



Town of Surfside
Regular Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
May 8, 2018
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 7:08 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Commissioner Karukin, Vice Mayor Gielchinsky, Commissioner Paul and Commissioner Cohen.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Captain Yero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Commissioner Paul wanted to wish a happy Mother's Day to everyone. Mayor Dietch wanted to extend his condolences for the passing of Alice Jones who used to be an employee of Surfside and worked on the Pension Board. He invited the audience to join the Commission in a moment of silence.

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

No additions, deletions or linkages.

F. Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky commended the Parks and Recreation Department for a great job with the Earth Day Event.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky wanted to thank the Mayor for supporting his attendance at an event hosted by County Commissioner Heyman regarding the status of the Brightline Rail and where the lines will be placed that would benefit the Town of Surfside.

Mayor Dietch announced upcoming community events which can be found in the Gazette and on the Town's website.

Commissioner Cohen made the motion to appoint Mr. Scher Zalman Dunchman to the Tourist Board. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

**G. FIND Grant Presentation by T. Spencer Crowley, III, Miami-Dade County
FIND Commissioner – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Town Manager Olmedillo presented the item and Miami-Dade County FIND Commissioner, Spencer Crowley, III gave a presentation on the FIND Grant and the presentation of the check for the Street ends and Park project on 90th, 93rd and 94th Streets and Bay Drive as well as informing the audience about what the Florida Inland Navigation System do.

Commissioner Karukin asked Commissioner Spencer Crowley if his organization could assist with obtaining a grant for Point Lake dredging.

Commissioner Karukin made the motion directing Town Manager Olmedillo to look into applying for a FIND grant for Point Lake dredging. The motion received a second by Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings – None

3. Consent Agenda

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky pulled Item 3(C), Town Attorney’s Report, Page 38, “Litigation”.

Town Attorney Arango gave an update on the Victor May lawsuit. Town Attorney Arango has requested an attorney session take place on this matter in the event it is needed and that it be coordinated through the Town Manager’s office for scheduling.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky stated that tax payer funds were used to defend the first lawsuit and that again, tax payer funds will be needed to defend this lawsuit.

Mayor Dietch asked how much money we are looking at spending. Town Attorney Arango explained that this lawsuit is an expanded lawsuit because it involves many parties.

Mayor Dietch pulled Item 3(A), Page 6 for a scrivener’s error and Item 3(F), page 69, Section 2 should be name specific.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky had a scrivener’s error on Page 7. He stated that where the * is, it should read “this year”.

Town Clerk Novoa added Page 7, Item C; Victoria’s name is spelled incorrectly.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve all consent agenda items as presented minus the pulled items. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

A. Minutes – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

- April 10, 2018 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes

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

***C. Town Attorney’s Report – Weiss Serota, Town Attorney**

D. Committee Reports – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Approved on consent.

- February 22, 2018 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
- March 19, 2018 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
- March 29, 2018 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes

E. Nurse Enhancement Initiative – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE AND THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, NORTH BAY VILLAGE, TOWN OF BAY HARBOR ISLANDS, BAL HARBOUR VILLAGE, AND THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC. TO IMPLEMENT A NURSE ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2018/2019 FOR PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MOU; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on consent.

Mayor Dietch introduced the item and opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker:

-Lisa Simon spoke in support of the item.

No other individuals wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Mayor Dietch commented about retiring teacher, Dory Delgado. He spoke about her service and that a Proclamation will be delivered to her making May 12, 2018 Dory Delgado Day.

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

F. Ratifying Authorization and Direction to File and Join Firearm Preemption Lawsuit – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE AUTHORIZATION AND DIRECTION TO FILE A LAWSUIT SEEKING A DECLARATION THAT THE PROVISIONS PUNISHING ELECTED OFFICIALS SET FORTH IN SECTION 790.33, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR VIOLATING THE PREEMPTION RELATED TO THE REGULATION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION ARE INVALID, AND INVITING OTHER LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO JOIN THE LAWSUIT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on consent.

G. Law Day Proclamation – Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky

H. Community Center Pool Heater – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF A HEATER FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTER POOL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on consent.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve all the items that were pulled. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor with Commissioner Cohen absent.

4. Ordinances

A. Second Reading Ordinances

1. Maximum Building Length - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager *[Deferred from the April 10, 2018 Regular Town Commission Meeting]*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 90-51 “MAXIMUM FRONTAGE OF BUILDINGS AND FACADE ARTICULATIONS.” OF “CHAPTER 90 ZONING” OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADDRESS FAÇADE ARTICULATIONS, MAXIMUM BUILDING LENGTHS AND BUILDING SEPARATIONS IN THE H30C AND H40 ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion for purposes of discussion. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky.

Town Manager Olmedillo presented the item and discussed the change in the code to address the maximum frontage and when it was presented to the Planning & Zoning Board. He introduced Alex David from CGA who explained and presented the project.

Mayor Dietch opened up the public hearing.

Public speakers:

-Meir Cosiol spoke about the problems with the amount of traffic in Surfside and how making it easier to build more will make traffic even worse especially with all the hotels going up.

-George Kousoulas gave a handout to the Commission and spoke in favor of this item and gave examples of the success of other prototype buildings like the one being proposed.

-Neisan Kasdin representing Eden Surfside, distributed a letter to the Commission stating their legal position which is that they believe what is being done here is illegal and that they believe this is a quasi-judicial proceeding. He still believes that this ordinance addressing this project is a good one and they are in agreement with the item with the modification of allowing a 2-story height over the breezeway. Mr. Kasdin also showed renderings of similar projects.

-Joel Simmonds commented on the consideration of grandfathering existing buildings.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky spoke as the liaison of the Planning & Zoning Board and he gave a synopsis of what took place with this item at the last Planning & Zoning Board and it centered around flexibility and to encourage architectural creativity.

Mayor Dietch asked the Town Attorney to address the question regarding legally nonconformity and what the impacts would be.

Town Attorney Arango addressed the issue of nonconformity of those buildings and stated that those buildings would need to follow the new regulations, but if the building or structure would be damaged more than 50% of the value of that building, then according to the Code, the structure can be restored without conforming to the new building codes. If the structure is damaged 51% or more, then the structure could not be restored to its original form and must comply with the new regulations.

Commissioner Karukin stated that he is not in agreement with the existing code and doesn't understand why the building cannot be replaced if the building is destroyed.

He stated it has been done in the past where they have been allowed to be grandfathered in.

Town Manager Olmedillo explained the specifics of this code and the restoration of buildings and the issue of the setbacks.

Commissioner Paul stated that she was comfortable with the concept at hand and going forward with the Ordinance as is and they can address the grandfathering at a later time. Commissioner Paul had a question for staff regarding the connecting of both buildings and the setbacks of the rear of the building.

Commissioner Karukin addressed Commissioner Paul's question regarding the setback.

Commissioner Karukin continued discussing the item and the specifics of the zoning in progress and the concern of the substantial changes to this item that should go back to first reading and not be on for second reading.

Town Attorney Arango stated that it is not a substantial change. This item can still go to second hearing and the zoning in progress can be extended.

Alex David of Calvin Giordano and Associates addressed Commissioner Paul's question regarding the setback as well as the second and third floors and the rear of the property.

Commissioner Karukin asked the Town Attorney to please explain if this is spot zoning and a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Town Attorney Arango explained that it is not spot zoning or a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Mr. Kasdin commented on that issue and believes it is a quasi-judicial proceeding and is spot zoning.

Mayor Dietch opened up the floor to public speakers again and called Planning & Zoning Chairperson, Lindsay Lecour to explain the articulation of the building and the setback concerns and questions.

Commissioner Cohen feels that a lot more work has to be done at the Planning & Zoning Board level to address these concerns and feels more work needs to be done.

Mayor Dietch seeing no further comments from the audience, closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky commented on the item and the concerns he had on this project and was able to get his questions answered and is comfortable with this item.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve with an amendment to add line 107 and directed the Town Attorney to come back with a grandfathering clause. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

Mayor Dietch requested a motion to move item 9D and Commissioner Paul requested items 9D and 9E to be heard before item 4 (A)(2).

Commissioner Paul made a motion to move items 9D and 9E to be heard before item 4(A)(2). The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

2. Surfside Development Approval Procedures Update - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager [Deferred from the April 10, 2018 Regular Town Commission Meeting]

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING DIVISION 3, "SPECIAL EXCEPTIONS, ZONING CHANGES, CONDITIONAL USES AND VARIANCES," OF ARTICLE II, "ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT," OF CHAPTER 90 "ZONING" OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance

Commissioner Karukin made the motion to approve the Ordinance on second reading. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

Mayor Dietch opened the floor to public hearing and hearing none, Mayor Dietch closed the floor to public hearing.

