



**Town of Surfside
Special Town Commission Meeting
AGENDA
Thursday, May 7, 2026
1:00 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

2. Resolutions

2A. Acceptance of Town Attorney Resignation

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF THE TOWN ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution Accepting Resignation of Town Attorney.docx](#)

[Exhibit A - Town Attorney Resignation.pdf](#)

[Thais Hernandez - Town Attorney - January 14, 2025.pdf](#)

[Resolution No. 2025-3363 Approving Employment of Thais Hernandez.pdf](#)

2B. Appointment of New Town Attorney

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, APPOINTING AND APPROVING THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L. AS THE TOWN ATTORNEY; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution Approving Weiss Serota Helfman As Town Attorney.DOCX](#)

2C. Direction for the new Town Attorney to Immediately Prepare Legislation to Bring Ballot Measures to Change existing Bi-Annual Town Elections to Elections Every Four Years with Staggered Terms and Restore Plurality Voting Method for Municipal Elections

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE TOWN ATTORNEY TO PREPARE LEGISLATION FOR A PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE EXISTING BI-ANNUAL ELECTION PROVISIONS TO ELECTIONS EVERY FOUR (4) YEARS WITH STAGGERED TERMS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution To Prepare Legislation for Proposed Charter Amendment.docx](#)

2D. Request of Town Manager's Comprehensive Assessment Report Within 30 Days

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE ACTING TOWN MANAGER TO PROVIDE THE

COMMISSION WITH A WRITTEN COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF THE TOWN'S OPERATIONS AND THE STATUS OF ALL MAJOR PROJECTS WITHIN 30 DAYS, PROVIDING FOR DIRECTION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[Resolution Directing Acting Town Manager to Provide Assessment on Town's Operations.docx](#)

3. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Mario Diaz,
Acting 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.townofsidesidefl.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.