

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-3546

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, RESTORING THE NAMING OF THE PARK AT BAY DRIVE AND 92ND STREET AS “FLAMINGO GARDEN”, AND THE RESTORATION OF THE ORIGINAL PLAQUE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024, the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside ("Town Commission") adopted Resolution No. 2024-3248, establishing a Sister City relationship with the City of Hialeah, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2024, Surfside Mayor Shlomo Danzinger and Hialeah Mayor Esteban Bovo, Jr. executed a Sister City Agreement between the Town of Surfside and the City of Hialeah, in the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Town Commission approved the acquisition of adjacent land, expanding the available area at Bay Drive and 92nd Street for the purpose of developing a public park where none previously existed; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Town Commission approved the construction of said park with the express intent of dedicating it to the Town's newly established sister city of Hialeah, and officially named the park "Flamingo Garden"; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Sister City relationship, the Town of Surfside gifted the City of Hialeah a large turtle statue for public display, and the City of Hialeah gifted the Town of Surfside a large flamingo statue, which was installed as the centerpiece of the newly constructed park; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2024, the Town Commission, together with members of the Hialeah City Council, formally opened the park and unveiled a commemorative plaque recognizing officials from both municipalities; and

WHEREAS, in September 2024, the commemorative plaque was removed from the park entrance without any resolution, vote, or other official action by the Town Commission authorizing such removal; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2026 in Resolution No. 2026-3509, the Town Commission changed the name of the park to "Little Bay Park" following a townwide

survey that yielded twenty-four (24) responses (presented at the February 10, 2026 Commission meeting); and

WHEREAS, the removal of the plaque and the subsequent renaming of the park were not undertaken in accordance with the Town's established policies and procedures governing historic designations, commemorative markers, or the naming and renaming of public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that the park's original name and commemorative plaque hold historical and diplomatic significance as tangible representations of the Sister City relationship between the Town of Surfside and the City of Hialeah, and that this significance was not adequately considered prior to the plaque's removal or the park's renaming; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission wishes to restore the park's original name to "Flamingo Garden" and plaque, and to reaffirm the Town's commitment to the Sister City relationship it established with the City of Hialeah; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission recognizes and celebrates the partnerships, goodwill, and cultural exchange fostered between the Town of Surfside and the City of Hialeah by previous administrations of both municipalities.

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

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. Each of the above stated recitals are hereby adopted, confirmed, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. Park Renamed. The Town hereby ratifies and approves the renaming of the park at Bay Drive and 92nd Street to its original name, "Flamingo Garden."

Section 3. Plaque Restored. The Town hereby ratifies and approves replacing the recently installed "Little Bay Park" plaque with the original plaque unveiled during the March 15, 2024, dedication of the park.

Section 4. Authorization; Implementation. The Acting Town Manager, Town Attorney and Town Officials are authorized to take any and all necessary or further action to swiftly implement the purposes of this Resolution.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of August, 2026.

Motion By: Commissioner Weingot

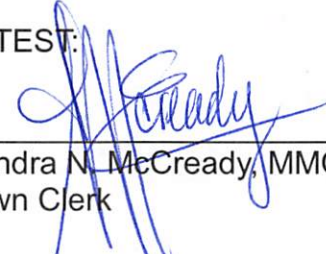
Second By: Mayor Danzinger

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Andrea Travani	<u>No</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>No</u>
Commissioner Dovid Weingot	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Dayana Benmergui	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>



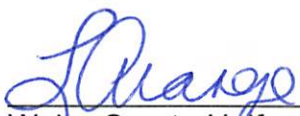
Shlomo Danzinger
Town Mayor

ATTEST: 

Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



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



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