



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
MINUTES
July 1, 2020
7 p.m.**

Town Hall Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Ave, 2nd Floor
Surfside, FL 33154

1. Opening

A. Call to Order

Mayor Burkett called the meeting to order at 7:01 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. Mayor and Commission Remarks

Commissioner Kesl stated the reason he was not present at the last Commission Meeting and was pleased with the results from the last meeting.

Discussion among the Commission took place regarding the appointments and criteria that need to be met.

Commissioner Kesl stated that the idea is to interview and determine their availability and which boards they would like to be part of.

Vice Mayor Paul thanked all the applicants and stated that her process was to appoint each member and go Board by Board. She stated that on the Planning and Zoning Board there are two at large members to be appointed.

2. Board and Committee Appointments – Sandra N. McCreedy, Town Clerk

A. Planning and Zoning Board

Mayor Burkett appointed Fred Landsman whose qualification meets the resident criteria.

Vice Mayor Paul appointed Judith Frankel whose qualification is her service on the Planning and Zoning Board and she meets the planning background criteria.

Commissioner Velasquez appointed Ruben Bravo whose qualification meets the sustainability and resiliency criteria.

Commissioner Salzhauer appointed Oliver Sanchez whose qualification is being a Surfside resident.

Commissioner Kesl appointed James McKenzie whose qualification meets the architect criteria.

The Commission by consensus appointed Robert Cesar Izaurralde and Deborah Wecselman as the at large members.

Commissioner Velasquez discussed the issues that presented in the past with lack of quorum to the Design and Review Board.

Vice Mayor Paul addressed Commissioner Velasquez' question regarding quorum for this Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to appoint herself as the Planning and Zoning Board Liaison, seconded by Vice Mayor Paul. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote with Commissioner Velasquez and Mayor Burkett voting in opposition.

B. Tourist Board

Mayor Burkett appointed Clara Diaz Leal whose qualification meets the resident and sustainability and resiliency as well as the risk management criteria.

Vice Mayor Paul appointed Ian Marovath whose qualification meets the marketing criteria.

Commissioner Velasquez appointed Eli Tourgeman whose qualification meets the resident criteria.

Commissioner Salzhauer appointed Robert Lisman whose qualification meets the tourist and marketing criteria.

Commissioner Kesl appointed Lisa Herman whose qualification meets the public relations and marketing criteria.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to ratify all the appointees to the Tourist Board, seconded by Vice Mayor Paul. All voted in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to nominate Vice Mayor Paul as the liaison to the Tourist Board, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote with Mayor Burkett voted in opposition.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

Mayor Burkett appointed Reta Logan.

Vice Mayor Paul appointed Nicole Travis.

Commissioner Velasquez appointed Martha Olchyk.

Commissioner Salzhauer appointed Janice Tatum whose qualification meets the environmental, resiliency and sustainability criteria.

Commissioner Kesl appointed Frank McBride.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to appoint herself as the liaison to the Parks and Recreation Committee, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote with Commissioner Salzhauer and Vice Mayor Paul voting in opposition.

D. Budget Committee

Mayor Burkett appointed Diana Gonzalez.

Vice Mayor Paul appointed Lauren Bardos.

Commissioner Velasquez appointed Sheryl Goldberg.

Commissioner Salzhauer appointed Andrew Craven.

Commissioner Kesl appointed Bobby Cummings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kesl to accept all appointments made to the Budget Committee, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. All voted in favor.

Consensus was reached to appoint Mayor Burkett as the liaison to the Budget Committee. All voted in favor.

E. Pension Board

Discussion among the Commission took place on appointments to the Pension Board.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to appoint Abraham Issa and Gary Golding as the at large appointments to the Pension Board, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor.

F. Downtown Vision Advisory Committee (DVAC)

Mayor Burkett appointed Zoya Pashenko.

Vice Mayor Paul appointed Meghan Rote.

Commissioner Velasquez appointed Celida Cuenca.

Commissioner Salzhauer did not make an appointment to DVAC at this point.

Commissioner Kesl appointed Marianne Meishcheid.

Consensus was reached to appoint Commissioner Kesl as the liaison for the Downtown Vision Advisory Committee (DVAC). All voted in favor.

G. Police Officers Trust

Discussion among the Commission took place on appointments to the Police Officers Trust.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to appoint Jose Galimidi and Mareni Starre as the at large appointments to the Police Officers Trust, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor.

H. Personnel Appeals Board

Mayor Burkett did not make an appointment to Personnel Appeals Board.

Vice Mayor Paul did not make an appointment to Personnel Appeals Board.

Commissioner Velasquez did not make an appointment to Personnel Appeals Board.

Commissioner Salzhauer did not make an appointment to Personnel Appeals Board.

Commissioner Kesl did not make an appointment to Personnel Appeals Board.

The Commission reached consensus to make appointments to the Personnel Appeals Board at a later meeting.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez, to adjourn the meeting without objection at 8:17 p.m. The motion received a second from Commissioner Kesl. All voted in favor.

Accepted this 17 day of August, 2020.



Charles W. Burkett, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra N. McCready, MMC
Town Clerk