

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3356**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, URGING THE DEVELOPER OF 8777 COLLINS AVENUE (EAST OCEANSIDE DEVELOPMENT, LLC.) TO RELOCATE THE ELECTRICAL VAULT CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR THE NORTH SIDE OF THE DEVELOPMENT TO ANOTHER LOCATION ON THAT SITE, NOT ADJACENT TO THE PLANNED “SURFSIDE MEMORIAL” ON 88<sup>TH</sup> STREET.**

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, on 24 June 2021, the collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium (hereinafter, “CTS”) was a singularly tragic event in the history of the Town of Surfside (hereinafter, “Town”), resulting in the loss of 98 lives, the displacement of CTS’ surviving residents, and the destruction of a vibrant community within our Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the current Town Commission has the solemn and sacred responsibility and duty to preserve the memory of that event, and to honor all that was lost on that day; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission, by Resolution 2022-2853, has dedicated the block of 88<sup>th</sup> Street east of Collins Avenue to be the site of a permanent memorial of the CTS collapse; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission, by Resolution 2023-3220, has selected Keith & Associates, Inc. (hereinafter, “Consultant”), to design the “Surfside Memorial” on this block of 88<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS**, East Oceanside Development, LLC (hereinafter, “Developer”), plans to redevelop the site at 8777 Collins Avenue where CTS once stood; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission, by Resolution 2023-Z-3209, has approved Developer’s site plan for a new residential building at 8777 Collins Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, the approved site plan calls for the construction of an electrical vault adjacent to the block of 88<sup>th</sup> Street that the Town has designated for the Surfside Memorial;

**WHEREAS**, on 5 December 2024, the Town’s Consultant presented three conceptual designs for the Surfside Memorial to the Surfside Memorial Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, these designs make it clear that the placement of the planned electrical vault at 8777 Collins Avenue materially affects the design of the Surfside Memorial, and that the access required for periodic service of the vault by Florida Power and Light Company (hereinafter, “FPL”) will detract from the beauty, tranquility, and solemnity of the Surfside Memorial;

**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. Urging Developer to relocate the FPL vault.** The Mayor, Vice Mayor and Town Commission hereby request that Developer move and relocate the FPL electrical vault away from its current location adjacent to the Surfside Memorial and not along 88 Street.

**Section 3. Transmittals.** The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Developer; to FPL; and to the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

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

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

Motion By: Commissioner Coto

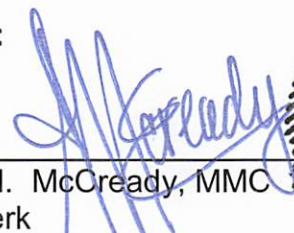
Second By: Vice Mayor Paul

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:**

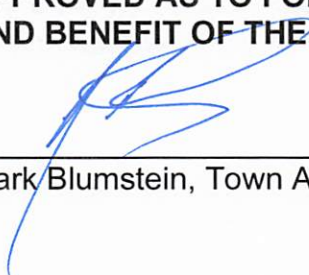
Commissioner Ruben Coto	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles Burkett	<u>Yes</u>

  
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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra N. McCreedy, MMC  
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE  
AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**

  
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Mark Blumstein, Town Attorney

