



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
AGENDA
Wednesday, August 20, 2025
7:00 PM
Commission Chambers**

Rule 6.06 (a)3 Agenda. The good and welfare portion of the agenda is set for 8:15 p.m.

****The above Rule only applies to Regular Town Commission Meetings.***

Any person who received compensation, remuneration or expenses for conducting lobbying activities is required to register as a lobbyist with the Town Clerk prior to engaging in lobbying activities per Town Code Sec. 2-235. "Lobbyist" specifically includes the principal, as defined in this section, as well as any agent, officer or employee of a principal, regardless of whether such lobbying activities fall within the normal scope of employment of such agent, officer or employee. The term "lobbyist" specifically excludes any person who only appears as a representative of a not-for-profit community-based organization for the purpose of requesting a grant without special compensation or reimbursement for the appearance; and any person who only appears as a representative of a neighborhood, homeowners or condominium association without compensation for the appearance, whether direct or indirect or contingent, to express support of or opposition to any item.

Per Miami Dade County Fire Marshal, the Commission Chambers has a maximum capacity of 99 people. Once this capacity has been reached, people will be asked to watch the meeting from the first floor.

1. Opening

1A. Call to Order

1B. Roll Call of Members

1C. Pledge of Allegiance

1D. Retirement Presentation to Jean Cerene - Mark Blumstein, Town Manager

1E. Board and Committee Appointments - Mark Blumstein, Town Manager

2. Resolutions

2A. Resolution Calling for a Special Election Regarding the Undergrounding of Utilities Project - Mark Blumstein, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A TOWN OF SURFSIDE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE BALLOT QUESTIONS AS A BINDING AND/OR BOND REFERENDUM TO CONTINUE THE UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES PROJECT, PROCEED WITH IT AS CURRENTLY FUNDED OR BY ISSUING ADDITIONAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY MILLION (\$40,000,000.00) DOLLARS, FOR A TOTAL OF EIGHTY MILLION (\$80,000,000) DOLLARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERGROUNDING OF UTILITIES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH REFERENDUM; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR THE TOWN CLERK TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Res - Calling Special Election Referendum](#)

2B. Resolution for Approval of Settlement Offer to 1429 Biscaya Drive, LLC - Mark Blumstein, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SETTLEMENT OFFER TO BE PRESENTED TO 1429 BISCAYA LLC ; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution - Approving 1429 Biscaya Drive Settlement Offer](#)
[1429 Biscaya Dr - Bert Harris Settlement Offer](#)

2C. A Resolution Approving Payment to the Supervisor of Elections of Miami-Dade County for the November 4, 2025 Special Election - Mark Blumstein, Town Manager

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA; APPROVING PAYMENT TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOV. 4, 2025; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ISSUE PAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution - Approving Payment for Invoice for 11-04-25 Special Election
Town of Suftside Estimate - Special Election Standalone 11-04-2025](#)

- 2D. Resolution Calling for a Non-Binding Ballot Question Referendum Concerning the Creation of a Gated Community Within the Town (Linked to Item 5L) - Charles W. Burkett, Mayor**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A TOWN OF SURFSIDE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE A BALLOT QUESTION AS A NON-BINDING REFERENDUM CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A GATED COMMUNITY OR SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT WITHIN THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF ELECTION; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR THE TOWN CLERK TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution-Straw Ballot Question-Gated Community](#)

- 2E. A Resolution Calling for a Town of Surfside Special Election for the Purpose of Submitting Two Proposed Charter Amendments to the Article II, Section 11 - "Powers of commission" (Lined to Item 5L) - Mayor Charles W. Burkett**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, CALLING FOR A TOWN OF SURFSIDE SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2025, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CHARTER AT ARTICLE II SECTION 11 - "POWERS OF COMMISSION", AS PRESENTED IN A BALLOT QUESTION 1) TO ADD SECTION 11(16) AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER REQUIRING A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE TOWN COMMISSION FOR SINGLE EXPENDITURES EXCEEDING \$2,000,000 AND 2) SECTION 11(17) AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN CHARTER REQUIRING A PUBLIC REFERENDUM BE HELD IN WHICH AT LEAST 60% OF THE VOTERS SUPPORT ANY EXPENDITURE ON ANY SINGLE PROJECT, PURCHASE, OR INVESTMENT OF AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO OR MORE THAN 20% OF THE TOWN'S MOST RECENT YEAR'S PROPERTY TAX REVENUE COLLECTIONS; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE AND CHARTER AMENDMENT TEXT FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR THE TOWN CLERK TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution - Special Election Charter Amdts](#)

3. Town Manager's Reports

- 3A. Town Manager's Report** - Mark Blumstein, Town Manager
[Town Manager Report](#)

4. Town Attorney's Report

- 4A. Town Attorney Report**
[Town Attorney Report - August 12, 2025](#)

5. Mayor, Commission and Staff Communication

- 5A. Identical Houses** - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
[Identical Houses](#)
- 5B. Historic Designation** - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
[Article - Gov. DeSantis signs Live Local Act update with some added safeguards for historic structures](#)
- 5C. Zoning Code Amendment** - Vice Mayor Tina Paul
- 5D. Expansion of EV Charging Stations in Town-Owned Parking Lots** - Vice Mayor Tina Paul
- 5E. Discussion of Sister City Process** - Commissioner Gerardo Vildostegui
- 5F. Clarification Needed on Communication Policy with Elected Officials** (Linked to Items 3A & 4A) - Vice Mayor Tina Paul
[2025 06 26 TM email](#)
- 5G. Amendment to Resolution 2025-3374 - Benefits for the Champlain Towers South (CTS) Survivors and their Families** - Vice Mayor Tina Paul
[Resolution No. 2025-3374](#)
- 5H. Amending Sec. 2-205 Rule 6.06(b)(3) of the Town Code** - Commissioner Nelly Velasquez
- 5I. Docks on 88th Street Waterway update** - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- 5J. Community Center Concession** (Linked to Item 3A) - Vice Mayor Tina Paul
- 5K. Pensions** - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
- 5L. Ballot Questions for 2025 (Linked to Resolutions 2D and 2E)** - Mayor Charles W. Burkett
[Special Election Approval Request](#)
- 5M. Enforcement of Brightview Landscaping Contract** - Vice Mayor Tina Paul
- 5N. Ordinance Creating an Overnight Anchoring Limitation Area** - Mayor Charles

6. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Blumstein,
Town Manager

THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990, ALL PERSONS THAT ARE DISABLED; WHO NEED SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING BECAUSE OF THAT DISABILITY SHOULD CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK AT 305-861-4863 EXT. 226 NO LATER THAN FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO SUCH PROCEEDING.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 286.0105, FLORIDA STATUTES, ANYONE WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE COMMISSION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING OR HEARING, WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE WHICH RECORD SHALL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE VIEWED AT THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK, TOWN OF SURFSIDE TOWN HALL, 9293 HARDING AVENUE. ANYONE WISHING TO OBTAIN A COPY OF ANY AGENDA ITEM SHOULD CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK AT 305-861-4863. A COMPLETE AGENDA PACKET IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE TOWN WEBSITE AT www.townofsurfsidefl.gov.

TWO OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COMMISSION AND/OR TOWN BOARDS MAY ATTEND THIS MEETING.

THESE MEETINGS MAY BE CONDUCTED BY MEANS OF OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA TECHNOLOGY, SPECIFICALLY, A TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL. THE LOCATION 9293 HARDING AVENUE, SURFSIDE, FL 33154, WHICH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, SHALL SERVE AS AN ACCESS POINT FOR SUCH COMMUNICATION.