



Town of Surfside
Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
July 11, 2017
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 7:02 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, Commissioner Michael Karukin and Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Commissioner Paul spoke about the 4th of July celebration and thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for a job well done. Commissioner Gielchinsky also spoke and commended the Parks and Recreation Department for the 4th of July event. Vice Mayor Cohen wished everyone a happy summer and spoke about the First Friday's event and invited people to contact him and meet with him.

Mayor Dietch asked for a moment of silence in memory of Jean Petti-Frere. He was a beloved part of the Parks and Recreation Department since 1992.

Commissioner Gielchinsky congratulated Mayor Dietch on his recent birthday and wished him the best.

Vice Mayor Cohen thanked Ms. Zawid for her services on the Tourist Board and he announced that Mr. Charles Ness will be replacing her. Vice Mayor Cohen made a motion to appoint Charles Ness to the Tourist Board. Commissioner Karukin seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Dietch voting in opposition due to not receiving a copy of Mr. Ness's application and not knowing the qualification per the Tourist Board guidelines and requirements.

Mayor Dietch welcomed Lillian Arango and the entire team from Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman as the new Town Attorneys.

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

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to move item 9A after item 11. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul 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.

G. Scholarship Awards Presentation – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Mayor Dietch presented Ms. Nicole Goetz with the scholarship award. Ms. Goetz was unable to attend, she has gone on to attend school at the University of Florida. Her parents received the award in her name.

Mayor Dietch presented Ms. Simone D'Antuono with the scholarship award. Ms. D'Antuono was unable to attend, she has gone on to attend school at the University of Florida. Her parents received the award in her name.

H. Safe Harbour—Creating a Walkable Surfside – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Alexis Alvey an FIU graduate presented her master project.

Members of the Town Commission commended her on her presentation. Ms. Alvey answered a few questions from the Commission.

I. Senator Daphne Campbell – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Senator Daphne Campbell spoke about her last session in Tallahassee and provided the Commission and the members of the public with her 2017 Legislative Update.

2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings (None)

3. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Karukin pulled item 3E and Mayor Dietch pulled pages 38 and 44 from item 3A.

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

A. Minutes – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

June 13, 2017 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes

Scrivener's error in the word Scrivener's.

June 15, 2017 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes

Mayor stated that during the Budget Workshop it was promised that the five-year financial forecast would be provided at the next budget meeting and that they did not receive anything at the 5:00 p.m. Budget meeting held earlier.

Finance Director Donald Nelson promised delivery of the report by Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

June 15, 2017 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2017 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2017 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes

***B. Town Manager's Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

1. See Click Fix
2. Interlocal Shuttle Update
3. Development Application Status
4. Code Compliance
5. Finance
6. Information Technology
7. Police Department

***C. Town Attorney's Report – Linda Miller, Town Attorney**

D. Committee Reports – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

- April 3, 2017 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- April 25, 2017 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
- May 1, 2017 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- May 25, 2017 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
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E. Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman Engagement Letter Ratification – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L. ATTACHED HERETO AS ATTACHMENT "A"; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND AUTHORIZATION OF RETAINER AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Karukin spoke on the item and disagreed with a part of Section 3 of the agreement. He believes that Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman (WSHCB) should not charge the Town for courier charges between them and the Town or for any large photocopy jobs. Lillian Arango, representing WSHCB agreed to amend the agreement and strikeout those items.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the resolution with the two amendments. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul. The motion carried 4-0 with Vice Mayor Cohen absent from the dais.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the pulled items from the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Cohen absent from the Dais.

4. Ordinances

A. Second Reading Ordinances

None.

B. First Reading Ordinances

None.

5. Resolutions and Proclamations

A. Town Website – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING CALVIN, GIORDANO & ASSOCIATES, INC. WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 101 FOR SURFSIDE WEBSITE REDESIGN; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE FROM THE 2016/2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$49,500 FROM THE BUILDING SERVICES DEPARTMENT OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT NO. 150-2500-524-3410 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,750 AND THE GENERAL FUND EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OTHER CONTRACTUAL SERVICES ACCOUNT NO. 001-2000-512-3410 \$24,750 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,750; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the resolution.

Chris Giordano and Tim Rodriguez from Calvin Giordano & Associates answered all of the Commissioner's questions and concerns.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul. The motion carried 4-0 with Vice Mayor Cohen absent from the Dais.

B. Four Year Staggered Terms for the Town Commission and Retain Two Year Term for Mayor – Commissioner Michael Karukin

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA CALLING FOR A MARCH 20, 2018 TOWN OF SURFSIDE SPECIAL ELECTION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA A BALLOT QUESTION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER "ESTABLISHING FOUR YEAR STAGGERED TERMS FOR COMMISSIONERS AND RETAINING MAYOR'S TWO YEAR TERM" COMMENCING WITH TOWN'S GENERAL ELECTION IN 2020; PROVIDING FOR THE TOWN CLERK TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

**SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Attorney Lillian Arango explained the motion that was needed. Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to defer the approval of the resolution but address conceptually what is in the language. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin. The motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Dietch and Vice Mayor Cohen absent from the dais.

