



**Town of Surfside  
Special Town Commission Meeting  
Final Budget Hearing  
MINUTES  
September 26, 2018  
5:01 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 5:07 p.m.

**B. Roll Call of Members**

Deputy Clerk Riera 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. Resolution Adopting a Final Millage Rate for FY 2019– Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; ANNOUNCING THE PERCENTAGE DECREASE IN THE ADOPTED FINAL MILLAGE RATE BELOW THE ROLLED BACK RATE COMPUTED PURSUANT TO STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Deputy Clerk Riera read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Cohen arrived at 5:09 p.m.

Interim Finance Director Christopher Wallace explained that that statutes contemplate the millage rates in different forms. If there is not unanimity in the millage rate then it goes down to two thirds vote or majority vote and, in most cases, what occurs is that the millage rate being proposed would do down. Since there are only four votes, the Town will end up adopting a higher millage rate. He mentioned that the Commission can have discussions on the item before the fifth member arrives for the vote.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to discuss the item. Commissioner Karukin seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Town Manager Olmedillo introduced the item and provided a brief overview.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky arrived at 5:20 p.m.

Interim Finance Director Wallace presented the final budget to the Town Commission and answered questions from the Town Commission.

Commission Karukin made a motion to adopt the millage final millage rate of 4.5 for fiscal year 2018-2019. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky.

Town Attorney Arango stated that the Town of Surfside has a roll back rate of 4.8463 mills. The final millage rate proposed tonight to be levied at 4.5000 mills, which is less than the roll back rate by 7.15%. There is no proposed increase in ad valorem tax revenues in this millage rate.

The motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

### **3. Public Comment**

Mayor Dietch opened for public comments.

Victor May of 9117 Froude Avenue spoke on the item.

### **4. Resolution Adopting a Final Budget for FY 2019 - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR BUDGETARY CONTROLS; PROVIDING FOR GRANTS AND GIFTS; PROVIDING FOR BUDGET AMENDMENTS; PROVIDING FOR ENCUMBRANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Deputy Clerk Riera read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the final budget for fiscal year 2018-2019. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion.

Commissioner Karukin asked what would need to be done to allocate \$20,000 for the possibility of a referendum. Town Manager Olmedillo commented that there is a certain flexibility on the use of reserves for contingencies that can fund something like this should it be necessary and would then come before the Town Commission for a budget amendment.

The motion carried 5-0 on roll call vote.

Mayor Dietch wanted to correct the record on some points with regards to water and sewer rates, hiring of town staff, the town hall generator and town vehicles.

**5. Public Comment**

Mayor Dietch opened for public comments.

Victor May of 9117 Froude Avenue spoke on the item.

**6. Adjournment**

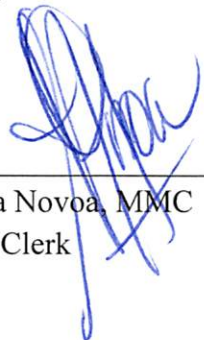
There being no further business, Commissioner Karukin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018

  
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Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Sandra Novoa, MMC  
Town Clerk