



**Town of Surfside
Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES**

January 12, 2016

7 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 7:01 P.M.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Dietch, Commissioner Karukin and Commissioner Cohen. Commissioner Olchyk arrived at 7:03 p.m. and Vice Mayor Tourgeman was absent.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Commissioner Cohen reminded all that there are only three more Commission Meetings before elections. He said he was honored to have served and enjoyed it. He believes this Commission has accomplished many things. He urged everyone that if they want their voice to be heard they must register and vote in the upcoming election.

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

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to add a discussion item as 9-I regarding garbage rates. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to link Items 9C and 9H. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

F. Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Mayor Dietch announced the upcoming community events which can be found in the Gazette and on the Town's website.

G. Presentation of Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

– Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Manager Olmedillo said the town received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The award was issued by the Government Finance Officers Association and the Manager read a letter from the Association which stated that this is a very high honor. Mayor Dietch reminded all that this was the fifth year in a row that the town has received this honor.

Manager Olmedillo recognized Finance Director Nelson and his staff for their hard work.

2. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Karukin pulled Item 3H.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the consent agenda minus the pulled items. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen and all voted in favor with Commissioner Olchyk absent for the vote and Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

A. Minutes – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

December 8, 2015 Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

B. Budget to Actual Summary as of October 31, 2015 – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

***C. Town Manager’s Report** – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

1. See Click Fix
2. Development Applications
3. Alleyway Improvements
4. Code Compliance Payments on Code Compliance Cases
5. Parks and Recreation Programs
6. Police Department Re-Accreditation Dates Changed to January 20, 21 and 22.
7. Auto Crimes
8. Police Events
9. 2016 Election Candidates’ Forums
10. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts
11. Beach Access
12. Sand Replacement Project Update

***D. Town Attorney’s Report** – Linda Miller, Town Attorney

E. Committee Reports – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

- November 19, 2015 Planning and Zoning Board Minutes

F. Work Utility Vehicle 4x4 – Beach/Lifeguard Operations – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING, AFTER THE FACT, THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,400.00 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT BUDGETED ACCOUNT NO. 001-6000-572-64-10, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW 4x4 WORK UTILITY VEHICLE; AS PART OF THE DAILY

BEACH/LIFEGUARD OPERATIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on consent

- G. Purchase a 2015 Kubota RTVX 900 off-road utility vehicle – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING, AFTER THE FACT, THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,960.00 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 PUBLIC WORKS FUND ACCOUNT NO. 001-5000-539-6410, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 KUBOTA RTVX-900 OFF-ROAD UTILITY VEHICLE; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on consent.

- H. Purchase a 2015 Mack Truck with dump and grapple – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager (Item pulled by Commissioner Karukin)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING, AFTER THE FACT, THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,965.00 FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 PUBLIC WORKS FUND ACCOUNT NO. 403-4000-534-6410, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2015 MACK TRUCK WITH DUMP AND GRAPPLE; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Public Speaker Victor May had questioned the amount of money spent and the number of trucks and drivers the city has. Manager Olmedilla explained the budget process and Director Kroll gave information on the trucks we now have and the new one needed.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Mayor Dietch, after passing the gavel. The motion carried with Mayor Dietch and Commissioner Karukin in favor and Commissioner Olchyk in opposition. Commissioner Cohen and Vice Mayor Tourgeman were absent.

I. Approval of Expenditure of Forfeiture Funds to Purchase Less Lethal Equipment – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 POLICE CONFISCATION FUND EXPENDITURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,041.60 FROM THE FORFEITURE FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF LESS LETHAL EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND APPROVAL; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Approved on consent.

