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Subject: Re: Mayor Crossing the line AGAIN **Surfside ETHICS ISSUE Additional Facebook details (follow up)

Correction: Mayor Burkett **continues** to use his official town email (mayor@townofsurfsidefl.gov) as the contact on his SurfsideMayor facebook page.

The email info did not display on my iphone in the screenshots but you can see it from the computer. I've filmed video of all of his posted materials tonight in case he attempts to alter or remove anything. Let me know if you would like those videos uploaded to a dropbox for review.

Thanks again for taking the time to review this matter-
Eliana

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Sent: Saturday, October 3, 2020 3:08 AM
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As follow up to my prior email I am including relevant Facebook details for Ethics review. Sending this from my personal email to attach screenshots. My official town e-mail is CC'd.

This is the link to the Mayor's Facebook page where he posts the exact same material as his website.
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His Facebook page is set up under the name "SurfsideMayor" and clearly identified as a "government organization"
He uses Surfside Town Hall as his address and his official town cell as his contact number.
Many of his posts link to his webpage.
He recently removed his town email address from the page but I have screenshots of that as well.
The Screenshots attached to this email were taken tonight.



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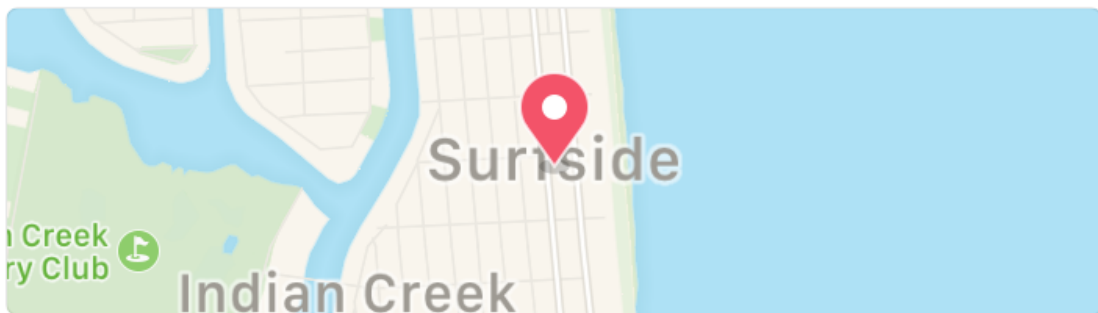
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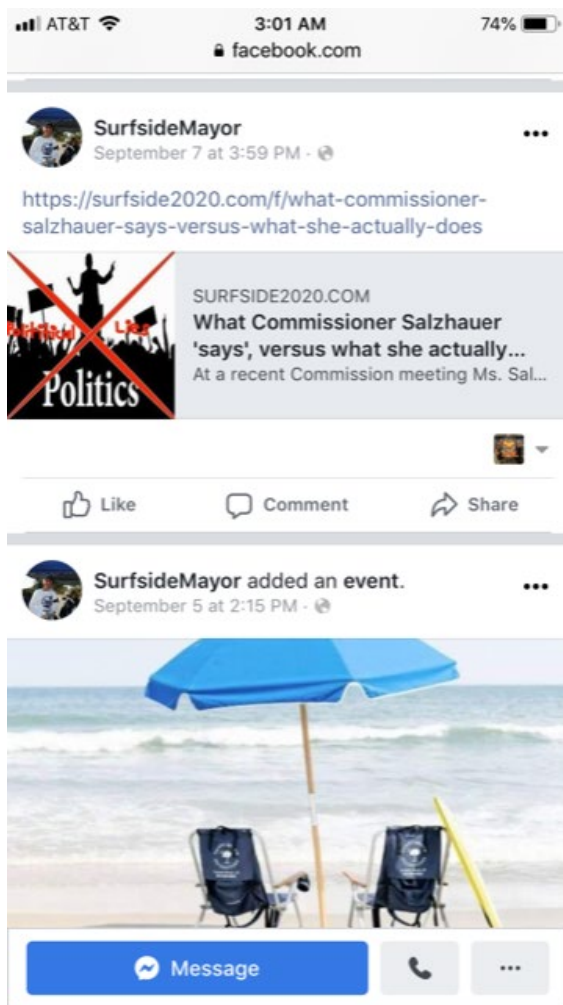
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Eliana Salzhauer
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On Oct 2, 2020, at 10:54 PM, Eliana R. Salzhauer <esalzhauer@townofsurfsidefl.gov> wrote:

Hi Robert and Lily,

It is clear from the Mayor's latest website post that he did NOT attend the Social Media and Ethics Webinar on Tuesday.

I am cc'ing Mr. Arrojo and the County Ethics department because no-one in Town Hall seems to be able to reign him in and his continued antics puts the town at legal risk. I've been doing my best to ignore him but he has simply gone too far.

I am cc'ing our Police Chief because I believe that Mayor Burkett's unethical and slanderous behavior has crossed a line and now puts my family's safety at risk.

His website has been full of insanity and outright lies for months but his latest post is the final straw for me.

Below is a link to his latest post - dated TODAY 10/2/2020 in which he clearly crosses the line between stupidity and slander.

Please refer to this link and watch the VERY graphic and violent video before reading the rest of this email.

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His site is clearly headlined "Mayor's Page" and does NOT contain a disclaimer. He is holding himself out in his "official capacity" as Mayor - and until recently the site also featured the Surfside Town Seal.

He purports to be updating residents on town business but is entirely focused on deliberately misrepresenting town business, lying about Commission votes, and misquoting me to suit his twisted narrative of alternative facts. There are pages and pages of his bizarre rants.

His cyber-libel is NOT protected speech NOR does it serve ANY legitimate public purpose.

Feel free to peruse the rest of his website for additional ethical violations. His fixation on me is quite concerning.

His posts are intended solely to threaten and intimidate me into voting in support of his agenda items and serves as a message/warning to other Commissioners that he is willing to stoop to ANY aggressive tactic if they defy him.

As you well know, there was NEVER any discussion nor suggestion to "defund the police" in Surfside. It was the MAYOR himself that asked for across the board 10% budget cuts in ALL departments. A few weeks later, there was a joint Budget Committee and Commission meeting in which the Budget committee suggested that additional cuts be made in the police department. There was additional discussion from multiple Committee members and Commissioners and I thanked them for their volunteer resident efforts.

It was actually another Commissioner who spoke about funding changes- but the Mayor knows well-enough not to antagonize him.

This issue has been long settled (the Commission voted unanimously to leave the police budget intact) but the Mayor enjoys reviving the fictional narrative to rile up residents (particularly Trump supporters).

His post is a clear breach of ethics that warrant swift and clear action.

AS THE MAYOR (hence the headline "MAYOR'S PAGE") he is improperly using his official title to deliberately incite resident unrest. There is NO legitimate purpose to his posts. He posts a graphic violent video (from Chicago) with a loud female screaming whose identity is obscured and uses an old (2017) Women's March photo of me in DC holding an Anti-Trump sign (that he took from my Facebook site) to create the impression that I am somehow connected to that violent video incident.

He then goes on to make it sound like I am an anarchist protester injecting national politics into Surfside.

For the record, I have not participated in any rallies or protest of ANY kind since the Women's March in DC.

His deliberate depiction of me as a supporter of any form of violence or rioting puts my safety at risk.

This town is full of nutty right-wing supporters with alcohol issues and easy access to firearms. His published call to action that "It must be clearly demonstrated to politicians" along with my photo is a clear dog-whistle threat to my physical safety.

The MAYOR's posts are creating a safety hazard for me and my family. I am doing my best NOT to engage with this clearly mentally unstable Mayor and to focus on the unpaid job I was elected to do- to serve this community in an ethical.

He ends his page with his OFFICIAL Surfside contact information, using his Official TOWN email and Surfside Town issued cell-phone number (Contact me: Mayor@TownofSurfsideFL.gov 305.517.1175) clearly reinforcing the notion that he is speaking in his official capacity as Mayor.

There are additional ethical violation that I will be forwarding to ethics under separate cover this weekend including the Mayor's improper use of the mute button at Town Commission ZOOM meetings to censor CONTENT from both residents and fellow Commissioners, his misuse of taxpayer resources in using the Surfside Gazette to slander fellow Commissioners and perpetuate a false narrative of Commision votes, his deliberate misrepresentation of issues and Sunshine Violations on both NextDoor & Facebook (his FB page is titled "SurfsideMayor" and is set up as a "Government Organization" using the Town Hall address and his official town email and cell number), as well as his unauthorized use of the Surfside Town Seal in sending unsolicited slanderous email blasts that misrepresent Town business (clearly violating the Truth in Government/Citizens Bill of Rights).

Residents have been raising complaints for months about the Mayor's improper behavior both on social media and at meetings and are considering a recall.

It is sad that a we need to turn to County Ethics to teach a grown man (three-peat Mayor) how to conduct himself with professional integrity. I would ask that Ethics fully investigate these concerns.

To protect the town from the violence that his posts are clearly aimed at inciting, our Town Attorney should counsel him to cease & desist, and immediately remove such vile inflammatory video and defamatory posts.

Please confirm receipt of this email and let me know next steps.

I am willing to pursue/file whatever formal reports or legal proceedings at the County and State level that are necessary to bring a swift end to his madness.

Thank you for your time and efforts-
Eliana

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Those Who Would 'Defund Police' Put

Our Lives at Risk

October 2, 2020

WARNING: THE LANGUAGE IN THIS VIDEO IS VERY UNPLEASANT, BUT IGNORING THE CONSEQUENCES OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN OUR NAMES BY FECKLESS POLITICIANS MAKES ENDURING IT NECESSARY.

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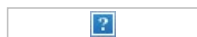
Recently, as most residents now know, a motion to 'defund the Surfside Police Department' by 15% - 20% **and** reduce Police staff from 32 to 25 was put forward. One elected official, Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer, commented in response to that 'Defund the Police' proposal saying:

"I agree we need to do something" and,

"this is a good first step" and,

"this is nothing personal" and,

"thank you for doing this"



Eliana Salzhauer

Most Surfside residents, excepting maybe certain Town politicians, know that police are the only barrier between civil society and anarchy.

Residents know that the considerations regarding our police *always* need to be made judiciously.

Residents **don't** want National Politics injected into our small Town's business.

I shared this video today, *not because I wanted to*, but because I feel compelled to do so.

It must be clearly demonstrated to politicians, who would consider, or even enter into a conversation regarding bringing ideologies, such as the dangerous, 'Defund Police' and the un-American 'Cancel Culture' movements into our Town, that same are incompatible with the vision our residents have for Surfside.

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