allowing upcoming Town events to be displayed on their mobile devices and other digital platforms.

**Background/Analysis:** – Increasing resident access to our town calendar is important because it helps to keep the community informed and engaged. The town calendar provides residents with information about upcoming events, meetings, and activities, which helps them plan their schedules and participate in the community events. By providing easy access to this information, residents can more easily stay informed about what is happening in their town and be more likely to get involved in community events and activities. This can help to build a stronger sense of community and promote a sense of belonging among residents.

Google Calendar is a powerful tool that helps individuals and teams stay organized. One of the key benefits of using Google Calendar is the ability for multiple users (i.e. department heads) to easily schedule and manage events. Additionally, Google Calendar allows users and organizations to share their calendars with others. This sharing feature will allow residents to subscribe to our town's calendar. Subscribing to the town's Google calendar would integrate the Town's calendar of events into their personal calendars to be displayed on and receive notifications of upcoming events via their smartphones, tablets, computers, and all other digital platforms.

**Budget Impact:** – None.



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**DISCUSSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

**Agenda #:** 2.D

**Date:** February 14, 2023

**From:** Mayor Shlomo Danzinger

**Subject:** **Playground Equipment at Community Center During Park Closure**

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**Suggested Action:** – To install the playground apparatus from 96th St park in a section of the green space at the community center during construction of the new 96th Street park.

**Background/Analysis:** – As of January 17, 2023, the 96th Street park has been closed for renovations. Additionally, the Hawthorn Tot-lot will be closed shortly for renovations as well. While these improvements to our parks have been a long-time coming, it unfortunately leaves hundreds of Surfside children without a park and outdoor space for which to play.

Our Surfside beach, while beautiful, does not presents a practical alternative. The sand at the beach is a hassle when dealing with smaller children, and creates a mess when they get home. Additionally, the proximity to the open ocean represents a potential danger for younger children as well.

My proposal is to utilize the playground equipment (once removed from the 96th street park) and install it in a section of the green-space at the community center. This will give our children and families a place to go for alternative outdoor recreational activities.

**Budget Impact:** – TBD



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**DISCUSSION ITEM MEMORANDUM**

**Agenda #:** 2.E

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**From:** Commissioner Marianne Meisheid

**Subject:** FREEBEE Transportation

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**Suggested Action:** – Explore the possibility of utilizing Freebee Transportation in Surfside. Bay Harbor Islands and Bal Harbour are currently using Freebee, as well as other local communities.

**Background/Analysis:** – Freebee is an innovative and proven transportation company that has been servicing South Florida since 2012. As a "going green" advocate, Freebee fully supports South Florida's Climate Action Plan by serving the community while operating on clean energy.

Surfside received a proposal November 15, 2021, along with Bay Harbor Islands and Bal Harbour, but Surfside did not participate at that time.

**Budget Impact:** – Research associated costs.