



**Town of Surfside  
Regular Town Commission Meeting  
MINUTES**

**January 8, 2019**

**7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Surfside, FL 33154

**1. Opening**

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Dietch called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**B. Roll Call of Members**

Town Clerk Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Vice Mayor Gielchinsky, Commissioner Karukin and Commissioner Paul. Commissioner Cohen was absent.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chief Yero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Commissioner Paul wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky wished everyone a Happy New Year. He also thanked all his colleagues for their support of the Airbnb item.

**E. Agenda and Order of Business Additions, deletions and linkages**

Commissioner Paul made a motion to move item 9C after Good and Welfare. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor with Commissioner Cohen absent.

**F. Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Mayor Daniel Dietch thanked those who attended the Town Hall meeting in December. He will prepare some notes that will be shared through the Town's website for those who were not able to attend.

He also thanked Ms. Shaina Douglas for bringing the Inaugural Winter Music Festival on December 31, 2018.

He discussed the coordination among Bay Harbor, Bal Harbour and FIU with the Town's Shuttle Bus transportation services study to improve those services for the community. He asked the residents to participate in a survey found on the Town's website. The deadline is January 25, 2019.

He discussed the golf cart service that the Tourist Board is conducting on a trial basis during January and February and it is in addition to the shuttle bus service.

He discussed the Blanket Drive for animal services being hosted by Miami Dade County Animal Control Services in collaboration with the Miami Dade County Public Library system is holding its Annual Blanket Drive for animal services to help sheltered pets stay warm and you can find more information on Miami Dade County Library's website.

The Tourist Board sponsored boot camp event will take place on Thursday January 17, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the beach. More information can be found on the Town's website.

He discussed the street sweeping schedule on January 14 and 28, 2019, schedule which can be found on the Town's website.

He mentioned the Martin Luther King event on January 21, 2019 by giving back to the community and find locations [www.nationalservices.com](http://www.nationalservices.com) and the link is also available on the Town website and advised the Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 21, 2019.

He mentioned the Police Department is hosting its Bike Ride with the Chief on January 24, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The next Coffee with the Cops will be held on January 25, 2019 at Starbucks on Harding Avenue at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Paul spoke regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's Family Fun Day at the end of the month. The time and date can be found in the Gazette.

## **2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings - None**

**3. Consent Agenda (Set for approximately 7:30 p.m.)**

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus the pulled item (3F). The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor with Commissioner Cohen absent.

**A. Minutes – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk**

Adopted on consent with amendments previously made and submitted to the Commission.

- December 11, 2018 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes

**\*B. Town Manager's Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Adopted on consent

**\*C. Town Attorney's Report – Weiss Serota, Town Attorney**

Adopted on consent

**D. Committee Reports – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

- August 9, 2018 Pension Board Meeting Minutes
- October 22, 2018 Special Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- November 14, 2018 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- November 26, 2018 Park and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

**E. Jose Marti Proclamation Approval – Commissioner Tina Paul**

Commissioner Karukin had some questions related to the item. Commissioner Paul addressed his concerns.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approve. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

**F. Resolution Authorizing Expenditure of Forfeiture Funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 POLICE FORFEITURE FUND EXPENDITURES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Adopted on consent

- G. Procurement of Six Police Vehicles, Two (2) Ford SUV and Four (4) Ford Police SUV Interceptor Vehicles – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR AN EXEMPTION FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Adopted on consent

- H. Resolution for Downtown Vision Advisory Committee Charter – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, RE-ESTABLISHING THE DOWNTOWN VISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE; ADOPTING THE COMMITTEE'S CHARTER AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Adopted on consent

**4. Ordinances**

***(Set for approximately N/A p.m.) (Note: Good and Welfare must begin at 8:15)***

- A. Second Reading Ordinances**

***(Set for approximately N/A p.m.) (Note: Good and Welfare must begin at 8:15)***

- B. First Reading Ordinances**

**5. Resolutions and Proclamations**

***(Set for approximately 8:30 p.m.) (Note: Depends upon length of Good and Welfare)***

- A. Social Media and Media Inquiry Policy Adoption for Town of Surfside – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A SOCIAL MEDIA AND MEDIA INQUIRY POLICY FOR THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk Novoa read the title of the resolution.

Rachel Pinzur from Pinzur Communication presented the item.

Commissioner Karukin spoke about some concerns he had related to the item.

Commissioner Paul expressed her concerns related to this item and stated that she had issues with the original position itself. She believed the position was originally approved to communicate with the residents and not an extension of what the Tourist Board currently does.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky provided his view and support of the item.

Commissioner Paul responded to Vice Mayor Gielchinsky's comments and the way people want to communicate. She does not see any benefits received by what they are spending. She also mentioned that she suggested a workshop and to know how people want to be communicated by and what means they prefer.

Commissioner Karukin disagreed with Commissioner Paul on having a workshop. He stated that people communicate in different ways and does not feel they will get a universal way of how people communicate.

Discussion among the Commission continued on the different sources of communication through social media.

The following residents spoke on the item:

Sasha Plutno  
Eliana Salzhauer

After some discussion Commissioner Karukin made a motion to defer the item to the February 12, 2018 Regular Commission meeting and to bring back more information such as a scope of work, different vendors to be used, direct and indirect cost and different platforms. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Paul voting in opposition.

## **6. Good and Welfare (Set for approximately 8:15 p.m.)**

Eliana Salzhauer spoke about the beach furniture and the impact on people's quality of life.

Deborah Dawson spoke about the beach furniture and the beach chair operator's behavior.

Jennifer Rotker spoke about beach safety, vehicles on the beach and sea turtles.

Yolanda Gonzalez spoke about her property and the installation of artificial turf.

Sasha Plutno spoke about recycling mandate for restaurants and beach chairs.

George Kousoulas spoke about the Tourism budget, the use of the funds and how the majority of the dollars come from the different hotels.

Maggie McMonagle spoke about beach chairs.

Pamela O'Hagan read a statement from Cheryl E. Hodowud related to Commissioners' priorities.

Amparo Korbel spoke about the Surfside walking path and the wood poles and ropes are in bad condition.

Marcia Teixeira spoke about enforcement and beach chairs.

Sheryl Goldberg spoke about the pollution on the beach due to the beach chairs. She spoke about the difficulty in walking on Harding Avenue due to the restaurants tables and chairs being set up on the sidewalks. She also spoke about the Town's PIO.

Charles Kesl spoke about development, beach access, turtles and organizational issues that he believes exist.

Carl Henderson spoke about the beach conditions.

Commissioner Karukin addressed the public and provided some clarifications on what was previously stated by one of the public speakers.

Commissioner Paul addressed the public speakers on different subjects.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky read a quote from Dr. Seuss into the record.

Mayor Dietch encouraged Commissioner Paul to bring the artificial turf item back to the Commission if she would like to go in a different direction than what was previously adopted. He also addressed the public and provided some clarification on different subjects spoken about during Good and Welfare.

**7. Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports**

Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports have been moved to the Consent Agenda – Item 3.

*All items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine or status reports by the Town Commission and will be approved by one motion. Any Commission member may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and discussed separately.*

**8. Unfinished Business and New Business**

**9. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communications**

**A. Beach Nourishment [Verbal] – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Assistant Town Manager Tavares presented the item to the Town Commission and provide information available from the Army Corps of Engineers as of today.

Commissioner Karukin thanked the Mayor for spearheading this project and to all the Staff that is making it happen. He also posed some questions that were answered by the Assistant Town Manager.

The Assistant Town Manager announced that someone from the Army Corps of Engineers may be attending a future meeting.

The following residents spoke on the item:

Jennifer Rotker  
Sasha Plutno

**B. Parking Analysis – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Town Manager Olmedillo presented the item to the Town Commission.

The following residents spoke on the item:

Eliana Salzhauer  
Maggie McMonagle  
George Kousoulas

Commissioner Paul would like to receive some statistics from the Parking Enforcement Department regarding the usage in the different lots and from the hotels to see if they have any surplus. Town Manager Olmedillo explained that the parking enforcement supervisor reports when lots are full and offered a motion to direct management to have the Parking Enforcement Department take counts during different times and different dates.

After some discussion, Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to authorize the Town Manager to move forward with recommendation number 1, located on page 129 of the agenda packet. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin. The motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Paul voting in opposition.

Option 1 is to "Authorize a parking demand study tailored to Surfside that will include peak and average demands".

**C. Abbott Avenue Drainage Improvements – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**\*\*Item was taken after Good and Welfare.\*\***

Town Manager Olmedillo introduced the item.

Chris Giordano from Calvin Giordano and Associates (CGA) presented the item to the Town Commission.

Commission discussion ensued about the different options proposed by CGA.

The following residents spoke on the item:

Eliana Salzhauer

Deborah Cimadevilla – Commissioner Tina Paul made a motion to extend 1 minute for speaker Cimadevilla. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

After discussion among the Commission, Commissioner Paul made a motion to defer to the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**D. Paced Development - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Town Manager Olmedillo presented the item to the Town Commission.

Commissioner Karukin supports the concept and would like to include the total population

Commissioner Paul supports this but would like to know how would this affect projects that have already been approved. She would like to see a moratorium on redevelopment while this is being worked out. She also had some questions regarding a section of the comprehensive plan.



Commissioner Paul spoke about some points she liked and would like to focus on. On page 139 there is moratorium that talks about transient units and on page 140, she spoke about the environmental impacts and affordable housing being key concerns. She also stated that on page 141, traffic conditions and school capacities is another concern.

The following residents spoke on the item:

Eliana Salzhauer  
George Kousoulas

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky asked Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo where they are in terms of aging of the sewer pipes and the status of the upgrades.

Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo addressed Vice Mayor Gielchinsky's question regarding the status of upgrades and that about 25% are still undersized.

Discussion on the capacity of the sewer lines and pipes continued among the Commission and staff.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion directing the Town Manager to meet with the administration to see what is in the best interest of the Town and come back to the Commission with the status and a report of his recommendation. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

**E. Zoning Code Feedback – Mayor Daniel Dietch**

Mayor Dietch presented the item to the Town Commission.

After some discussion, there was consensus to place the Zoning Code Feedback survey on the Town's Website and to schedule a workshop in the month of February.

**F. Establishing Priorities for the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee – Commissioner Michael Karukin**

Commissioner Karukin presented the item to the Town Commission.

The following residents spoke on the item:

George Kousoulas

After a discussion, there was consensus among the members of the Commission for the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee to prioritize the Dune Management Plan.

A discussion took place related the mitigation and resiliency.

**G. Town Manager Annual Performance Evaluation – Mayor Daniel Dietch**  
Mayor Dietch presented the item to the Town Commission.

The following residents spoke on the item:  
Eliana Salzhauer

There was a consensus amongst the Commission to move forward with the form and deadlines.

**H. Abbott Lot Unsolicited Proposal (P3) - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**  
Town Manager Olmedillo presented the item to the Town Commission.

Town Attorney Arango read the timeline into the record and requested direction from the Commission

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to extend the meeting 15 minutes. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

The following residents spoke on the item:  
Eliana Salzhauer  
Maggie McMonagle

Commissioner Karukin stated on the record that the owner of the Post Office emailed everyone in the Commission and that he met with him and he is interested.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to agree to a temporary suspension until the February 12, 2019 meeting and provide a courtesy notice to Mr. Feldman. Mayor Dietch made a friendly amendment to direct staff to prepare a resolution to terminate this project. Vice Mayor Gielchinsky accepted the Mayor's friendly amendment. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

Vice Mayor Gielchinsky made a motion to add a discussion item as Item 9I to discuss the Post Office Lot not to exceed 5 minutes. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

**I. Post Office Lot – Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky**  
Vice Mayor Gielchinsky introduced the item.

Commissioner Karukin gave a status of the item and the history of this lot.

Commissioner Paul stated that she answered his email and discussed her comments on this item and the lot.


Discussion continued on the item among the Commission.

**10. Adjournment**

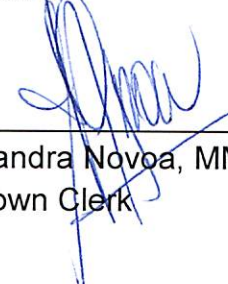
There being no further business, Commissioner Paul made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin. The meeting adjourned at 12:14 a.m. on January 9, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019.

  
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Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Sandra Novoa, MMC  
Town Clerk