



**Town of Surfside
Zoning Code Workshop
MINUTES
July 1, 2020
8 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor
Surfside, FL 33154

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burkett called the meeting to order at 8:27 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk McCreedy called the roll with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Charles Burkett, Vice Mayor Tina Paul, Commissioner Nelly Velasquez, Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer and Commissioner Charles Kesl.

Also present were Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo and Town Attorney Lillian Arango.

2. Discussion Items

A. Discussion on Adoption of a New Zoning Code

Commissioner Salzhauer asked Town Attorney Arango if the Commission could direct the administration to enforce mandatory face masks.

Town Attorney Arango advised that they can provide consensus to the Town Manager on the face mask issue.

Town Manager Olmedillo addressed the County's order regarding mandatory face masks.

Commissioner Salzhauer made an opening comment and certain research and loopholes. She spoke regarding ideas of how to close those loopholes.

Mayor Burkett addressed the comments made by Commissioner Salzhauer and spoke regarding term limits of elected officials and pay of those elected officials. He commented on having an emergency meeting to address the

important questions before July 31, 2020 to deal with the ballot questions, flooding, undergrounding, etc.

Commissioner Kesl stated that he would like to get to the basics to determine the issues to be identified in order to move forward like the footprint of the building, budget on making new buildings and making the community more livable and compatible.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding Town Planner James Hickey and the resolution she shared and the May 14 2020 agenda with the zoning code and where they need to close the loopholes.

Mayor Burkett spoke regarding the old code and what transpired during that time and read his statement into the record and gave his presentation.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding the unit per acres in the charter amendment and stated that this change took place before and the units per acre were already defined.

Mayor Burkett addressed the comment made by Vice Mayor Paul.

Vice Mayor Paul stated she had never heard the words gross acre and commented on the 2011 Ordinance and to change the definition of acreage.

Mayor Burkett commented on the zoning code and charter amendment.

Commissioner Kesl stated that they should change the language as stated by Mayor Burkett and the definition of the acre and the height and redefining height and changing that language.

Town Planner Hickey spoke about the zoning code and conditional use code and the difference between both of the codes.

Discussion continued among the Commission regarding the development review requirements and changes to the Code.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that the decision should be how to fix it.

Mayor Burkett suggested to sit down and propose changes that can be circulated and each Commission make their suggestions on the changes.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding changing the density and remove gross acreage and define the acreage and address aggregation of the lots. Covered patios not counted and she thinks it should count as square footage.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that she does believe that there are areas that need to be addressed and requested to not make changes tonight so she can have time to review the codes.

Commissioner Kesl would like to request the Town staff to look at both codes and obtain a proposal on how to best secure what is best of the code.

Vice Mayor Paul would like to give direction to staff to come back with changes to the 2011 ordinance to remove gross acreage, bring back the pervious area to 2006 code, address covered porches and come back with an ordinance.

Mayor Burkett would like to have a list of 10 things to add to the end of the zoning code and fix those 10 things.

Commissioner Salzhauer spoke regarding the proposed ordinance that Town Attorney Arango drafted.

Town Attorney Ed Martos addressed the comments made by Commissioner Salzhauer and explained the definition of lot coverage and the changes that were made.

Further discussion took place among the Commission regarding definition and changes of the code and the language to clean up and make language consistent. They discussed no subdivision of lots only covering 40% of the lot.

Mayor Burkett addressed comments made by the Commission on subdividing the lots.

Further discussion took place regarding the zoning code and using the 2006 code as a baseline to draft a zoning code that will work.

3. Public Comments

Jeff Rose, spoke regarding the fact that the old code is better and the new code is more restrictive and read his comment into the record.

George Kouslouas spoke regarding the zoning code and its changes.

Horace Henderson's statement was read into the record by Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello.

Laurie Swedroe's email was read into the record by Deputy Town Clerk Evelyn Herbello.

Commissioner Velasquez asked regarding the setback and how it is measured.

Commissioner Salzhauer addressed the comments made by George Kouslouas regarding the thickness of the wall and does it all have to be on your property and not your neighbors.

Mayor Burkett brought up the pictures of two houses side by side and the stairway on the home and those houses being appropriately spaced on those lots.

George Kouslouas made a presentation on what is allowed under the old code and what is the actual of what is being built.

Further discussion took place among the Town Commission regarding the 35% pervious, checking the survey and making sure the home was built correctly.

Mayor Burkett requested to work on a proposal and bring it back as an ordinance once it has been circulated among the Commission for their input.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she would like to amend the ordinance that she brought and change the definition of density.

Mayor Burkett suggested bringing back both ordinances and fixing them. He asked the Building Official to send to the Commission how these homes get inspected.

Building Official Prieto stated that a Certificate of Occupancy cannot be issued without a final survey.

Mayor Burkett suggested working on the old ordinance and making it better, supply their suggestions on the ordinance that Commissioner Salzhauer started working on and circulate among the Commission in order to address these issues.

Commissioner Salzhauer would like to also address the businesses and hotel areas when addressing and amending the zoning code.

Town Planner Hickey spoke regarding Section 90.23 and its requirements for conditional use.

Mayor Burkett asked regarding the requirements necessary to obtain a permit for conditional use.

Commissioner Salzhauer asked regarding procedure on the interview process for the Town Planner.

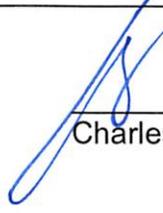
Mayor Burkett stated that at the next meeting, make recommendations to determine who is more qualified in order to hire the best Town Planner for the Town.

Mayor Burkett stated to circulate some dates to see what is more convenience with the Commission.

4. Adjournment

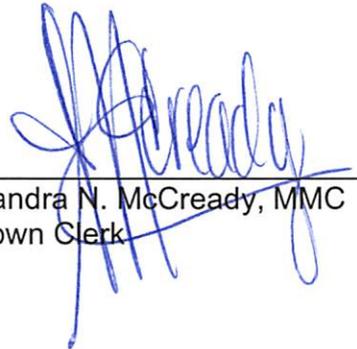
A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to adjourn the meeting without objection at 10:46 p.m. The motion received a second from Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor.

Accepted this 1st day of August, 2020.



Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra N. McCreedy, MMC
Town Clerk