3. Lighting Regulations for Marine Turtle Protection - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager [Deferred to May 22, 2018 at 6:00 PM or as soon thereafter]

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN CODE BY CREATING ARTICLE VI, "LIGHTING REGULATIONS FOR MARINE TURTLE PROTECTION" OF CHAPTER 34 "ENVIRONMENT"; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance

This item has been deferred to May 22, 2018 due to notice requirements.

Commissioner Karukin made the motion to defer the item to May 22, 2018. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

Mayor Dietch opened the floor to public hearing and hearing none, Mayor Dietch closed the floor to public hearing.

Mayor Dietch suggested that a copy of the notice be dropped off at all condominiums with a cover letter.

B. First Reading Ordinances

1. Adoption of Cone of Silence for Town Procurements – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 3-17, "OPT OUT INVOKED" OF CHAPTER 3 "PURCHASING" TO IMPLEMENT A CONE OF SILENCE PROVISION FOR PROCUREMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance

Commissioner Karukin made the motion to approve the Ordinance. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky. Commissioner Karukin withdrew his motion.

Mayor Dietch opened the floor to public hearing and hearing none, Mayor Dietch closed the floor to public hearing.

Mayor Dietch read into the record the definition and had a question for the Town Manager. He said that there are other forms of solicitations that are not specifically named and asked the Town Attorney if there was a way to build in the flexibility that would also be applicable. The Town Manager raised a question that there may be times that they want to have a conversation regarding a bid.

Town Attorney answered Mayor Dietch's question by referring to line 12 and explained the exceptions.

Commissioner Karukin feels that line 44, item 2 is overly restrictive.

Town Attorney responded to Commissioner Karukin.

Discussion on this item continued between the Town Commission, Town Attorney and Town Manager.

Commissioner Cohen made the motion to approve. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor

5. Resolutions and Proclamations

A. Public Works Lift Truck Purchase – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 FORD F-550 LIFT TRUCK FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$120,000.00 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 BUDGET; FINDING THAT THE PURCHASE IS EXEMPT FROM PROCUREMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 3-13(7)E OF THE TOWN CODE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance

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

Mayor Dietch opened the floor to public hearing and hearing none, Mayor Dietch closed the public hearing.

B. Town Hall Municipal Complex Public Private Partnership (P3) Advisory Services - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAMBERT ADVISORY, LLC FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3) ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL RECEIVED ON THE TOWN HALL PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance

Commissioner Karukin had a concern with the scope of services and he asked the Town Manager why they were not assessing the impact of this type of development. This has a potential of being a big game changer and questioned why that was not being addressed. Town Manager Olmedillo answered Commissioner Karukin's concerns and explained the impact this project would have.

Mayor Dietch opened the floor to public hearing and hearing none, Mayor Dietch closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made the motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen and all voted in favor.

C. Abbott Parking Lot Public Private Partnership (P3) Advisory Services - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LAMBERT ADVISORY, LLC FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3) ADVISORY SERVICES FOR THE UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL RECEIVED ON THE ABBOTT LOT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance

Mayor Dietch opened the floor to public hearing and hearing none, Mayor Dietch closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Cohen made the motion to approve. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor

D. Employment Agreement for Chief of Police – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CHIEF OF POLICE WITH JULIO I. YERO; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the ordinance

Mayor Dietch opened the floor to public hearing and hearing none, Mayor Dietch closed the public hearing

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky congratulated Chief Yero and commended his hard work.

Mayor Dietch had a provision to amend section 10.2 regarding the health insurance provision when it refers to an increase he would like it to be subject to the Town Manager's approval and not be unreasonably withheld.

Chief Yero thanked the Commission for their support.

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

6. Good and Welfare

Mayor Dietch opened the item to public speakers.

Public Speakers:

-Jennifer Rotker spoke regarding the easement on 90th Street and that the showers are turned off as well as the illegal renting of beach chairs by the hotels.

-Clara Diaz-Leal stated that the one-way street traffic is a disaster and that she is experiencing a tremendous amount of traffic and the honking is becoming very noisy and that school buses are picking up workers.

Mayor Dietch closed item to public speakers.

Commissioner Paul requested the Town Manager to address the 90th Street Easement issues and what the progress is of 92nd Street and what the plans are.

Town Manager Olmedillo addressed Commissioner Paul's concerns regarding the 90th Street Easement issue and 92nd Street and will speak to Commissioner Paul privately with the specifics.

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. Curb Enhancement at Abbott and 88 Street –[Verbal] - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Town Manager Olmedillo introduced the item and gave a verbal presentation and update.

Commissioner Paul gave her experience on both intersections.

Discussion continued on this item from all members of the Commission discussing both options.

Mayor Dietch discussed both items and believes Option B would be better and would like to approach the neighbors with the option the Town will be using. Commissioner Paul agrees with Mayor Dietch.

There was consensus to explore Option B and inform all the affected individuals.

Town Manager Olmedillo requested to extend the trial period until the next Commission Meeting.

B. Board and Committee Appointments [Verbal]– Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

- *Design Review Board – At Large*
Vice Mayor Gielchinsky feels that an architect is needed for this Board and he is still working on finding a board member.
- *Tourist Board – Commissioner Barry Cohen*
Commissioner Cohen made his appointment earlier in the meeting.
- *Personnel Appeals Board – Vice Mayor Gielchinsky*
Vice Mayor Gielchinsky appointed Martin A. Feigenbaum.
- *Pension Board – At Large*
Mayor Deitch stated there is a certain amount of subject matter expertise required for the Pension Board. He has confidence in Ms. Parron and is supportive of her nomination with the condition that he will solicit feedback from the other members of the Board to make sure she has gotten up to speed after a reasonable period of time.
Commissioner Paul made a motion to appoint Norma Parron to the Pension Board. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.
- *Pension Board – At Large – Joe Matthews was appointed.*
Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to appoint Joe Matthews to the Pension Board. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to extend the meeting for an additional 20 minutes. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

- *Sustainability Subcommittee – Commissioner Karukin*
Commissioner Karukin expressed his concerns about what the Sustainability Subcommittee Board did and what their function is. He would like the Sustainability Subcommittee to become a Committee that reports directly to the Commission.

Mayor Dietch along with the Town Manager explained what the function of the Sustainability Subcommittee is and encouraged Commissioner Karukin to submit a discussion item regarding his proposal.

- *Police Pension Board Appointee Joe Matthews – Ministerial Ratification by Town Commission.*
Motion made by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky, seconded by Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

C. Downtown Business District Parking Requirement Waiver – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Town Manager Olmedillo introduced the item and stated that he had communication with the Downtown Business individuals and one of the issues they brought up was their inability to rent the store fronts due to the parking requirements. He would like direction to create an Ordinance that would have a waiver specifically for new businesses and limited to retail and restaurants and it would be a 2-year waiver.

Commissioner Karukin commented on this item and discussed the parking issue the businesses are having and he doesn't feel that the lack of business is due to parking.

Commissioner Cohen left the meeting.

Mayor Dietch discussed the history of this item and the past meetings with the storefront owners and being able to rent those storefronts.

Town Manager Olmedillo explained to the Commission the parking issue and requirements.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky requested clarification on the memorandum on this item. Discussion continued between all on the dais on this item for clarification.

Commissioner Paul requested a negotiation with the storefront owners with the possibility of waiving a portion of the parking requirement and not all.

Town Manager Olmedillo asked if the Commission was willing to waive the parking requirement for 2 years.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor with Commissioner Paul voting against the item.

D. Streetscapes Design Forum – Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky introduced the item and gave a summary of the project and its main points and the voting on which designs the residents like and how the process of implementation would work.

Mayor Dietch opened up the public hearing.

Public speakers:

-George Kousoulas stated that the idea is a great idea but he had some suggestions; one being that the brief he gives the graduate students needs to be carefully worded. Secondly, to have a commentary and a jury of selection of what the public would like.

Commissioner Karukin asked at what phase would the jury review the commentary of the competition and Mr. Kousoulas answered Commissioner Karukin's question.

-Mandy Dawdpon is in complete agreement with Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and this project and suggested a referendum since a lot of people can't attend the meeting.

-Becky Manuel likes the proposal of this item and how it addresses aesthetics, traffic and safety. She is in support of this project.

-Deborah Cimadevilla would like to know how this project will address the historical huge amount of flooding around 91st Street.

-Renee Tischler shared her support on this item and would like to encourage the Commission to support this item and for the Commission to keep in mind the safety issues and the traffic issues.

-Samuel Rubashkin spoke in support of the item but has the same concerns of the safety of the children and the adults walking because of the traffic. He stated that undergrounding the power lines would be a good idea to keep in mind.

-Dalit Teshuba stated that her concern is the safety issue of this project and the concern parents have with their children and walking down the streets and the traffic issue currently at hand. She would like more sidewalks but is in support of the item.

-CB Gaines stated that he felt that he is being force fed this item and he feels that the residents should have had more input and is against the item the way that it is being presented.

