



**Town of Surfside  
Regular Town Commission Meeting  
MINUTES  
May 12, 2020  
7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Surfside, FL 33154

**1. Opening**

**A. Call to Order**

Mayor Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**B. Roll Call of Members**

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

Present: Mayor Charles Burkett, Vice Mayor Tina Paul, Commissioner Nelly Velasquez, Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer and Commissioner Charles Kesl.

Also present were Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo and Town Attorney Lillian Arango.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

**D. Mayor and Commission Remarks – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Mayor Burkett commented that he had invited some of the religious leaders in the community to say a prayer for the Town during this difficult time but after discussing it with the Legal Department a determination was made to not have a prayer time during the Town meetings.

Rabbi Aryeh Citron addressed the Commission.

Mayor Burkett stated that all the Boards need to have their appointments made and stated that the application is on the website and has been advertised in the Gazette.

Commissioner Salzhauer spoke regarding the email blast that will be going out with the information on all the boards and committees. She stated that she would like the appointments made soon.

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

Commissioner Salzhauer would like to add an item to the agenda regarding the frequency of these meetings. She suggested that the meetings be every two weeks and not to have any meetings scheduled next week. She also requested to have item 9II moved up to be heard tonight.

Mayor Burkett requested to have item 9II heard after Residents' Comments.

Consensus was reached to add Commissioner Salzhauer's item regarding the frequency of meetings and to move item 9II to be heard after Residents' Comments.

Commissioner Velasquez requested to move item 3KK and item 9MM to be heard after Residents Comments.

Consensus was reached to hear item 3KK and item 9MM after Residents Comments.

Commissioner Kesl asked to amend the motion to add staff leadership.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that they can move up item 9NN which is streamlining staff.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to add a new item regarding the frequency of meetings, move up item 9II, item 9KK, item 9MM, and item 9NN to follow Residents' Comments, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor.

**F. Community Notes – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

**2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings – N/A**

- 3. Consent Agenda (Set for approximately 7:30 p.m.)** *All items on the consent agenda are considered routine or status reports by the Town Commission and will be approved by one motion. Any Commission member may request that an item be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed separately. If the public wishes to speak on a matter on the consent agenda they must inform the Town Clerk prior to the start of the meeting. They will be recognized to speak prior to the approval of the consent agenda.*

**A. Minutes – Sandra N. McCreedy, MMC, Town Clerk**

- *April 7, 2020 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes*
- *April 16, 2020 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes*
- *April 21, 2020 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes*

- *April 28, 2020 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes*
- *May 5, 2020 Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes*

Mayor Burkett asked the process of corrections for minutes.

Town Clerk McCready stated that if they are minor changes, they can be made on the record and minutes still approved. The Commission could also request to bring those minutes back at the next meeting.

Mayor Burkett requested changes made to page 15 of the April 28, 2020 to add the word "wish" to the sentence that reads "to wish make a special exception".

Mayor Burkett asked on page 4 of the May 5, 2020 meeting minutes on the top line where it states "Vice Mayor Paul stated of programs that were being cut", he wanted to know which programs were discussed that she wanted to cut. He would like to be specific what programs exactly were discussed to be cut.

Town Clerk McCready clarified that it was the during discussion of various programs that Vice Mayor Paul mentioned the possibility of cutting some of those programs.

Mayor Burkett stated that on page 5, he would like it to be clearer with the cuts on take home vehicles and 10% cut to the budget.

Mayor Burkett stated that on page 10, he questioned where it states adding police body cameras to the agenda.

Town Clerk McCready explained that the item has to come before the Commission at a meeting with the specifics of the purchase.

The May 5, 2020 Budget Meeting Minutes will come back at the next meeting for approval after revisions are made.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the April 7, 2020 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2020 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes, April 21, 2020 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes, and April 28, 2020 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. All voted in favor.

**\*B. Town Manager's Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo advised the Commission regarding Miami Dade County Mayor Gimenez' decision on the conditions to reopen businesses. He stated that the County will come up with a booklet on how to conduct the reopening of businesses. As soon as it is published, he will convey it to the Town Commission and then the Town Commission can decide to go along with the

County's Order or be more restrictive.

