



**Town of Surfside
Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
August 9, 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 7:10 p.m.

B. Roll Call of Members

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa called the roll with the following members present: Mayor Daniel Dietch, Vice Mayor Barry Cohen and Commissioner Tina Paul, Commissioner Michael Karukin and Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Daniel Dietch

Mayor Dietch spoke about the last Commission Meeting as it weighed heavily on him. He spoke about decorum and especially in relation to their engagement with each other. He expressed his love for the town and why he wanted to be a public official. He encourages the community to come to the meetings and have a voice on subject matters. He asks his colleagues and members of the community to be respectful of each other when they express their views especially when they are in disagreement. He would like future meetings to be held in a more timely and respectful fashion and is asking both his colleagues and the community to help move forward in such a manner and be mindful of their remarks.

Commissioner Paul thanked the Mayor for his remarks. She said she attended a rally for Hillary Clinton and one of the things she said that touched her was that Secretary Clinton thanked all elected officials for their devotion and hard work they do for their respective communities.

Vice Mayor Cohen said he would like to apologize if he offended anyone at the last Commission meeting. He agrees with the Mayor that we should not be going back and forth with each other on an issue. We all want the best for our town and although we may be passionate in our views we have to express them with decorum. Speaking out of turn is unacceptable and everyone including his colleagues, should first ask permission from the Mayor as he controls the meetings.

E. Agenda and Order of Business Additions, deletions and linkages
Items 4B1 and 5B are linked.

F. Community Notes – Mayor Daniel Dietch

The Mayor announced that mosquito control information can be found on the town website as well as upcoming community events which can be found in the Gazette and on the Town's website. He encourages everyone to sign up for alerts specific too Surfside and also reminded the community to please pick up after their dog.

Commissioner Karukin gave a brief update on the traffic committee issue and Vice Mayor Cohen gave a brief update on the mosquito issue as well as the Tourist Board.

2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings (None)

3. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky and all voted in favor.

A. Minutes – Sandra Novoa, MMC, Town Clerk

July 14, 2016 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2016 Special Budget Commission Meeting Minutes

B. Budget to Actual Summary as of May 31, 2016 – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

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

1. See Click Fix
2. Development Applications
3. Code Compliance Cases
4. State of Florida Department of Transportation/Surfside Meeting
5. July 2016 Significant Incidents/Arrests
6. Department of Highway and Safety Motor Vehicles DAVID Audit: Site Visit Report
7. Installation of Traffic Control Enhancements
8. Personnel Transfers
9. Police Events
10. Information Technology and TV Broadcasts

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

E. Committee Reports – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

- May 2, 2016 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- May 25, 2016 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
- June 6, 2016 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- June 20, 2016 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
- July 11, 2016 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes

4. Ordinances

A. Second Reading Ordinances

1. Sheds – Sarah Sinatra Gould, AICP, Town Planner

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 90 “ZONING”; SEC. 90-19. “SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 90-19.7 EXEMPTING SHEDS FROM PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD AND DESIGN REVIEW BOARD REVIEW AND PROVIDING THE DESIGN GUIDELINES SHALL BE FOLLOWED; AMENDING “SECTION 90-54 “ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE H30A AND H30B DISTRICTS” SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 90-54.7 RELATED TO SHEDS AND LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS; 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.

The Mayor opened the public hearing.

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

Commissioner Paul made a motion to accept. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cohen and all voted in favor.

2. Construction Hours and Notice – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA; AMENDING “CHAPTER 14 - BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS ARTICLE II. - BUILDING CODE”; SPECIFICALLY CREATING SECTION 14-32; “CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AND NOTICE”; 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 Gielchinsky made a motion to discuss. The motion received a second from Commission Paul. Commissioner Gielchinsky said many people

cannot do work on their homes on a Saturday and that the ordinance should include Sundays.

Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to amend the ordinance to allow for the same type of activities on Sundays. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cohen. Commissioner Paul also had a friendly amendment to the ordinance which should say notification of outside of hours should include notifying nearby properties prior to construction and subject to approval. Another section was not clear as to whether they were referring to outside hours. Building Official Ross Prieto gave some clarification regarding work being done with and without a permit and noise. Manager Olmedillo spoke about the noise ordinance and with a permit construction is allowed within the designated hours. The Mayor understands that the Commissioners are asking for less noise on the weekends even though construction or maintenance is being done.

The Mayor opened the public speaking.

-George Kousoulas thought the ordinance was good and that Commissioner Gielchinsky's amendment better. He suggested they consider no work done at all on weekends or include language for specific types of maintenance which would be allowed.

-Terry Cohen said how do you really separate noise from construction and who do you call when it is too loud.

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

Commissioner Gielchinsky withdrew the previous motion. Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to accept the friendly amendment by Commissioner Paul and direct staff to modify Section 1432, Subsection (2) which Commissioner Paul suggested and Section (4) to include Sundays like Saturdays and subject to noise regulations. The motion received a second by Vice Mayor Cohen.

Commissioner Gielchinsky withdrew the previous motion and made a motion to defer the item and bring it back with the above changes. Commissioner Karukin asked the sections be broken down when presented so they see the changes. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

B. First Reading Ordinances

1. Amending Rules and Procedures for Town Meetings – Linda Miller, Town Attorney [Linked to Item 5B]

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING ARTICLE VI. “RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETINGS”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 2-203. “MEETINGS” TO CREATE RULE 4.03 “ELECTRONIC FILES PRESENTED AT PUBLIC MEETINGS”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 2-204. “COMMITTEES” TO AMEND RULE 5.01 “CONTINUING COMMITTEES AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES” AND TO CREATE RULE 5.02 “TOWN COMMISSION LIAISON; APPOINTMENT AND DEFINITION”; CORRECTING SCRIVENER’S ERRORS IN SECTION 2-203. “MEETINGS,” SECTION 2-204. “COMMITTEES” AND SECTION 2-207. “RULES OF DEBATE”; SPECIFICALLY AMENDING AND CORRECTING THE TITLE OF SECTION 2-208. “ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES PROSCRIBING TOWN COMMISSION PROCEDURE”; 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 Paul made a motion for discussion. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky. There was discussion as to the timeframe for submitting a request for visual equipment. It was suggested that for Commission and all meetings, requests be submitted by noon one day prior to the meeting.

Mayor Dietch spoke about the Advisory Committees to the Manager (Section 2 Items A-E) and especially the advisory committee regarding traffic. It has not materialized as he expected and wishes to exclude any advisory committees not convened by the Town Manager.

Commissioner Paul did not quite understand the term “excusable neglect” and Town Attorney Miller explained the legal term which is quite often used and Commissioner Gielchinsky said it really is a protection for the town.

Commissioner Karukin asked if the rules in this ordinance apply to Boards as well. Attorney Miller said the Boards have been following these rules in their rules and procedures and this ordinance now includes committees and explained that Resolution No. 2007-1792 is outdated and will be repealed. Terms of office were discussed as well as replacement of a member. Commissioner Karukin feels there is too big a gap between the Resolution and this ordinance.

Vice Mayor Cohen made a motion to pause and go to Good and Welfare. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul.

After Good and Welfare was closed the discussion of this item continued.

Town Attorney Miller said Commissioner Karukin had a good point and that Planning and Zoning and the Tourist Board had very specific requirements regarding appointments and terms of office. In light of the comments made, she would like to bring this item back in September with new language for their review.

Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to defer the item. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

5. Resolutions and Proclamations

A. Hawthorne Tot Lot Renovation and Replacement Fence – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE HAWTHORNE TOT LOT RENOVATION PROJECT; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO PIGGYBACK OFF THE COMPETITIVELY BID U.S. COMMUNITIES CONTRACT NO. 110179.09 NINTH AMENDMENT TO MASTER PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND GAMETIME DIVISION OF PLAYCORE WISCONSIN, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,002.50; AWARDING THE PROPOSAL TO FENCE MASTERS, INC. FOR THE HAWTHORNE TOT LOT FENCE REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,685.00; APPROVING THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS AMENDING THE TOWN'S BUDGET FOR 2015/2016 FISCAL YEAR FROM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND ACCOUNT NO. 301-4400-572-6370 FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$113,687.50; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to discuss. The motion received a second from Commissioner Gielchinsky.

