

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 2757**

**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.**

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 session of the Florida Legislature will begin on March 2, 2021, with Legislative committee meetings considering bills and budget allocation for 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Town Commission of the Town of Surfside (the “Town”) wish for the Town to support State legislative policies beneficial to the Town and its residents and businesses and to advocate for the funding, in whole or in part, of the Town’s programs, projects and initiatives with State funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission wishes to make known and advance the Legislative Priorities for 2021 for the State Legislative Session, which are attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Commission finds that approval of the Legislative Priorities for 2021 is in the best interest of the Town.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated into this Resolution by this reference.


**Section 2. Approval of Legislative Priorities for 2021.** The Legislative Priorities for 2021, as attached to this Resolution as Exhibit “A”, are hereby approved.


**Section 3. Authorization of Town Officials.** The Town Manager and appropriate


Town Officials are authorized to support and implement the Legislative Priorities for 2021 on behalf of the Town. The Town Manager, Town Officials and the Town Attorney are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the Legislative Priorities for 2021, including transmittal as necessary to the Florida Legislature.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

  
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CHARLES W. BURKETT, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
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SANDRA MCCREADY, CMC, TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:  
  
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TOWN ATTORNEY

Motion By: Vice Mayor Paul  
Second By: Commissioner Kesl

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:**  
Commissioner Charles Kesl Yes  
Commissioner Eliana R. Salzhauer Yes  
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez Yes  
Vice Mayor Tina Paul Yes  
Mayor Charles W. Burkett Yes



## **Legislative Priorities for 2021**

- Home Rule – protection and defense of municipal home rule powers secured to municipalities by the Constitution and Ch. 166, F.S., and opposing generally constitutional or statutory legislation proposed to expressly limit the exercise of such powers.
- FAA NextGen Metroplex flight paths - request reversal of this plan, it has been implemented with negative effects on quality of life. It seems the FAA has not considered the increase of air traffic in our area due to Opa-Locka Airport in addition to their Metroplex plan.
- Infrastructure funding for Collins Avenue water main.
- Transportation funding related to traffic calming and mitigation. Walkability initiatives, crosswalks, signalization, street lighting, etc. Creation of bike/ walking paths.
- Public Service Commission assistance with undergrounding utilities. FPL has identified lateral lines to be placed underground in a 30-year plan. Request assistance to achieve this goal in a shorter time frame.
- Legislation to ban single use plastics and plastic bags in all coastal communities.
- Clean Water and Everglades restoration. Stricter fines for waste dumping in waterways.
- Oppose oil drilling on Big Cypress National Park and public lands.
- Protection of Coral Reefs and Ecosystems.
- Maintain ability to regulate Short Term Rentals.
- Support for Solar installation at all municipal buildings and public facilities.
- Surfside Revolving Loan - loan forgiveness/ rate modification for water/sewer projects.
- Resiliency & Sustainability – funding for raising homes.
- Land acquisition support for parks and open space.
- Resort & Tourism Tax Protection.