Approved on consent.

**\*C. Town Attorney's Report – Weiss Serota, Town Attorney**

Approved on consent.

**D. Committee Reports – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

**E. 2020 Town Meeting Calendar – Sandra N. McCready, MMC, Town Clerk**

Town Commission requested to defer this item to the next meeting in order to be able to review the calendar.

**4. Ordinances**

*(Set for approximately N/A p.m.) (Note: Good and Welfare must begin at 8:15)*

**A. Second Reading Ordinances**

*(Set for approximately N/A p.m.) (Note: Good and Welfare must begin at 8:15)*

**B. First Reading Ordinances**

**5. Resolutions and Proclamations**

*(Set for approximately N/A p.m.) (Note: Depends upon length of Good and Welfare)*

**6. Good and Welfare/ Public Comments from Residents**

*(Set for approximately 8:15 p.m.)*

*Public comments for subjects or items not on the agenda. Public comment on agenda items will be allowed when agenda item is discussed by the Commission.*

The following individuals from the public spoke in Good and Welfare/Public Comments from residents:

Clara Diaz Leal spoke regarding a stop sign behind the Shul and the Pizza Parlor. There is also a sign that says right turn only and she urged all the cars to move to the east to Collins and not push the traffic into the community.

Jeff Rose spoke regarding the Planning and Zoning Board meetings and if those applications that were submitted with the previous Commission would be approved under the old zoning code.

Martha Olchek congratulated the Commission for the hard work they are doing.

She wanted to ask when the Permit Department is going to be open because it has always been a slow process in obtaining permits. She also commented on the street ends and having them done correctly and enforcement. Arlene Amargos spoke regarding the code of care and home renovations could be included and being able to finish the renovations of their pool.

Commissioner Velasquez addressed the comments made by speaker Clara Diaz Leal and stated that a sign should be placed to alleviate this issue.

Commissioner Kesl addressed the comments made by speaker Clara Diaz Leal. He stated that making a left turn would cause them to cross the traffic and could be dangerous but agrees not to push traffic into the neighborhoods.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that this is something that needs to be looked at and see its impact.

Town Attorney Arango stated that under the Zoning in Progress that was published those applications would be approved under the current code until the new code is approved.

Mayor Burkett asked Town Manager Olmedillo if the permit department is open for obtaining permits.

Town Manager Olmedillo stated that you can drop applications off and the department is open. He stated that the residents could contact Building Official Prieto if they would like to do it electronically.

Mayor Burkett asked for Town Manager Olmedillo to get with Pinzur in order to place something on the website that the residents could use.

Commissioner Kesl commented on the Town being open and the communication efforts in streamlining the website and phones in Town Hall being answered.

Commissioner Salzhauer commented on the internal and external streamlining of communications in Town.

Town Manager Olmedillo asked Town Attorney Arango on the limitations that were assessed to balconies and that pool decks were not included.

Town Attorney Arango stated that Town Manager Olmedillo is correct.

Commissioner Velasquez commented that she believed any work outside was allowed and now sees that it pertains to vacant buildings but is confused.

Vice Mayor Paul commented that the workers are not to be in common areas of the building and does not see the difference between the pool and balconies as

long as the workers stay away from the common areas.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul include in the Order to expand to all exterior works to condominiums and abide by the strict guidelines of two groups of four (4) workers and avoid the common areas, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. All voted in favor with Commissioner Salzhauer voting against.

Vice Mayor Paul requested to see the order before it is sent out.

Mayor Burkett closed public comments.

#### **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**

##### **\*\*NEW ITEM\*\*Frequency of Meetings – Commissioner Salzhauer**

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that the number of meetings does not allow staff to work properly and believes that it needs to give everyone time to work on the items and it does not give staff time to deliver and would consider having a meeting every two weeks instead of weekly.

Commissioner Kesl commented on the item and to him it is a sustainability issue and would like to get it right and needs more time to fully digest the material and make a responsible decision. He stated to have no more than one meeting every two weeks regardless of the type of meeting.

Commissioner Velasquez believes that we need weekly meeting to address the issues.

Vice Mayor Paul commented that it has become a bit much and agrees to not meet next week and to have biweekly meetings and not to have two (2) meetings in one week.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to move the meetings to every other week until further notice, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor with Commissioner Velasquez voting against.

#### **9. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communications**

##### **A. COVID-19 Task Force Update – Mayor, Vice Mayor and Members of the Town Commission**

Commissioner Kesl gave an update on the COVID-19 Task Force. He

gave an update on the Farm Share Food Drive, which will be a drive up, and will be needing volunteers. He thanked the Police Department for the mask distributions. He commented on the Community Center and beach being closed to side on the side of public safety. He spoke regarding the recent spikes on the number of cases locally and statewide. He spoke about the engagement of the residents.

**B. COVID Regulations/Beach Path Mask Enforcement – Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**

Commissioner Salzhauer introduced the item and stated that people are not abiding by the rules. She stated that her concern is that as the County keeps opening up, people will not be cooperative with masks and social distancing and feels this needs to be addressed. She stated that the Town needs to figure out how to enforce this as establishments start opening up.

Commissioner Velasquez commented on some of the emails received on the pool issues in condominiums.

Commissioner Kesl stated that they need to keep in mind that there are growing pains and some things will be difficult. He commented on the efforts being made on the beach with the paths and it does require getting used to not only the community doing their part but also the police enforcing it. He discussed having the proper tools for enforcement.

Police Chief Yero commented on the concern of wearing masks that Commissioner Kesl stated. He stated that the majority of Surfside residents are taking the proper action and doing the right thing. As far as enforcement on the path on the right side, he stated people are getting frustrated and they are doing their best. He stated that there have been other issues that the Police have been enforcing like speeding but there is only so much they can do with the staffing they have. He stated that the safest thing to do is for everyone to stay home.

Commissioner Velasquez suggested placing all the information on the website and a constant reminder suggesting people to wear their masks.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she addressed the email and the County Order mentions the one-way path and Publix is enforcing the masks and is happy that the Police are paying attention to the speeders. She stated that when she was at the walking path, people were without masks and walking at the opposite direction. She feels that it is hard to enforce.

The following individual spoke on the item:  
Estelle Hedaya spoke regarding the walking path.

Commissioner Salzhauer addressed the comments made by speaker Estelle Hedaya regarding the use of masks and being courteous of having the path one way.

**C. Allocation of Parking Enforcement Resources during COVID -  
Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**

Commissioner Salzhauer introduced the item and stated what she has witnessed. She commented on the funding of the Parking Enforcement Department. She would like Finance Director Greene to speak on the cost of having those parking enforcement officers and if there is a way of repurposing those positions to do other things.

Finance Director Greene stated that no full-time employees have been furloughed.

Mayor Burkett asked are we in a deficit on the parking enforcement.

Finance Director Greene stated that the FY20 budget does utilize \$76,000 of reserves for parking resources.

Mayor Burkett stated that Finance Director Greene was not able to answer Commissioner Salzhauer questions due to poor internet connection.

Town Manager Olmedillo stated that Police Chief Yero stated that they had been repurposed.

Vice Mayor Paul asked Town Manager Olmedillo to answer the question of using reserves and if it is due to COVID-19 and is it monies that the Town could get back from FEMA.

Police Chief Yero informed them of the reallocation of personnel and the parking officers are doing several functions. He stated that their functions are from delivering agendas to mask give away, they are crucial to assist the police officers and fill many voids that allow the police officers to do their duties.

Finance Director Greene he stated that there was about \$76,000 for FY20 utilizing reserves and that was partially made up of the cost for a one-time purchase for radios and for one (1) parking enforcement officer.

Further discussion took place among the Commission regarding this item.

**D. 92<sup>nd</sup> St Beach-end Improvements - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo gave an update on the item.



Vice Mayor Paul stated that monies were allocated and would like to see the plans. She stated that no improvement has been made to that street and it has been neglected for years.

The following individual from the public spoke on the item:  
Jeff Rose

Mayor Burkett asked Town Manager Olmedillo when he would have an update.

Town Manager Olmedillo stated that he would have information for them next week.

Commissioner Kesl stated that there needs to be consistency among the entry points.

**E. Sidewalk on N 95<sup>th</sup> St between Abbott and Byron - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Town Manager Olmedillo gave an update on the item which is to connect the north side of 95<sup>th</sup> street from Abbott Avenue to Byron Avenue. He spoke regarding the cost and what is less expensive. He stated that there is room to perform this work inhouse which will make it more economic. The only cost would be the concrete needed.

Mayor Burkett asked if this is similar to putting the walkway in Town.

Town Manager Olmedillo stated no it is a traditional sidewalk.

Mayor Burkett stated that he does not know if there is a drawing.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she does not have an idea of what it looks like and believes it should be brought before the Commission to know what it will look like.

Mayor Burkett asked Town Manager Olmedillo to add it to the list of information that needs to be sent to the Commission.

Further discussion took place among the Commission on the item.

The following individual from the public spoke on the item:  
Clara Diaz Leal

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to terminate this item, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor.

- F. Rope Fencing & Posts-Beachwalk/Hardpack - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- G. Develop Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- H. 10 Year Water Supply Plan - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- I. Beach Raking - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- J. Community Digital Signs – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- K. Government Academy - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- L. Various Tourism Related Events, Initiatives, and Destination Marketing - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- M. Various Parks & Recreation Related Events and Initiatives – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- N. Building Department File Digitization – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- O. Classification and Compensation Study – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- P. Pinzur Communication – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**  
Deferred to the next meeting.

- Q. Preservation of Eden Project located at 9300 Collins Avenue - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.
- R. Speeding on Collins and Harding - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.
- S. Amending Town Code Section 2-205 Conduct of Meetings; Agenda – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.
- T. Homeless Contribution by the Town of Surfside of \$100,000 - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.
- U. Free (hassle-free) downtown parking for residents - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.
- V. Charter Amendments to affirm the limit of pay for elected officials to a maximum of \$1 per year, term limits for elected officials of 3 consecutive terms, or any part thereof, for both Mayor & Commissioners, a prohibition on the sale or leasing of any Town property without a referendum & a prohibition against any loan or borrowing of any type, which would put the Town into debt for more than 10% of its annual property tax revenue and which could not be fully amortized within a total of 5 years and restore development protections in the charter- Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.
- W. Records Retention Policy – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.
- X. Regulation of Short-Term Rentals – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**
- Deferred to the next meeting.

**Y. Star Cleaning Service (Street Sweeping) – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**Z. S.M.A.R.T Goals, Quality Control & Quality Assurance –  
Commissioner Charles Kesl**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**AA. Design Review Board Discussion – Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town  
Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**BB. Weiss Serota Contract Follow up – Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo,  
Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**CC. Town Pension Benefits for Non-Public Safety Employees – Mayor  
Charles W. Burkett**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**DD. Additional lighting in the residential area – Staff Report – Guillermo  
Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**EE. Town Website – Vice Mayor Tina Paul**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**FF. Construction Guidelines for Hurricane Season – Commissioner Nelly  
Velasquez**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**GG. Brightview Agreement (FKA Luke’s Landscape) Report and Follow  
up– Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**HH. Lowering of Property Taxes and Water Bills – Staff Report – Guillermo  
Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**II. CGA Contract Follow Up – Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Commissioner Salzhauer introduced the item and stated that all the eggs are put into one basket.

She would like their own inhouse planner and move away from having CGA as the only company and the legal department could write the RFP.

Commissioner Kesl spoke regarding the quality of technology that CGA brings and is frightened about the engineering work they have received from CGA. He stated that he feels that IT should be done inhouse. He believes that the Building Department should also be inhouse.

