



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
First Budget Hearing
MINUTES
September 12, 2018
5:01 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 5:06 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Human Resources Director Slate-McCloud called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Commissioner Paul and Commissioner Karukin. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and Commissioner Cohen were absent.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Julio Yero led the pledge of allegiance.

2. Discussion Regarding Millage Rate and Budget – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky arrived at 5:08 p.m.

Town Manager Olmedillo provided an overview of the millage rate and budget. Interim Finance Director Chris Wallace provided an overview of the millage rate and budget and answered questions from the Town Commission.

Commissioner Cohen arrived at 5:17 p.m.

3. Millage Rate Adoption Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 4.500 MILLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019, WHICH IS LESS THAN THE ROLLED BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO STATE LAW BY 7.15%; CONFIRMING THE DATE OF THE SECOND BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy Town Clerk Riera read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve the millage rate of 4.500 mills for the fiscal year commencing on October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion which carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

4. Public Comment

Mayor Dietch opened for public comments.

Victor May of 9117 Froude Avenue spoke on the item.

5. Budget Adoption Resolution

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; CONFIRMING THE DATE OF THE SECOND PUBLIC HEARING; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy Town Clerk Riera read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to discuss. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Discussion ensued regarding items in the budget that the Town Commission had concerns with and directed their questions to staff and Interim Finance Director Wallace. Town Manager Olmedillo commented that the Planning and Zoning Board at their last meeting, requested that the Town Commission include \$50,000 into the budget for trees for residents to purchase and plant.

After some discussion, the budgeted items that were in question by some members of the Town Commission were Big Belly and beach raking.

With a majority vote by a show of hands, Big Belly will remain in the budget. Commissioner Karukin voted in opposition.

With a majority vote by a show of hands, beach raking will remain in the budget. Commissioner Karukin and Commissioner Paul voted in opposition.

By consensus, the Town Commission agreed to include \$50,000 into the budget for trees.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to adopt the budget with the inclusion of the \$50,000 for trees. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion which carried 3-2 with Commissioner Karukin and Commissioner Paul voting in opposition.

6. Public Comment

Mayor Dietch opened for public comments.

Victor May of 9117 Froude Avenue spoke on the item.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Karukin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

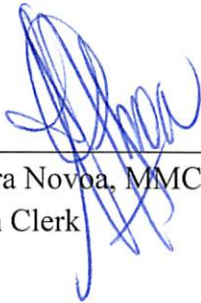
Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 9th day of October, 2018



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk