MIAMI-DADE COMMISSION ON ETHICS & PUBLIC TRUST COMPLAINT FORM



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Address:	City: Surfside	Zip Code	33134
Contact No.'s: Specify Home, Work &/or Cell			
E-mail:			
RESPONDENT (Person against whom complaint	is made):		
Name: Charles Burkett			
Address: 1332 Biscaya Drive	City Surfsid	e Zip Code	e 33154
Contact No(s): Specify Work &/or Cell do not	know		
Title/Office Held or Sought: Mayor of	Town of Surfside		
ALLEGATION refers to:Person in County Gov	t. X Person in munic	cipal Gov't. (Specify city) Surfside
	AND		
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INTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT

SURFSIDE P.D. CASE NUMBER:

2024-2092

COMPLAINANT(S):

Office of the Chief Surfside Police Dept.

DATE OF INCIDENT:

Multiple

DATE REPORTED:

Thursday, August 1, 2024

DATE CASE TOLLED:

N/A

DATE CASE UNTOLLED:

N/A

180 DAY EXPIRATION DATE:

N/A

INVOLVED OFFICER(S)/ EMPLOYEE(S):

Dina Goldstein

INVESTIGATOR:

Sergeant Osvaldo Ramos - ID #02-078

ALLEGATION:

Goldstein, Senior Executive Assistant, was alleged to have violated the Town's Compensatory Leave Policy, leaking sensitive/privileged information, potential fraud in handling the Town's parking permit issuance and collection of fees, and overall incompetence in job performance.

CHRONOLOGY OF INVESTIGATION:

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On Sunday, August 4, 2024, @ 1200 hours, Chief Holbrook sent me an email from holbrook@townofsurfsidefl.gov to my Town email of osvaldoramos@miamibeachfl.gov vith the packet and aforementioned information.

At 1545 hours, I started to review the material he provided. The following is the relevant information pertinent to this investigation:

- Payroll records from September 2022 and September 2023 had been reviewed, which indicated that several officers exceeded the three-hundred-hour (300) limit for compensatory limits set forth by the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Bargaining Unit—specifically, Article 21.1.1 (Hours and Overtime) of the FOP contract.
- In 2022, Sergeant Julio Torres accumulated four hundred and sixty-four point fortynine (464.49) hours, he was paid twenty-three thousand five hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-eight cents (\$23,565.38);
- In 2023, the same employee accumulated seven hundred and thirty point zero six (730.06) hours and was paid thirty-eight thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars and seventy-two cents (\$38,890.72);
- In 2022, Officer Jose Valino accumulated three hundred eight three-point sixty-four (383.64) hours and was paid sixteen thousand eight hundred forty-two dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$16,842.37);
- In 2023 Sergeant Jose Matelis accumulated three hundred forty-five point thirty (345.30) hours and was paid twenty-one thousand nine hundred and thirteen dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$21,913.27).
- The bargaining agreement allows the officer to sell back their accumulated compensatory leave at the end of each fiscal year.

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On Tuesday, August 13, 2024, I received an email with a letter from Arthur T. Schofield, P.A., advising he was representing Ms. Goldstein. A copy of the letter was placed in the case file.

On Monday, August 26, 2024, at 1053 hours, I spoke to Miami-Dade Assistant State Attorney Sandra Miller-Batiste of the Public Corruption Unit about the facts of this investigation. After discussing the facts, she advised me that the SAO would not proceed with this case criminally and that it should remain administrative.

On Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 1057 hours, Chief Holbrook emailed me information on irregular circumstances regarding the issuance of business parking passes. The packet contained five (5) exhibits. Chief Holbrook asked me to look at this matter more deeply.

Exhibit A: Price go-by for Business Parking Permits for 94th Street and Abbott
Parking Lot. The exhibit listed the price for a parking permit for the 94th Street lot as
seventy dollars (\$70.00) plus four dollars and ninety cents (\$4.90) for sales tax, which
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At approximately 1530 hours, I had a brief conversation with ASA Miller-Batiste about new facts that had come to light, and she again advised me to proceed administratively.

On September 5, 2024, at approximately 1500 hours, I had a brief conversation with Division Chief ASA Tim Vandergeisen of Miami-Dade SAO about the facts of the case. He made it clear that his office would not investigate this matter criminally.

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On Wednesday, September 25, 2024, at approximately 1400 hours, I conducted a sworn recorded interview with Ms. Dina Goldstein. The interview was conducted at the Town of Surfside Town Hall, 9293 Harding Avenue, Surfside, Florida. During the interview, her attorney, Ms. Blanca Sordo, and the Town of Surfside Attorney, Mr. Mark Blumstein, were present. The following is a synopsis of her interview:

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Ms. Goldstein was the Senior Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police and reported directly to the Chief of Police. She had held that position for approximately sixteen (16) years. Initially, she was hired as the Criminal Investigation Unit Assistant, a position she held for approximately a year. Ms. Goldstein provided a general description of her current work responsibilities, which included:

- Preparing weekly updates of the Police and Parking Department,
- Preparing monthly Reports for the Town Manager,
- Responsible for Accounts payable and Requestion requests for Police and Parking,
- Employee evaluations, which included sending reminders, checking them for completeness, sending them to Human Resources for step increases, etc.
- Processing new police and parking hires, creating personnel books and parking
- permits, Preparing "Thank You" letters and Memos on behalf of the Chief and Assistant Chief
- Preparing weekly, monthly, and yearly crime statistics for publication.
- Coordinating the yearly Chief's dinner.
- Coordinating Community events such as Citizens Police Academy (CPA), coffee with the police, kids summer camp program, Halloween candy and Holiday toy giveaways,
- Purchasing all office supplies,
- Payroll for police and parking department, and,
- Issuing Business Parking Permits.

During her tenure as Senior Executive Assistant, she worked for several administrations. Chief David Allen was the first Chief she worked for in her current role. After Allen retired, she worked for Chief Julio Yero. After Yero, Chief John Healy was an interim chief until Chief Rogelio Torres was hired. When Chief Torres resigned, Chief Healy was sworn in as Chief until his departure. Chief Antonio Marciante was then sworn in as Chief, until his departure. Currently, Chief Enrique Doce is the Chief of Police.

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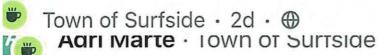
William she was terminated because people who truly committed a crime are crying they didn't know that the millions of dollars in unauthorized discounts were fired. That among the many other things that this individual who is not a child was doing. She should be in jail. People like you trying to deflect from the truth and creating distractions to hide her wrong doing. No other city in this county or country or world gives monthly unauthorized discounts to their favorite businesses and are considered a hero. This individual should be in jail not claiming lack of knowledge exonerates her.

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Greg there is no alleged theft. It was theft! She had no authorization to give thousands of dollars in discounts yearly. Please mention any other city government in this country or the world for that matter that gives monthly discounts to businesses? You can't because that only happened here in Surfside. Claiming lack of knowledge does not exonerate the individual. We are not dealing with children and even children know this is wrong. This is stealing taxpayer dollars and should be prosecuted. Why the town manager/ town attorney has not prosecuted this individual just goes to show the lack of strong town manager leadership. People can't cave with the threat of a law suite. She should be in jail.



CHARLES W. BURKETT

Fixing the mixakes at the 96th Street Park is underway. The biggest issue, the basketball court, due to the misplacement of the building, has been the key challenge, but we've identified the best fix and are implementing it. Fingers crossed; our kids should be playing in the park by Christmas!

Things are moving forward; macetings are fun and interesting – and inclusive. We have a great team of Elected Officials who care very much about the desires of our residents, and are willing to experiment to solve problems. And, if those experiments don't work, you'll see us quickly undo the first effort and try again until we get it right! I'm proud to be a part of this commission, it's the best five seen in my 20-years of doing this.

Coming soon, I will be organizing a press conforence for our Elected Officials to talk about the Champlain collapse, the status of the families and the memorial, and very algoficantly, the heretofore silent unaddressed financial disaster that has been growing and experienced by all our residents living in

Finally, as you know Lam a hig supporter of our man and wamen in bloo. I'm also a giant supporter of our residents and their safety. To that end, I have worked with our commission to increase our parted force by alread 50% and provide our department with mew and secting technology. The black limp tint, where residents can't see or increase twith their police, has come of 50% and provide our and should be off the early by November. The small number of police efficient, and most notably long time union boss, officer lammy Campbell, who had attacked this commission's with for better policing in Surfide, now know that their rotust to cooperate will not be tolerated. Fortunately, we have a majority of great officers and a command staff that is dedicated to putting our residents and their families first.

our tiny little beach-front paradise_and spend high-quality time with the ones we love. Looking forward, we are all excitedly getting ready for the next set of helidays, when we can thank God again for all the wonderment he has bestewed on

isn't it great to live in Surfside?



VICE MAYOR TINA PAUL

We are focused on protecting the characterrates that make Surfisde the special place we all call home. Many of you are receiving unsolicated emails containing misinterprotections about charges to our raning code. There were 32 new zoning ordinances during the past two years by the previous commission. Some of those ordinances outborized increased encroachments into setbacks, allowing for a larger building envelope with less separation. between structures, resulting in more concrete and less greenery.

Bringing back the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee will introduce initiatives for working together with mindfulness of our fragile ecosystem. It is important to reception the role of new construction as sustainable for the struce of Surfision and how this can be officetured strongly our roung code. The recent wave of new single-family homes in Surfision appears to be built without National Green Building Standards. Our Commission is working to correct this, by requiring proper stormwater drainage in all new home construction including green initiatives.

The Holiday season continues with feative decoutions presented by the Report Lax Board that will light up the Jown sport. I hope you can join us at the annual Parks and Recreation Veteran's Day Cetermary to brood the reme and women who served in the United States Armed Forces. The Hankspiring tholiday originally coelected the tountful harvests and has become a family studied to be the ingetherness over a feative meal. I foundly encomber my college years colected in the total day with friends when I was unable to travel back to be with family in Surfaide. Whether you are with family and friends, or volunteering to serve others, I wish you all a very Hoppy Thanksgiving!

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COMMISSIONER RUBEN A. COTO

Recently, a significant issue was voted on by your commission regarding the floor area ratio (FAR) for new homes, which is currently 72, a percentage adapted in 2023 by the last commission (not a longstanding percentage as is being presented by some.) While Mayor Burkett and I world against anything that would allow increasing this ratio to more than .50, I understand that the other members of the commission were socking a "compromise

After speaking with many of you and evaluating the situation as a longitime resident. I had determined that the majority of residents still appear the construction of large box like houses next to them. Although Larn open to compromise on other matters, protesting our community from oversized homes that tower and invide our neighbour's princey, satisfy that during the primary resoon Larn for office, and I will not waiver on this tosue. And and invide our neighbour's princey, satisfy beginning resoon Larn for office, and I will not waiver on this tissue. My goal was to lower this to .50 max which would still allow construction of a 2800 sq.ft home on our tiny lots.

The Oct. Bit vote of the Commission, which passed 3 to 2, may seem like a stop-the-bleeding solution, but it only addresses the problem superficially. We need to all be engaged and truly consider how to protect the character of our great Texn. Most of us chose Suffide not to maximize our property for future profit, but for the unique environment and community we therish.

Remember: there are no more beaches appearing on our shore, and concrete does not absorb water!

Lugo you to make your voicos heard at town moetings and communicate your feelings to our leaders. We cannot allow a small group of loud voices with their own agendas to dictate the future of our entire community. Thank you for your attention and involvement — Let your voices be heard!



NELLY VELASQUEZ COMMISSIONER

As we appreach the upcoming election, I want to take a moment to encourage each and everyone of you to get out and vote! Your voice matters, and this election is a vital opportunity to shape the future of our form. The 5 ballot questions put forward by the commission are designed to protect Surfishe, particularly our charished single-family district, ensuring that we meintain the character and intugrity of our community for generations to come. I support a "YES" vote to all 5 questions.

By voting, you are taking an active role in securing a bright and sustainable future for our town. Please make your voice heard and support these

Thank you for your commitment to Surfside. Wishing all Surfside residents a Happy Thanksgiving



GERARDO VILDOSTEGUI people who take up seasonal residence in our region during the cooles, drier COMMISSIONER becomes easy to lose light of its literal meaning—unless, of course, you take In the local dialect of South Florida, a "snowbird" is one of the million or some time to look around fown this season.

One huge change that has taken place in the month since our last Garette is that the original snowbirds—the avian ones—have ence again arrived in Surfisde. Dezens of species of colorful songbirds have been making their way through our area in the last month, and quite a few of those birds—like the state-blue and yellow Northern Parula and the yellow and black Prairia Warther—will be staying in Surfisde throughout the winter, The most common wintering songbird in our Town is the clive greenish Palm Warbler. Although the name Palm Warbler suggests that you'll find this bird in our palm trees, you're actually much more likely to see it in grassy lawns, for ging for insects. You can usually recognize a Palm Warbler.

learning about how we can help and support Palm Warblers and other migrating bird species by planting Flo hebitat and the feed they need. This year's snowbirds, for example, should find something newto enjoy in by the way it bobs its tail up and down. Seeing this bird around Town is one of my favorite things about this time of year. grow up in Surfixed, but I only began approcating the Town't beautiful widdle when I moved back here as an adult. In recent years. I've also been



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Adri Marte · Town of Surfside

Robert I'm sorry but I disagree with you and am completely shocked to learn the state attorney would not prosecute. Not saying anything to your new boss of the unauthorized practice doesn't exonerate her from guilt. That is called aiding and abetting which is also a crime. How can fully a competent adult make such childish mistakes unless she willingly and knowingly did it. Again who authorized these discounts? One thing is giving a discount for a first time user but apparently this was a monthly give away. Have you ever got a discount from any city, county or state on parking fees? I know I sure haven't. Apparently the town has lost revenue of over a million dollars.

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Adam Dash · Town of Surfside

Charles, how can we get rid of these bad actor cops? Surfside has the best access to the best lawyers. We will never have a great police chief like Doce for more than a year if we do not get rid of these cancers. It was the same with Torres. (edited)

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Charles Burkett Author · Tow... · · ·

Adam it is a long, hard process, but exposing the few who are working against our residents' will, and making sure we can keep our promises, even with the Surfside union boss Tammy Campbell railing against our commission, is a top priority we will not give up on.



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Cheryl E. Hodowud · Town of S... · · ·

Adri what about making restitution? There's not going to be jail time, though some would say it's warranted. I've heard she wants to Sue the Town. For what!!! I would say she's very fortunate to be treated with so much compassion. I still can't believe she was capable of committing such a horrible act against the Town for so many years, cover it up, and continue to accept numerous awards. I don't think anyone expected this from her which is why it continued for so many years unchallenged.

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Adri Marte · Town of Surfside

for years. This is lost revenue give monthly parking discounts punishable. for the town and that should be anyone have the authority to Chief or town manager or discounts to the business authorized her to give monthly district businesses? Nor the <u>William</u> what procedures? Who

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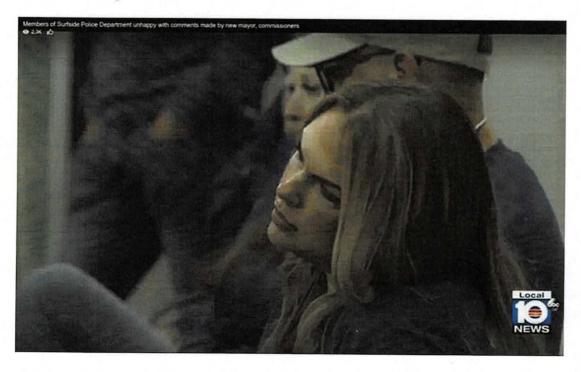






What Happens When Residents Want Their Police To Do More, And The Union Boss Fights it?

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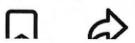


Was it right for the Surfside police union boss to bash the new Town Commission because residents were concerned that the current 12-hour shifts are too long for anyone to work and could result in less alert and responsive policing?

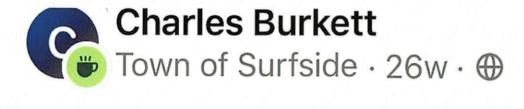
Yes, 12-hour shifts are fine.

No, 12-hour shifts are too long and should be reduced to 10 or 8 hour...









At a recent meeting, the Surfside union boss was angry that the mayor asked an officer about "traffic details & how many officers were working" on a given day & said those questions were meant to "intimidate and control the police." Was she right?

