



**Town of Surfside  
Town Commission Meeting  
MINUTES  
March 14, 2017  
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 7:02 p.m.

**B. Roll Call of Members**

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Daniel Dietch, Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, Commissioner Tina Paul and Commissioner Michael Karukin. Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky was absent.

Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Police Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Vice Mayor Cohen thanked the community for allowing him the opportunity to serve on the Commission.

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

Vice Mayor Cohen appointed Moshe Behar to the Sustainability Committee. Commissioner Gielchinsky appointed Zoya Pashenko Javier to the Parks and Recreation Committee. Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to accept the resignation of Terry Cohen and appoint Chase Berger to the Tourist Board. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cohen and all voted in favor.

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

The Mayor announced upcoming community events which can be found in the Gazette and on the Town's website. Town Manager Olmedillo will be at the April 4, 2017 meeting with Bal Harbour and other municipalities and will represent Surfside's concerns.

**G. Dedication of the Police Training Room in Memory of Chief Terrill Williamson – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

The Mayor thanked his colleagues who supported the item. The Mayor acknowledged Chief Williamson's family who were in attendance and read the dedication. Chief Allen presented a plaque to the family and photos were taken.

**H. Miami Dade Fire Rescue Department Annual Report Presentation by Fire Chief Dave Downey**– Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager  
Chief Downey presented the report. The Chief and his staff were thanked for their dedication and service.

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

**3. Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Paul pulled item 3A on page 22. (Typographical errors)

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus the pulled item. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

**A. Minutes** – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk  
**February 16, 2017 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes**

**B. Budget to Actual Summary as of December 31, 2016** – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

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

1. See Click Fix
2. Development Applications
3. Code Compliance Cases
4. Fund Balance Reserve Policy
5. February 2017 Significant Incidents/Arrests
6. LEO Awards
7. Commission on Florida Law Enforcement Accreditation
8. Uniform Crime Report
9. Police Events
10. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts

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

**E. Committee Reports** – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

- December 19, 2016 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
- January 26, 2017 Planning & Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
- February 6, 2017 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes

**F. Florida Association of City Clerk's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Resolution – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA COMMENDING THE FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF CITY CLERKS (“FACC”) FOR ITS 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FACC BOARD OF DIRECTORS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Approved on consent.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the pulled item from the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

**4. Ordinances**

**A. Second Reading Ordinances**

**B. First Reading Ordinances**

**1. Require Noticing of New Residential Construction and Demolitions– Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 14 “BUILDING” OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 14-28 “ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS.”; AMENDING CHAPTER 90 “ZONING” OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 90-19 “SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS.”; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item and answered questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion for discussion. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky.

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra answered questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed the item and expressed their point of view. Suggestions for amended changes were discussed.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to accept with amended changes as suggested by Town Planner Sinatra. (Modification that noticing would be

limited to new single family homes and the demolition and rebuilding of at least 50% of the square footage of an existing single family home.) The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and the motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Karukin and Vice Mayor Cohen voting in opposition.

**5. Resolutions and Proclamations**

None

**6. Good and Welfare**

The Mayor opened the public speaking.

Public Speakers:

-George Kousoulas spoke about contracts being issued by the Commission and/or Boards.

-Lou Cohen asked about the staggered terms and four year terms that were mentioned in the past. He commented on the public information program which has improved over the years.

-Barbara Cohen spoke on behalf of the Tourist Board and the upcoming event on Thursday.

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

Commissioner Gielchinsky addressed some of the comments by Mr. Kousoulas regarding contracts. Commissioners Paul and Karukin and Assistant Town Attorney Graham commented on a Tourist Board contract that is being worked on. Vice Mayor Cohen and Commissioner Karukin addressed the issue of staggered terms. Commissioner Karukin will have information on this item at next Commission meeting.

**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. Annual Performance Evaluation for Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the evaluation form and submit it by March 31, 2017. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and the motion carried 4-1 with Vice Mayor Cohen voting in opposition.

**B. Public Information Program – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Mayor Dietch presented the item.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to recommend looking further into the item and direct the Town Manager to assess options for a program and develop an action plan to present to the Town Commission on June 2017. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

**C. Charitable Donation Policy – Commissioner Michael Karukin**

Commissioner Karukin presented the item and is requesting a charitable donation policy before the next budget cycle in June 2017.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to recommend a charitable donation policy be drafted. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and the motion carried 3-2 with Vice Mayor Cohen and Commissioner Gielchinsky absent for the vote.

Commissioner Gielchinsky although absent for the vote later stated he would have voted to approve it and thanked Commissioner Karukin for bringing this forward.

**D. Pianos on Parade – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Manager Olmedillo presented the item.

Vice Mayor Cohen made a motion to approve and place it at the community center. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and the motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Karukin voting in opposition.

**E. Reflective Vests for Town Residents Initiative – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Manager Olmedillo presented the item.

Vice Mayor Cohen made a motion to order 20 of Item #PIP-302-0702Z-LY with the Town Manager responsible for distribution. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

**F. Beach Furniture Guidelines – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Manager Olmedillo presented the item.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Public Speakers:

-Jeffery Platt spoke about the ordinance that was passed and not enforced as passed.

-Marianne Meischied felt the guidelines are too vague and lacks precise language and accountability.

-George Kousoulas feels we need more lawyering and not less at this time and needs more definition.

-Joel Simmonds commented on Manager Olmedillo's recommendations. Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to extend two minutes speaking time to Mr. Simmonds. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

-Jean-Michel Kling spoke on behalf of the Grand Beach Hotel and would like to continue to store beach chairs as they have.

-Robert Davison spoke about beach storage and proper containers.

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

The Commission discussed the item and gave their views on the subject. They felt it was a good starting point but the ordinance needs some work. Assistant Town Attorney Graham answered questions from the Commission and gave legal insight on the item. There was much discussion on the item and for the record, the Mayor said if we cannot get to a reasonable place collectively, he is ready to pull his support for any beach furniture or beach related issues as the city has more important matters to deal with.

Passing the gavel, Mayor Dietch made a motion to direct the Town Manager to meet with the multifamily property owners and hotel property owners to discuss the challenges that we are currently facing with the existing legislation and the proposed framework that was presented this evening and try to develop a compromised position that balances the various interests of property owners that want to utilize the beach either as an accessory use to their property or for the public enjoyment while being protected by public health safety and welfare. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

**G. Temporary Signs – Linda Miller, Town Attorney**

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item.

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

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to extend the meeting an additional fifteen minutes. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

**H. Localized Flooding – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Mayor Dietch gave an update. Manager Olmedillo gave a power point presentation. The Commission discussed various options to consider.

Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to extend the meeting an additional fifteen minutes. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

Manager Olmedillo will bring back a report next month with the options discussed and the cost.

**I. Sustainable Development Incentives – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Mayor Dietch gave an update and directed the Town Manager to develop an incentive program and bring it back by June, 2017.

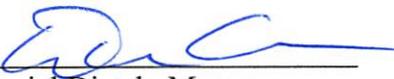
Public Speaker Lou Cohen spoke about clean air and getting new development, especially about new trees not being palms.

**10. Adjournment**

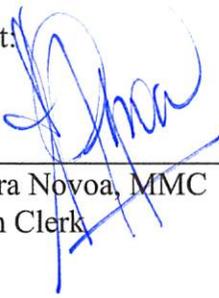
The meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

  
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Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Sandra Novoa, MMC  
Town Clerk