



**Town of Surfside
Special Commission Meeting
Undergrounding Powerlines
MINUTES**

September 26, 2017

5:30 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 5:34 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Deputy Clerk Elora Riera 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.

2. Presentation from Dr. Kury on Undergrounding Powerlines

Commissioner Karukin introduced the item to the Commission and public. He introduced Doctor Ted Kury, Director of Energy Studies from the University of Florida Public Utility Research Center.

Dr. Ted Kury presented a PowerPoint explaining the process of hardening utility lines in the State of Florida and the pros and cons on undergrounding utilities and other alternatives that may also be beneficial.

3. Discussion

The following speakers posed questions to Dr. Kury and the Town Commission: Clara Diaz-Leal, Shumel Rubashkin, Victor May, Michaela Schneiderbauer, Deborah Cimadevilla, George Kousoulas, Mitchell Gottlieb, Ken Arnold, and Eli Ginsburg.

The Mayor, Vice Mayor and Town Commissioners posed questions to Dr. Kury and provided their input and thoughts regarding undergrounding utilities.

Commissioner Karukin presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the history of the Town of Surfside and some of the efforts that have been done to date related to undergrounding.

Some discussion took place among the members of the Town Commission.

Mayor Dietch stated that there will be more meetings related to this topic. He also announced that the Town will be having a post Hurricane Irma workshop and invited the public to attend and provide their input as to what can be done differently.

4. Adjournment

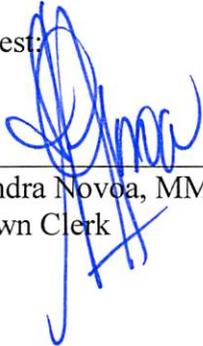
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 10th day of October, 2017



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:


Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk