



Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
July 12, 2022
5:00 PM
Commission Chambers

1. Opening

1.A Call to Order

Mayor Danzinger called the meeting to order at 5:06 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 Meischheid and Commissioner Fred Landsman.

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez.

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

1.C Pledge of Allegiance

Sgt. Matelis did the pledge of allegiance.

2. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communication

2.A Presentation of FY 2023 Budget and Proposed Operating Millage Rate - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided a presentation with the budget information and recommendations from the Town Commission. He stated that the preliminary budget was just released. He stated that tonight's objective is to set the tentative milage rate which will go in the TRIM noticed in August. He went over the program modifications as well as the revenues and expenditures. He also stated that they will be going over the budget and milage rate. The recommended milage is to maintain it at the 4.200 rate. He spoke regarding the two budget hearing dates. He provided the balance sheet reserves and went over the fund balance and stated that the negative on the Solid Waste was due to COVID.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went over the general fund revenues and expenditure and the projected revenues will be \$17.9 and expected to have a projected spending of \$16.0 million. He went over the percentage based on the departments. He also went over the one time expenditures for specific departments. He spoke regarding the total reserves and their breakdown.

Assistant Town Manager Greene provided a summary of the Tourist Resort Fund revenues and expenditures. He stated the projected expenditures as well as a projected revenue which includes the tennis center. He stated that the Tourist Board had a meeting last night and they might come up with a supplemental request for new programming and events.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went over the Solid Waste Fund revenues and expenditures which includes personnel. He stated that they have to take into account the upcoming union contract. He stated that they are not requesting to add anything into the reserves.

Assistant Town Manager Greene spoke regarding the Water and Sewer Fund revenues and expenditures. He spoke regarding grant funding and the 3% increase in the flow and 2% on base charges. He spoke regarding the rate increase and they are still going to be in the negative.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went over the program modification presentation for all the funds. He also went over the capital outlay projects under the general fund and the capital projects fund.

Vice Mayor Rose handed out a portion of the comprehensive plan and spoke regarding the street ends being considered parks. He stated that this is something he has spoken about and as a Commission they should move forward and place this in the budget for two kayak launches for the central and south end of Town. He stated he would like to start the permitting process and the Parks and Recreation Department is in favor of this.

Commissioner Meischeid asked regarding the green boxes.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that the street ends that are green are labeled parks and all that can be used for is for parks. He stated to at least start the permitting process in central and south end of parks.

Commissioner Landsman stated that they did have this discussion and there are a lot of things coming on board. He stated that 96th Street Park, and Hawthorne Tot Lot are important and large projects. He spoke regarding the new 96th Street Park will have a controlled kayak launch and suggested to wait till the park is built and see if there will be a need for an additional pocket park and kayak launch. He stated he would be in favor to letting this go and then revisit it next year.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that this is just informational and have more time in September to discuss. He stated that the other ones were agreed upon by consensus and a tie would be status quo.

Mayor Danzinger asked if they have to vote item by item.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated no, they are only voting on the milage rate at this meeting.

Commissioner Meischeid asked if there is a time frame of how long it would take to do a kayak beach end as it relates to how long 96th Street Park will take to complete. Also, how long it would take to permit and build a street end launch.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comment made by Commissioner Meischeid. He stated it is an extensive endeavor and explained what has to be done for permitting.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that is why he would like to move this forward.

Mayor Danzinger stated even if they move forward with this, it will still take a while to complete the permitting process.

Assistant Town Manager Greene explained the funding and budgeting process for this request.

Mayor Danzinger stated that the first step is to see if they have support.

Commissioner Meischeid stated she would consider it.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to leave the street end parks for kayak launch, seconded by Commissioner Meischeid. The motion carried with a 3-1 vote with Commissioner Landsman voting in opposition and Commissioner Velasquez absent.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went over the bus shelter items and explained the budgeting and will revisit this area next year.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went over the parking fund and suggested putting this on hold and revisit it at a later time.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding having variable rates for parking.

Assistant Town Manager Greene asked Chief Torres if their existing system can have variable rates.

Chief Torres stated that they cannot increase it as the rates go up but they can set times and adjust those rates.

Mayor Danzinger asked if it is on a real time base to change the rates.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that the system is not in real time but they can look at a system like that.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that he is fine leaving it, but have not heard from DVAC. He

stated that if they are in support he will support it. He stated that the garage is a Bal Harbor garage and not a Surfside garage. He would like to hear back from DVAC to get their input.

Commissioner Meischeid would like to keep this but would like to hear from DVAC to see their input.

Commissioner Landsman asked if the \$300,000 does not add more parking spots but makes it more automated. He prefers to postpone this for another year to see how the Bal Harbor parking garage works and if it will alleviate the parking issue.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that in September is when the garage will be finished.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went through the Abbott Avenue drainage project. He also spoke regarding the fleet management fund and went over the vehicles being purchased.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went over the 10 year look of the milage and property values. He provided a presentation on the differential between homes and condominium values.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that in two years in a row they cut the milage and now they are requesting to keep it the same. He stated that he is concerned with the reduction of the milage and whose recommendation was that.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that since undergrounding became a topic the driver was until that issue was resolved, it was a recommendation by administration to maintain the reserves.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that regardless the cost of the undergrounding, the previous Commission still reduced the milage.

Assistant Town Manager Greene stated that over 2 1/2 years ago the undergrounding was approved in a straw ballot but the funding was decided recently.

Vice Mayor Rose spoke regarding the removal of approximately \$700,000 per year for every year that the milage was reduced.

Assistant Town Manager Greene confirmed what Vice Mayor Rose stated.

Assistant Town Manager Greene went over the tax bill and the way it is divided by percentage that the local municipality receive. He stated that Surfside only receives 21% of the tax bill that is paid to Miami-Dade County and the School Board. He went over the recommended milage rate and read into the record the request for approval of setting the milage rate to 4.2000.

Commissioner Landsman stated that they can reduce it but not increase it later.


A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to adopt the milage rate at 4.2000, seconded by Commissioner Landsman. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with

Commissioner Velasquez absent.

3. Adjournment

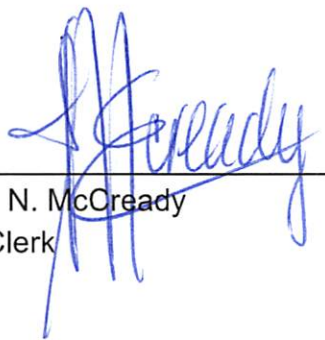
A motion was made by Commissioner Landsman to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m., seconded by Vice Mayor Rose. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Velasquez absent.

Accepted this 9th day of August, 2022.



Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra N. McCreedy
Town Clerk