-Gordon Braun spoke in support of the item.

-Lindsay Lecor spoke in support of this item and what it brings to the community.

-Manuel Lecor chose not to speak and allow his wife to speak on his behalf.

-Meir Cosid made a comment of what the process and procedure would be regarding the college students and what they are supposed to do. He suggested to try to attract more experienced individuals.

Commissioner Karukin wanted to address the idea of undergrounding the power lines and that it is something he wanted to address and bring back. He also answered some of the speakers' questions and concerns.

Town Manager Olmedillo answered Commissioner Karukin's question regarding the undergrounding of the power lines and he mentioned he is in contact with FPL.

Commissioner Karukin mentioned the last charrette that was in 2006 cost almost \$200,000 and was well attended.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky spoke about the graduate students and how design firms will not be coming in to do a project this small.

Commissioner Cohen stated that they need to involve all the residents in this process and address all the concerns the residents have and he spoke about the 2006 charrette regarding the undergrounding of power lines and the pumping system.

Commissioner Paul commented on this item and talked about Item 9E which has to do with the safety and walkability proposal. Commissioner Paul mentioned the different specifics of Item 9D and all the items that need to be tackled and feels that item 9E is an item that can be implemented quickly.

Commissioner Paul stated that this item needs more work before it can be implemented but does feel that this is a good start.

Mayor Dietch is in agreement with Commissioner Paul and is in support of the project but would like to direct the Town Manager to frame this in a more comprehensible way but move forward with the first piece because that is something that they can start immediately. He understands the work the graduate students are doing but he feels that if you want a professional job done you must spend the money and hire a professional firm to do the charrette.

Chris Giordano of Calvin Giordano and Associates stated that they have staff ready to work on this project if it is the desire of the Commission.

Mayor Dietch stated that he would like to move forward in order to start having the conversation with professionals that understand the priorities and would like to give the direction to the Town Manager to start working on that.

Town Manager Olmedillo addressed the concerns and issues and the planning implementation of urban design in order to address the issues.

Mayor Dietch requested to place the charrette on the website for the Commission review and the Planning and Zoning Board review.

Mayor Dietch made a motion to move forward with the first element, the educational piece, and direct the Town Manager to move forward with the educational piece with the outcome of that determining what the next steps are to move this initiative forward. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

E. “Share the Road Project” Safety and Walkability Proposal – Commissioner Tina Paul introduced the item and proposal.

Commissioner Paul introduced Oliver Sanchez to explain the proposal and project.

Oliver Sanchez spoke about the proposal and the project and presented the project.

Mayor Dietch discussed a project that is in New Zealand that follows this same concept that is very successful.

Mayor Dietch opened up the public hearing.

Public speakers:

-CB Gaines supports this idea and believes it is artistic, positive and would make Surfside stand out in the community.

-Dalit Teshuba believes it is beautiful and does not want it to take the place of sidewalks for safety reasons.

-Deborah Cimadevilla is in full support of this idea and this project can be done very quickly. She gave the idea of a solar activated paint that is being used in Europe that is used in parks and streets.

Mayor Dietch closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to direct the Town Manager to move forward with a more detailed report with the cost and implementation, exact graphics, location and County approvals. After some discussion, Commissioner Paul withdrew the motion.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky asked Commissioner Paul if this is an unsolicited bid and Commissioner Paul stated that he is a resident that brought his proposal and idea to the Commission.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky asked how much the Town of Surfside was to pay Mr. Sanchez for this and Mr. Sanchez stated that he was only charging \$1.00.

Town Manager Olmedillo stated he needs better direction than what is being given because the signage regulation is up to Miami-Dade County to approve and he needs to see if the County will approve it and he needs to know which streets in specific would be affected. Commissioner Paul stated that Byron Street and 95th Street could be some of the streets that can be painted.

Commissioner Karukin stated that prioritizing projects and budgeting of the project is crucial and staff have a lot on their plate.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky suggested that Commissioner Paul do some homework and bring it back to the Commission in a more detailed report of the specifics including the cost of this project and more ideas.

Mayor Dietch recommended that the Town Manager contact the County regarding this project.

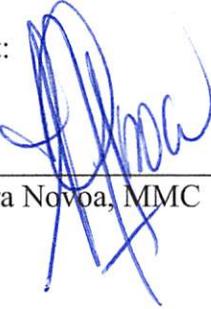
10. Adjournment

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and the meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 12th day of June, 2018

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, MMC



Daniel Dietch, Mayor