



**Town of Surfside  
Special Town Commission Meeting  
MINUTES  
October 1, 2020  
7 p.m.**

**1. Opening**

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

**B. Roll Call of Members**

Town Clerk McCready 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 Interim Town Manager Jason Greene and Town Attorney Lillian Arango.

**2. Town Manager Recruitment Discussion and Selection – Interim Town Manager Jason Greene**

Interim Town Manager Greene advised the Commission to send to Town Clerk McCready and Human Resources Director Slate-McCloud their suggestions and they will compile the scoring sheet. The results will then be calculated.

Town Clerk McCready read the votes into the record. Three votes went to Andrew Hyatt and there was a tie for second place with third place votes going to James Gleason and William Lawrence.

Interim Town Manager Greene advised the Commission to come with a vote and define number two and send an email to Town Clerk McCready and Human Resources Director Slate-McCloud to determine the tie breaker for number two and three.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if the winner will be able to be spoken to.

Town Clerk McCready advised that the second place goes to William Lawrence.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that all the candidates were excellent and were interested in Surfside. She asked regarding the process and negotiating the contract.

Interim Town Manager Greene advised the Commission on the next step which is the Town's Labor Attorney and the Mayor negotiate the contract and bring it back for approval at the October agenda.

Mayor Burkett stated that he is fine with someone else negotiating the contract.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that she would like to negotiate the contract or Commissioner Kesl since she is not sure that Mayor Burkett can put the best interest of the Town due to his comments in the Gazette.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that it is standard that the Mayor negotiate the contract and would suggest Interim Town Manager Greene negotiate the contract.

Interim Town Manager Greene stated that he will assist.

Mayor Burkett stated that he is fine with Commissioner Salzhauer negotiating the contract.

Commissioner Kesl stated that Vice Mayor Paul be the one to negotiate the contract. He stated that the decorum has improved in the meetings and would like for it to continue.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that she feels that the Mayor is the one who should be handling the contract negotiation.

Mayor Burkett stated that all the candidates were great. He addressed the comments made by Commissioner Salzhauer regarding the Gazette.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she agrees with Commissioner Velasquez that the Mayor has the best interest and would like to handle the negotiation of the contract with the assistance of Interim Town Manager Greene.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to have Vice Mayor Paul negotiate the contract with Town Manager Candidate Andrew Hyatt, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Velasquez voting in opposition.

Interim Town Manager Greene advised the Commission that on Tuesday the Town will host a Community Meeting regarding the ballot questions.

Town Clerk McCready reminded the Commission that per the September 15, 2020 Special Commission Meeting any item for the October 13, 2020 meeting that a communication memo has not been received by the Clerk's Office by tomorrow at 5:00

p.m. will be removed from the agenda.

Commissioner Salzhauer asked who will be presenting on the other two ballot items.

Interim Town Manager Greene stated that he will be presenting the other two items besides FPL.

Commissioner Salzhauer asked regarding the debt of P3.

Interim Town Manager Greene stated that he will be addressing the presentations as well as the P3.

Commissioner Velasquez asked when is the next Commission meeting.

Town Clerk McCready stated that the next Commission meeting will be held on October 13, 2020.

Commissioner Velasquez asked for additional time to submit the memos and asked if she could submit them by October 7 or 8.

Town Clerk McCready advised that the agenda goes out the week before the meeting and this deadline is needed in order to produce the agenda on time.

Mayor Burkett suggested that the Commission have their memos to the Town Clerk's Office by Monday at noon.

Mayor Burkett asked for Town Clerk McCready to do a chart with the votes.

### 3. Public Comments

No public speakers.

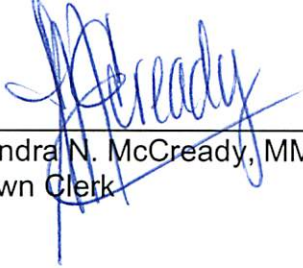
### 4. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:40 p.m. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Paul. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Accepted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020.

  
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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

Attest:



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Sandra N. McCreedy, MMC  
Town Clerk