

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-3294

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, RE-ESTABLISHING THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCY COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND RECOMMEND POLICIES TO THE TOWN COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR THE COMMITTEE'S CHARTER AND ORGANIZATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Surfside ("Town") is a coastal municipality that abuts the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay along much of its borders; and

WHEREAS, sea level rise, climate change and other environmental issues are a concern for the sustainability and resiliency of the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town desired to be proactive and address such issues by implementing polices or programs that promote efficient, cost effective building and infrastructure improvements and policies that protect and mitigate any damage to the Town's beaches, buildings, infrastructure and environment; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2016-2378, the Town Commission established the Sustainability Subcommittee advisory to the Planning & Zoning Board ("Subcommittee") to study and recommend policies and programs to strengthen resiliency and tasked the Subcommittee to address sea level rise as an element in Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, having completed its purpose and tasks, the Town Commission, by Resolution 2018-2519, abolished the Subcommittee and simultaneously established a new Sustainability and Resiliency Committee ("Committee") to serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Commission pursuant to Resolution 2018-2518;

and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission, by Resolution 2020-2688, determined that the objectives and tasks of the Committee were fulfilled and thereby abolished same; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission now seeks to reestablish the Committee comprised of members with expert knowledge and experience on the issue of sustainability and resiliency for coastal municipalities to produce the best and most effective policies, including as to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Section 31 of the Charter, the Town Commission may appoint boards and commissions to be composed of citizens who are registered qualified electors of Miami-Dade County Florida, whose legal residence is in the Town of Surfside; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that it is necessary to establish the Committee to study and recommend policies and programs that strengthen the resiliency of our community, improve natural and engineered resources, prevent harm to the natural and built environment, and benefit the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Committee shall identify, study and propose policies for the Town Commission's consideration for the purpose of implementing sustainable and resilient policies, as further detailed in the Charter attached hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission finds that re-establishing the Committee is in the best interest of the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The above and foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Re-establishment of Sustainability and Resiliency Committee. The Town Commission hereby re-establishes the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee ("Committee") as a continuing committee that will serve in an advisory capacity to the Town Commission to study and recommend sustainability and resiliency policies, programs, and improvements for consideration and implementation by the Town Commission. The Committee shall comply with Section 2-204 of the Town Code and shall be subject to Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine and Public Records Laws and the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and Town of Surfside Code of Ethics.

Section 3. Charter: Organization. The Town Commission hereby approves and adopts the Committee's Charter, attached hereto as Exhibit "A." The Committee shall identify, study, review and recommend policies, programs, and initiatives to the Town Commission for the implementation of sustainable and resilient policies.

Section 4. Authorization and Implementation. The Town Clerk and Town Manager are hereby authorized and directed to take any and all such action as may be required to implement the Committee and the purposes of this Resolution.


Section 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June, 2024.

Motion By: Vice Mayor Paul
Second By: Commissioner Vildostegui

FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:

Commissioner Ruben A. Coto	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Charles W. Burkett	<u>Yes</u>



Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

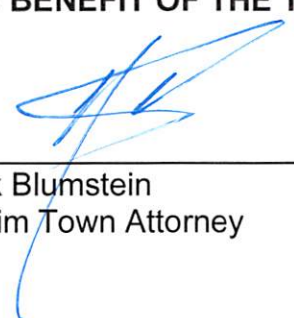
ATTEST:



Sandra McCready, MMC
Town Clerk



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



Mark Blumstein
Interim Town Attorney

Exhibit "A"
Sustainability and Resiliency Committee Charter

The Sustainability and Resiliency Committee ("Committee") Charter establishes the objectives, goals and purposes of the Committee as an advisory and continuing committee to the Town Commission, and the organizational structure of the Committee:

A. Objective and Goals: To study, identify and recommend policies to the Town Commission for adoption and implementation by the Town of Surfside ("Town") to address future risk and economic losses associated with climate change, sea level rise and flooding, and foster sustainable growth patterns, transit, and the use of sustainable building techniques with the goal of:

1. Adapting and mitigating to climate change and sea level rise;
2. Promoting green and sustainable building, construction and operations;
3. Protecting, restoring, optimizing and creating green spaces;
4. Improving alternative transportation and mobility; and
5. Increased environmental awareness and stewardship of ecosystems; and
6. Improving design, construction, maintenance of buildings and infrastructure.

B. Purpose: The purpose of the Committee is to identify, study, and recommend policies and programs that strengthen the sustainability and resiliency of our community. The Committee shall provide its expert input and adopt recommendations to the Town Commission.

C. Composition, Appointment, and Qualifications:

The Committee shall consist of five (5) voting members and two (2) non-voting liaison members from the Town Commission and the Planning and Zoning Board. The five (5) voting members shall be comprised of the following:

1. One (1) member shall possess expertise in engineering, planning or architecture, with a focus on infrastructure.
2. One (1) member shall possess expertise in community and real estate development.
3. One (1) member shall possess expertise in one or more of the following areas: environmental, climatology; geophysics; coastal management, oceanography or coastal ocean science.
4. One (1) member shall possess expertise in emergency management.
5. One (1) member shall possess expertise in economics, finance and/or risk management.

Members shall be appointed as follows:

1. Each of the five (5) Town Mayor and Commissioners shall appoint one (1) person to serve as a voting member of the Committee.
2. One (1) non-voting member shall be a Town Commissioner appointed by the Town Commission and shall serve as a liaison member.
3. One (1) non-voting member shall be a Planning and Zoning Board member appointed by the Planning and Zoning Board and shall serve as a liaison member.

D. Organization: The Committee shall meet a minimum of once per quarter and provide recommendations, or a report, to the Town Commission. The chair of the Committee shall have the ability to call additional meetings, upon an affirmative vote of the Committee. The Committee shall comply with Section 2-204 of the Town Code and shall be subject to Florida's Government-in-the-Sunshine and Public Records Laws and the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and Town of Surfside Code of Ethics.