Yes

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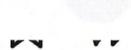








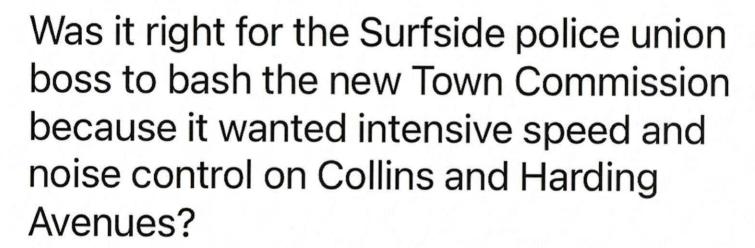






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With respect to #3, Chief Doce told me that his only interest was the best interest of the town. He felt, against my advice, that he had become a distraction and therefore felt he should resign. His resignation left every elected official unhappy and every resident that knew him greatly disappointed – including me.

I hope this helps explain the resignation from the information that I have.

Charles W. Burkett













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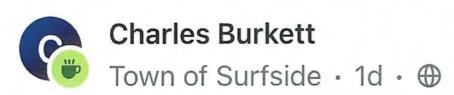




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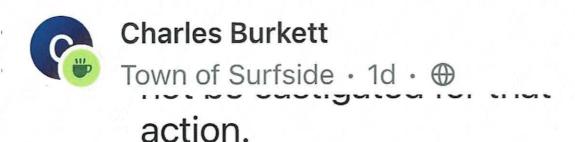


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My opinion of officer Campbell is that she is totally out of line.

#1. She treats everyone like she is above all of us residents, commissioners, the Mayor of Surfside and anyone else in the police department.

- #2. She is very disrespectful and disregards any type of authority from anyone.
- #3. She has an attitude of arrogance and superiorty. That attitude in not comforting anyone.



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she is above and superior to
anyone. She never says hello.
She is arrogant! She... See more

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William all you have to do is listen to this woman's attitude or see her in action like at the April commission assault meeting. Bottom line police should NOT be involving themselves in politics. They are here to protect & serve the community.

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William Blumenkranz · Town of... •••

Maria My comments concern her job performance not her personality. i'm sure wherever you work everybody loves you, but it doesn't alway... See more





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Our town hall's well being has been hijacked by a former employee, named Dina (also a NextDoor moderator) attempting to blackmail our town with her public records witchhunt against the Chief who uncovered her wrongdoing. She has gone unchecked for decades & has absconded millions from the tax payers & instead of admitting/remorse, she has felt emboldened to threaten our town w law suits. ALL residents need to tell our elected officials that we, the tax payers, would like to sue her to recover the millions of dollars our town has been deprived of. Unfortunately, Dina has deeply embedded herself in our town hall & has eyes & ears all over. We the RESIDENTS need to stand up for what's right/correct. This bad behavior has been uncovered, we need to remain STEADY & FIRM in our resolve to stamp out the longstanding corruption in our town hall due to lack of leadership, oversight, & checks on our town employees.



Louisa Agresti Author · Town of S... · · ·

the corruption in town. We need a healthy way thorough disinfection so we can Surfsiders, let's collectively STOP residents for many years. start clean & move forward in a has been silencing dissenting Dina is a NextDoor moderator who

With respect to #1, recently a long-time town employee, was found to have allegedly provided, over 10 years, over a million dollars in free parking passes, among other issues that were flagged. The investigation that produced the foregoing information was generated by an outside investigative source. That employee was ultimately terminated following a long suspension with pay. Following the termination, those connected with the terminated employee had apparently raised an issue with respect to the hiring of a female administrator by Chief Doce. Based on my brief discussion with Chief Doce, the issue was that the employee had been terminated from Miami Beach for a theft of \$800, and that Chief Doce knew it. Both of the foregoing were correct and Chief Doce did not dispute same with me. On the contrary, Chief Doce knew the woman, knew she worked for Miami Beach for many years and the chief believed she had done an excellent job there - excepting the very serious lapse

there – excepting the very serious lapse of judgement with respect to the theft. Following the theft, Chief Doce said she worked for many years for Mt. Sinai, and did so with no issues. Given the Chief had personal and substantial knowledge about this female and her excellent work history, excepting the onetime theft, and his believe that said theft was a "one off," the Chief believed that she had learned her lesson and would provide the same quality work level for the town of Surfside that she had for Miami Beach and Mt. Sinai. Clearly people can come down on both sides of this issue with respect to a single mom who made one very bad decision, however Chief Doce's decision to give someone, who had an excellent track record, less one very bad decision, a second chance is the type of determination and redemptive action that he believed was warranted.

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With respect to #2, the entire town had a front row seat as union boss came to one of our first commission meetings a few months ago and attacked our commission. For what? For asking for more patrols in our neighborhoods, more radar and speed control, less limo tint on our police cars, friendlier interactions with residents and the elimination of 12hour shifts for our police which are unrealistic, and clearly do not produce energetic or proactive policing. The reality is, after 8 hours most people are exhausted and just want to go home. Resident expect well rested, energetic and proactive policing. With our police working such long hours, residents are likely not getting any of those things. This union boss, Tammy Campbell has been a fixture in Surfside for two decades and has often distinguished herself in very unflattering ways, most recently by her evident disrespect to the mayor of Surfside when he inquired about a stop sign detail, the participation

I smiled when Ms. Edwards' husband described me as an old man – that is a first for me.

That part may be true, but the part about the yelling, unhinged or loud voice is simply a fairy tale and not my style.

On the former note, the good news is both had their phones out from the beginning of the discussion with me, and confirmed on the body cam video that they were recording. Let us hope we all get to see those clips, I believe they would refresh the Edwards' memory on the talk we had.

Lastly, it is true I did identify myself as the mayor as I approached the two, but in my 20-year span of being mayor, I have never felt the need to pull out an ID or walk people to the back of my car and say, look, here's proof, I'm the mayor. What I will say on that subject however, is that mayor or not, I would have taken the same steps to express my deep concern to the resident with the illegal behavior that could have really hurt someone.

Yes, it is true, my pulling up and expressing my feelings might make some unhappy, but backing into someone, you are not seeing because you are in a hurry to pull an illegal U-turn, and injuring them or worse – is very different and frankly, I am not ok with that.

UPDATE: Union boss Tammy Campbell official statement:

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"On behalf of the Surfside Fraternal Order of Police, we would like to express our grave concerns and strong condemnation of the actions of Mayor Charles Burkett. These actions are irresponsible, have placed public safety and officer safety at significant risk."

Charles W. Burkett, official response:

Anyone can watch the video attached here and clearly see that "the actions of the mayor," were NOT irresponsible. Did NOT place public safety at significant risk, and did NOT place officer safety at significant risk.

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Surfside can and will do better.

https://www.local10.com/news/local/ 2024/12/11/new-body-cam-videoshows-surfside-mayor-againinvolving-self-in-police-activity/





We Promised to Stop Home Burglaries, Cut-Through Speeders, and Increase Patrols.

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The woman you see in the picture with me is Surfside union boss, Tammy Campbell. I had stopped to speak with her and her colleague because I observed them for a while simply chitchatting and wanted to know what they were doing to further our commission's goals.

You may recall, Campbell came to one of our first commission meetings to attack our commission for asking for: increased patrols, increased radar details, the elimination of 12-hour shifts which lead to tired and ineffective policing and the removal of the secret service type tinting from patrol cars.

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All this was too much for Campbell at the time, so she felt the need to push back on those initiatives, attack our commission and likely rally any who would listen to reject the new commission's wishes.

Now, unfortunately for residents, Campbell's influence has contributed to the loss of a very popular police chief, who resigned today.

The well-liked chief had worked hard to implement the commissions wishes, but was significantly thwarted.

While Campbell resists our new commission's wishes, this is what our residents have been experiencing recently:

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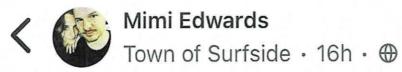
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BICYCLE RECOVERED ON SCENE.

Moreover, as residents must be able to sense, Ms. Campbell's leadership has not led to residents feeling safer or seeing more of a police presence, given same, it has become the duty of the elected leadership to speak out.

Ms. Campbell's dismissive attitude, on full display in the video below is nothing new. Her chirping that she "just wants to do her job," rings hollow to the many who have had very negative interactions with her – including our entire commission. And including one of our female elected officials who was told by Campbell in an interaction that "she doesn't give a F*&^" what that the elected official thinks.

But enough on that for now and onto the charge that the mayor is pulling people over in Surfside. I wonder who pulled that body camera video





Charles Burkett · Town of Surfside

Ms. Edwards' dramatic recollection of the story is partially correct. What Ms. Edward's left out of her story is that as she made he unsafe and illegal U-turn on 88th near Harding in front of my car, while backing up into oncoming cars and in her rush to get her car turned around, she clearly wasn't looking behind her for anyone walking along the street. Given I was forced to wait for her to complete her unsafe turn, I ended up behind her and yes, I did want to speak to her disregard for the safety of our residents. There was no blowing of horns, blocking of cars or unhinged conversations, but she is correct that I did pull up behind her car when she stopped. It is also true that in our conversation I expressed my deep concern about how unsafe her



BAD NEWS: I have been criticized for my support and actions working to crush the residential cut-through traffic that has threatened to severely damage our quality of life, or worse hurt a resident. The attached recent video from 88th street shows the unending line of traffic coming north on Byron and piling into our town. This line of cars is attempting to evade traffic on Collins by jumping onto Bryon with the hope of shortcutting through our residential streets. The good news was that the gating arms which your commission put in place was blocking this tidal wave of traffic, BUT yesterday the county removed those safety arms and the flood of cut-through traffic is about to resume...and crush OUR residents. It is true that I am very sensitive to this issue because our pets being killed by speeders and those who don't care is awful, but the thought of one of our kids being hurt, or worse, because someone is trying to jump past



The performance by the union boss deflated me the most. I do not blame the rank and file for being loyal to the union, but I do blame its leaders for putting our men and women officers in a position that forces them to stand by while union bosses make very questionable statements - like linking Burkett with defunding the police - a gigantic and laughable falsity.

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Burning down twenty years of goodwill because the union boss is mad that residents freaked out about the dubious arrest of a local kid, because residents asked for the limo tint to be removed from patrol cars so residents could see and greet their officers, because residents asked for police to ticket speeders, because residents wanted their officers to potentially work 8 hours

Charles Burkett

a day, and not 12 because they wanted them alert and refreshed, and because residents were shocked by the continued removal by our police of residents simply trying to voice their concerns...is wrong.

Residents have always respected and valued their police force. Now, after seeing the union boss bash the mayor and commission, they are writing me asking if they must be concerned about how our police will treat our residents. I hope the union will consider that residents' few requests were not unreasonable, but the union boss's gratuitous ambush of the town mayor and commission probably was. I will have more to say on this soon.







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Reactions



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This needs to reach ALL of our neighbors !!! This is outrageous !!! As you read through the Dina report & see how many town employees have been engaged in this misconduct. We Surfside tax paying residents are being robbed by our town employees. We need to support our SPD administration & commissioners as they root out & eradicate this cancer that has been allowed to fester in our town hall for decades. So bad !!!

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You all have clearly been fooled for far too long & at the residents' expense. I support our new SPD administration who are actively working to eradicate thi... See more

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This above back and forth makes me think. Should those who are aware of wrongdoing speak out? Should those who knew of wrongdoing and did not speak out, be permitted to excuse not speaking out by saying they were just "following orders?" The see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil axiom, is the good intentions road to H#\$&. Surfside deserves much better.

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- We are closing in on the opening of the 96th Street Park. Our outside completion date has

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Letter to the Mayor and the residents of Surfside:

Yesterday I committed a traffic violation in Surfside. As I drove to my home, a large black SUV suddenly appeared in my rearview. The car was uncomfortably close and I slowed down even more because there were bikers on the road and I was a bit scared by the aggressiveness of the SUV.

As I stopped at a stop sign, unbelievably, I see the SUV pulling up (on the wrong side of the road) next to my car! I thought it was going to pass me bc I was driving too slowly for his liking, but no, he blocked my car in. I began to tremble as I continued driving with his car alongside mine. The driver of the car was motioning for me to roll down my window. The man seemed very unhinged and made me extremely uncomfortable. He drove alongside my car for almost a full block...against traffic, completely illegally. This was pretty weird and scary so I pulled over and asked my husband to come outside as I was nearning my block. The SUV got back behind me and continued following me to my house. When I got out he started berating me for making an illegal u-turn and claiming that he was concerned for the SAFETY of others. When I asked if he was a police officer he pointed me to the badge on his license plate and informed me that he is the mayor. The Mayor! As if driving on the wrong side of the road chasing down a car is safe! I called the police and they were super nice, but unable to do anything other than document the incident.

I write this only so that the public is aware of the maniacal behavior of the mayor of our town. My daughter is about to get her driver's license. I can only imagine how terrified and dangerous this incident would or could have been if she were driving.

I implore you Mr. mayor, please stop behaving this way. You are embarrassing yourself. You are not a police officer and cannot pull private citizens over for not following your made up traffic rules. You are not a dictator, but a publicly elected official, although I suspect that won't be for long.

I fear retribution for this post, but I'll take my chances so that we can have public record of this nonsense.











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***Calling ALL SURFSIDE RESIDENTS to speak out & support our SPD command staff at this Tuesday's commision meeting. They are working hard to uncover & eradicate our town hall of corruption by our town's employees. They are bringing to light some very disturbing behaviors & it is time to disinfect our town hall completely !!! They need ALL of our voices & support !!! Long time employees that everyone in the community 'knows & loves' have been found with their hand in our town's money. Please see the mayor's most recent email & NextDoor post to read the full investigation in the link in section 2 of his message...it reads as follows:

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William please familiarize yourself with the details of the investigation, which show multi-level corruption from town employees, with your wife at the center. Our town hall has been hijacked by rogue employees & police officers over the course of decades & it needs to be DISINFECTED ASAP !!! Blaming/deflecting the mayor or anyone else instead of taking personal responsibility is not a relevant development.

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Adri Marte · Town of Surfside 4h • 1 4 Like Reply Share

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William really? So everyone knows the policy is 300 hours max/year, but the 'just the secretary' processes them over the KNOWN limit for years & doesn't know it's wrong nor remember exactly who told her to do this...this sounds like complete incompetence & our town hall most certainly can do better. Processing payouts over the established limits is stealing tax payers money & acting like it is business as usual is certainly WRONG



Louisa Agresti · Town of Surfside

I just read thru the Dina report. This is completely outrageous that any town employee would be engaging in this conduct & we the town of Surfside taxpayers have been unknowingly funding this for decades. We are being robbed by our town employees !!! We need to support our SPD administration as they root out the malfeasance & corruption in our town hall & eradicate it. EVERY RESIDENT SHOULD BE OUTRAGED !!! (edited)





Louisa Agresti

Town of Surfside · 7h · ⊕

So our town has been being robbed by former employees who are also NextDoor moderators, said employees investigative report has been posted & reposted by me & now likely silenced by SAME said town employee...can we say CONFLICT OF INTEREST & censoring...time to take this on a level above our community. This is absolutely outrageous misconduct & WILL NOT CONTINUE. Surfside taxpaying residents have had ENOUGH abuse. This has gone on WAYYYY too LONG!!!





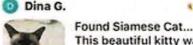
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Louisa Agresti · Town of Surfsi... •••

William please familiarize yourself with the details of the investigation, which show multi-level corruption from town employees, with your wife at the center. Our town hall has been hijacked by rogue employees & police officers over the course of decades & it needs to be DISINFECTED ASAP !!! Blaming/deflecting the mayor or anyone else instead of taking personal responsibility is not a relevant development.

Reactions



Louisa Agresti Author · Town of S... · · ·

This needs to reach ALL of our neighbors !!! This is outrageous !!! As you read through the Dina report & see how many town employees have been engaged in this misconduct. We Surfside tax paying residents are being robbed by our town employees. We need to support our SPD administration & commissioners as they root out & eradicate this cancer that has been allowed to fester in our town hall for decades. So bad !!!

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Charles Burkett



https://teamsurfside.com/mayorspage/f/november-9-2024

Here's an Update of (5) Important Things Happening in Surfside Right Now.

- 1) The results of the recent election on November 5th.
- A newly completed investigation into apparent corruption in our Police Department.
- 3) The state of the 96th Street Park.
- 4) The huge loss of sand on our beaches due to the recent winds and storms.
- 5) An invitation to our Veterans Day event and my remarks.



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