



**Town of Surfside
Budget Workshop
MINUTES
June 8, 2021
5:00 p.m.**

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burkett called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 Charles Kesl (arrived at 5:09 p.m.), and Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer (arrived at 5:37 p.m.).

Also present were Town Manager Andrew Hyatt, Town Attorney Lillian Arango, and Assistant Town Manager Jason Greene.

**2. Budget Workshop, Discussion and Direction for the FY 2022 Budget–
Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Assistant Town Manager Greene gave an introduction and PowerPoint presentation along with the program modifications and capital improvement outlay. He provided property value and millage summary.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if they had to vote on anything tonight.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they will not be voting on any items tonight. He provided the item of preservation of ordinances in the Town Clerk's Office.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if this will be done by an outside company and will they offer a digital set.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that it is an outside company that is experienced at the preservation of documents.

Town Clerk McCready provided a summary of what the company does for the preservation of the documents and stated that they will be digitized.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided the program modification for the Police body worn camera.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she has privacy concerns and sensitivity issues with the body worn camera.

Mayor Burkett asked if the Town has a policy for the body worn camera.

Chief Yero stated that they have policies and they are not going to deviate from the policy and law.

Commissioner Velasquez asked why the parking enforcement officers need the body worn cameras.

Police Chief Yero stated his recommendation is that they do come across individuals that they are giving the citation to and it protects the parking officer from being verbally abused. It will overall help with customer service and this is a great way to document customer service.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that her concern is when they go to a person's house to help them with something that is not controversial. Her concern is the privacy of the resident.

Police Chief Yero stated that every interaction is recorded but not disseminated and the recording for a fall is only saved for thirty days.

Commissioner Velasquez asked how much the body worn cameras cost for the parking enforcement officers.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that the cost would be \$35,000 per year.

Commissioner Kesl stated that he understands where it is coming from, but he changed his mind on the topic. He spoke regarding peace officers or someone working at a home, it is a slippery slope and causes concern. He agrees with the body worn cameras for police officers but not for parking enforcement officers.

Commissioner Velasquez agrees with Commissioner Kesl. She asked if the cameras are on all the time.

Mayor Burkett stated that those cameras encourage good behavior.

Police Chief Yero stated that they turn on the camera upon personal interaction. The camera is always recording in eight second intervals.

Vice Mayor Paul agrees with this because they do not have any other form of defense.

Further discussion took place regarding body worn cameras on parking enforcement officers and if there is a need for them to wear them.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided the program modification of the traffic radar guns and will be distributed to police as they come in and set up a traffic detail. The guns must be calibrated.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if that means that they will be giving out more speeding tickets.

Mayor Burkett stated that the special speed detail is working and needs to go further down. He stated that he supports this and keep that focus.

Commissioner Kesl is in support of the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided the program modification for the CAT 5 storm hardening of Town Hall.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she supports this and asked if some of this could be reimbursable.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comment made by Vice Mayor Paul.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if this is a study.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that this is hiring a company to come and do a study.

Commissioner Kesl spoke regarding having an operational plan in place and agrees that Town Hall needs to be hardened.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they do have an extensive operation plan for disasters and the Police Department does follow ICS through NIMS which is a national structure.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that the issue here will be storm surge and the money could be better spent. She stated that if they could get a 50% grant match she would support the item.

Further discussion took place regarding the strengthening of Town Hall and the study.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they can look at the grant ability.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that no money will be spent on a study until a grant is obtained.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that this is for the employees that have to stay here.

Discussion took place regarding the money being spent in a better way for improvements of the building instead of a study.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the fuel tank replacement for the underground tank, as well as the two new additional positions for the Public Works Department.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the new Town Website redo to work with the new inhouse team. This will be to put a new website and intranet in place and it will be a one-time fee. He stated that 33% will be coming out of the Tourist Fund.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if something could be done for the utilities.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the bike racks and different designs.

Discussion took place regarding the different bike rack designs.

Assistant Town Manager Greene discussed the lifeguard stands.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that the reason why they did not move forward was the ongoing expense to maintain them. She asked what street the Miami Beach stand is located at.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that it is located at 85th Street and advised the size of the stand.

Discussion took place regarding the need for the lifeguard stands and the additional 4 x 4 ATV vehicle.

Assistant Town Manager Greene introduced the tennis court divider item.

Vice Mayor Paul asked why they have not used it before.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they have more programs and use more tennis courts due to the increase in tennis programs.

Commissioner Salzhauer would like pool lights at night.

Vice Mayor Paul would like to add back the strategic 305 resiliency plan.

Mayor Burkett would like to see the money for raising houses.

Commissioner Kesl spoke regarding the 305-resiliency plan.

Further discussion took place regarding bringing back the 305-resiliency plan and not the resiliency officer position.

Mayor Burkett requested to take out the 305-resiliency plan.

Commissioner Salzhauer asked for the Commission to get a copy of the 305 Resiliency Plan.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided the program modification for the fireworks.

Commissioner Kesl agrees with the fireworks.

Commissioner Velasquez would like the fireworks.

Vice Mayor Paul is not in support of the item.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that the fireworks are not environmentally safe.

Consensus was reached to leave the fireworks with the smaller fireworks like in the past.

Assistant Town Manager Green introduced the main pool ladder and lifeguard stand item.

Vice Mayor Paul asked what is the life span of these lifeguard stands.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that these stands are the original ones.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued providing the remaining program modifications.

Vice Mayor Paul asked if they will be reviewing the charette of 2006.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued to provide a summary regarding the downtown walkability and lighting study.

Commissioner Velasquez asked what type of lighting took place and if that includes the palm trees and lamp posts. She asked what is this lighting project he is talking about.

Commissioner Velasquez asked to have the RFP for the downtown lighting sent to the Commission.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the plan review software.

Commissioner Salzhauer spoke regarding having an outside contractor for computer software security.

Mayor Burkett stated that there are backups being done and being done inhouse.

Greene spoke regarding repairing street ends at 89th Street.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that they should do more streets.

Consensus was reached to add 88th Street as well as 89th Street.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding replacing the fire panel.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding replacing the water meters.

Public Works Director Stokes explained the need to replace the water meters.

Discussion took place regarding the cost and amount of time it will take to replace the meters.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the next item which is finding illegal stormwater usage which is required by DERM.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided the curb replacement for the stormwater which will help with drainage.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the need for a 4 x 4 beach vehicle, because the current one is at its end of life.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she will support it but would like to look at electric vehicles.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they will continue to look at electric vehicles that will have the power to run on the sand.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the replacement of 4 additional police vehicles. They are not additional ones, they are replacing 4

vehicles that are at 100,000 miles and will replace the last of the chargers and moving towards the SUV which will help with flooding.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if the vehicles get maintenance and try to extend their life to 100,000 miles.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that the vehicles are reaching 100,000 miles.

The following individuals from the public spoke:
Joshua Epstein spoke regarding updating the Community Center and raising the hourly rate for the part-time employees.

Commissioner Salzhauer responded to speaker Joshua Epstein's comments.


Commissioner Salzhauer asked Assistant Town Manager Greene to bring back to the Commission what it would cost to raise the minimum wage for part-time employees to \$15.00 an hour for those that are not covered by the union.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that they are working on entering into a contract with AFSCME union for full time general employees.

3. Adjournment


A motion was made by Commissioner Kesl to adjourn the meeting without objection at 6:47 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Accepted this 10th day of August, 2021.



Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk