



**Town of Surfside  
Town Commission Meeting  
February 8, 2011  
7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Surfside, FL 33154

**1. Opening**

- A. Call to Order** – Mayor Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Roll Call of Members** Town Clerk Debra Eastman called the roll and the following members of the Commission were present upon roll call: Commissioner Michael Karukin, Commissioner Edward Kopelman, Commissioner Marta Olchyk, Vice Mayor Joe Graubart and Mayor Daniel Dietch.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance** – Town Clerk Debra Eastman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- D. Mayor and Commission Remarks** – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Mayor Dietch spoke about the need for better communication with the residents in the community. He mentioned that the commission is waiting for recommendations from the Communication Committee on ways to enhance the communication. The Mayor encouraged residents to attend the committee meetings and noted that they are open to the public. The Mayor also spoke about all the various communications links that are available to the residents allowing them to become more involved in the community.

Commissioner Kopelman addressed Vice Mayor Graubart's comments from the last meeting.

Commissioner Karukin spoke about the Communications Committee and noted that some changes have already been put in place such as changes to the Gazette in terms of calendar format and also added that the advertisements section was moved. Commissioner Karukin also thanked the lifeguard staff for the event on the beach Sunday in which they took care of a woman who was in distress.

Commissioner Olchyk mentioned that the commission needs to forget what happened in the past administration and move on. She stated that this current commission cannot change what happened in the past, but they can have an effect on what happens in the future, to a certain degree.

Vice Mayor Graubart addressed the comments made by Commissioner Kopelman about the garage. He stated that the combined wisdom of the community is greater than the any one, two three of them.

Vice Mayor Graubart gave an update on Tourist Board events.

**E. Agenda and Order of Business** Additions, deletions and linkages

Vice Mayor Graubart requested to link Items 9(A), 9(F) and 9(I).

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to approve linking items 9(A), 9(F) and 9(I). Commissioner Karukin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Karukin asked to pull items 2 and 21 from points of light.

Commissioner Olchyk asked to pull pages 38, 42 and 44.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to accept the items that were pulled from the consent agenda. Vice Mayor Graubart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**F. Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

The Mayor spoke about the following upcoming events in the community:

North Shore Kiwanis Charity Dog Show on 02/20,

Senior trip to the museum of art 02/17,

Parks and Recreation 5K run on 02/27,

Senior trip to Hard Rock 03/02,

And the Legacy Buy a Brick program, in honor of the new Community Center. The Mayor noted that each brick is \$250

Dana Kulvin spoke about the Tiles for Technology program.

**G. Special Presentation – Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager**

Town Manager Roger Carlton introduced Mr. Maurice Broad, son of Shepard Broad, for whom the Broad Causeway is named. Mr. Maurice Broad then introduced his sister, Ms. Ann Bussel, resident of Bay Harbor, and Principal Rodriguez, principal of Ruth Broad Bay Harbor K-8.

Mayor Daniel Dietch presented Mr. Broad and his sister, Ms. Bussel, with a plaque honoring their mother's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Mayor spoke about the school's importance in the community and about Mrs. Broad's commitment to education.

**H. Special Presentation - Police Civilian of the Year – Elinor Joseph and Police Officer of the Year – Sgt. Rory Alberto, Police Chief David Allen**

The Chief also presented the Police Officer of the Year award to Sgt. Rory Alberto. Chief Allen spoke about Sgt. Alberto's outstanding police work.

**I. Call for Executive Session – Lynn Dannheisser, Town Attorney**

Town Attorney Lynn Dannheisser mentioned that she is seeking direction from the commission on a litigation strategy for the case Young Israel of Bal Harbor vs the Town of Surfside. She proposed Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm as a date and time for the executive session.

**J. Water, Sewer, Drainage Project Plan of Finance Presentation – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager**

Town Manager Roger Carlton explained the eligibility of State Revolving Fund Loans and the possibility of getting legislature to waive part of the loan if the project is financed. He noted that he is requesting for the commission to accept the short list and authorize to go out to bid.

Chris Giordano of Calvin, Giordano and Associates gave a presentation recapping the steps taken in the planning stages of the project. He also gave a synopsis of the current status of the sewage system and all the problems involved. Mr. Giordano further discussed the cost of the project.

Town financial advisors Sergio Masvidal from Public Financial Management gave a presentation on his firm. Sergio Masvidal spoke about the two sources of funding available to the town.

Jolinda Herring, with the law firm of Bryant, Miller, Olive PA gave a presentation on her firm. Ms. Herring gave a background on the firm and mentioned that they do public finance.

Ms. Herring mentioned that per the town's charter, the commission will also need to enact an ordinance for the authorization of debt. She also stated that the commission will also need a resolution incorporating rates from the bank that bids.

Vice Mayor Graubart inquired about the fees of associated with both firms. Ms. Herring noted that her firm quoted the town a straight fee of \$25,000. Ms. Herring mentioned that her firm will be responsible for all the closing documents and transaction management required by the bank.

Commissioner Olchyk inquired why these firms are needed.

Commissioner Kopelman inquired about what the ballpark figure is on interest rates at this point.

Town Manager Roger Carlton explained the importance of making a decision as soon as possible due to the availability of the state revolving fund loans and the potential increase in the price of oil that would affect the cost of the project.

Commissioner Olchyk inquired if the town owes the firms any money for the work they have done even if the town decides to not go forward with the project. Mr. Masvidal responded that no, they are typically paid out of closing costs.

Commissioner Karukin inquired about what would happen if bids come in under \$16 million. Mr. Masvidal mentioned that he is sure there will be no difference in the rate and added that the funds requested will still be up to \$16 million.

Vice Mayor Graubart asked about which financing option is best for the residents. Mr. Masvidal responded that the best value would be if the town could fund the project entirely out of SRF, but he added that he has never seen that. Vice Mayor Graubart inquired about the role of these two firms if the town decided to fund the project with and SRF loan. Ms. Herring noted that her firm has worked with SRF loans in the past and they would still be involved in the process. Based on Vice Mayor Graubart's inquiry about the municipal bond market, a discussion ensued about the recent volatility in that market. Mr. Masvidal noted that a water and sewer project brings with it a stronger credit in the market.

Mayor Dietch noted that the town has a very qualified citizens advisory committee that have been sitting in on meetings and have met with the financial advising team. The Mayor commented that the committee has been very impressed with the caliber of financing advisors in these two firms.

Vice Mayor Graubart inquired if the citizens' committee has a recommendation on the financing of the project. Manager Carlton noted that the committee saw the bond counsel presentation and were very supportive of it. He added that the committee will be present at future meetings through the process.

Mayor Daniel Dietch opened the public hearing.

Mr. Pablo Casal of Collins Avenue spoke before the commission. Mr. Casal thanked everyone for their presentations, for the Gazette newsletter and for the opportunity to speak. Mr. Casal also asked about the \$3.6 million in grant money. Mr. Carlton explained about the possibility of a grant and about maintaining eligibility for grants. Mr. Casal also asked if this project can be completed in stages. Mr. Carlton explained that the plan is to divide the single family neighborhood in 3 sections and complete each section in about four months. He stated that the last step will be the final coat of asphalt. He added the impact on each neighborhood will be kept to a minimum.

Commissioner Karukin noted that the town is looking into specific graphics to determine how each homeowner will be impacted so that the residents understand the moving of meters. He added that a whole communication packet will be prepared over time.

Mr. Sasha Plutno of Harding Avenue spoke before the commission. He spoke about the town hiring a firm to do loans and commented that that is the reason why the town hired a town manager and a finance director.

Seeing no further residents wishing to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

**2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings (None)**

**3. Consent Agenda**

*All items on the consent agenda are considered routine or status reports by the Town Commission and will be approved by one motion. Any Commission member may request, during item 1E Agenda and Order of Business, that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately.*

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus the items that were pulled. Vice Mayor Graubart seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**A. Minutes – December 14, 2010 Regular Commission Meeting**

Commissioner Olchyk asked to make a correction on the December minutes. Town Clerk Debra Eastman mentioned that she has made a correction to the minutes as follows: the first sentence in Item 9(D) will be stricken and replaced with - Commissioner Olchyk suggested that in order to assign staff to do beach clean-up on one day per week, that perhaps Wednesday garbage could be eliminated.

**B. Resolution Unsafe Structures – Paul Gioia, Building Official**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA DECLINING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES TO ADDRESS UNSAFE STRUCTURES WITHIN MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES AND TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS UNSAFE STRUCTURES THROUGH THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD AND PROCESSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 8-5 OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY CODE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**C. Parks and Recreation Committee Appointment – Barbara McLaughlin – Commissioner Edward Kopelman**

**D. Budget to Actual Summary as of November 30, 2010 – Martin Sherwood, Finance Director**

**E. Town Manager's Report (Points of Light) – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager**

**F. Town Attorney's Report – Lynn M. Dannheisser, Town Attorney**

**G. Projects Progress Report – Calvin, Giordano and Associates, Inc.**

(Item 2 on Points of Light) Commissioner Karukin inquired if Manager Carlton has been in touch with UM Historian Dr. Baken for the visioning process. Mr. Carlton mentioned that he has not, but he will be.

(Item 21 on Points of Light) Commissioner Karukin noted that he is withdrawing the item since there is no further need for research. He asked that this item be closed out and eliminated from Points of Light.

Commissioner Olchyk had questions about the budget to actual. Mayor Dietch noted that this was part of the Consent Agenda and has already been adopted, but he added that there will be discussion on it.

Mr. Martin Sherwood, Town Finance Director spoke about the general fund and the expenditures.

Commissioner Olchyk spoke about Item 4 on page 37 of the Points of Light regarding vacant lots. She inquired why the town has made the decision to purchase this land and noted that she was not aware of the town's offer. Manager Carlton noted that this item has been on the agenda before and that the commission has had discussion on it.

Commissioner Olchyk spoke about the maintenance of the collection parking meters. Town Manager Roger Carlton explained that he is disappointed in LAZ' implementation of the meters. He added that it is his intent to send them a default letter, a cure period will be given and if they do not make corrections, the town will take over the process.

Commissioner Olchyk inquired about the interior and exterior painting of town hall. She also asked about the \$5,600 that was spent to clean up an additional space in town hall. She expressed concern about going over budget. Mr. Carlton noted that the cost of painting the inside and outside of town hall are within the budgeted amounts. He added that they found that the trusses that hold the roof in the additional space Commissioner Olchyk mentioned were rusting badly. He noted that it is important to have a safe working environment. Public Works Director Bill Evans noted that the garage area Commissioner Olchyk is referring to has been repaired and reiterated that it was in a state of disrepair.

Commissioner Olchyk asked the Manager to explain the Public related solicitations. Mr. Carlton mentioned that the town has an ordinance in which priority is given to the businesses in town when services are solicited.

Commissioner Kopelman made a motion to adopt the Points of Light discussed. Vice Mayor Graubart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously (Commissioner Karukin was not present for the vote).

#### 4. Ordinances

##### A. Second Readings (Ordinances and Public Hearing)

**1. Outside Employment Ordinance – Lynn Dannheisser, Town Attorney**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION” AND SPECIFICALLY CRATING SECTION 2-152 “OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT BY TOWN EMPLOYEES” OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
[This Ordinance prohibits outside employment unless approved by the Town Manager. It is based on the Code of Miami-Dade County.]

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Attorney Lynn Dannheisser explained that this ordinance prohibits the town employees from accepting outside employment where the Town’s time, equipment or materials will be used. She noted that the provision for part-time employees was included per the commission’s request.

Commissioner Kopelman made a motion to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Karukin seconded the motion.

Mayor Dietch opened the public hearing. Seeing no residents wishing to speak on the item, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The motion carried unanimously on roll call.

**2. Curb Cuts – Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner**  
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 90.61 CURB CUTS OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
[This Ordinance places curb cut regulations currently in the building code into the zoning code and allows for additional curb cuts on large single family lots.]

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra, with Calvin, Giordano spoke. She noted that there is no change for properties whose width is less than 100 feet. She stated that if the width is greater, the proposal is to increase the width of curb cut for driveways.

Commissioner Kopelman made a motion to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Karukin seconded the motion.

Mayor Dietch opened the public hearing. Seeing no residents wishing to speak on the item, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The motion carried unanimously on roll call.

## **B. First Readings Ordinance**

### **1. Boat Storage - Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 90.65 BOAT STORAGE, INCLUDING ZONING CODE DEFINITIONS OF "SETBACKS" AND "YARDS" OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**[This Ordinance permits boats to be parked in the front, side and rear yards of a lot, but not in the side or rear setbacks and requires screening of boats in the side or rear yard from neighboring properties.]**

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the Ordinance by title into the record.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra gave a history of the item. She noted that changes and modifications have been made since the first reading of the ordinance on January 18<sup>th</sup> to include the public's desired changes.

Commissioner Kopelman moved to adopt the ordinance. Vice Mayor Graubart seconded the motion.

Vice Mayor Graubart read how the town code regarding boats read for many years. He noted that the code was never enforced. He gave the information to the Town Clerk for anyone who would like to see it.

Ms. Sinatra, Town Planner, noted that as long as the setback is respected and the boat does not project into the right-of-way, they boat can be parked in the front.

Resident Sasha Plutno suggested that the ordinance be amended to allow parking of the boat in side or rear setback of the property. He also commented that screening the boats is an additional expense to the owner.

Resident Ken Arnold inquired about how the code addresses boats that are sitting in disrepair in front of a property. Mayor Dietch read the provision in the ordinance that requires the parked boats to be in a presentable condition.

The motion carried unanimously on roll call.

## **5. Resolutions and Proclamations**

### **A. Resolution Approving Copier Lease – Debra Eastman, Town Clerk**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, WAIVING THE BID PROCESS AND APPROVING A**

**PURCHASE ORDER FOR A 36 MONTH TERM WITH DELTA BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, PIGGYBACKING ON THE STATE OF FLORIDA CONTRACT NO. 600-000-11-1, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PURCHASE ORDERS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the resolution by title.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Kopelman seconded the motion.

Resident Sasha Plutno spoke against piggybacking on someone else's contract.

The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Resolution Approving List of Pre Qualified Contractors and Authorization to Continue the Bid Process – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING THE LIST OF PRE QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE REHABILITATION PROJECT; AND AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SEEK COMPETITIVE BIDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the correct title of the resolution into the record.

Chris Giordano distributed an updated list of top contractors to the commission. He noted the changes made to the list.

Commissioner Kopelman made a motion to accept the list of prequalified contractors as amended. Commissioner Karukin seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Vice Mayor Graubart opposed.

**C. Infrastructure Rehabilitation Project Public Meeting – Chris Giordano, Calvin, Giordano & Associates, Inc.  
A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING THE WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER FACILITIES PLAN AFTER A PUBLIC MEETING ON SAME.**

Town Clerk Debra Eastman read the Resolution by title.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the facilities plan. Commissioner Kopelman seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**6. Good and Welfare**

*Public comments for subjects or items not on the agenda. Public comment on agenda items will be allowed when agenda item is discussed by the Commission.*

Mr. Jerry Kahn, President of the Regent Palace on Collins Avenue, spoke before the commission. Mr. Kahn complained about the red light camera that is facing his home. He mentioned that the camera flashes like a strobe light into his home. Mr. Kahn read portions of the contract with American Traffic Solutions and noted that he was never contacted by this company for the placement of the system equipment. Mr. Kahn stated that he wants to meet with the vendor's project manager and added that he wants the lights turned off at night until they fix the problem.

Police Chief David Allen stated he has received complaints on the light Mr. Kahn is referring to. He noted that he contacted the company, which came out and installed strobe shields to alleviate the problem, but the lower apartments are still being affected. The Chief explained that the company will be coming back to adjust the camera angle. Mayor Dietch asked Chief Allen to keep Mr. Kahn updated on the status of the situation.

Mr. Sasha Plutno thanked the Chief and the commission for solving the crossing problem on Harding Avenue with the poles on the street. Mr. Plutno also spoke in favor of the CVS expansion and opined that it is in the town's best interest. Mr. Plutno spoke about the Young Israel case and gave a brief background.

Mr. Stan Bershada, of Bay Drive invited everyone to the North Shore Kiwanis 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Dog Show that will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am behind the Best Western.

The Mayor closed Good and Welfare.

#### **7. Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports**

Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports have been moved to the Consent Agenda – Item 3.

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Town Attorney Lynn Dannheisser spoke about the issue of solar collectors, which was brought up at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting. She noted that there are no regulations in the town's code books relating to it. She further noted that Florida statute prohibits municipalities from prohibiting residents from installing energy devices. Ms. Dannheisser stated that her research on the matter indicates that regulations can be enacted to ensure that the solar collectors conform to the town codes without prohibiting the device.

Commissioner Kopelman spoke about the appearance of solar collectors on the roofs of homes. Mayor Dietch noted that the commission's decision on the matter must be based on what is best for the community. He directed Attorney Dannheisser to present possible resolutions on the matter to the Planning and Zoning Board.

**8. Unfinished Business and New Business – None**

**9. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communications**

**A. Bottle Bill Resolution – Vice Mayor Joe Graubart**

Vice Mayor Graubart spoke about the bottle bill deposit system. He suggested that the town pass a bottle bill resolution. He noted that states with deposit laws have higher residential recycling rates and less litter. Commissioner Kopelman noted that bottle bill deposits are adopted on the state level.

Mayor Dietch suggested sending it to the appropriate state agency.

Commissioner Olchyk expressed concern that this system will take up more valuable time away from the town's employees. She opined that it is too big for the town to tackle. Commissioner Karukin agreed with Commissioner Olchyk.

Mayor Dietch asked Attorney Dannheisser about how long it would take her to draft a bottle bill resolution. Ms. Dannheisser noted that it can be quickly prepared.

**B. Five Year Financial Forecast for the Town of Surfside - Roger M. Carlton,  
Town Manager**

Town Manager Roger Carlton explained that the Five Year Forecast looks at what will happen to the taxation levels in the town for 5 years based upon different strategies causing the remaining major parcels to be developed. He noted that currently 80% of the town's property taxes come from residential homes, which is a high percentage based on comparable communities. He noted that if the town does not do good development on the sites, that percentage could rise to 90%. Mr. Carlton mentioned that one issue is equity and the other is that the town does not know what the millage will go to. He spoke about the 5 different scenarios. He noted that there are scenarios in which the millage can be held down significantly.

Commissioner Kopelman mentioned that he has read through the manager's report and suggests a workshop to review it due to its complexity. The Mayor agreed that a workshop is necessary. He noted that this is an opportunity to analyze the undeveloped parcels in town and decide what can be developed to be harmonious with the rest of town.

The Mayor thanked Town Manager Roger Carlton and the town's staff for coordinating this report that looks beyond one year into the future for planning purposes.

Town Manager Carlton mentioned that EWM prepared the report pro bono and he thanked Martin Sherwood, Finance Director, and Budget Consultant Carl Berkey-Abbott for their work. The Manager also noted that this type of report can easily cost \$75,000 to \$100,000. .

Town Manager Carlton mentioned that it is his intent is to make available a decision tree, for the commission following the workshop, that will help the commission give direction to staff on what to do. The Mayor asked that, wherever possible, there be a benefit-cost analysis.

**C. Land Acquisition of Two Parcels Immediately South of Town Hall - Assistant Police Chief John DiCenso**

Town Manager Carlton spoke about Atkins property and the Delgado property that runs from Collins Ave to Harding Avenue. He gave a history of the Delgado Property.

Mr. Carlton mentioned that this is a wonderful opportunity for the town to purchase a property directly to the south of it. He noted that this year's budget contains \$1.025 million for land acquisition. He asked the commission for authority to begin the process of purchasing this property. He noted that any purchase price would come back to the commission for approval. Mr. Sherwood mentioned that the appraised value of the Delgado property is about \$1.25 million.

Mr. Carlton spoke about the Atkins property. He mentioned that the town made an offer and the deal fell through. He noted that the current status of the deal is \$320,000 with 3-year financing included. He added that the town would pay 25% up front and in each of the 3 years pay 25% more. He added that the interest is included in the \$320,000. He noted that the Atkins family will accept this deal.

Commissioner Kopelman made a motion to accept the Atkins deal right away. Commissioner Karukin seconded the motion.

Mr. Carlton spoke about the possibility of using the other property as a parking garage for the community center. He added that the town could enter into an agreement with the owners of the Delgado property or the other property located on 9256 Collins Ave. for an exchange in land for the town to have parking rights.

Commissioner Olchyk asked what the town will be doing with the lots. Mr. Carlton mentioned that soon the library trailers will be gone and added that a larger complex with incorporated parking for the community center and town hall making it an extraordinary complex. He noted that this parcels of land are a very limited commodity in Surfside and opined that it will never be cheaper than it is right now.

Vice Mayor Graubart asked about zoning issues with the Delgado property. Mr. Carlton stated that he will get clarification.

Commissioner Olchyk spoke about the experience with the Maranon property and inquired if perhaps it is more beneficial to the town for someone else to purchase these properties and the town collect the tax revenues. Mr. Carlton noted that there is a trade off in the revenues and mentioned that he will have a memo with the

information for the commission. He added that the town would be getting an extraordinary complex as trade off for tax revenues.

Mayor Dietch mentioned that the town has to be careful in how it will proceed with the land acquisitions because it will limit the available funds.

On roll call, the motion passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Olchyk voting against it and noting, for the record, that she is voting no because she does not feel that the town should get into real estate business when the community is in dire need for additional taxation. She added that she is not against additional space for parking, but is against spending the money, right now, to buy all these lots, when these lots may be purchased by a private individual that could give revenue to the town.

**D. Acquisition of Single Family Home at 9333 Harding Avenue Property – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager**

Manager Carlton explained the location of the home and that the asking price is \$298,000. He noted that he has spoken with the real estate agent, but currently has no recommendation to the commission. Commissioner Olchyk expressed opposition for the same reason she noted in the previous item.

Vice Mayor Graubart opined that the property's best use might be to the town and spoke in favor of purchasing it. Commissioner Kopelman agreed. Commissioner Olchyk also expressed concern that the property could become an expense to the town if it falls into disrepair if the town does not find a use for it. Commissioner Olchyk also noted that the town should not spend the money in the budget to just get rid of it.

Town Manager Carlton noted that the house on the property north of town all is in perfect condition and the town could rent it to make more money than it would get in taxes. He added that the Atkins property does not have house on it.

**E. Surfside Beach Maintenance – Tim Milian, Parks and Recreation Director and Bill Evans, Director of Public Works**

Mr. Tim Milian from Parks and Recreation spoke about the increased maintenance program. He noted that it will stay within budget and meet FDEP guidelines.

**F. Household Dry Cell Battery Recycling at Town Hall – Bill Evans, Director of Public Works**

Public Works Director Bill Evans directed the Commission to the picture of the dry cell container he provided. He noted that it is a good measure and that it complies with the commission's direction of becoming more environmentally friendly. He proposed having a single station, underneath the steps at city hall. Mr. Evans noted that each container costs \$107 and if 5 are purchased, the shipping back to them is free. He suggests that 5 be purchased.

Mayor Dietch recommended updating the website with this information.

Commissioner Kopelman made a motion to purchase the five Dry Cell Battery Recycling containers. Vice Mayor Graubart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**G. Budget High Level Direction – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager**

**H. (i) Report from Esslinger-Wooten- Maxwell (EWM) Realty Report on Sales in The Town of Surfside**

**(ii) Report from Esslinger-Wooten- Maxwell (EWM) Realty Report on Short Sales in Surfside**

**(iii) Report from Esslinger-Wooten- Maxwell (EWM) Report on Foreclosures In Surfside – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager**

**I. Sustainable Initiatives – Bill Evans, Director of Public Works Page 146-149**

Mr. Shaun Bamforth, Lead AP with Calvin Giordano spoke before the commission regarding his report and snapshots on sustainable options for the town.

Commissioner Kopelman made a motion to accept the report from Calvin Giordano. Vice Mayor Graubart seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Karukin dissenting.

Commissioner Kopelman recognized Barbara McLaughlin for her work on code enforcement and noted that he is appointing her to Parks and Recreation.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Accepted this 12 day of April, 2011



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Debra E. Eastman, MMC

Town Clerk