Commissioner Karukin had a question about the financing and why was this not budgeted. Parks and Recreation Director, Tim Milian explained the funding is coming from the volunteer proffers fund and it is in place for capital improvement

projects. He also gave more details about the park such as equipment and umbrellas. Finance Director Nelson gave more details on the budget and why it was amended to include this item. Town Manager Olmedillo asked Director Milian to explain to the town the process for appropriation of projects that come before the Commission and Director Milian responded in detail.

Vice Mayor Cohen spoke about the update of the park which he was in favor of especially that there are lots of trees for shade. He had questions about the sand box and Director Milian addressed his questions. For the record, the Mayor wanted to clarify that they are not going to bring back in the merry-go-round. Director Milian said that is correct. Commissioner Gielchinsky commended Director Milian and his staff for the effort they put into this project.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to approve. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

B. Repeal Resolution No. 2007-1792 Approving and Adopting Rules and Procedures for Committees Created by the Town Commission – Linda Miller, Town Attorney [Linked to item 4B1]

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 07-1792 “APPROVING AND ADOPTING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR COMMITTEES CREATED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION”; PROVIDING THAT COMMITTEES SHALL BE GOVERNED BY TOWN CODE ARTICLE VI. “RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETINGS” SECTION 2-204. COMMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Clerk Sandra Novoa read the title of the resolution.

Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to defer the item. The motion received a second from Commissioner Karukin and all voted in favor.

6. Good and Welfare

The Mayor opened the public speaking.

Public Speakers:

-Clara Diaz-Leal spoke about the last meeting and some of the comments by the Commission which were somewhat dismissive and disdainful. We all want the same thing and those of us who do show up and voice our opinion should be respected even if we are not in agreement. People who want their voices heard should show up at the meetings and not have private conversations with officials on the outside.

-Marianne Meischied was concerned that the meeting minutes do not accurately reflect what is being said especially the public testimony. She referred to her comments at the last meeting and said the minutes left out the most important part of her comment. It should have read Ms. Meischied said “the ordinance should include upland only because the State Statute 161 directs the town to do so (she read the Statute).” She further stated it was not

only omitted from the minutes but the Commission has brushed it aside and ignored it. That evening the ordinance before them made a provision about overnight beach storage and it was cast aside. Then the Commission used Statute 161 to threaten her building with daily fines.

-George Kousoulas said in their decision making the Commission does not always use the resources available to them. A case in point is State Statute 161 (Beach and Shore Preservation) which he believes was brought to their attention long ago and he had hoped the Commission would become familiar with it. He said if they had looked into the State Statute the beach chair issue would have been solved months ago. He read part of the Statute dealing with the issue which says the town is directed and has the authority to protect the rights of upland owners. He believes the town's hands are not tied and they can do what is authorized by the State. He urges the Commission to look carefully and properly at the material available to them as there are laws they can use and to not cast this aside.

-Jeffrey Platt was upset over the last Commission meeting and was ashamed that the Mayor let it happen. The public gets three minutes to speak and then the Commission can respond and attack and continue speaking with no further input from the public. He addressed Vice Mayor Cohen and said everything he told the community was a lie and believes it was done for his personal gain and that his sole agenda is the Shul as they want parking and development on Abbot Avenue. Mr. Platt said he thought they should know that he believes some years ago one of their members was arrested for aggravated battery. He doesn't know the outcome of the case but said they may have a convicted felon on their Board. He also mentioned that a member of the Board said he believes they knew nothing about the sand or the sand committee and yet voted to remove that sand.

-Larisa Alonso wanted to address the behavior of some of the Commission members at the last two public meetings. She reminded them they were put there to serve the community and not to belittle or denigrate the individuals who put them in office to serve them. She said Commissioner Gielchinsky called them the vocal minority and wanted to know who he was referring to when he said minority and was he referring to women or Hispanics. She further stated that although he encourages everyone to come to the meetings he never thanks the people who do come and many on a regular basis. There are many residents in Surfside and asked if he only speaks to those who support his position. Many of the residents have the courage to attend meetings and voice their opinions especially when they feel the town is going in the wrong direction and they in turn have listened to other residents and the Commission. However, she feels the Commission does not listen to them. She further stated that Vice Mayor Cohen referred to them as a mob and said they are not criminals. She believes both these Commission members owe them an apology and that the Mayor should conduct the meetings with decorum which pertains not only to public speakers but for the Commission members as well. On another note, she mentioned a question which has gone unanswered for several months regarding members of the Tourist Board and their qualifications.

-Deborah Cimadevilla spoke about her attendance and participation at meetings because she cares about the town and when speaking to residents she encourages them to attend and express their views. Even when in disagreement with the Commission she has always been respectful but she has never seen such disrespect from Commissioners as she has in the past few months. Addressing Vice Mayor Cohen, she said although he apologized at the beginning of the meeting she was extremely offended by his remarks calling them a mob and with the sand issue saying there was no toxic sand. They wanted a safe clean beach and had to fight for two years to get it. The DEP did issue a violation to the Surf Club as

they were noncompliant for a long time. She feels they have been discredited time after time when they sacrifice their time and efforts to keep Surfside safe and beautiful. She addressed Commissioner Gielchinsky and said he was very rude and dismissive of her findings when he responded to the subject of underground utilities and he did not give all the facts. She went on to say they were called the vocal minority and there were many first timers at the meeting and she was embarrassed by the Commissioner's attitude toward them and thinks the public needs an apology.

-Terry Cohen said she was saddened to see what was being said this evening. She appreciates all that the residents have done but we also have to appreciate what the Commission is doing. She addressed Ms. Alonso's comments that she does not want to be belittled. However, she belittles the Tourist Board and said she was called by Ms. Alonso a fashion design worker and said she does not know my credentials and what I have done to be part of that Board. Ms. Cohen said she is Latin and a woman and Commissioner Gielchinsky allowed her to be part of the Tourism Board and is appalled by Ms. Alonso's accusation. She said we are all part of Surfside and we have got to stop this kind of talk.

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

Commissioner Paul said she was not happy with the way things transpired at the last meeting and the comments made and doesn't think they were directed at her. She stated she was here to serve for the town and its residents and that will not change. She said she was sorry that some people were disrespected and dismissive but she doesn't think it was by done by her. She thinks other commissioners have to be more sensitive as to how they sound and what they say as we are all here for the betterment of Surfside and decorum has to be met both ways. She addressed the issue of the minutes and understands they are not word for word and sometimes there may be a correction to them. If one feels misrepresented, they can contact the town clerk to have them amended. Addressing the beach chair issue, she believes we have customary rights and wants to protect the residents and their rights to the beach. Although public speakers only get three minutes to speak she said they do try to address their concerns. As to the Tourist Board she suggested Ms. Alonso speak to the administration about that and if they feel there is a problem then they can look into it. She thanked Ms. Cimadevilla for her service to the town and said the reason she ran for this position was because she was one of the people who inspired her to sit here. To Ms. Cohen she said she was troubled also and found it hard to speak this evening.

Vice Mayor Cohen said this has been going on since he came in office and we have not followed 7.05 in the agenda. Speaking for himself, he spends many hours of his time serving on the Commission and although we have differences of opinion, sitting up here at times it feels as though we are being yelled at. The Commission gives their time and energy to serve and some public speakers do not even address them by the title they have been elected to and sometimes make slanderous remarks. He said they represent hundreds of people who do not attend the meetings. He further said we all have to learn how to communicate better with each other and addressing the Commission for three minutes in a rant only makes it difficult when they have to respond. He personally has gotten frustrated by it. We all want what is best for Surfside and we can do this in a proper way and follow decorum as we all have to start working together and slandering each other is a dangerous place to go.

Town Manager Olmedillo addressed the issue of the minutes. He explained that the minutes are a summary of the proceedings and meet the requirements of the law. If people want the minutes to be verbatim then a court reporter would have to be hired and that would be an additional cost. He said we have the records and the tapes and we announce the meetings and post the meetings on our website and the records are ample. Minutes do not express feelings but are just a summary of the meeting.

Mayor Dietch spoke and said we should treat people the way we would like to be treated. Many of us are neighbors but when the Commission sits at a meeting they have a responsibility to represent the entire community those who attend and those who do not attend and they cannot always please everyone. There are different interests being represented and their job is to listen to everyone and then use their judgement in making a decision. Several emails were received and the issue of the Tourist Board was brought up this evening that a response was never received. He said a response was given and copied several times and it may not be the response you wanted but does not mean a response was not given. The last email he received said it would be taken to the next level which is fine. He has asked the Town Attorney if the Tourist Board members meet the composition of the Board language and the answer was yes. He also suggested that if an email needs a response from the Mayor to address it to him and not just copy him as he does get a lot of emails. He closed by saying he wanted the public to express their feelings this evening as he thought it was important. During the day we are your neighbors and during the Commission meetings we are your Commission and asked that they treat the Commission as they would like to be treated. The Mayor closed Good and Welfare and resumed with Item 4B.1.

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. Post Office Parking Garage Update – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager

Manager Olmedillo gave an update and said he spoke to the lot owner with the town's proposal. His response was that the town build the parking garage and keep it and he builds the retail space and keeps it. Manager Olmedillo said he did not think the town would find this financially feasible. The Manager is asking for the Commission's direction and perhaps leave out the Post Office lot and go forward on another lot. Commissioner Karukin proposed using the portion of the lot that the town owns and modifying it perhaps double decked. Manager Olmedillo did not think that would work and explained why he thought so.

Building Official also said the alleyway is public property.

Commissioner Gielchinsky said before he was elected to the Commission he was in favor of the Post Office parking lot site and the owner was not interested in a discussion. We have come a long way as the owner has now been in negotiations with the town and he commends Manager Olmedillo for his work on this. However, he is not in favor of the terms the owner is presenting and feels we should start looking elsewhere and mentioned the Abbott lot as an immediate need for consideration. Commissioner Karukin said we only have an immediate need because of the parking trust fund and sold spaces we do not have. He does have an issue for the need of additional parking garages in general and whatever is decided he would like to see it go to a referendum as it will change the face of the town. He believes more analysis needs to be done.

Mayor Dietch said we do not have to go back to square one as much as has been done and analyzed. He said they are taking small steps so they can come to the right decision for the right reasons.

Commissioner Paul thanked the Town Manager for his efforts and agrees with him that we should not go forward with this lot. She believes the best lot is the one at Town Hall as we own the land. Whatever we do should be well thought out and developed. She would like to hear Town Planner Sinatra's view on the subject.

Vice Mayor Cohen said we are studying this correctly and sometimes things move more slowly in order to come to the right decision. We need to manage growth as we are not the small little town we used to be and feels we do have a parking problem now. He is not in favor of the Town Hall site as that is a huge project and we do not have the funds to do all that should be done for the Town Hall. He feels the Abbott lot does not require a referendum and we can go forward with it now and it would serve the need we have now. He would like to have the Commission direct the Town Manager to get a RFP on the Abbott lot and go forward on this.

Commissioner Paul respectfully disagrees regarding no referendum needed and believes that wherever the parking garage is to be it should go to a referendum as it will change the face of the town.

Commissioner Karukin responding to the Vice Mayor respectfully disagrees about Surfside changing and is not being a small sleepy little town as many residents do not agree with his grand vision. Many residents would like to preserve and protect the small town feeling as much as possible. He said a parking structure is not necessarily an infrastructure and we could get along fine without it. He agrees that certain times of the year we may have an issue but other than those times it would be empty. He also feels this would put us in greater financial debt and sees no need.

The Mayor spoke about the business district need and the town not following its ordinances regarding new buildings and parking. He said there was a loophole in the system and it was used but we have now fixed it. He believes the Abbot lot is right but not ready to go straight to an RFP as we do not have specific definition. He said we have to address the traffic issue as well as the financial issue. If we decide on the Abbott lot, we need to put a buffer between the residential homes and the garage.

Mayor Dietch opened the public speaking.

Public Speakers:

-Deborah Cimadevilla said there has to be a plan for developers that take into consideration the residents especially their workers taking up parking spaces used by residents. She had visuals to support her presentation. With new construction planned where are the workers going to park.

-Clara Diaz-Parker thanked Commissioner Karukin and Commissioner Paul and agrees with them. She does not see the emergency in this and feels the traffic going through on her street is more of a problem. There is more parking needed in the south as it seems sufficient in the north.

-Lou Cohen recited a poetic quotation which he thought pertained to all that was said tonight which began with "To do or not to do and whether 'tis nobler in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows, etc." He thinks they should move on with the underground space in the Abbott lot. If a move is made it should fit in with the town and agreeable to the people living around it.

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

Town Planner Sinatra was asked which site is best. She said it depended on lots of issues and not being provided the scope she cannot give an opinion. Once they decide exactly what they want to do it probably would need a referendum especially if it involves residential homes.

Commissioner Karukin spoke about the 2012 study that was done and had issues with underground structure. He also said it is true we do not need a referendum on the Abbot lot but the Commission could choose to do so. Commissioner Paul agreed with not being in favor of an underground structure. She also agrees with Planner Sinatra in needing a defined scope as to what they want to do as we want to do this one time and do it correctly.

Commissioner Gielchinsky said there are many philosophical differences here and the issue we have to decide today is what direction we want to move in. We should not move to an RFP too quickly as it is very expensive and time consuming. He believes there should be a buffer for residential areas and would like to see a multi-family or retail component added to the plan which would minimize the cost to the town.

Mayor Dietch said we have an advisor (Lambert) who has been helping the town with this and directs the Town Manager to work with him and engage

in defining a scope and the components to make this a viable project. Manager Olmedillo explained the transition and re-zoning which are policy decisions that may have to be considered. The issue of a referendum was discussed and Commissioner Karukin suggested first a straw ballot.

Commissioner Paul supports the Town Hall lot and sees it more beneficial to the community as it has a lot more potential.

Vice Mayor Cohen said the town has grown and has wonderful opportunities. He agrees with the Town Manager in creating buffer zones and dealing with the traffic problem. He would like to see what the Town Manager, architects and the community come up with. He believes the Abbot lot could solve many of the issues they have. Although the Town Hall is to be considered he views it as something that is going to disintegrate as it is very old.

Commissioner Karukin said from an economic perspective the only revenue producing location is the Abbott lot and the Post Office lot. As to the Town Hall lot the only way it could make economic sense would be to go retail. He prefers this site but we would have to take out loans or issue bonds to do it.

The Mayor asks that we identify a site and ask the Town Manager to come back in sixty days with framework so we can make more detailed decisions and so we can define what the scope will be for an RFP.

Commissioner Gielchinsky made a motion to identify the Abbot Lot as the site to explore. The motion received a second from Vice Mayor Cohen. The motion carried 4/1 with Commissioner Paul voting in opposition.

Mayor Dietch directed the Town Manager to start to define the scope process that has an operation management, and generally focus on the financials, the schematics to deal with buffers and traffic circulation in and around the site, and to come back with those issues in sixty days. The issue of whether a referendum was the way they wanted to go was discussed. Manager Olmedillo said with the funds he has available the concepts he will present will be a bit crude. The Mayor said if he needs more funds to come back with a proposal and they will see what can be done. With a show of hands, the Commission members were in agreement with the direction.

B. Historic Presentation – Commissioner Tina Paul

Commissioner Paul said she received an email from a resident and believes there is a misconception as the resident thought they were going around and designating what is historic. Commissioner Paul said that was not so and responded to the email as it was proposed the County to do a study and survey as to which buildings may be historic and will come back with their report. She believes the public has some misconceptions about the meaning of a structure being designated as historic. Some of the Commission did

not receive the email and information and the town clerk will forward it to them. The Mayor explained why some residents are fearful of this and do not understand what it means. He wants clarification from the Historic Board that this is just an inventory and not a designation. Commissioner Karukin said his favorite style is Spanish Mediterranean.

Commissioner Paul made a motion to allow Miami-Dade Historic Preservation Board to do a survey of the town single-family homes in the H30A, H30B and H30C districts. After much discussion and wanting assurance that no designation is made without the town's input, Commissioner Paul withdrew the motion.

The Mayor directed the Town Manager to participate in this process with the Historic Preservation staff and Board to develop a framework and report back to the Commission. Members of the Commission were in agreement.

- C. Sea Level Rise and Impact Fees** – Commissioner Daniel Gielchinsky
Commissioner Gielchinsky presented the item.

Commissioner Karukin made a motion to defer the item to the Subcommittee. The motion received a second from Commissioner Paul and all voted in favor.

- D. Work Force Housing** – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager *[Verbal]*
Manager Olmedillo gave an update. The Mayor said although it was an important concept being presented it does not fit Surfside. It was agreed that there should be a threshold limit of 10,000 and asked the Town Manager to try to get it down to 5,000.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Accepted this 13 day of September, 2016



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra Novoa, MMC
Town Clerk