



**Town of Surfside  
Regular Town Commission Meeting  
MINUTES  
February 9, 2021  
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 7:03 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 Charles Kesl and Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer (arrived at 7:05 pm)

Also present were Town Manager Andrew Hyatt and Town Attorney Lillian Arango.

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

Mayor Burkett requested to defer the following items to the next meeting agenda: 9C (Amending Town Code Section 2-205 Conduct of Meetings; Agenda; 9F (Demolition by Neglect); 9G (Excessive Homeless Contribution made by the Former Commission; and 9I (Short-Term Rentals).

Commissioner Kesl asked for the following items to be handled by the Town Manager. Items 9D (Topper Selection for 4 x 4 Posts on Hardpack and Walking Path; 9E (Building Department Document Scanning) and 9V (Comparison of 2006 Code to 2020 Code – Staff Report).

Vice Mayor Paul asked for item 3E (FY 2021 Budget Amendment No. 5) to be pulled from the consent agenda and to be linked to item 5C (Abbott Street Engineering).

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to move item 9Z (Traffic Control Devices on 88<sup>th</sup> & Hawthorne Avenue) up on agenda to be able to discuss it tonight after item 9B (Discussion and Action Regarding Newly Implemented “Town Blog”, Surfside

Gazette and Social Media Guidelines), seconded by Vice Mayor Paul. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

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

**F. Senator Jason Pizzo - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Senator Jason Pizzo spoke regarding the legislative priorities and what the Commission's desire is for the priorities. He spoke regarding successfully getting enthusiasm with infrastructure, making changes and financial resources throughout the city and town. He spoke regarding Airbnb and giving the Town autonomy.

Commissioner Kesl stated that his priority is walkability and safety.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that her priority is safety with the community and commented on the legislative priority and home rule.

Senator Jason Pizzo addressed the comment made by Commissioner Salzhauer. He mentioned to her the bills that have come before them and those that have died. He spoke regarding the bills that passed and he takes these legislative priorities and local home rule very serious. He spoke regarding the infrastructure and discussed what is taking place at the County and State level.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding infrastructure and clean water, agreed with Senator Pizzo about the septic tank, and would like to add opposing oil drilling because it affects our water supply.

Senator Jason Pizzo addressed the comments made by Vice Mayor Paul and stated that the biggest push back with single plastic use are on the retail side.

Mayor Burkett thanked Senator Jason Pizzo and stated that they have a great deal of flooding and believes placing bigger pumps in will help and he spoke regarding the Town working on a pilot program.

Further discussion took place regarding the pilot program and using legislative resources.

Commissioner Kesl commented on many issues that are strained including water and infrastructure.

Senator Jason Pizzo spoke regarding the comments made by the Commission and pulling available funds in order to address the necessity needed in the Town and spoke regarding raising homes in Surfside. He addressed the priorities the Town needs regarding infrastructure.

Commissioner Velasquez spoke regarding the undergrounding of powerlines.

Senator Jason Pizzo stated that everyone is paying for that already in their bill and stated that most of the municipalities will have their utilities underground.

Further discussion took place among the Commission and Senator Jason Pizzo regarding different legislative priorities and possible FPL rebates.

Commissioner Salzhauer asked if they can spend money to move up on the legislative list.

Senator Jason Pizzo stated that they can but not with his blessing and explained the procedure.

Vice Mayor Paul thanked Senator Pizzo and stated that she spoke to Christopher Ferreira and stated that every three years they are to underground a certain amount of footage as part of a 30 year plan.

Commissioner Velasquez asked to have Town Manager Hyatt contact ATT and the cable companies to take out all the unused cables.

Commissioner Kesl thanked Senator Pizzo and appreciates the work he has done.

Mayor Burkett thanked Senator Jason Pizzo and invites him to come more often and followed up with the undergrounding of powerlines and what FPL was stating they would be doing.

Further discussion took place about different things that can be placed underground and the deadline for design, grants for raising homes, mask mandates, vaccines and the current supply issue at hand.

## **2. Quasi-Judicial Hearings**

- 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 motion was made by Commissioner Kesl to approve the consent agenda including the amendments to the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. Motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

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

- January 14, 2021 Regular Town Commission Meeting Minutes

Approved on consent.

**\*B. Town Manager's Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Approved on consent.

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

Approved on consent.

**D. Committee Reports - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

- September 9, 2020 Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
- December 7, 2020 Tourist Board Meeting Minutes
- December 17, 2020 Planning and Zoning Board Meeting Minutes
- December 21, 2020 Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Approved on consent.

**E. FY 2021 Budget Amendment No. 5- Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING BUDGET AMENDMENT NO. 5 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

This item was pulled from consent and discussed after item 5C (Abbott Street Engineering).

Jason Greene introduced the item.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kesl to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5- 0 vote.

**F. Resolution Authorizing Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Surfside and North Bay Village - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH NORTH BAY VILLAGE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Approved on consent.

#### 4. Ordinances

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

##### A. Second Reading Ordinances

1. **Ordinance to Allow Pet Grooming as Accessory Use to Pet Supplies-**  
Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AMENDING THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING SECTION 90-41, "REGULATED USES", TO CHANGE THE LIST OF PERMITTED ACCESSORY USES TO ALLOW PET GROOMING AS ACCESSORY TO RETAIL PET SUPPLIES IN THE SD-B40 ZONING DISTRICT AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the Ordinance on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Salzhauer. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Kesl spoke regarding filling the vacancies and that there are laws and ordinances that need to be addressed with pets as it relates to the grooming. He spoke regarding the business having an entrance from the back parking lot and they need to adhere to the laws on the book and they will be enforced.

Town Attorney Arango asked Town Clerk McCready to confirm that this item conformed with the Planning and Zoning Board.

Town Clerk McCready confirmed that this item was approved at the Planning and Zoning Board.

Commissioner Velasquez asked Town Clerk McCready if this was advertised.

Town Clerk McCready stated that it was advertised in the Miami Herald.

*(Set for approximately 9:00 p.m.) (Note: Good and Welfare must begin at 8:15)*

##### B. First Reading Ordinances

**5. Resolutions and Proclamations**

*(Set for approximately 9:45 p.m.) (Note: Depends upon length of Good and Welfare)*

**A. Legislative Priorities - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA APPROVING STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2021; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution as amended, oppose oil drilling at national reserves and all public lands, resort tax protection, change to bullet points and land acquisitions, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. The motion carried with 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Salzhauer commented on items 1-12, and decided that number 12 should be the number 1 in priority.

Commissioner Kesl commented to put these into bullet point format.

Town Manager Hyatt spoke regarding his conversation with Senator Pizzo and the lobbyist and addressed Commissioner Kesl's comments.

Vice Mayor Paul agreed with Commissioner Kesl in having bullet points and assisting the Town Manager with the list and adding new ones to the priority list. She stated that she feels that infrastructure is key, home rule being number 1 and number 2 being transportation.

Commissioner Velasquez agrees with Commissioner Kesl with the bullet point format.

Mayor Burkett commented on the priority lists and naming the park but it is in a corporate name and that it is not advantageous naming it under a corporation. He spoke regarding recommendations being proposed to talk about resources.

**B. RFQ No. 2020-06 Continuing Engineering Services – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

**1. KCI Technologies**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN**

**MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

Town Attorney Arango stated that they can read all the resolutions and make it one vote to approve all the resolutions as one.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**2. The Corradino Group**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE CORRADINO GROUP, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**3. Keith and Associates**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KEITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**4. Kimley-Horn Associates**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**5. CAP Government**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH C.A.P. GOVERNMENT, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**6. Alvarez Engineers**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALVAREZ ENGINEERING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT;**



**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**7. Nova Consulting**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NOVA CONSULTING, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**8. 300 Engineering Group**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH 300 ENGINEERING GROUP, P.A. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title into the record.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to approve the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

**C. Abbott Street Engineering – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH KEITH & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE ABBOTT AVENUE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FROM 90<sup>TH</sup> STREET TO 96<sup>TH</sup> STREET; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Town Clerk McCready read the title of the resolution into the record.

A motion was made by Commissioner Velasquez to approve the Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Velasquez spoke regarding the suggestions and obtaining other opinions and why they have to look at something they already denied.

Vice Mayor Paul commented on the Abbott Avenue study in 2018 and explained the recommendation received. She also stated that the previous Commission did not want to move forward and the Abbott Avenue drainage was added to the legislative priority list. She said that her concern is that this Commission wanted to look at another company to get a second opinion. She wanted to know from the engineering firm if the stormwater master plan addresses the issues with Abbott Avenue.

Commissioner Kesl spoke regarding direction given to Town staff to do the stormwater master plan and having the Town take care of this issue.

Commissioner Salzhauer commented on a flooding issue with Abbott Avenue. She stated that the stormwater master plan is very important and they need a comprehensive plan dealing with the flooding issue.

Mayor Burkett commented on the statements made by the Commission and having an accurate report.

Commissioner Velasquez stated her concern is the cost of the study.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to go around for another 2 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. The motion failed with a 2-3 vote with Commissioner Kesl, Commissioner Velasquez and Mayor Burkett voting in opposition.

The following individuals from the public spoke on the item:

Joshua Epstein  
Debbie Cimadevilla  
Diana Gonzalez  
Jeff Rose

Commissioner Kesl addressed comments made by the speakers.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding the stormwater master plan and the master plan from 2013 that is being used. She stated that she does not support paying for review of a study that was already paid for if we're not going to look at the options that were already presented.

Assistant Town Manager Greene addressed the comments made by Vice Mayor Paul and brought some representatives from Keith Engineering to answer the questions and spoke regarding the contract with Keith Engineering for Abbott Avenue.

Steven Williams, Vice President of Engineering with Keith Engineering, addressed the questions and comments made by the Commission.

Discussion took place among the Commission and Mr. Williams regarding the cost of the stormwater plan, the timeline as well as raising homes and what is feasible.

Commissioner Velasquez spoke regarding the options and why it takes \$9,000 worth of work to look at this.

Assistant Town Manager Jason Greene addressed the comments on the report and summary made and asked Mr. Williams to elaborate and explain.

Vice Mayor Paul asked what can be done to fill in the missing parts on the RFP and add what was missing.

Mr. Williams addressed the comments made by Vice Mayor Paul.

Commissioner Kesl asked Mr. Williams if the corridor study would have to be added to the ICPR model.

Mr. Williams answered Commissioner Kesl's question.

Commissioner Salzhauer asked if the CGA study did not address this issue.

Mr. Williams answered Commissioner Salzhauer's question as to if it pertains to the stormwater.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that she would like to save the funding. She responded to comments made by speakers. She spoke regarding homes going higher and raising those homes and that it must be in the code.

Mayor Burkett addressed the comments made by Commissioner Salzhauer regarding raising the homes.

Vice Mayor Paul addressed the CGA report and asked Mr. Williams how much of a difference can they expect from their reports.

Mr. Williams addressed the question by Vice Mayor Paul and evaluating report.

Further discussion took place among Vice Mayor Paul and Mr. Williams regarding the report and what type of solutions they will be providing.

Mayor Burkett agrees to pass this item in order to have more in-depth information.

Vice Mayor Paul asked how this will integrate into the stormwater master plan.

Mr. Williams stated that it will be integrated and pulled together with the Abbott Avenue one which looks into the feasibility of raising the streets or homes.

Assistant Town Manager Jason Greene spoke regarding the analysis, the stormwater utility and stated that you are required to have a stormwater master plan.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding Mr. Williams having to review what CGA did and he will have to review the 2013 plan and the plan needs to be renewed.

**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 under good and welfare.

Jeff Rose thanked Senator Jason Pizzo. He spoke regarding walkability, and the undergrounding.

Joshua Epstein spoke regarding the residents being misled and supporting our employees and getting them the proper health insurance, they deserve.

Commissioner Salzhauer agreed with paying the employees a proper salary, giving them enough hours in order for them to get health benefits.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that they did a study that was recommended by the Human Resources Director. This was a compensation study to make sure that the employees are being paid the proper salary and due to COVID she agreed to cancel it but she would like to bring it back.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that they have to look at the amount of work in Surfside being done and stated that the reason for part-time employees is because there is not enough work to have them as fulltime employees.

Commissioner Kesl thanked the speakers and stated that their comments were constructive and spoke regarding the positions and putting the best organizational chart together.

Mayor Burkett addressed the comments made by the Commission regarding the classification and pay study.

Human Resources Director Slate-McCloud stated that they let 25 Parks and Recreation staff members go for two months and they rehired them as they reopened Parks and Recreation.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding the classification and pay study and that the study was mostly completed and it is a good idea to recruit the best employees.

Human Resources Director Slate-McCloud gave the Commission the cost of the study and the outcome of the study. She advised the Commission on the cost that has been paid up to date.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that this should be at the Town Manager's discretion and that this is not something that should be taken away from the Town Manager.

The following individual from the public spoke:  
Horace Henderson spoke regarding the support of the zoning code.

**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. COVID-19 Task Force Update – Commissioner Charles Kesl**

Commissioner Kesl gave an update on the COVID-19 Task Force, individuals wearing masks and social distancing.

Town Manager Hyatt spoke regarding the mask mandate and staff handling enforcement the mask mandate.

Commissioner Velasquez spoke regarding outside dining with restaurants and trash left. She suggested having an area designated where all tables are pushed in the parking area until we are over COVID. She asked since this is handed to the Town Manager they will no longer be as part of the Commission.

Commissioner Kesl stated that since he has been the liaison, he would be happy to stay on. He commented on the statements made by Commissioner Velasquez regarding the restaurants and outdoor dining. He stated that as far as disbanding the task force, he is comfortable leaving it to the Town Manager.

Vice Mayor Paul wanted to thank Code Enforcement and Police Chief Yero for stepping ahead and handling the situation in the business district and other areas and has seen slight improvement.

Commissioner Salzhauer stated that she would like to keep the COVID Task Force and safety control.

Mayor Burkett thanked Police Chief Yero for the work they are doing.

The following individuals from the public spoke:

Jeff Rose asked if there are going to be in person meetings.

Joshua Epstein asked for the COVID Task Force to stay in place and outdoor dining.

Diana Gonzalez thanked the Police for the efforts they are doing and outdoor dining.

George Kousoulas addressed placing restaurant seating in the parking lanes.

Horace Henderson spoke regarding the COVID 19 task force.

Mayor Burkett shared information on COVID and gave some data and statistics.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that at the staff level they will continue working on this and be responsive to what needs to be done.

Vice Mayor Paul stated that she does want to continue with the COVID task force.

Commissioner Velasquez stated that she is fine with the COVID task force but would like to add this item to the end of the meeting in order to address other items on the agenda.

**B. Discussion and Action Regarding Newly Implemented “Town Blog”, Surfside Gazette and Social Media Guidelines – Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**

Commissioner Salzhauer introduced the item and commented on the residents getting accurate information. She stated that social media has become a distraction. She stated there has been credibility and serious comments made on social media. She requested administration to address this issue. She would like to work together.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke about a particular Facebook page from Mayor Burkett. She asked Mayor Burkett regarding cancel culture.

Mayor Burkett addressed the comments made by Vice Mayor Paul as it pertains to cancel culture.

Commissioner Kesl stated that he is fine with what is in the Gazette because it has a disclaimer and gives permission for various publications that takes place.

Commissioner Velasquez commented on Commissioner Salzhauer misleading the residents.

A motion was made by Commissioner Salzhauer to have no social media platform and have the Town Attorney look at our social media policy and make it stronger.

Vice Mayor Paul spoke regarding cancel culture and asked the Mayor to explain what he meant.

Commissioner Kesl stated that he takes a very liberal view with what elected officials can say and the social media policy is fine the way it currently is.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Paul to extend the meeting for 15 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Kesl. The motion failed with a 1-4 vote with Commissioner Kesl, Commissioner Velasquez, Commissioner Salzhauer and Vice Mayor Paul voting in opposition.

**C. Amending Town Code Section 2-205 Conduct of Meetings; Agenda – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**D. Topper Selection for 4 x 4 Posts on Hardpack and Walking Path - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**E. Building Department Document Scanning- Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**F. Demolition by Neglect - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**G. Excessive Homeless Contribution made by the Former Commission - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**H. Free (hassle-free) downtown parking for residents - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**I. Short-Term Rentals – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**J. Quality Control & Quality Assurance – Commissioner Charles Kesl**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**K. Increase Lighting Plan – Staff Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**L. Lowering of Property Taxes and Water Bills – Staff Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**M. FPL Solar Together - Vice Mayor Tina Paul**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

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

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

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

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

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

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.



**Q. Beachwalk Trimming- Staff Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**R. Community Center Pool Deck Lighting - Staff Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**S. Community Center Second Floor – Staff Report - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**T. Designated (Painted) Walking Areas in the Residential District- Staff Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**U. Alternative Kayak Launches in Addition to the 96th Street Park – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**V. Comparison of 2006 Code to 2020 Code – Staff Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**W. Stormwater Masterplan - Staff Report – Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**X. Amend Tourist Board Ordinance – Commissioner Nelly Velasquez**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**Y. Legally Defective Charter Amendment Vote in 2012 – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**Z. Traffic Control Devices on 88<sup>th</sup> & Hawthorne Avenue –**  
Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**AA. Cone of Silence/Secrecy – Mayor Charles Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**BB. License Plate Readers – Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**CC. Cancel Culture in Surfside - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**DD. Permit Process - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**EE. High Water Bill – Mayor Charles Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**FF. Zoning Code Timetable - Mayor Charles Burkett**

Item deferred to next Commission meeting.

**Staff Reports**

**A. Permanent Digital Sign - Andrew Hyatt, Town Manager**

**B. Purchase of Land for Parks – Commissioner Nelly Velasquez**


**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Accepted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Attest:

  
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Sandra N. McCready, MMC  
Town Clerk

  
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Charles W. Burkett, Mayor