

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022- 2937**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2023; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT THE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Legislature will begin the 2023 State Legislative Session on March 7, 2023, with Legislative committee meetings considering bills and budget allocation for 2023; 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 the 2023 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 2023 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-stated recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**Section 2. Approval of Legislative Priorities for 2023.** The Legislative Priorities for the 2023 State Legislative Session, 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 2023 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 2023, including transmittal as necessary to the Florida Legislature.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

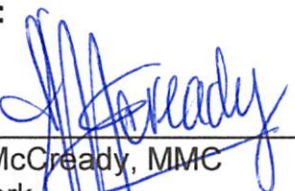
Motion By: Vice Mayor Rose  
Second By: Commissioner Landsman

**FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION:**

Commissioner Fred Landsman	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Marianne Meischoid	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner Nelly Velasquez	<u>Absent</u>
Vice Mayor Jeffrey Rose	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Shlomo Danzinger	<u>Yes</u>

  
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Shlomo Danzinger, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Sandra McCready, MMC  
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**

  
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Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.  
Town Attorney



### **Legislative Priorities for 2023**

1. Infrastructure funding for Collins Avenue water main.
2. Transportation funding related to traffic calming and mitigation. Walkability initiatives, crosswalks, signalization, street lighting, etc. Creation of bike/ walking paths.
  - a. FDOT to prioritize crosswalks on Harding and Collins Avenue.
3. 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.
4. Maintain ability to regulate Short Term Rentals.
5. Surfside Revolving Loan - loan forgiveness/ rate modification for water/sewer projects.
6. Resiliency & Sustainability – funding for raising and rehabilitating homes, seawalls, and dunes, and other initiatives, including infrastructure improvements and rehabilitation, designed to mitigate sea level rise, climate change and environmental impacts.
7. 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.
8. Resort/Tourist Tax protection
9. Eliminate agricultural exemption for supermarkets that sell prepared food. Currently stores like Publix that sell prepared food or even have seating for customers that buy prepared food do not have to pay resort taxes that other restaurants have to pay.
10. Hurricane mitigation/structural improvements to municipal buildings.
11. Registration of service dogs/animals, including national service dog registry
12. Financial support and funding for the implementation of new condominium safety laws, including funding for inspections, improvements and building safety