Town Attorney Lillian Arango stated that the current resolution as presented to the Town Commission was missing the actual text amendment language for the two sections of the charter that need to be amended and that they would like to present a revised proposed ballot language that they feel will be clearer to the voters.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to direct the Town Clerk to obtain authorization for a special election from the Miami Dade County Supervisor of Elections to add a ballot question to the March 20, 2018 election. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky. The motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Dietch and Vice Mayor Cohen absent from the dais.

6. Good and Welfare

Mayor Dietch opened the public speaking.

Public Speakers:

- Terry Cohen spoke about code compliance issues and advised the Town Commission that Help me Howard will be featuring these issues.
- Nathalie Vaturi spoke and gave her view regarding sidewalks
- Deborah Cimadevilla spoke about undergrounding utilities and the effect of the electromagnetic field levels

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. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016** – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo introduced Julian Sardinias, a representative of Marcum, LLP who presented the report to the Town Commission.

Finance Director Donald Nelson thanked his staff for their hard work.

B. Public Information Program – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
Duncan Tavares, Assistant Town Manager presented the item to the Town Commission.

After some discussion, Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve and to direct the Town Manager to move the Public Information Program into action. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Cohen absent.

Public speaker George Kousoulas provided his view on this item.

C. Parking Structure – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo presented the item to the Town Commission. He provided a brief background and stated that he has received two concepts from two different groups that are interested (one on the Town Hall site and the other one on the Abbott lot). For the record, the Town Manager's recommendation is the Town Hall site.

The following public speakers provided their views on this item:

- George Kousoulas
- Clara Diaz-Leal
- Deborah Cimadevilla

Commissioner Karukin requested the Town Manager to convey to the two groups the need of space for recreational and community activities as being more important than commercial spaces.

Commissioner Paul stated she would like a referendum to see what the public wants. The Mayor expressed his concerns on an open-ended referendum.

Due to the non-solicited proposals, the Town Attorney explained that the P3 Statue - once you receive a proposal and you entertain and review it, it provides for notice and publication. Then there is a period of 21 to no more than 120 days where other proposers may submit proposals on the same project.

Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to direct the Town Manager to invite both interested groups to submit proposals due by October 31, 2017. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Cohen absent.

D. Artificial Grass – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo presented the item and gave some background.
Public speaker and affected resident Ruben Valdivia presented his case to the Town Commission.
Commissioner Paul made a motion to extend the speaker's time an extra minute allowing 4 minutes to speak. The motion received a second from

Commissioner Gielchinsky and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Cohen absent.

After some debate, Commissioner Karukin made a motion to defer the item to the Planning and Zoning Board for discussion and recommendation and for the Town to hold off on any enforcement action. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and the motion carried 4-0 with Vice Mayor Cohen absent.

Town Manager Olmedillo excused himself from the meeting due to sickness. Assistant Town Manager Tavares sat at the dais on his behalf.

E. Modifying Measurement of Height to Prepare for Sea Level Rise – Sarah Sinatra Gould, Town Planner

Town Planner Sarah Sinatra presented the item and explained that at a previous meeting they discussed the direction from the Planning and Zoning Board to evaluate the opportunity to increase freeboard similar to what Miami Beach has. She explained that to accommodate sea level rise there are many factors that can be included that will not require a referendum by the Town. The Planning and Zoning Board asked that the Commission look at options that do not require a referendum.

Public speaker George Kousoulas gave his view on this item.

After some discussion and questions by the Town Commission, Commissioner Karukin made a motion to direct the Town Planner through the Town Manager to work on some renderings to show the dimensions and present it to the Planning and Zoning Board and the Town Commission. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Cohen absent,

F. August Meeting [Verbal] – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Assistant Town Manager Duncan Tavares presented the item to the Town Commission.

Commissioner Gielchinsky thought that this was appropriate in order to take a pause and come back in September.

Commissioner Karukin asked if there were any pressing items that needed to be taken care of in August. Response was negative.

After some comments of why he is not fully in agreement with taking a break in August, passing the gavel, Mayor Dietch made a motion to cancel the August 8, 2017 Town Commission meeting but have staff work on the following initiatives during the month of August:

- Compact Mayor's – Climate Change Program
- Trap/Neuter/Release Plan
- The Best Mango Contest

He added to the motion for staff to schedule a special commission meeting if any items require pressing action from the Town Commission and also a report back from staff of their accomplishments during the month of August. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin. The motion carried 4-0 with Vice Mayor Cohen absent.

G. Status of Comp Plan Amendments [Verbal] – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager
Town Planner Sarah Sinatra provided a verbal update and stated that this item has to be in front of the Board as a first reading ordinance before January 2018.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Cohen absent.

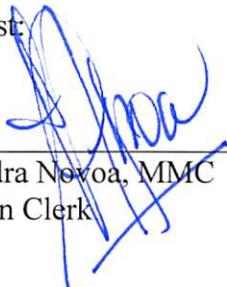
Meeting adjourned at 10:41p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 18th day of September, 2017



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:


Sandra Nevoa, MMC
Town Clerk