



**Town of Surfside
Town Special Commission Meeting
Proposed Budget
MINUTES
July 20, 2016
5 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 5:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Human Resources Director Yamileth Slate-McCloud called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Daniel Dietch, Vice Mayor Barry Cohen, Commissioner Tina Paul and Commissioner Michael Karukin. Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky was absent.

Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky arrived at 5:11 p.m.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Presentation/Overview of FY 16/17 Budget – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager and Donald Nelson, Finance Director

Director Nelson had a visual presentation with budget details and gave highlights. There was a very strong growth in property and home values. He is proposing the same millage rate this year of 5.0293. He explained how the assessed value of a home is determined as well as future hearings and final date of presenting the budget.

E. Proposed Operating Millage Rate – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, DETERMINING A PROPOSED OPERATING MILLAGE RATE, DETERMINING THE CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE STATE

OF FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Human Resources Director Yamileth Slate-McCloud read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Karukin spoke regarding the \$30,000 cost analysis to underground utilities, sidewalks and shade trees and he was not in favor of doing an analysis for just one street (91st Street) but feels it should be city wide and what the cost of analysis city wide would be. He also did not like it bundled up but each prefers item to be separate. Mayor Dietch said there may be options regarding sidewalks and they may be able to get help from the County. He also spoke about undergrounding utilities and this has begun in parts of Surfside and since we do not have the funds to do this town wide we may be able to do this on Surfside Blvd. Commissioner Paul would like to see these funds reallocated to the educational assistance program instead of an analysis. Commissioner Karukin was in agreement.

Commissioner Karukin also spoke about the new recycling program and the finances involved. Manager Olmedillo and Director Nelson gave any explanation. Commissioner Karukin had questions about the resort tax and the cost for promotional activities which has increased. Where tourism income goes should be made clearer to residents as these monies support many activities for residents such as in the Parks and Recreation Dept. The Commissioner also asked about the amount we have in reserves and would like to see an increase in our reserves. Director Nelson believes it will grow once the Surf Club and Marriott are on the tax rolls. Commissioner Karukin thanked the finance staff for presenting the budget in a way which was very easy to understand.

Vice Mayor Cohen speaking of funds in reserves said our neighboring cities have much more than us. He also believes we should look into ways of increasing income and put it in our reserves. Commissioner Karukin said over the years they have increased the reserve funds.

Mayor Dietch said future planning is essential and should be measured with good development. The Vice Mayor said we should not be talking about construction fatigue as we are just beginning to grow and this is a positive thing for the town as we want to become financially independent. Commissioner Paul said we have to pay attention to the residents and listen to what they want. Mayor Dietch spoke about citizen satisfaction surveys.

Vice Mayor Cohen made a motion to approve the millage rate of 5.0293. Mayor Dietch made a friendly amendment to include \$30,000 in educational assistance funds, one Community Service Aide, \$15,000 citizen's satisfaction survey, and to re-title the \$30,000 cost analysis to underground utilities, sidewalks and shade trees, to match it to the streetscape planning and zoning. The Vice Mayor accepted the friendly amendment. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

Public Speaker

-Deborah Cimadevilla spoke about undergrounding utilities and said in her area (91st Street) there is a great deal of flooding and undergrounding utilities is not a good idea. She also said adding sidewalks will cause them to lose their parking spaces.

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

2. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

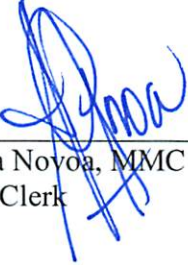
Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 10th day of August, 2016



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk