



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
August 23, 2012
4 p.m.
MINUTES**

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 4:02 P.M.

B. Roll Call of Members

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

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief of Police David Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Introduction – General Preview of Special Meeting – Roger M. Carlton, Town Manager

3. Approved Minutes of July 10, 2012 Special Town Commission Meeting

4. Discussion of Summer Studies

A. FY 12/13 Proposed Budget Summer Study – Alternatives to Reach Rolled Back Rate of 5.0635 Mills

Town Manager Roger M. Carlton presented the summer studies and Staff's findings.

Commissioner Kligman suggested to lower the millage rate to 5.3000 mills. She suggested to delete the following expenditures: Professional Services - \$10,000, VOIP duplication in Clerk's budget - \$33,000, Unemployment - \$30,417, Transfer to CITT – \$27,080, Miscellaneous. Operating Supplies - \$5,000 and Office Supplies - \$5,000. She thought that these were very acceptable expense reductions that will not have big impact on services and will not impact the Town's reserves.

Vice Mayor Karukin would like to also delete the Branding Study - \$13,200 and the future expenditure on the CRM part of the website - \$7,000. Town Manager Roger M. Carlton asked the Vice Mayor to reconsider and leave the

CRM part of the website for the IT and Telecommunications Committee to make a recommendation to the Town Commission. He also recommended that for the Branding study should remain in the FY 12/13 budget and be forwarded to the DVAC Committee to make a recommendation to the Town Commission after they meet in October 2012.

Vice Mayor Karukin stayed strong in his opinion not to support the Branding Study – \$13,200 but including the CRM as a budget item with no authorization to proceed with the expenditure unless approved by The Town Commission. He also spoke on his two major priorities that are to reinforce the rate stabilization fund in Water and Sewer and the \$5 million General Fund reserve in 5 years which is looking pretty good because the Town has two more years to go and it is about two-thirds there already.

Commissioner Olchyk agreed with Commissioner Kligman's and Vice Mayor Karukin's adjustments. She would like to see a reduction in the Gazette's line item - \$24,000; she suggested to cut the line item in half from \$24,000 to \$12,000 and to use less expensive paper or less issues of the Gazette.

Vice Mayor Karukin expressed his agreement with the Gazette and stated that he would love to see more information like Committee Reports in the Gazette. Town Manager Roger M. Carlton offered to come back with a recommendation.

Commissioner Olchyk would like to cut some of the hours on the Part Time Recording Clerk. She is not in agreement with expending \$10,000 for a Dog Park. She suggested that people may want to get memberships and pay for the Dog Park. She suggested funding the same \$2,000 as for the Community Garden.

Vice Mayor Karukin spoke in favor of the Gazette, the Recording Clerk, Police Overtime, the Dog Park,

Commissioner Kligman made a motion to go with a 5.3000 millage rate by deleting the Employee Tuition reimbursement for \$10,000, the VOIP duplication in the Clerk's budget for \$33,000, the Unemployment for \$30,417, the transfer to the CITT for \$27,080 and the supplies line items for a total of \$10,000. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk.

Joseph Corderi spoke in favor of what the Commission had accomplished during this meeting and asked how that millage rate change would impact a property individually. Town Manager, Roger M. Carlton responded that it would be an approximately \$25.00 per household per year.

Lisa Feldman and a group from the Surfside Urban Garden thanked the Commission for their support and their public service.

Melissa Moonves brought friends and residents that are interested in being part of the Dog Park. She thanked the Town Commission for acknowledging the fact that the Dog Park is important to them as part of the Community and she offered her help and asked what it is needed from them to be able to make the Dog Park happen.

Lisa Feldman spoke how great the Community Garden has been to her family and how comfortable she feels now walking the streets because she knows more people. She thanked the Commission and hopes they continued to support the Community Garden and now the Dog Park.

The motion passed 4-0.

B. Cost Recovery Summer Study

Vice Mayor Karukin made a motion to approve the summer study and move forward. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor.

C. Community Dog Park Summer Study

Vice Mayor Karukin made a motion to approve the summer study and move forward with this project. The motion received a second from Commissioner Kligman and all voted in favor.

D. Channel 77 Summer Study

Commissioner Kligman stated that this is not the appropriate moment for this due to cost.

Commissioner Kligman made a motion to accept the summer study but not to spend any funds on this item. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Karukin and all voted in favor.

E. Police Athletic League (PAL)

Vice Mayor Karukin made a motion to accept Staff's recommendation and not fund this program. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor.

F. Solid Waste Rate Study for Multiple Commercial Small Tenant Buildings Downtown

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Karukin and all voted in favor.

G. Five-Year Financial Plan Update: Deferred till FY 12/13 Budget is Adopted in September 2012.

Item Deferred

H. Solid Waste Collection Procedures and Frequency Study: Deferred till Early 2013.

Item Deferred

Commissioner Kligman asked for a point of privilege to acknowledge the Town Manager and the Staff for the great effort to put together this budget. She congratulated him and the Staff for a fantastic job that says a lot to the work and the commitment that staff has to the Town and its residents.

Town Manager Roger M. Carlton thanked Budget Officer Andria Meiri for a job well done.

5. Public Comments

Janet Shichman thanked the Town Commission for the approval of the Dog Park. She talked about the house that is in Abbott and 90th Street and the conditions of the home. She would like to also be able to pay the water bills online.

Paul Gioia, Building Official stated that the house on Abbott and 90th Street was issued a permit to build the day before.

Bill Evans, Public Works Director announced that Byron Avenue from 95th Street to 96th Street has been completely paved and the street has been opened prior to the first day of school thereby avoiding a very significant traffic problem.

Mayor Dietch announced the 7:00 p.m. Candidates Forum that was going to take place after the Special Meeting. He reminded residents of the election that will take place Tuesday, August 28, 2012 from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

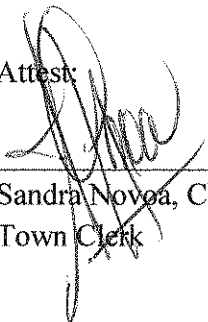
6. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Accepted this 9 day of September, 2012



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:


Sandra Novoa, CMC
Town Clerk