Mayor Burkett stated that this is an item that needs further discussion. He also commented on the cost for the CGA contracts and suggested bidding out all these services and possibly bringing people inhouse if possible.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that she believes that all the contracts for engineering and planning be done away with and then go out to bid and stated they need a procurement individual to make sure things are done correctly.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding the CGA contract that was done in 2014 and would like to see it competitively bid out. She also spoke regarding the landscaping company contract and engineering contract.

The following individual spoke on the item:

Chris Giordano, Calvin Giordano and Associates (CGA), spoke on the item and the comments made by the Town Commission regarding his company and stated that they will be exiting their contract at the end of their contract term if the Town would not want them to continue to service them.

Further discussion took place among the Commission on the item.

Mayor Burkett stated to look at their contractual obligations and review the contracts, and asked Town Manager Olmedillo to summarize where they are with those contracts in order to decide.

Town Attorney Arango gave clarification and the legal way of doing the RFQ process for an engineering firm.

Further discussion took place on the process of looking into different firms

and for Commissioner Salzhauer to continue to discuss this item with Town Manager Olmedillo and Town Attorney Arango.

**JJ. Discussion Regarding Appointments to Committees and Boards – Sandra N. McCready, Town Clerk**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**KK. Flooding/ Drainage Improvements – Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Town Manager Guillermo Olmedillo gave an update on the item.

Commissioner Velasquez introduced the item and wanted to get the ball in motion.

The following individual spoke on the item:

Deborah Cimadevilla commented on the issues on the collection of the water and forcing it into 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and replacing the pipes.

Mayor Burkett addressed the comments made by speaker Deborah Cimadevilla and the meeting he had with Public Works Director Stokes on the item.

Commissioner Velasquez asked Town Attorney Arango to explain which way they would address the item and explain it to the Commission.

Town Attorney Arango explained the two options, design, bid and build or design and build and gave a thorough explanation of both.

Discussion took place among the Town Commission regarding this item.

Public Works Director Stokes responded to comments made by the Town Commission.

Commissioner Velasquez suggested going with the design, bid and build option.

Further discussion took place among the Town Commission on which option would be best.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to build the berms as suggested by Public Works Director Stokes, seconded Commissioner Salzhauer. All voted in favor.

The following individual from the public spoke:

George Kousoulas

Town Attorney Arango asked Town Manager Olmedillo and Public Works Director Stokes if there is a need for separate engineering firms.

Town Manager Olmedillo addressed the question made by Town Attorney Arango and advised that there is a need due to certain certifications needed.

Further discussion took place among the Commission on the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to move forward with the design, bid, and build option for this project. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mayor Burkett stated that he will work with Deborah Cimadevilla. He requested to leave this item on the agenda and to place it at the top of the agenda.

Commissioner Salzhauer asked Town Clerk McCready to send the link for the video of the meeting that this issue was discussed.

Public speaker Deborah Cimadevilla spoke on the item and its importance to move this item forward.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to have Town Manager Olmedillo to determine if an engineering firm can produce those documents and possibly putting it out to bid. She stated that if it is found to be adequate, the Town Manager should bring it back to the next meeting, seconded by Vice Mayor Paul. All voted in favor with Commissioner Salzhauer voting no.

**LL. Downtown Lighting RFP – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**MM. Undergrounding power lines – Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Commissioner Velasquez introduced the item and the situation of the undergrounding of power lines and stated that at least 80% of the residents would like the power lines underground. She also asked how much it would cost and the consequences.

Mayor Burkett stated that the Commission needs to put a cost estimate of how much it will cost and place it on the November ballot and have the voters decide.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that they should have a separate workshop on this item.

Commissioner Kesl commented on the item and feels there are challenges and high costs for this item.

Further discussion took place among the Commission on the item.

Mayor Burkett asked Town Manager Olmedillo to gather all of the information in order to discuss this further.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that there should be a workshop to see the pros and cons of the item.

Mayor Burkett requested Town Clerk McCready obtain a cost estimate from the Department of Elections on the cost for two (2) questions to be placed on the November 3, 2020 election ballot.

**NN. Streamline Town Staffing – Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**

Mayor Burkett combined this item with Commissioner Kesl's item regarding staffing.

Commissioner Salzhauer introduced the item and stated that some residents are not able to get responses from Town staff. She stated that they want people that want to do their job. She requested an organizational chart and she went through the organizational chart. She spoke about the outsourcing of areas in the Town and some of their departments. She believes that those positions should be Town staff and not outsourced. She suggested looking at what is being outsourced and what can be done inhouse and streamlined.

Commissioner Salzhauer spoke about streamlining the communications department and make it work better because the current model is not working and this needs to be a priority.

Commissioner Kesl agrees with Commissioner Salzhauer's comments. He stated that there is a lot of confusion and inefficiencies with the outsourcing. He would like to add another layer to this issue.

Commissioner Kesl stated that he spoke with Town Manager Olmedillo about if he is the right person to be Town Manager at this time. He also spoke regarding the Town Attorney position and if that person is best for us. He stated that the Town Attorney and Town Manager have a lot of demands.



Vice Mayor Paul stated that as Commissioners the most important thing they do is to appoint the Town Manager and Town Attorney. She spoke regarding the review of the Town Manager and there being room for improvement and do a better job of streamlining the Town Staff.

The following individual spoke on the item:

George Kousoulas spoke regarding bringing inhouse the planning functions and stated that one must be careful and it has nothing to do with CGA or Ms. Sinatra as a Planner but it has to do with the economy and smaller towns do outsource those functions.

Clara Diaz Leal stated that everyone is going around in circles. She does not believe it is a good idea changing the wings on a plane while they are flying. She stated that the Town Manager is great and knows what he needs to do. If they have an issue with a third party than address that. She stated our Town Attorney has been on the spot and done everything she has been asked to do. It took forever to find a good Town Manager that knows the job and has institutional knowledge of the Town.

Jeff Rose agrees with the comments made by George Kousoulas and Clara Diaz Leal and believes that everyone has stepped up to the plate and they should keep the Town Manager and Town Attorney.

Commissioner Salzhauer spoke about reorganization and cleaning things up. She does not have the level of trust with the information she is getting. She also spoke about the ramification and feels that they need to get the right people in place that they can trust.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that she would like an administration that will be clear and give a clear direction of where they should be.

Commissioner Kesl thanked the public speakers for their comments and addressed the comments made by the public. He stated that the Commission chose the Town Manager and they should not be micromanaging employees. It is the Town Manager leading the game.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that there was a freeze on the hiring of an Assistant Town Manager and possibly this position might need to be filled and the Commission choose who that individual would be.

Further discussion took place among the Commission regarding this item and the hiring of an Assistant Town Manager.

The following individuals from the public spoke on the item:

Diana Gonzalez

Ellen Abramson

Commissioner Velasquez addressed the comment made by speaker Diana Gonzalez.

Mayor Burkett commented on the attitude of the front desk employees and knows the Town Manager has been made aware of this.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to start a search to fill the position of Assistant Town Manager, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. Commissioner Kesl withdrew his second. Motion dies for lack of a second.

A motion was made to bring in an Assistant Town Manager who is on the same wave length and start the process of hiring with the Commission making the selection, as stated by Town Attorney Arango, if Town Manager Olmedillo agrees to have the Commission make the selection since this position falls under the hiring authority of the Town Manager, seconded by Vice Mayor Paul. Motion failed with the following votes: Commissioner Kesl, Commissioner Velasquez and Mayor Burkett voted against and Commissioner Salzhauer and Vice Mayor Paul voting yes.

Mayor Burkett asked to put the discussion of hiring an Assistant Town Manager position on the next meeting agenda which is in two weeks.

The following individual from the public spoke on the item:  
George Kousoulas spoke regarding the transfer from one zoning code and the other.

Commissioner Salzhauer directed Town Manager Olmedillo to have a plan on bringing the engineering, planning and IT department in house.

Mayor Burkett suggested to have Commissioner Salzhauer speak to the Town Manager regarding that request.

**OO. Dog Park – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**PP. FPL Solar Together Program - Vice Mayor Tina Paul**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**QQ. Climate Environmental Collective - Revised - Vice Mayor Tina Paul**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**RR. Interest Free Loans to Surfside Builders Granted by Former Mayor and Commission – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**SS. How our Zoning Protections Against Over-Development Were Guttled - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**TT. Amending Town Code Section 2-233 to Include Non-for-Profit – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**UU. Amending Town Code Section 2-237 Business Relationships – Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**VV. Staffing Hiring Freeze - Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**WW. Speeding & Stop Sign Running - Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**XX. Police Body Cameras – Commissioner Nelly Velasquez**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**YY. Surfside Point Lake Subaqueous WM Crossing - Bid Documents – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**ZZ. Beachwalk Trimming- Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**AAA. Pool Deck Lighting for Extended Winter Hours- Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

**BBB. Community Center Second Floor – Staff Report - Guillermo Olmedillo,  
Town Manager**

Deferred to the next meeting.

***Thirty (30) Day Staff Report – Items from March 24, 2020 Special Town Commission Meetings - COMPLETED***

***Thirty (30) Day Staff Report – Items from March 31, 2020 Special Town Commission Meetings – COMPLETED***

***Thirty (30) Day Staff Report – Items from April 7, 2020 Special Town Commission Meetings – COMPLETED***

***Thirty (30) Day Staff Report – Items from April 16, 2020 Regular Town Commission Meetings***

- A. Designated (Painted) Walking Areas in the Residential District -  
Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

***Thirty (30) Day Staff Report – Items from April 21, 2020 Regular Town Commission Meetings***

- A. Stormwater Masterplan - Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town  
Manager**

***Thirty (30) Day Staff Report – Items from April 28, 2020 Regular Town Commission Meetings***

- A. Beach Preservation Initiatives (“Carry On-Carry Off”/ Clean-Ups/ Chair-Free Safe Space Behind Community Center) - Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**
- B. Comparison of 2006 Code to 2020 Code – Staff Report – Guillermo Olmedillo, Town Manager**
- C. Securing Power Infrastructure: Timely Action Plan for Hurricane Season through accountability now by FPL, ATT and Atlantic Broadband – Commissioner Charles Kesl**
- D. Abbott Avenue Drainage Improvements – Commissioner Nelly Velasquez**
- E. Downtown Surfside Sidewalk Beautification - Plans 65 and Studies - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

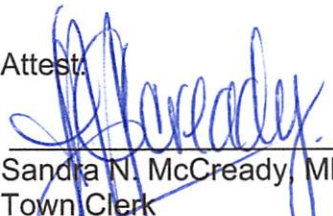
***Items Completed or Removed from Previous Agendas***


- A. Resolution Adopting an Amended Resiliency Reserve Policy Revision
- B. Resolution Approving the March 17, 2020 Town of Surfside Municipal Election
- C. Resolution Abolishing the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee
- D. Resolution Amending the Downtown Vision Advisory Committee
- E. Resolution Reauthorizing the Parks and Recreation Committee
- F. "Flash Your Lights" - Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer
- G. Mandatory Face Mask in the Town of Surfside – Commissioner Nelly Velasquez
- H. Bandanas for Town Residents – Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer
- I. Commission Meeting Starting Time at 6:00pm – Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- J. Discussion Regarding Assistant Town Manager position and Action -  
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez
- K. Photovoltaic RFP - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- L. Facilities Review - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- M. Kayak Launch - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- N. Jacober Contract – Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- O. Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- P. Small Business Survival Grant - Vice Mayor Tina Paul
- Q. Review of Amendment No. 2 to Update No. 5 Town of Surfside Emergency Measures – Vice Mayor Tina Paul
- R. Downtown Surfside Sidewalk Beautification - Plans and Studies -  
Mayor Charles W. Burkett [*Downtown Vision Advisory Committee to discuss*]

## 10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez, to adjourn the meeting without objection at 11:32 p.m. The motion received a second from Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor.

Accepted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

Attest:  
  
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Sandra N. McCreedy, MMC  
Town Clerk

  
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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor