



Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
May 1, 2018
6 p.m.

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor
Surfside, FL 33154

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mayor Dietch called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Commissioner Karukin, Commissioner Paul and Commissioner Cohen. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky arrived at 6:19 p.m.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Discussion Items

A. Beach Furniture Presentation and Discussion

Town Manager Olmedillo provided an overview of the item with a PowerPoint presentation.

Town Manager Olmedillo recommended the following for beach furniture:

- Include all regulations in the Ordinance, which will be reviewed annually
- Adjust permit fees to \$250 annually for condominiums and \$500 annually for hotels
- Allow up to 40 chairs to be stored overnight with a maximum height of 4' per stack
- Tag each chair with ownership identification
- Each chair stack must be properly tied down with tarps
- A box like structure under each chair stack to prevent turtles from nesting under the stack
- Only allow vehicle usage to those who have their overnight storage on private property
- Offer 40 chairs behind the Community Center to give access to beach chairs for residents who do not have access to a condo or hotel and are seeking chair service

- All beach furniture must be removed by the Beach Furniture Permit Holders under extreme weather conditions

Mayor Dietch opened the meeting to public comments.

Public Speakers:

- Meir Cosiol
- Jennifer Rotker
- Jerry Rodriguez
- Joel Simmonds
- Michael Kashtan
- Pamela Mishkin
- George Kousoulas
- Jeffrey Platt
- Andrea Travani

No one else wishing to speak, Mayor Dietch closed the public comments.

Town Manager Olmedillo addressed some of the questions raised by the public.

After some discussion by the Town Commission and staff, Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to direct Staff to prepare a revised ordinance that will supersede all previously adopted ordinances that incorporate the following concepts;

- that a beach furniture operator be required to obtain a permit, that the permit fee be \$500 per year for a hotel and \$250 for a condominium.
- That a beach furniture operator be required to provide proof of insurance on an annual basis.
- That a 12 ft. access way be provided clear at all times at the back of the beach adjacent to the dune for access of emergency and town vehicles.
- That an access way be provided at all times at street endings and that a beach furniture operator not be permitted to put beach furniture in that access way point at the street endings or in front of any temporary or permanent lifeguard stand.
- That a beach furniture operator be required to move all beach furniture off the beach within 3 hours of issuance of a storm warning.
- That all stacked chair heights be limited to no greater than 4 ft. in height.
- That all stacked beach chairs be covered and secured with a tarp and tied down or something equivalent in nature.
- That a frame or box be put underneath any stacked beach chairs in order to prevent sea turtles from nesting underneath the chairs.
- That morning set ups for condominiums be no greater than 10% of the residential dwelling units of the condominiums.
- That storage boxes and similar structures shall not be permitted.
- The beach furniture operator shall be required on an annual basis to submit for the Town Manager's approval an operational plan that shall include the following operational details;
 - transportation of beach chairs, including the use of vehicles or hand carts with it being the preference of this Commission to phase out the use of any gas or diesel-powered vehicles over the next 12 months in favor of electric powered or manual carts.

- The operational plan shall also include the Town Manager's review of storage plans, set up plans, and any other operational aspects that the Manager deems to be within the concepts of health safety and welfare.
- The operational plan shall be submitted and reviewed every 12 months for approval.

The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen and the motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Paul and Commissioner Karukin voting in opposition.

All of the members of the Town Commission with the exception of Commissioner Paul directed staff to engage in a dialogue with FDEP regarding the feasibility of creating a notch or carve out within or adjacent to the dune for storage of beach furniture. Discussion ensued regarding the need to keep the administrative policy. After some discussion, the administrative policy remains.

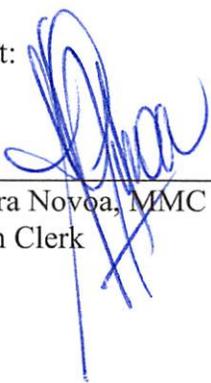
3. Adjournment

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 12th day of June, 2018

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk



Daniel Dietch, Mayor