



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting MINUTES
March 29, 2022
6:00 PM**

Commission Chambers - 9293 Harding Avenue Surfside, FL 33154

1. Opening

1.A Call to Order

Mayor Danzinger called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.B Roll Call of Members

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

Present: Mayor Shlomo Danzinger, Vice Mayor Jeff Rose, Commissioner Fred Landsman and Commissioner Marianne Meisheid.

Absent: Commissioner Nelly Velasquez.

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

1.C Mayor and Commission Remark

2. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communications

2.A Champlain Towers South Site Temporary Signage For the Town of Surfside to collaborate with the Court-appointed Receiver for the Site, Michael Goldberg, in the design and placement of temporary signage at the Champlain Towers South site. The temporary memorial signage should include the names of the 98 souls tragically lost on June 24th. The suggested signage would be in the form of a printed mesh fence banner to replace portions of the standard green mesh covering the fencing on the west side of the Site facing Collins Avenue. The requested direction is for the Manager to present design options and costs to the Commission for approval at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 12th, 2022 for immediate implementation. The Town is to coordinate with the Court-appointed

Receiver for approval of the placement of the banner.

Mayor Danzinger welcomed the public to this meeting and wished he would not have to have this meeting due to the circumstances. He welcomed Laurie Flink from Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman-Schultz' office and Kirsten Castillo from Miami-Dade County, Mayor Levine-Cava's Office.

Vice Mayor Rose also thanked Mayor Danzinger for setting this meeting up.

Commissioner Landsman also thanked Mayor Danzinger for setting this meeting up.

Commissioner Meischeid also thanked Mayor Danzinger for setting this meeting up.

Mayor Danzinger introduced the item and provided examples of the temporary signage he would like at the site. He gave a status update on the meeting with the receiver and provided suggestions that could be implemented. His recommendation is for the Town of Surfside to collaborate with the Court-appointed Receiver for the Site, Michael Goldberg, in the design and placement of temporary signage at the Champlain Towers South site. The temporary memorial signage should include the names of the 98 souls tragically lost on June 24th. The suggested signage would be in the form of a printed mesh fence banner to replace portions of the standard green mesh covering the fencing on the west side of the Site facing Collins Avenue. The requested direction is for the Manager to present design options and costs to the Commission for approval at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 12th, 2022 for immediate implementation. The Town is to coordinate with the Court-appointed Receiver for approval of the placement of the banner.

Commissioner Landsman asked regarding the images in the backup documentation and liked the images and stated that they looked very professional.

Vice Mayor Rose suggested the temporary signage on 88th Street and his concern is with people slowing down on Collins Avenue and possibly putting it on the side of the beach. He asked if they could put it on the tennis court side as well.

Commissioner Meischeid asked if there will be more than one sample.

Mayor Danzinger stated that the longer they wait the longer they push it from taking place. He stated that it will wrap around and he would like it on the Collins Avenue side.

The following individuals from the public spoke:

Davy Aidsworth
Randy Rose
Eli Ginsburg
Martin Langesfeld
Pablo Langesfeld
Eileen Rosenberg
Eyal Weinstein
Dariana Toree Geschavntnerova

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to direct the Town Manager to come back at the April 12, 2022 Commission Meeting with more specifications to include budget, sign options and locations, seconded by Commissioner Meischeid. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

- 2.B. Champlain Towers South Anniversary Event** The recommendation is to create a special committee under the Town Manager who will be responsible for the planning and coordination of the special event commemorating the first anniversary of the Champlain Towers South collapse. The committee will discuss and consider ideas brought forth before the committee for the planning of the venue. The committee should be comprised primarily of family members of the victims to ensure their ideas are at the forefront of the decision-making process. The committee should also include a few strategic personnel who can better facilitate the implementation of the coordinated event. The committee is to meet weekly or bi-weekly, as time is of the essence, and provide status reports to the Manager. The Manager should send the Commission weekly reports as to the updates of the event planning. The committee should have an event venue and details for approval by the commission at the May 10, 2022 Commission meeting.

Mayor Danzinger introduced the item and stated that the Committee will be meeting weekly and he knows this Commission will not stand in the way and it will take some time to get information from the State.

The following individuals from the public spoke:

Eli Ginsburg suggested to have the meetings for this Committee be via zoom and be part of the motion.

Dariana Toree Geschavntnerova would like the word "gone" removed and replaced with the word "forever remembered".

Ezzy Wasserman suggested that Mayor Danzinger work with Miriam from JCS. Miriam Singer, CEO of Jewish Community of South Florida (JCS).

Vice Mayor Rose suggested that they provide a zoom link for the meetings.

Mayor Danzinger stated that the meetings will be televised. He spoke regarding the possible logistics.

Vice Mayor Rose stated that they will look at Ms. Singer for guidance and if they cannot do it via zoom, they will need to look for another format.

Commissioner Meischeid suggested emails to introduce the questions.

Mayor Danzinger explained that noticing requirements also apply to this committee.

Commissioner Landsman thanked and appreciates the work the representatives state-wide have provided. He stated that he would like their involvement and encouraged individuals to participate and commit to this because time is of the essence. He stated that it should be one effort for everyone in the community.

Mayor Danzinger recognized former Mayor Burkett and thanked him for coming out and for everything he has done.

Mayor Danzinger requested a motion directing the Town Manager to put together a committee comprised of the family members that are in town to put this event together and to report back with a plan for the event.

A motion was made by Commissioner Landsman to direct the Town Manager to put together a committee comprised of the family members that are in town to put this event together and to report back with a plan for the event, seconded by Commissioner Meischeid. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

2.C Champlain Towers South Memorial The recommendation would be for the creation of a special Memorial Design Committee under the Town Manager whose purpose would be to make recommendations and provide input during various junctions of the project, including developing design requirements for the designers and architects, and, ultimately, recommending the selection of the final design to the Manager and approved by the Commission. This committee, along with the Town Manager and relevant municipal officials, should be comprised to include the surviving family members of the victims of the Champlain Towers South collapse.

Mayor Danzinger introduced the item and would like to direct the Town Manager to create a committee. He stated that timing and location as part of the logistics and the design of the memorial will be discussed by the Committee and brought back to the Commission.

The following individuals from the public spoke:

George Kousoulas suggested that the family members be part of the selection committee and would open it up to a competition instead of a design committee.

Marty Lagerfeld spoke regarding the location of the memorial being very important. He stated that the memorial should be on 88th street.

Former Mayor Charles Burkett stated that he is excited and this effort shows that they are focused on what is important. He thanked Congresswoman Wasserman-Shultz' office as well as Mayor Levine Cava's Office. He spoke regarding the location of the memorial and all options are open and family centric. He gave his support to this Commission and the family to make sure that they have a world class memorial and never forget what happened.

Vicky Housman stated that they are providing their services as counselors for the event and memorial.

Ezzy Wasserman thanked Mayor Danzinger and the Commission for making this the first meeting as a Commission.

Vice Mayor Rose agrees that the families should be at the forefront. He would like to see this planned out sooner than later. He suggested that this gets thought out, planned and executed before the new building takes place.

Mayor Danzinger spoke regarding the construction and that the families need to consider possibly dealing with the damages due to construction or they can wait and they can use the landscaping from the building but these options and decisions should be made by the families.

Commissioner Meischeid likes Mr. Kousoulas' idea and keep everything on track.

Commissioner Landsman stated that time is of the essence and if the site will be at the Champlain Tower South location for the memorial, possibly get it and the memorial ceremony done before the construction takes place and possibly move it somewhere when construction starts for people to be able to visit. He asked if the State and County offered funds to assist.

Town Manager Hyatt stated that the State has offered assistance.

Commissioner Landsman likes Mr. Kousoulas' idea and it would be great for ideas to be submitted. He thanked those that will be volunteering in advance.

Town Manager Hyatt thanked Mayor Danzinger for allowing him to lead this and will work with the family to make sure that what is done is done tastefully and will honor those that lost their lives.

Commissioner Landsman spoke regarding former Mayor Burkett and his work during that time and thanked him for what he did.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Rose to move this item forward as written and have the Town Manager work with the family to come up with ideas and the next step to move forward and making it a permanent memorial, seconded by Commissioner Meischeid. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

3. Adjournment

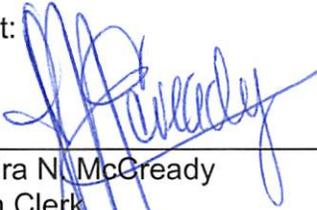
A motion was made by Commissioner Landsman to adjourn the meeting without objection at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Meiseid. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

Accepted this 14 day of April, 2022.



Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

Attest:



Sandra N. McGready
Town Clerk