



**Town of Surfside  
Special Town Commission Meeting  
MINUTES**

**April 17, 2023**

**3:30 PM**

Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Avenue  
Surfside, FL 33154

**1. Opening**

**1.A Call to Order**

Mayor Danzinger called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

**1.B Roll Call of Members**

Town Clerk McCready called the roll with the following members present:

Present: Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Commissioner Marianne Meisheid, Commissioner Fred Landsman and Commissioner Nelly Velasquez.

Also Present: Town Attorney Lillian Arango and Human Resources Director Yamileth Slate McCloud.

**1.C Pledge of Allegiance**

Chief Healy provided the pledge of allegiance.

**2. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communication**

**2.A Discussion and Selection of a New Town Manager**

Mayor Danzinger thanked all the applicants and candidates that interviewed today. He spoke regarding what took place at the January 10th Commission Meeting regarding setting up a process for the hiring of a Town Manager. He also discussed the number of resumes that were received and the process of review, the short list and today's round robin interview process that took place. He stated that they interviewed four candidates. He spoke regarding the process that will take place today and the scoring system.

Mayor Danzinger opened the floor to public comments.

The following individual from the public spoke:

Jeff Zomper spoke against the town manager having a contract and the contract

works for the benefit of the candidate.

Mayor Danzinger closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Landsman thanked Human Resources Director Slate McCloud for the hard work she did with the recruitment process.

Commissioner Meisheid stated it was a great process they went through and it brought professional people to the table.

Commissioner Velasquez thanked Human Resources Director Slate McCloud for screening the 140 resumes received. She stated that putting out that large number of salaries brought about more candidates that applied for the position. She spoke regarding the candidates that were interviewed and thanked them. She stated it is important having someone that will be moving forward all the capital improvement projects that the Town has coming and for that person to continue to run the Town in a very healthy financial way.

Vice Mayor Rose thanked Human Resources Director Slate McCloud and the Town Clerks for the work being done and appreciates the candidates for their time as well.

Mayor Danzinger thanked the candidates and staff that went through the 140 resumes that brought forward some good candidates.

Town Clerk McCready explained what they will be doing now in ranking the candidates and Human Resources Director Slate McCloud will pick the sheets up and they will calculate the points.

Mayor Danzinger clarified that this is the Commission's process and there is nothing in the Charter that states what the process has to be and therefore it is up to the Commission.

Town Clerk McCready read the scores into the record. First Place, Hector Gomez, second place Thomas Hudka, third place is Christia Alou, fourth place is Quinn Robertson.

Town Attorney Arango asked for a motion appointing Hector Gomez as Town Manager and to direct the Town to negotiate a contract.

Commissioner Velasquez asked if they will be deciding on the salary now.

Mayor Danzinger stated that it will not be done now.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to appoint Hector Gomez as the Town Manager and for Mayor Danzinger and Town Attorney Arango to negotiate a contract with Mr. Gomez and bring it back to the Commission, seconded by Commissioner Meisheid. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

### **3. Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss before the Commission a motion was made by Commissioner Landsman to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Accepted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

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Sandra N. McCready, MPA, MMC  
Town Clerk