3. Quasi-Judicial Hearings (none)

4. Ordinances

A. Second Reading Ordinances

1. Corridor Analysis – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 90 ZONING TO IMPLEMENT THE CORRIDOR ANALYSIS PROPOSALS FOR THE AREA BETWEEN COLLINS AND HARDING AVENUES FROM 94TH STREET TO 88TH STREET; AMENDING SECTION 90-2 “DEFINITIONS”; AMENDING SECTION 90-44 “MODIFICATIONS OF HEIGHT REGULATIONS”; AMENDING SECTION 90-45 “SETBACKS”; AMENDING SECTION 90-50 “ARCHITECTURE AND ROOF DECKS”; AMENDING SECTION 90-50.1 “ARCHITECTURE”; AMENDING SECTION 90-51 “MAXIMUM FRONTAGE OF BUILDINGS”; AMENDING SECTION 90-61 “PAVING IN FRONT AND REAR YARDS IN H31 AND H40 DISTRICTS”; AMENDING SECTION 90-61.2 “CURB CUTS FOR PROPERTIES FRONTING ON COLLINS AVENUE HARDING AVENUE AND EVERY EAST-WEST STREET IN BETWEEN COLLINS AVENUE AND HARDING AVENUE, EXCLUDING H30B DISTRICT PROPERTIES”; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

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Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

Mayor Dietch wanted it clear that there is an establishment for historic districts. Town Planner Sinatra said this ordinance has exclusion for historic properties and gave more details.

Mayor Dietch opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker Mathew Barnes wanted to thank everyone who worked on this ordinance and had one minor request for a change. He asked that the extra five foot setback be removed. Mayor Dietch and Commissioner Olchyk were not in favor of the request. No one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

2. 150 Feet of Frontage in H120 – Commissioner Michael Karukin

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING CHAPTER 90 ZONING SECTION 90-51. "MAXIMUM FRONTAGE OF BUILDINGS"; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 90-51.1 CONTINUOUS WALL FRONTAGE OF 150 FEET IN THE H120 DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion for discussion. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all were in favor.

Commissioner Cohen asked what the difference was between this ordinance and the one previously presented. Town Planner Sinatra gave more details on the difference between the two ordinances. Commissioner Karukin also gave more details on the item.

Mayor Dietch opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker George Kousoulas had a visual presentation of the skyline pattern that has developed in Surfside and supports the ordinance. Public Speaker Marianne Meisheid would like the code language to go back to the 2008 language.

No one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and the motioned carried 3/1 with Commissioner Cohen voting in opposition. Vice Mayor Tourgeman was absent.

3. Resort Tax Ordinance Amendment– Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION AND THE RESORT TAX BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 70 “TAXATION” AND SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 70-126 “POWER AND DUTIES” OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Mayor Dietch opened the public hearing.

No one wishing to speak the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

B. First Reading Ordinances

1. Second Floor Balcony – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 90, ARTICLE IV “DISTRICT REGULATIONS”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 90-48. “MODIFICATION OF SIDE AND REAR YARD REGULATIONS”; CLARIFYING SECOND FLOOR BALCONIES OR TERRACES WILL NOT BE COUNTED TOWARDS THE SETBACK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

**2. Vacant Lot Fencing Ordinance Amendment – Guillermo Olmedillo,
Town Manager**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 14 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”; ARTICLE III “PROPERTY MAINTENANCE STANDARDS”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 14-55 “MAINTENANCE OF VACANT LOTS”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

**3. Contract Requirements for Non-Discrimination –
Commissioner Barry Cohen**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 3 “PURCHASING”; SPECIFICALLY CREATING SECTION 3-1.1. “NON-DISCRIMINATION; CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS; WAIVER”; PROHIBITING THE TOWN FROM PROCURING GOODS OR SERVICES FROM, OR OTHERWISE CONTRACTING WITH A BUSINESS WHICH ENGAGES IN THE BOYCOTT OF A PERSON OR ENTITY BASED ON RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, GENDER, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the ordinance. Commissioner Cohen and Town Attorney Miller gave details of the item.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Olchyk and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

5. Resolutions and Proclamations

6. Good and Welfare

Mayor Dietch opened the meeting to Good and Welfare.

Public Speakers:

-Dr. Marvin Shuster spoke about speeding in residential areas and suggested speed bumps to curtail the traffic.

-Lou Cohen said the Commission should establish a communication with the people who cannot attend the meetings but want to participate and be able to ask questions from home.

-Larisa Alonso spoke about putting in sheds and the process which she feels is a waste of time and money. She also spoke about a special letter that was posted on the website and also placed in the Gazette about the beach sand replacement project. She said there was no acknowledgement of the many residents, Vice Mayor Tourgeman or the Sand Committee who worked very hard to get this resolved. She further stated that the administration failed to acknowledge who was at fault in this issue.

-Deborah Cimadevilla also spoke about the Manager's letter that was posted and how it failed to thank all the people responsible for seeing this project through and the hundreds of residents who came out to town hall meetings, not only a few as the letter stated. She also said there is still construction debris on the beach.

-Marianne Meischeid said the letter was self-serving and a mischaracterization of the whole process. It did not reflect the hard work and the time spent by the residents to get the beach cleaned up of construction debris. She also spoke of the lack of knowledge of Board Members.

-George Kousoulas spoke about the Planning and Zoning Board and their lack of experience and lack of knowledge on issues and asks the Commission to ask for better decisions.

-Victor May was against fencing and spending money on the Town Hall Parking Lot and would like to see a presentation as to what is being proposed. He also said a Town Manager's contract should be signed in December.

-Clara Diaz-Leal spoke about the traffic problem and how we have given up our right to live in a peaceful community and instead have become a pass through. Nothing has been done to resolve the problem and suggestions have been made about closing streets and gating the community but no planning for a solution is being done.

-A representative for Josh Greissman spoke about traffic and had a visual presentation showing speeding cars and indicated some of the problems.

-Barbara Cohen invited all to attend Music through the Ages on January 21 between 95th Street between Collins and Harding.

No one else wishing to speak the Mayor closed Good and Welfare.

Commissioner Karukin spoke in defense of the Planning and Zoning Board and reminded all that the board members are residents of the town who are trying to do the best they can and said there are qualified people on that Board. As to the traffic he said because of our geographic location there isn't very much they can do.

Commissioner Olchyk spoke of the issue regarding the Grand Beach and the illumination that shines into people's homes all night. She did not anticipate that this would happen until it was done. She spoke about the sidewalk that was closed and has finally been

resolved but it took too long to have it done. However it was not done correctly and can become problematic.

Commissioner Cohen said he agrees with Lou Cohen and would like to have people at home able to communicate during a meeting. He spoke on traffic and parking as well and asked that instead of taking personal attacks on the Commission they should come up with solutions. He also spoke of the sea level rise problem. He is in favor of gating the community and said we should find out who is interested in gating.

Mayor Dietch thanked Lou Cohen regarding interaction with people at home during meetings. He said it has been brought up before and they will look into it. Addressing Ms. Alonso regarding sheds he said at first there were no sheds allowed and now they are allowed with restrictions and said they will revisit the issue. He said he was sorry that some feel that the contributions of the residents regarding the sand issue were not recognized. Addressing Mr. May who feels the Manager should be on an annual contract the Mayor said it is a continuing contract and either party can terminate with sixty day notice. He also spoke of traffic and urged residents to call the Police Dept. when they see something that needs their attention. Speaking about traffic and parking, Manager Olmedillo gave an overview as to what has been done and what is being done to help with this issue. The Mayor asked the Manager to prepare a plan of the initiatives that have been implemented and those that are being monitored and those that are coming next. This can be in memo form and presented at the next meeting.

The Mayor addressed the remark about the Planning and Zoning Board and reiterated what was said that the members are residents of the town and works for the town and do their best. Commissioner Olchyk said it is difficult to get people to serve on committees and she personally has asked people to serve and they have a shortage of members on the Park and Recreation Committee. She said she was upset with the Coastal Committee and felt they should have had something to vote on by now. Commissioner Cohen said by criticizing board members is not a way of getting people involved but we should have training or manuals for committee members. Mayor Dietch said committee members do get some training and have staff members for support.

7. Town Manager and Town Attorney Reports

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

8. Unfinished Business and New Business

9. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communications

**A. Designation to the Miami Dade League of Cities Board of Directors–
Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

The Mayor asked to reappoint Commissioner Cohen as liaison to the Board and Commissioner Karukin as alternate.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments of Commissioner Cohen and Commissioner Karukin. The motion received a

second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

B. Discussion on re-structuring the Southwest Parking Lot at Town Hall - Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Manager Olmedillo presented the item and is requesting \$30,000.

Commissioner Olchyk had questions as to where the money will be spent. Manager Olmedillo said the money will provide fencing, gating, to make it more secure. Director Kroll said Public Works would be doing most of the work and gave further details as to what has to be done.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen and the motion carried 3/1 with Commissioner Olchyk voting in opposition. Vice Mayor Tourgeman was absent.

C. Referendum for Parking Structure – Commissioner Michael Karukin (Linked with Item 9H.)

Commissioner Karukin presented the item. Commissioner Olchyk supports the item but wants the item to be very clear if put on a ballot. Commissioner Cohen was not in favor of the referendum and feels it would hurt development of the town. Commissioner Karukin does agree that the Post Office lot is the best to go forward on but Commissioner Cohen said the Post Office lot does not need a referendum and would just slow things up.

Mayor Dietch opened the public hearing.

Public Speakers:

- Mathew Barnes feels requiring a referendum would hinder development.
- Daniel Gielchinsky said he does not see what we gain by having a reference.
- George Kousoulas is not in favor and asks the Commission to reject the idea.

Manager Olmedillo gave two options and explained both. Mayor Dietch said he was not in favor of the referendum as it may hurt the town. Commissioner Olchyk after hearing the discussion is not in favor of the item.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the referendum. After a spirited discussion, the motion died for lack of a second.

D. Initial Performance Evaluation - Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Mayor Dietch gave an overview of the evaluation process. The Mayor said he received three evaluations and the Manager's performance rating was above average and asked the Commission if a salary increase was warranted at this time. Commissioner Olchyk said she felt Mr. Olmedillo was the best City Manager they have ever had and is in favor of an increase to \$160,000 as requested by Manager Olmedillo when first hired. She did say that the Manager should get back to them more quickly on issues. Manager Olmedillo said he would waive the 12 month evaluation as it was done now. Commissioner Cohen spoke highly of Manager Olmedillo.

second from Commissioner Rankin and his staff in their Vice Mayor
Township session.

B. Discussion on re-structuring the Board of Directors for the
Township - Town Manager
Commissioner Rankin presented the Board of Directors and is requesting
Commissioner O'Leary had questions as to what the money will be spent
on. Commissioner O'Leary said the money will be used for the Board of
Directors. Commissioner Rankin said that the Board of Directors would be
made up of five members and that the Board of Directors would be the
body that would give further details as to what has to be done.

Commissioner Rankin made a motion to approve the motion received
second from Commissioner O'Leary and the motion carried 11 with
Commissioner O'Leary voting in opposition. Vice Mayor Thompson was
absent.

C. Resolution for the Board of Directors - Commissioner Michael Rankin
(moved with item 9.1)
Commissioner Rankin presented the Board of Directors and is requesting
the Board of Directors to be re-structured. Commissioner Rankin said
that the Board of Directors would be made up of five members and that
the Board of Directors would be the body that would give further details
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Commissioner Rankin's motion regarding re-structuring the Board of
Directors was seconded by Commissioner O'Leary. Commissioner Rankin
said that the Board of Directors would be made up of five members and
that the Board of Directors would be the body that would give further
details as to what has to be done. Commissioner Rankin said that the
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has to be done.

Commissioner O'Leary gave two options and explained both. A motion
was made to approve the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner
Rankin. Commissioner O'Leary said that the Board of Directors would be
made up of five members and that the Board of Directors would be the
body that would give further details as to what has to be done.

Commissioner Rankin made a motion to approve the resolution. A motion
was made to approve the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner
O'Leary.

D. Final Resolution - Town Manager - Commissioner O'Leary
Commissioner O'Leary presented the Board of Directors and is requesting
the Board of Directors to be re-structured. Commissioner O'Leary said
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body that would give further details as to what has to be done.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to wave the 12 month evaluation and approve a salary increase to \$160,000 for Manager Olmedillo. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin with all voting in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

- E. Business District Property Maintenance Standards – Mayor Daniel Dietch**
The Mayor gave an overview of the item. The Commission agreed to move forward on the item.
- F. Town Commission Recognition Policy and Procedures – Mayor Daniel Dietch**
Mayor Dietch presented the item. The Town Commission directed staff to bring back a policy in a form of a resolution next month.
- G. FIU Proposal- Surfside, Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands Interlocal Shuttle System – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**
The Mayor said this will only go forward with Bay Harbor and Bal Harbour paying their fair share. For the record he asked the Manager to assure that our bus service contractor is on board with our standards and can meet the expectations of our contract.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to proceed with staff recommendations. Commissioner Olchyk made a friendly amendment that the bus service contractor is in compliance with the contract. Commissioner Karukin accepted the friendly amendment. The motion received a second from Commissioner Cohen and all voted in favor with Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

- H. RFP Parking Structures – Commissioner Barry Cohen (Linked with Item 9C.)** Commissioner Cohen gave an overview of the item.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to renew and only issue one RFP for the Post Office lot and not the 94th Street lot. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin.

Commissioner Olchyk said she was under the impression that the owner of the Post Office lot was not interested in the proposed project. She also spoke of the parking problem and lack of spaces especially for people who attend the Community Center and feels we should look at all the spaces available.

Mayor Dietch opened the public hearings

Public Speakers:

-Daniel Gielskinsky said he has been following this item and said it seems we are not getting things done because we keep adding more items for discussion and it is becoming baffling.

-George Kousoulas agrees with Mr. Gielskinsky and agrees with trying to get the post office lot owner to work with us. He said focus only on the post office lot at this time.

-Clara Diaz-Leal spoke about the parking problem.

The Mayor asked that we go to Good and Welfare as that is a set time item and then come back to this item. After closing Good and Welfare discussion continued on this item.

Mayor Dietch said we should select one site and if not successful move on to the second site.

Commissioner Cohen withdraws his motion.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to renew the parking RFP. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin. The motion carried 3/1 with Commissioner Olchyk voting in opposition and Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

Commissioner Cohen made a motion to issue one RFP just for the post office lot with a minimum of an additional 100 parking spaces and expenses paid by developer as a public and private partnership (conditions that were set at the November meeting). The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin. The motion carried 3/1 with Commissioner Olchyk voting in opposition and Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

I. Garbage Rates (added by Commissioner Olchyk)

Commissioner Olchyk said she is paying more now for less service and believes the new system is unfair. Manager Olmedilla said the rate system is based on volume. Commissioner Olchyk said the information she received regarding condominiums and the business district was incorrect but has since been corrected. However, she still feels they are paying more for less pickups. Mayor Dietch tried to explain the system as it works and Director Kroll explained why the change was made.

Public Speaker Victor May agrees with Commissioner Olchyk and feels garbage should be picked up five days a week.

Commissioner Olchyk made a motion to study for thirty days the frequency of pickups and rates for the condominiums/business district and to assess the effectiveness of the new program and possible change. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor with Commissioner Cohen and Vice Mayor Tourgeman absent.

Commissioner Cohen left the meeting at 10:27 p.m.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

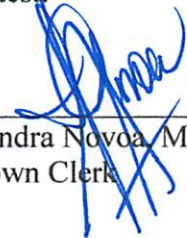
Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 9th day of February, 2016



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk