



Town of Surfside
Town Commission Workshop
MINUTES
June 14, 2022
5:00 PM
Commission Chambers

1. Opening

1.A Call to Order

Mayor Danzinger called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

1.B 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 and Commissioner Fred Landsman.

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez.

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

1.C Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Torres provided the pledge of allegiance.

2. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communication

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

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided a presentation with the budget information provided in the agenda which includes Property Value and Millage Summary, Summary of Program Modifications and Capital Outlay, and Program Modifications and Capital Expenditure/Outlay Requests.

The following individual from the public spoke:

George Kousoulas stated that what is needed is an additional planner to assist Town Planner Walter Keller.

Mayor Danzinger stated that they will go item by item and if there are any concerns

by the Commission they can discuss it then.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the budget presentation.

Mayor Danzinger asked for a breakdown of the salary and fringe benefits.

Assistant Town Manager Greene explained the breakdown for the additional position for Human Resources. He stated that it consists of federal taxes, pension contributions and the rest is made up of different insurances which the biggest chunk is health insurance. He stated that they budget the family level of the most expensive plan.

Commissioner Landsman asked Town Planner Keller what his opinion is regarding the additional planner position and the level of experience this individual would need to have in order to work with him.

Town Planner Keller stated that he works at the pleasure of the Commission and there is a lot of work in Town and Surfside as a whole.

Commissioner Meischeid stated that she feels that the most appropriate position would be a junior planner position. She stated that this position would handle most of the routine work so that Mr. Keller would not have to handle those. She asked for his opinion.

Town Planner Keller stated that a position like that would help.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that possibly for the Town Manager to work with Town Planner Keller to determine if he will be staying that way they know what type of position they are looking at hiring.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that at this time there is no desire to get rid of Marlin Engineering. He explained what the new person would be handling.

Consensus was reached to keep the extra position of a junior town planner but the contract with Marlin Engineering would come back to the Commission as appropriate.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation and spoke regarding the funding for the rewrite of the design review guidelines.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that many Planning and Zoning Board members are happy that this will be done.

Commissioner Meischeid agrees that this needs to be done.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding the design review guideline and it needs to be done properly and allow room for creativity.

Consensus was reached to move forward with this and once it comes back to the Commission they can give proper direction to the Town Planner before they get

started on it.

Town Attorney Arango stated that it should go to the Planning and Zoning Board, they would review and make any further recommendations and then it would come back to the Town Commission.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation as it pertains to the comprehensive plan.

Mayor Danzinger asked if this is required by the State.

Town Planner Keller responded to the Commission's questions and explained the process, deadlines and what has to be in the comprehensive plan.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation as it pertains to the CTS memorial and provided a summary of the process.

Consensus was reached to move forward with both items.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation and spoke regarding the code compliance division body worn cameras.

Mayor Danzinger asked regarding the funding for this item.

Consensus was reached on both items.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation and stated this is a one time cost for the integrated CAD system which is needed. He stated that the current system is over 40 years old. He stated this will be a one time implementation cost and the annual cost would be approximately \$65,000 a year. This is the number one priority for the Police Department.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that this Commission will come through for the residents and staff and this Commission will not push things down the road. He stated that if things need to be replaced then it needs to get done.

Commissioner Meischeid agrees.

Commissioner Landsman agrees and he stated that he has heard that prior Commissions were not approachable to invest in the equipment and services needed. He stated that the public needs to know that they will make the investments that will bring better services to the residents.

Consensus was reached to move forward with this item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation and spoke regarding the firearm ammunition.

Consensus was reached to move forward.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation spoke regarding \$10,000 for the dog park to refresh it. That will include new furniture and sod.

Commissioner Landsman asked if artificial turf would be an alternative material surface and it would last longer then the standard turf and if that would be a recommendation.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they will work with the Parks and Recreation Department to explore alternative turf material that complies with the Code.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian addressed the comments made by the Commission regarding the sod at the dog park.

Further discussion took place regarding possible alternatives for the sod for the dog park.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the soccer field and stated that the 96th Street Park will be under construction soon and if they are going to have a soccer program they will need to do this.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the restart of the umbrellas and beach chairs for the residents behind the Community Center. He stated that this is something that should be outsourced. He stated the cost estimate for the luxury beach chairs for 50 chairs and 25 umbrellas and storage of those chairs and umbrellas. He stated this will be funded out of the Tourist Resort Funds.

Mayor Danzinger asked if they are monster chairs or regular chairs.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated they are luxury chairs.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding the cost and location of the chairs.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comments made by Mayor Danzinger.

Commissioner Landsman asked if the amount of chairs is too little or too much.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated that they did an estimate and they felt that going with 50 was a good number to start. He addressed the comments made by the Commission.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that to start with 50 chairs is a good amount and then see if they need more.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comments made and spoke regarding storage.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding replacing the carpet area in the Community Center and it will be replaced with heavy duty laminate.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding radios for the Aquatics Division at the Parks and Recreation Department. This is a one time expense and coming from the Tourist Fund.

Mayor Danzinger asked if the radios are direct and wanted to make sure they were getting something appropriate for the price.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated it is direct.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the full-time Building Inspector and currently they have part-time inspectors.

Mayor Danzinger stated that they do want to move it forward and spoke again regarding the 54% of benefits.

Commissioner Landsman asked if this is sufficient for the Building Official.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that the Building Official would be the backup.

Commissioner Meischeid asked if only one person would be enough.

Assistant Town Manager Greene explained that some will be allowed to use their own private company for inspections and explained the process.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the resurfacing of Harding Avenue and the valve adjustments for water and sewer.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding sanitary sewer and infiltration analysis study and it is required by the State and Miami Dade County.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding a new Parking Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Danzinger asked if they could put a hold on this since they are going to be discussing the automated parking lots.

Consensus was reached to put a hold on the new Parking Enforcement Officer until they determine if they will be moving forward with automated parking lots.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the bullet proof vests.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the handheld radios for the Police Department.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding improvements to the walking paths, increase landscaping and removing the invasive.

Discussion took place among the Commission regarding contribution by other buildings and there being no shade on the walking paths.

Mayor Danzinger asked if they could defer this item to see if they could obtain funding from other means or move forward with this.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated they could look for grants.

Consensus was reached to move this item to FY 2024 budget.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation and spoke regarding a capital project of converting the hard pack.

Consensus was reached to leave it with the green.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the replacement and addition of equipment on the Hawthorne Tot Lot.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the kayak launch at 96th street end.

There was no consensus to move forward. Mayor Danzinger and Vice Mayor Rose were in favor while Commissioner Meisheid and Commissioner Landsman would like more information before moving forward.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding water tot lot/water play structure to replace the sand dollar in the water tot lot.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the

heater for the tot lot pool in the Community Center.

Mayor Danzinger stated that there needs to be a solution so the water is not so cold.

Parks and Recreation Director Milian stated this is not a best practice and could not find one in Dade County or in Broward County. He stated that it is basically throwing money away and explained the cost.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the tennis center.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding bus shelter ADA improvements and funding will come out of the Transportation Fund.

Mayor Danzinger asked regarding how old the shelters are and the federal requirements and why it is being addressed now.

Public Works Director Gomez addressed the comments made by Mayor Danzinger and the cost is the reason why they are addressing it now.

Commissioner Meisheid spoke regarding the bus shelters and garbage cans sticking out as well as the Fendi building.

Further discussion took place among the Commission regarding the replacement of the bus shelters and cost involved.

Consensus was reached to approve as is and then come back if they need changes.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding Byron Avenue traffic calming.

Mayor Danzinger is not ready to move forward with this and the problem is not situated on that street but is Town wide. He prefers to spend the money to do a more comprehensive plan.

Vice Mayor Rose agrees with the Mayor and is good deferring this.

Consensus was reached to defer this item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the manhole rehabilitation program and it needs to be repaired.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the Collins Avenue watermain project and they need to move this along for the \$340,000 for FY23 and will be funded through a grant that they were awarded for 2/3 and it will be funded through state and federal grant funding.

Mayor Danzinger asked if they have accounted with the development orders in place.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they have discussed the development orders in place and that funding is accounted for in this project.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the parking program as requested by the Mayor. He stated that Administration is not recommending moving forward with this at this moment.

Vice Mayor Rose is comfortable with leaving it on until they determine what their parking rates will be.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding using Tourist Resort funding for this item. He spoke regarding parking enforcement not being the solution to the problem. He stated he would like something more modern that will allow them to recoup more revenue.

Consensus was reached to keep this on.

Police Chief Torres spoke regarding the validation of parking and it would be installing a gate.

Consensus was reached to discuss this further in July.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the funding for the Abbott Avenue Drainage project.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the vehicular fleet management.

Mayor Danzinger asked who makes the determination when the vehicles need to be replaced.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that they look at the milage and the year of the vehicle as well as the wear and tear of the vehicle. He stated that they only look at replacing take home vehicles.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding the replacement of three vehicles for the Public Works Department.

Vice Mayor Rose stated it is way overdue and it should have been done.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding an addition to the fleet of a street sweeper.

Mayor Danzinger asked how often it will be going out. He also asked if they could look at some grants.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated it has not been determined at this time how often it will go out.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that the vehicle will come with warranty and the return of investment will be 100%.

Commissioner Landsman is not a fan because no water is being used and just moving it another place and is not in agreement.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene continued with the presentation regarding utility vehicles for the Parks and Recreation Department.

Consensus was reached to move forward with the item.
[FY 2023 Budget Workshop Package.pdf](#)

3. Adjournment


The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Accepted this 12th day of July, 2022.



Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk