

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 3218

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2024; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature will begin the 2024 State Legislative Session on January 9, 2024, with the Legislative committee meetings considering bills and budget allocation for 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Town Commission of the Town of Surfside (the "Town") wish for the Town to support State legislative policies beneficial to the Town and its residents and businesses and to advocate for the funding, in whole or in part, of the Town's programs, projects and initiatives with State funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission wishes to make known and advance the Legislative Priorities for the 2024 State Legislative Session, which are attached hereto as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that approval of the Legislative Priorities for the 2024 State Legislative Session is in the best interest of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Approval of Legislative Priorities for 2024 State Legislative Session. The Legislative Priorities for the 2024 State Legislative Session, attached to this Resolution as Attachment "A", are hereby approved.

Section 3. Authorization of Town Officials. The Town Manager and appropriate Town Officials are authorized to support and implement the Legislative Priorities on behalf of the Town. The Town Manager, Town Officials, and the Town Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the Legislative Priorities, including transmittal as necessary to the Florida Legislature.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of October, 2023.

Motion By: Commissioner Landsman
Second By: Mayor Danzinger

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:


Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meisheid	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Jeff Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>

ATTEST:




Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk





Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney



Legislative Priorities for Fiscal Year 2024

1. Life and Safety infrastructure projects to meet fire code such as water main replacement project(s) that serve multi-family buildings.
2. Transportation funding related to traffic calming and ADA walkability compliance in areas that require but have not been implemented.
3. Public Service Commission assistance with undergrounding of utilities. FPL has identified lateral lines to be placed underground in a 30-year plan. Request assistance to achieve this goal in a shorter timeframe and financial support. Or assistance with cost share opportunities between FPL and the Town.
4. Flooding Mitigation – funding for infrastructure improvements projects, designed to localized flooding which impacts local economy. Projects specific to stormwater management to protect property and have roads usable for commuting during heavy rains.
5. Resort/Tourist Tax protection.
6. Strategic Land Acquisition for critical infrastructure expansion to support emergency response capabilities. Acquisition of additional public land is essential for infrastructure development such as sewer lift stations.
7. Addressing Insurance Premium Escalation – we urge assistance in passing legislation to curb the incessant rise in statewide insurance premiums. These escalating costs burden our communities and hinder sustainable growth. Legislative action is vital to alleviate this strain.