



TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2015

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS / INITIATIVES / ENHANCEMENTS

1. See Click Fix

Report attached.

2. Parking Structure RFEI

The Parking Structure Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI) was issued and advertised on August 3, 2015. Interested respondents have until 2:00 pm September 25, 2015 to submit their information. It is anticipated that the Town Commission will receive a report on the submissions at the October 13, 2015 Town Commission meeting.

3. Resort Tax Board Ordinance

The Tourist Board approved one amendment to the Resort Tax Board Ordinance at the June 1, 2015 meeting. It is anticipated that this item will be brought before the Town Commission at the October 13, 2015 meeting.

PLANNING, ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT

4. Ten Year Water Supply Plan

The Town is required to update its Ten Year Water Supply Plan including identifying any alternate water supply sources and analyzing/updating data from our current supplier. Funds for this project are included in the FY 14/15 Budget. Work Authorization No. 89 – Ten Year Water Supply Plan has been executed with CGA in the amount of \$7,466.92. This was unanimously recommended for approval to the Town Commission by the Planning and Zoning Board at their March 26, 2015 meeting. The Town Commission approved this item until May 12, 2015, on first reading and transmitted it to the State of Florida for review and comment. Once the comments are addressed, we will schedule the item for second reading. It is tentatively scheduled for second reading at the October 2015 Town Commission meeting.

5. Development Applications

- a) 8851 Harding Avenue – A site plan application for a 23 unit development has been submitted to the Town. Staff held a Development Review Meeting with the applicant in January. A resubmittal addressing staff comments has not been received.
- b) 8800 Collins Avenue – A site plan application for a 25 unit development has been submitted to the Town. Staff held a Development Review Meeting with the applicant in March and June and a Development Impact Committee was held on July 22, 2015. Approximately 25 conditions were presented to the applicant and the project was reviewed and approved with conditions at the August 27, 2015 Planning and Zoning Board hearing.
- c) 9415-9421 Harding Avenue – A site plan application for a 145 square foot addition at the rear of the building abutting the alley has been submitted. Staff reviewed the application with the applicant and a Development Impact Committee meeting was held June 23, 2015. The applicant has indicated that they may no longer wish to proceed and has asked to stop any further reviews as this time.
- d) 9011 Collins Avenue – A site plan amendment application for the Surf Club has been received relating to elevation changes and interior breakdown of uses for the north west building. The application is under review and a Development Review meeting has not been scheduled at this time.
- e) 9133-9149 Collins Avenue – A site plan application for the Surf Club II has been received and a Development Review meeting was held on September 4, 2015. The applicant received staff comments and will be required to resubmit revisions prior to scheduling of future meetings. The plans include restoring a 16 dwelling unit historic building (the Seaway Villas) and adding a 34 unit, 12 story building immediately north of the Surf Club I.

TOWN DEPARTMENTS

6. Code Compliance

Code compliance cases settled via settlement agreements after compliance was attained:

Since March of 2012 approximately \$179,170 has been collected for Code Compliance violation related civil penalties, after mitigation or negotiated settlement.

The following is a summary by Fiscal Year:

FY 11/12: 8 cases settled for a total of \$16,875

FY 12/13: 9 cases settled for a total of \$15,750

FY 13/14: 6 cases settled for a total of \$67,293

FY 14/15: To date, 23 cases settled for a total of \$79,752, and a pending settlement for \$40,000.

Finance Department

7. Enterprise Resource Planning – (ERP)

The two ERP vendors that submitted proposals, Tyler Technologies and Springbrook are in the process of being evaluated by the Evaluation Committee. There will be more detailed evaluations of the two ERP vendors by site visits to local governments currently using the applications of these ERP vendors. The goal of the follow up meetings is for each of the Evaluation Committee members to consider functionality, ease of use, service and support, overall product offering and any other added value.

Police Department

8. Public Safety Issues

Traffic: The Town Commission approved the recommendations to reduce the size of the traffic circle, add two sets of curb outs, eliminate the traffic lane lines, and affix “20 MPH” to the roadway. The reduction of the traffic circle and the curb extensions installation were completed August 21, 2015.

Crime Decrease: Below are the Uniform Crime Reports for January to June 2015 and the eight preceding years. Surfside experienced a significant decrease in overall crimes and non-violent crimes particularly in burglaries and thefts for the first six months of the year. Violent crimes did increase as we had four aggravated assaults this time period in 2015 and one aggravated assault this time period in 2014. These crimes were domestic violence related. There was also a decrease in arrests from 75 during the first six months of 2014 to 67 during the first six months of 2015. Violent crimes consist of homicide, sexual battery, robbery, and aggravated assault. Non-violent crimes are burglary, larceny, and motor vehicle theft.

	INDEX TOTAL CRIMES	% CH	VIOLENT CRIME	% CH	NONVIOLENT CRIME	% CH
2007	90	-4.3	13	-50	77	23.1
2008	72	-20	13	0	59	-23.4
2009	84	16.7	12	-7.7	72	22
2010	92	9.5	8	-33.3	84	16.7
2011	87	-5.4	3	-62.5	84	0
2012	82	-5.7	8	166.7	74	-11.9
2013	69	-15.9	5	-37.5	64	-13.5
2014	88	27.5	2	-60	86	34.4
2015	60	-31.8	5	60	55	-36

New Parking Meter Rate: At the August 11, 2015, Town of Surfside Commission Meeting, a Parking Meter rate increase of 25 cents from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per hour was approved and will commence on October 1, 2015. The Parking Meter rate of \$1.25 per hour has been in effect since November of 2011, and increased maintenance and operational costs necessitate the rate increase. The new Parking Meter rate of \$1.50 per hour is comparable to the hourly rates of our surrounding local jurisdictions:

- Sunny Isles: \$2.00
- Bal Harbour: \$2.00
- Bay Harbor: \$1.25
- City of Miami: \$1.50 - \$6.00
- Miami Beach: \$1.75 (South Beach) and \$1.00 (North Beach)
- Coral Gables: \$1.50
- South Miami: \$1.50

As in past years, Surfside residents may participate in the “Annual Resident Parking Program” and purchase up to 3 parking permits per household. An application for the “Annual Resident Parking Permit Program” is included in the September 2015 Gazette and is available at Town Hall during business hours between 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

9. Police Department Events

- The Police Department hosted a Crime Prevention Workshop on August 5, 2015 at 6:30 pm. 17 residents attended and were briefed on crime incidents and crime prevention techniques.
- The missing condo signs on the beach side that note the name of the condominium and numerical address have been replaced. The signs will allow emergency vehicles to easily identify addresses when responding to calls from the beach side. It also allows beachgoers to identify specific addresses when calling police or fire.
- Signs will be added at street entrances to the neighborhoods noting “Slow Down in Our Residential Neighborhoods. Keep Surfside Safe.” This project is expected to be completed by the end of August.
- Five teens from the Surfside/ Bal Harbour/ Bay Harbor Islands Police Explorer Post #4 graduated from the Miami-Dade College School of Justice Explorer Academy in August. Surfside Community Service Aide Danny Sanchez assisted during the academy. CSA Sanchez is a former Captain with the Miami Beach Police Explorer Program.
- Registration is in progress for the 14th Surfside Citizens Police Academy. The CPA is September 8 – November 17, 2015 from 6-9 pm in the police training room. The classes include Patrol Procedures, Fire Rescue, Aviation, K-9, Crime Scene, Marine Patrol, Driving Range, Homicide Investigation, Legal and the Court System, and the Firearms Range. Residents, visitors, and business persons can contact Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein or Neighborhood Resource Officer Dianna Hernandez for further information or apply on the website.
- The prescription drug drop off day was August 26, 2015 at Town Hall.

- The monthly Bike with the Chief was August 23, 2015 at Town Hall and Coffee with the Cops was August 25, 2015 at Starbucks.
- Lt. Bambis attended the Accreditation Manager Conference on August 18 and 19, 2015 and will oversee our accreditation process. The Police Department is preparing for its upcoming law enforcement re-accreditation with a mock exercise next month and the final assessment in December 2015.

Projects Progress Updates

10. Information Technology & TV Broadcasts

The addition of music capability for Channel 77 was approved. Once Finance processes payment, the work will be accomplished; IT will be migrated the fileshare to a new server at the end of August; IT is researching templates for Police ID Cards.

11. Town-Owned Seawall Repair

The Contractor has completed seawall construction and rip-rap installation at all sites; Site #1 (Surfside Park on Bay Drive; south of 96th Street), Site #2 (the street end at 95th Street), Site #3 (Froude Ave), Site #4 (Biscaya Dr.) and Site #5 (the street end at Carlyle Avenue). Remaining activities include site(s) restoration, and clean-up of the Contractor's staging area (north of the entrance / bridge to Indian Creek. Restoration of the 96th Street Park (Site #1) is receiving priority due to the upcoming scheduled Town recreational activities.

All work is expected to be accomplished ahead of the project final completion date.

Respectfully submitted:

Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager