



**Town of Surfside  
Special Town Commission Meeting  
AGENDA  
Monday, March 25, 2024  
5:00 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 Town Attorney Resignation Discussion - Hector Gomez, Town Manager [Weiss Serota - Town Attorney Resignation](#)

## 3. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Hector R. Gomez  
Town Manager

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE COMMISSION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH RECORD SHALL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

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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:** March 25, 2024

**From:** Hector Gomez, Town Manager

**Subject:** **Town Attorney Resignation Discussion**

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**Suggested Action:** – Per Town Charter, the Town Commission is to appoint a Town Attorney.

Commission discussion is recommended to determine next steps.

Refer to **Attachment A** - Weiss Serota - Town Attorney Resignation

**Background/Analysis:** – On March 21, 2024 the Town Attorney submitted a formal resignation via email to the Town Manager and the Town Elected Body.



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March 21, 2024

Via Email and U.S. Mail: [mayor@townofsurfsidefl.gov](mailto:mayor@townofsurfsidefl.gov)

Mayor Charles W. Burkett and Commissioners  
Town of Surfside  
9293 Harding Avenue  
Surfside, Florida 33154

**Re: Weiss Serota – Town Attorney Resignation**

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

We appreciate the opportunity to have served the Town over the years and are proud of the Town's accomplishments during our tenure. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our firm's resignation as Town Attorney effective upon the earlier of 30 days from today or appointment of an interim or permanent Town attorney. This will allow the new Commission to chart a new path forward and obtain a different perspective.

To the extent requested or as needed, we are available to assist the new interim or permanent town attorney in a transitional capacity with existing matters. We are also available to continue our representation of the Town for specialized legal services, including pending litigation/appeal matters and labor and employment services.

We urge the Commission to act quickly to appoint an interim or permanent Town Attorney to implement your policy objectives and direction on all new matters of general representation.

We would like to express our gratitude to the Town administration and staff for their hard work and support.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lillian M. Arango and Tony Recio', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lillian M. Arango and Tony Recio

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Mayor Charles W. Burkett and Commissioners  
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