



Town of Surfside
Town Commission Workshop
MINUTES
April 12, 2022
5:00 PM
Commission Chambers

1. Opening

Mayor Danzinger called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

Roll Call of Members

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

Present: Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Commissioner Marianne Meisheid, Commissioner Fred Landsman and Commissioner Nelly Velasquez (arrived at 5:32 p.m.).

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

2. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communication

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding an email with information that addresses decorum and professionalism when it comes to addressing each member of the dais. He spoke reference Robert's Rules of Order as it pertains to the meetings.

Vice Mayor Rose thanked Mayor Danzinger for sending the information out and looks forward to an efficient meeting.

2.A Commission Direction Budget Workshop, Discussion and Direction for the FY 2023 Budget - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager

The goal of the workshop is to receive direction on those items the Town Commission would like to see addressed next fiscal year.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided the budget visioning and budget preparation as well as the budget calendar. He explained the different meetings and workshops as it pertains to the budget workshops. He provided an explanation as to the dates on the budget calendar and when the milage rate is set. He

explained to the Commission that tonight they are here to provide ideas and their priorities for the budget.

Mayor Danzinger started with Vice Mayor Rose providing his priorities.

Vice Mayor Rose would like to redo the tennis center, the roof and would like a pickle ball court on the rooftop.

Mayor Danzinger agreed that he would like to see more things in Town.

Commissioner Meischeid thinks it is great idea.

Commissioner Landsman would like to see a cost analysis and it is a worthwhile investment.

Consensus was reached for Vice Mayor Rose's suggested items.

Vice Mayor Rose would like a play surface for the tot lot and feasibility of placing a heater in the water playground.

Commissioner Meischeid asked how often they maintain the equipment.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comment made by Commissioner Meischeid and stated the equipment is fine and there is room to do some improvements.

Commissioner Landsman suggested that since the park will be out of commission during the 96th Street Park build will the tot lot be down.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by Commissioner Landsman.

Consensus was reached for a play surface for the tot lot and a feasibility of placing a heater in the water playground.

Vice Mayor Rose would like to see kayak launches at other areas, pocket parks and widening the Downtown as well as beautifying the Downtown area.

Commissioner Meischeid would like walkability to be a priority.

Commissioner Landsman would like not only widening but changing the surface of the two blocks and get an estimate of some sort of material to enhance the look and image of the Downtown.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that the Town Planner is working on that which is part of the walkability plan and stated that there has been over \$600,000 allocated for the project.

Consensus was reached for those items.

Vice Mayor Rose would like beach chairs and umbrellas for residents as well as updating your ID and be able to show it on your phone.

Consensus was reached for the items mentioned by Vice Mayor Rose.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that he has a company he is familiar with that does something similar and he will reach out to the company to get a cost.

Vice Mayor Rose would like online permitting and would like that on the budget. He also would like lights on the walking path like Bal Harbor.

Consensus was reached for the items mentioned by Vice Mayor Rose.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that if there are any residents that would have ideas, they would love to hear from them.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that the budget can be modified through the workshops.

Town Manager Hyatt spoke regarding Miami Beach starting to place lights close to Champlain Tower South.

Vice Mayor Rose spoke regarding possibly having a different path surface and what the feasibility of that would be.

Mayor Danzinger stated he would like lighting on the path to include turtle friendly lights and improvement of the lighting on the paths. He would like to convert parking to smart parking that would allow changing of rates and would ease the lots from getting full.

Consensus was reached for both Vice Mayor Rose and Mayor Danzinger's items.

Commissioner Meischeid would like a full-time junior planner position in order to assist with the projects. She stated that person should have experience. She spoke regarding the hard pack extension.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding the walking path and having support and maintenance of it.

Assistant Town Manager Greene asked which lots they would like to see the smart parking at.

Mayor Danzinger stated all public lots.

Assistant Town Manager Greene wanted to clarify consensus on lighting on the walking path, walkability improvement on the walking path, maintenance of the walking path, and the hard pack to do a Miami Beach style which we have some easements on some condominiums and some we do not.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that he was talking about the hard pack and to look at the cost.

Consensus was reached to look at the feasibility and cost for the Miami Beach style for the hard pack.

Public Works Director Gomez spoke regarding the hard pack style and how to upgrade the existing condition.

Commissioner Velasquez arrived at 5:32 p.m.

Mayor Danzinger explained to Commissioner Velasquez what the Commission has been speaking about.

Commissioner Landsman would like to see a budget for the Planning and Zoning Board to redo the design review guidelines, which the Board needs to do their job.

Consensus was reached on all the above items mentioned.

Commissioner Landsman would like to see a Public Relations Firm to update the Town's identity, brand etc.

Commissioner Velasquez commented on possibly just removing it.

Consensus was not reached to change the branding.

Commissioner Landsman suggested for the Tourist Board to address that.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they can have the Tourism Department look at that.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if other municipalities have slogans.

Mayor Danzinger stated that they are not here to discuss rebranding, and asked if they want to set aside money to do a rebranding.

Commissioner Landsman asked if there is anything budgeted for Champlain Tower South events including the memorial.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that the memorial event is this year and there is no money set aside since this budget is for 2023 but they will bring a budget amendment to cover the cost. He stated that in June they would have a cost for a firm to put together the scope document for the design.

Consensus was reached.

Commissioner Landsman suggested electric golf cart charging stations and parking for the golf carts.

Mayor Danzinger stated if they see more golf carts then they can look into it.

Consensus was reached.

Commissioner Velasquez would like to see continuing what Miami Beach has done with the hard pack.

Mayor Danzinger summarized what has been discussed during her absent.

Commissioner Velasquez would like to have a bathroom at the tot lot.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that he brought that up 4 years ago, but there is a reason for not having a bathroom at the tot lot.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that there were some issues that came up and with a bathroom in a tot lot and one issue is that you would have to man the bathroom with a staff member.

Commissioner Velasquez would like to see that in the budget and have it explored and even adding cameras for safety.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that 96th Street Park is manned and Hawthorne Tot Lot is considered a passive park and it is not manned. He also stated there are constraints on land and size but could be looked at.

Mayor Danzinger stated that possibly having this come before the Parks and Recreation Committee to review it.

Consensus was reached to look into the bathroom for the Hawthorn Tot Lot.

Commissioner Velasquez would like to see more vegetation and trees that provide more shade for the hard pack and walking path.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that some areas are not Town property owned.

Consensus was reached.

[2023 Budget Calendar.pdf](#)

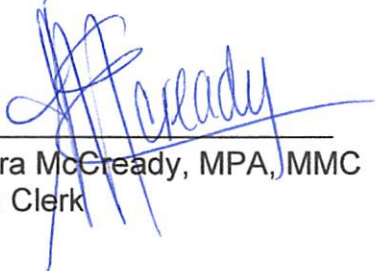
3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned without objection at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 10th day of May, 2022.

ATTEST:



Sandra McCready, MPA, MMC
Town Clerk



Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor