



**Town of Surfside
Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
February 9, 2016
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 7:01 P.M.

B. Roll Call of Members

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

Vice Mayor Tourgeman arrived at 7:04 p.m.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Commissioner Cohen expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Commission for the past two years. He thanked the Commission for working very well together and accomplishing many things. He looks forward to working together again in the future. He asked for thirty seconds of silence to reflect on all the difficulties we now have in the world.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman payed tribute to an outstanding resident Alberto Aguirre and asked for a moment of silence in his memory. Commissioner Olchyk said the Parks and Recreation Committee has approved a brick to be placed at the Center in his memory.

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

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to add Item 9E to discuss 87th Terrace. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

F. Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Mayor Dietch announced the upcoming community events which can be found in the Gazette and on the Town's website. Vice Mayor Tourgeman announced that on February 18th there will be a "Groovy 60ish Party."

2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings (None)

3. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor with Commissioner Cohen absent for the vote.

A. Minutes – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk
December 8, 2015 Quasi-Judicial Hearing Minutes
January 12, 2016 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

B. Budget to Actual Summary as of November 30, 2015 – Guillermo Olmedillo,
Town Manager

***C. Town Manager’s Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

1. See Click Fix
2. Development Applications
3. Commercial Property Maintenance Standards Workshop
4. Payments on Code Compliance Cases
5. Parks and Recreation Programs
6. Police Department Re-Accreditation
7. Uniform Crime Report
8. 2015 Leo Awards Finalists
9. Police Events
10. Pressure Washing/Trash Pick up
11. Survey
12. 2016 Election Candidates’ Forums
13. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts
14. Beach Access

***D. Town Attorney’s Report – Linda Miller, Town Attorney**

E. Committee Reports – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

- November 18, 2015 Coastal Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
- December 14, 2015 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- December 16, 2015 Coastal Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
- December 17, 2015 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
- January 11, 2016 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes

F. Purchase of a Visual Message Sign – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, (“TOWN”) AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,000.00 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 MUNICIPAL PARKING BUDGET FUND ACCOUNT NO. 402-9500-545-6410, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VISUAL MESSAGE SIGN; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on consent.

4. Ordinances

A. Second Reading Ordinances

1. Second Floor Balcony – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE IV “DISTRICT REGULATIONS”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 90-48. “MODIFICATION OF SIDE AND REAR YARD REGULATIONS”; CLARIFYING SECOND FLOOR BALCONIES OR TERRACES WILL NOT BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE SETBACK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance

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

The Mayor opened the item to the public hearing. No one wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

2. Vacant Lot Fencing Ordinance Amendment – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 14 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”; ARTICLE III “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 14-55 “MAINTENANCE OF VACANT LOTS”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance. Addressing resident's concerns, the Mayor explained that vacant lots must now have decorative fences not chain link as these lots are sometimes untidy.

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

The Mayor opened the item to the public hearing. No one wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

3. Contract Requirements for Non-Discrimination – Commissioner Barry Cohen

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 3 "PURCHASING"; SPECIFICALLY CREATING SECTION 3-1.1. "NON-DISCRIMINATION; CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS; WAIVER"; PROHIBITING THE TOWN FROM PROCURING GOODS OR SERVICES FROM, OR OTHERWISE CONTRACTING WITH A BUSINESS WHICH ENGAGES IN THE BOYCOTT OF A PERSON OR ENTITY BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance

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

The Mayor opened the item to the public hearing. No one wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

The Mayor thanked Commissioner Cohen for bringing this item forward.

B. First Reading Ordinances

No first reading ordinances

5. Resolutions and Proclamations

A. Town Commission Recognition Policy and Procedures – Mayor Daniel Dietch

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, (“TOWN”) ESTABLISHING THE TOWN’S RECOGNITION POLICY AND PROCEDURE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

B. Support for Conservation Land Acquisition – Mayor Daniel Dietch

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ALLOCATE \$300 MILLION OF THE FUNDS IN THE LAND ACQUISITION TRUST FUND ANNUALLY TOWARD LAND ACQUISITION; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Dietch presented the item.

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

6. Good and Welfare

Mayor Dietch opened the public speaking.

Public Speakers:

-Rick Superstein met with the Historic Preservation Board and gave an update. He asks the community to come and work together. He suggests that a Surfside Historic Preservation Committee be formed.

- Marianne Meisheid spoke about the Coastal Issues Committee and would like a report forthcoming soon as several months have passed and they have not heard from them.

-George Kousoulas wanted to clarify some of this remarks made at the last meeting as he thought some may have been misconstrued regarding the Planning and Zoning Board. He said the Board has a very large and difficult task and would like the Commission to give them the tools they need to make good decisions. He also spoke on sea level rise and mentioned things that may have to be considered.

-Marilyn Carroll spoke on historic preservation and feels the Committee is somewhat hostile to Surfside. She asked if the town attorney would be attending their next meeting.

-Rebecca Shionis spoke about the yellow “Children at Play” signs that are placed in the street and feels they give a false sense of security and children should not be playing in the street. She also spoke on the 95th and Harding crossing as it is difficult to cross that street. She also mentioned they need some input from the Coastal Issues Committee.

-Virginia Holly Rango said she recently inherited the home from her mother and is now paying almost double the taxes with less services. She had a question regarding a resident decal for her rental car.

Commissioner Olchyk said she was very concerned about the Coastal Committee with no recommendations presented in the past six months. Commissioner Karukin also expressed his disappointment with the Committee and asks they refocus and come back with some recommendations.

Mayor Dietch spoke about historic properties and thanked Mr. Superstein. He also thanked Mr. Kousoulas for clarifying his statements of last month. He addressed Ms. Shionis concerns about children playing in the street and encourages parents take them to the park. He also responded to Ms. Rango and trying to get a resident decal for a rental car. He also spoke about gating and it does not necessary mean residents will stop speeding or there would be less crime.

Commissioner Cohen was not in favor of street signs that say children at play. He also spoke about sea level rise and feels this is an important issue.

No one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

7. Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports

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

8. Unfinished Business and New Business

9. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communications

A. Solid Waste Assessment Survey – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Manager Olmedillo presented the results of the survey as the new system is volume based. Director Kroll said the survey was distributed but only received five responses. Commissioner Olchyk spoke to residents and the reply from most residents was it didn't make any difference whether they answered the survey or not because the town does what it likes and does not listen to them. Her condo board did respond with negativity and felt what was done was unfair. Manager Olmedillo said let us go forward and try to readjust the schedule especially when a pick-up falls on a holiday. Director Kroll said there are pick-ups on holidays and if not it is then picked up the next day. Commissioner Olchyk reiterated that people are not happy even though they did not respond and feel they are being neglected and are paying more for less service. There was further discussion with different points of view. Mayor Dietch suggested a Solid Waste Workshop to better understand the new system.

B. Traffic Mitigation Efforts – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Chief Allen gave an update on the item. Commissioner Karukin thanked the Chief for his efforts and asked if anything could be done on Collins and Harding. The Chief said they would have to work with neighboring police communities and it would be difficult to resolve as traffic is bad from Broward down to Dade Counties. Stop signs, speed tables, closing streets, and the danger of children on skateboards and bicycles were discussed. Residents feel that speeding has to be better enforced. Chief Allen said many citations have been issued in the residential areas and the department is doing their very best to enforce speeding violations. The Mayor thanked Chief Allen for his initiatives. The Mayor gave his views on the item and made some suggestions that may be helpful. He mentioned 94th & Harding and believes this has to be looked into as it is hazardous crossing.

Vice Mayor Tourgeman left the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

C. Paced Development – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Manager Olmedillo gave an updated report. Commissioner Karukin spoke on the item and his concerns that we may have exceeded our pace development. Commissioner Karukin thanked the Manager to keep this item ongoing. He asked about the water/sewer project and if an analysis was done. Chris Giordano gave more details on the water/sewer item.

Public Speaker George Kousoulas spoke about the burden and hassle of construction and the best case we have against construction is water and sewage. Commissioner Cohen asked how old the water/sewer system is. Chris Giordano responded with what has been done to update the pipes. He feels government should not get involved in private enterprise and pace development and is not in favor of another study. He thanked Mr. Kousoulas for his accurate study and agreed that we will not see this much development in the future.

Commissioner Olchyk is not in favor of more studies as by the time action is taken the studies are obsolete.

There was further discussion on density, zoning capacity and traffic.

Mayor Dietch spoke about the adverse effect all the new development has had on the quality of life of the residents and the benefits will be seen in the future. He agrees with Commissioner Cohen who said this item should be left to the next Commission but should not be let go but revisited after March 15.

The item will be brought back after March 15, 2016 under the new Commission.

D. Recognition of Committee Member – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Commissioner Cohen made a motion that the presentation ceremony be held on March 8, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

Manager Olmedillo reminded the Commission that the Pension Board needs a new member and an appointment is needed.

E. 87th Terrace (item added by Commissioner Olchyk)

Commissioner Olchyk spoke of the problems residents are facing in having access to the beach area. Manager Olmedillo said he has conflicting surveys which he has to look into. The Manager was asked to provide weekly updates to the Commission and be added to the Town Manager's Report and provide a resolution by the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

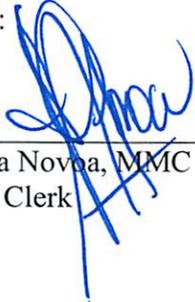
Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 8th day of March, 2016



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk