

Surfside Colony Community Services District

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Minutes of the March 18th, 2024 General Meeting of the Board of Directors Surfside Office – B89 - 6:30 p.m.

- Directors Present:** President Paul Mesmer, Secretary Gayle Mueller Winnen, Tara Amundson, and Linda Garofalo.
- Directors Absent:** Rudy Lalonde.
- Staff Present:** Clerk Chris Montana.
- Community:** V. John Kriss, Richard Landess, Ryan Hill, and Dave Chamberlain of Surfside Colony Storm Water Protection District; Sandy Kriss and Dru Roland of Surfside Colony Ltd.

President Mesmer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and led all present in the pledge of allegiance.

Community Input: None.

Review and Possible Approval of the February 19th, 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes:

After Board members reviewed the Minutes of the February 19th, 2024 General Meeting of the Board, Director Amundson moved for approval as prepared, President Mesmer seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Review and Discussion of Status of Community Lighting Project-Phases 1 & 2: Sandy Kriss of Surfside Colony, Ltd. reported that Phase 1 of the Community Lighting Project to add additional lighting to Surfside Colony's common areas had been completed and that the Surfside Colony, Ltd. Board of Directors was satisfied. The Main Gate, C-Row, and Parking Lot areas were much better lit. Secretary Winnen stated that she was very pleased with the results. In regards to Phase 2, to add additional lighting to Surfside Colony residences, Sandy Kriss discussed plans to add light fixtures and timers to a select number of willing property owners' homes which would be controlled by Surfside Colony, Ltd. Sandy Kriss stated that the details of cost sharing would vary by home. Director Amundson pointed out that the informal legal letters that the District had received didn't seem to allow for this. President Mesmer stated that the current approach needed to be further evaluated as it seemed that the District could probably not pay for lighting fixtures attached to personal residences with public funds. Board members agreed that the expense of obtaining a legal opinion regarding the District's ability to fund Phase 2 of the Lighting Project didn't justify the cost of attaching lighting fixtures and timers to approximately 75 residences.

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Review and Possible Approval of Current Bills Presented: Clerk Montana presented check #'s 3798-3801 for a total amount of \$62,504.27, consisting of \$51,299.83 for March 2024 monthly Security and Maintenance billing, \$8,815 for Lighting Project Labor and Repairs, and \$2,389.44 for general and administrative expenses. Checks were reviewed and approved as presented.

Clerk's Report, Fund Balance and Review of Trial Balance: Clerk Montana reported the fund balance as of March 18, 2024, after payment of the above bills, to be \$390,859, of which \$294,597 was reserved. The Clerk reported that the 2023 audit was nearly complete and that no changes to the financial statements were anticipated.

Clerk Montana presented the Declaration of Qualification to Vote form as received from OC LAFCO. After review and discussion, a motion was made and carried as follows:

Board Authorization of District President and Alternate to Vote in LAFCO Election: Director Amundson moved to authorize President Paul Mesmer to vote in the LAFCO Orange County Special District Selection Committee election as the regular voting member, and Gayle Mueller Winnen, Secretary, as the alternate voting member. Director Garofalo seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Items and New Business: President Mesmer reviewed the Special District Federal Grant Accessibility Act Fact Sheet with Board members. The Act would require federal agencies to recognize special districts as local governments for the purpose of financial assistance and to federally codify the definition of a "special district" as a local government.

Scheduling of Next Month's Meeting and Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board, Secretary Mueller Winnen moved to set the next meeting date for April 22nd, 2024 and to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Director Amundson seconded, and the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.


Paul Mesmer, President


Gayle Mueller Winnen, Secretary