



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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## Official Minutes for the January 15, 2007 Regular Town Council Meeting called for 7:30 P.M.

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### A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Singer at 7:40 PM

### B. ROLL CALL

The Town Clerk called roll

**Council Member Present:** Mayor Singer, Vice Mayor Bernstein, Council Member Einstein, Council Member Lusskin, Council Member Rojas.

Staff Present: Town Manager – Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney – Stephen Helfman, Finance Director – Maria Camacho, Police Chief – James Skinner, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager/Human Resource Director – Lissette Perez, Facilities & General Maintenance Director – Ken Jones; Town Clerk – Elizabeth Sewell.

### C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Police Chief, James Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance

### D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Recognition of Town Employee of the Year 2007

Two employees shared the Employee of the Year Award. Mrs. Linda Epperson the Building Department Director and Mrs. Sheila Pirrone, Executive Assistant to the Chief of Police.

Mayor Singer acknowledged Mrs. Pirrone for her outstanding service to the Town of Golden Beach's Police Department. He also, recognized Mrs. Epperson for her valuable years of service to the Building Department.

Recognition of Town Officer of the Year 2007

Officer Chris Lampert was recognized as the Officer of the Year 2007. Mayor Singer acknowledged Officer Lambert for his professional service to the Town's residents.

Recognition of Town Employee of the Month  
Mayor Singer recognized Cynthia Garcia as the Employee of the Month for December 2007.

The Town Manager recognized Ms. Garcia as an integral part of the Town's staff and Halloween Festivities.

Recognition of Town Officer of the Month  
Mayor Singer recognized Officer Philip Moldovan as the Officer of the Month for December 2007.

Chief Skinner recognized Officer Moldovan for his participation on the Miami-Dade County Money Laundering Strike Force. He explained that the Strike Force has been very successful for the past six months.

**E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA**

**ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS/ REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA/ AND CHANGES TO AGENDA**

The Town Manager stated that Items # 5 and 6 under the consent agenda had substitute items on the dais for the Council's consideration. Two residents were added to serve on the Beach and Recreation Advisory Committees.

**F. TOWN BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Beach Committee

Ms. June Krogoll reported that the Beach Committee met, and had a very constructive meeting with the Town Manager in attendance. Mr. Diaz spoke with the Committee regarding the Beach Pavilion Renovation Project. The committee made some suggestions regarding the cleanliness at the beach.

Beautification Committee - None

Comprehensive Planning Board - None

Recreation Committee - None

Security/Public Safety Committee - None

**G. GOOD AND WELFARE**

Alene Fishbein – 256 Golden Beach Drive, spoke in regards to showing respect to the residents of the Town, and allowing them to say what is on their minds.

## H. MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Beach Pavilion Renovation Project**  
Mayor Singer stated that the Beach Pavilion Renovation Project is progressing on schedule. He apologized for any inconvenience to the Town's residents. He explained that the completion of the renovation project and by keeping the beach bathrooms clean, this would resolve the issues that the residents are complaining about.
- **Close Circuit Television Camera Security System Project**  
Mayor Singer stated that this project would be completed by the first week in February. The security system will enhance the Police Department's ability to watch over the Town.
- **Master Park Plan**  
Mayor Singer stated that there will be discussions regarding the green spaces in the Town. He also stated that Administration was considering making renovations to Tweddle Park and creating a small dog park.
- **Capital Improvement Plan**  
Mayor Singer stated that the Capital Improvement Plan is progressing on schedule and there will be some more discussion regarding it later on in the meeting.
- **School Boundaries**  
Mayor Singer stated that since the school boundaries are being changed there would be a workshop for all concerned residents regarding the changes.
- **Florida Primary Presidential Election**  
Mayor Singer reminded everyone to vote in the Florida Primary Presidential Election on January 29, 2008. The precinct for Election Day will be at Ocean View, and early voting is available at the Aventura City Hall from January 14 through January 27, 2008 for the residents of the Town of Golden Beach.

## I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

### Council Member Lusskin

- Council Member Lusskin extended her condolences to the Samowitz family for their loss.
- Council Member Lusskin stated that there were only two families that were concerned about remaining at Highland Oak instead of being transferred to the new school in Sunny Isles because the children are already entrenched at Highland Oak.
- Council Member Lusskin stated that the residents on the beach do not feel they are getting sufficient beach patrol from the Police Department.

Therefore, she was asking the Chief of Police to increase the beach patrol by the Department.

#### **Vice Mayor Bernstein**

- Vice Mayor Bernstein commended the Police Department for the great job they did slowing the speed of traffic in the Town.
- Vice Mayor Bernstein commended the Town Manager and staff for the parks looking great.

#### **Council Member Einstein**

- Council Member Einstein expressed his condolences to Mr. Harvey Samowitz and family on their loss.
- Council Member Einstein commended the Mayor, Council and Administration for the positive attitude and feeling of community.

### **J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

#### **• Welcome Back**

The Town Manager welcomed everyone back from the holidays.

#### **• School Boundaries**

Mr. Diaz stated that he was going to schedule a meeting with Mr. Karp the School Board Representative for the Town of Golden Beach and the Vice Superintendent of the Miami-Dade County School Board regarding the school boundaries issues.

#### **• Rodent Problem**

The Town Manager stated that recently he had received numerous complaints and concerns about a rodent issue in the Town, specifically in the South Parkway area due to a lot of demolition-work in that area in the last couple of weeks. He also stated that he had engaged a rodent company to come out and do an analysis of the Town, and find out where the problem is coming from and handle it as soon as they can.

#### **• The Comprehensive Master Plan**

The Town Manager stated that staff has been working with the Town's Planners to have a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Town. He also stated that with the appointment of the committees at this meeting the committees could review the Parks Master Plan and provide feedback so that the plan would be ready for final adoption by the Town Council.

#### **• Beach Renourishment Conference**

The Town Manager stated that there was a Beach Renourishment Conference being held at the end of the month and staff would be participating.

#### **• Dr. Martin Luther King Parade**

The Town Manager stated that the Town Police staff would be participating in the City of Hallandale's Martin Luther King Parade.

- **Property Fine**  
The Town Manager announced that the Town had reached an agreement with the property owners of 521 Ocean Boulevard, Golden Beach, Florida as it relates to reduction of fines for code compliance violations.

**K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

None

**L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

None

**M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

1. **An Ordinance of the Town Council Amending Chapter 2 “Administration” Article II “Town Council” Section 2-27 “Procedures for Town Council Meetings” Providing for Decorum at Town Council Meetings.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 “ADMINISTRATION”, ARTICLE II “TOWN COUNCIL”, SECTION 2-27 “PROCEDURES FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS” TO PROVIDE FOR DECORUM AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCEDURE FOR THE MAYOR TO MAINTAIN DECORUM AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 1  
Ordinance No. 530.08

**Sponsor:** Town Council

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 530.08

The Town Attorney provided a brief explanation of this Ordinance. The Ordinance was amended to include the words “Presiding Officer” in addition to the Mayor. It would take a majority vote of the Council to allow individuals speaking on a matter before the Council an extension beyond the three (3) minute rule.

Mrs. Alene Fishbein – 256 Golden Beach Drive, spoke in opposition of this Ordinance.

Mr. Ethan Addicott – 155 Golden Beach Drive, spoke in opposition of this Ordinance.

Dr. Benny Rub – 698 North Island Drive, spoke in opposition of this Ordinance.

Mr. Robert Smoley – 390 Golden Beach Drive, spoke in favor of this Ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 530.08 on first reading by Council Member Rojas, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**2. An Ordinance of the Town Council Creating Chapter 63 Entitled “Soliciting” of the Town Code of Ordinances**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, CREATING CHAPTER 63 ENTITLED “SOLICITING” OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2  
Ordinance No. 531.08

**Sponsor:** Town Council

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 531.08

The Town Attorney explained that this Ordinance is to regulate solicitation in the Town by requiring solicitors to have a permit to regulate the times when they can solicit residents in the Town. It also, help residents that have posted signs that they do not want solicitors to come to their property this Ordinance gives the police the right to arrest solicitors that violate the law.

The Town Council asked the Town Attorney to include an exemption for children who solicit.

Mrs. Alene Fishbein – 256 Golden Beach Drive spoke in favor of this Ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. 531.08 on first reading by Council Member Einstein, seconded by Vice Mayor Bernstein.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS**

None

**O. CONSENT AGENDA**

**3. Minutes of December 18, 2007 Regular Town Council Meeting**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2007 Regular Town Council Meeting by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Lusskin. All voted in favor the motion carried.

**4. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Members to the Town's Beautification Advisory Committee**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH BEAUTIFICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 4  
Resolution No. 1884.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1884.08

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1884.08 by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**5. A Resolution of the Town Appointing Members to the Town's Beach Advisory Committee**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH BEACH ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 5  
Resolution No. 1885.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1885.08

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1885.08 by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**6. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Members to the Town's Recreation Advisory Committee**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 6  
Resolution No. 1886.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1886.08

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1886.08 by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**7. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Members to the Town's Security and Public Safety Advisory Committee**



A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 7  
Resolution No. 1887.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1887.08

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1887.08 by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**8. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Members to the Town's Building Regulation Advisory Board**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA; APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH BUILDING REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 8  
Resolution No. 1888.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1888.08

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1888.08 by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Rojas.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**9. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Members to the Town's Comprehensive Planning Board**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA;

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING BOARD PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 9  
Resolution No. 1889.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1889.08

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1889.08 by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**P. TOWN RESOLUTION**

**10. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving an Amendment to the Town Manager's Employment Agreement**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 10  
Resolution No. 1895.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1895.07

Mayor Singer provided a brief explanation regarding the amendment to the Town Manager's Employment Agreement. He stated that when Mr. Diaz was hired he was promised a review in six (6) months of his job performance and his employment contract. He stated that Mr. Diaz has done a phenomenal job and he is a tremendous asset to the Town. He also stated that the reason the Town is where it is today is because of Mr. Diaz. The Mayor stated that Mr. Diaz is a hard worker and works long hours. He stated that the contract that was before the Council today he was not in total agreement with.

The Town Manager stated that he and the Mayor had met and negotiated the contract that was before the Council. He felt that this contract was fair compensation given the amount of work that the Town is about to embark upon for the next thirty-six (36) months. He stated that technically his contract ends in April, but the Mayor asked him to extend this contract to October. The Manager agreed to adhere to this contract for a period of two years. He stated that his work, professionalism, and his devotion to the Town speaks for itself. He also the favorable approval of the Capital Improvement Bond Referendum indicates the trust that the Town has, not only in the Council but also in the new Administration.

Councilmember Lusskin stated that she had met with Mr. Diaz and they had discussed his contract. She stated that Mr. Diaz was scheduled to have a review six (6) months after he was hired, and the review was not done. She stated that she believes that there need to be a review before moving forward because that was the agreement. She explained that this was a commitment that we made to him and the Council.

The Town Manager stated that at his six (6) months he provided a list of his deliverables to the Council for their review as he was required by his contract.

Mayor Singer provided a brief description of the compensation package in the Town Manager's contract.

Vice Mayor Bernstein stated that he would like to see Mr. Diaz's compensation tied to a three (3) year period as opposed to two (2) years with bonuses because he wanted to ensure that the Town Manager would not leave before the Capital Improvement Project is completed. He stated that the Capital Improvement Project was too complex and a big undertaking for the Town without having Mr. Diaz to see the project through.

Councilmember Einstein stated that Mr. Diaz was the highest paid Town Manager the Town has every had. He asked for a comparison of salaries for other Town Managers in the area.

Councilmember Rojas stated that in the initial contract it was agreed upon that the Town Manager would accept the salary lower than what he was making before coming to the Town of Golden Beach, and his salary would be subject to a six (6) month review. She asked the Town Manager if there were any numbers discussed.

Mr. Diaz answered that the numbers for the six (6) month salary review was not discussed, but there was a commitment by the Board to come back in six (6) months to try, and make up the difference in his salary as much as possible. He stated that he took an eighteen thousand dollar pay cut to come to the Town of Golden Beach.

Councilmember Rojas asked the Town Manager how did they arrive at the salary quoted in the proposed contract at this meeting.

The Town Manager stated that the Mayor asked him to put together a fair compensation package for himself, and then the Mayor negotiated the salary down to where they were at this meeting. He felt that this salary was fair given what he had been able to accomplish in the short period he has been at the Town.

Mayor Singer asked for some time to put together a compensation package that would be in the best interest of the Town and the Town Manager.

Resolution No. 1895.08 tabled.

**11. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Town Manager to Allocate a Total of Fifty Thousand Dollars for the Town Hall/Beach Pavilion Renovation Budget for Goods and Services**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ALLOCATE UP TO A TOTAL OF FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) FROM THE TOWN HALL/PAVILION RENOVATION BUDGET, FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FURNITURE AND OTHER ITEMS LISTED ON EXHIBIT "A" TO THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 11  
Resolution No. 1896.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1896.08

Mayor Singer stated that in the Beach Pavilion Renovation Project there were some items that were not included in the budget for this project. He asked to remove the gift pack idea at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Beach Pavilion that would reduce the cost from \$50,000 to \$40,000.00. Mayor Singer asked the Town Manager to look for a sponsor for the gift packs.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1896.08 by Council Member Lusskin, seconded by Council Member Rojas.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**12. Resolution of the Town Council Approving Owners Representative Professional Services Agreement for Capital Improvement Program Project.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING OWNERS REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT, BETWEEN THE TOWN AND SKYLINE MANAGEMENT GROUP, INC., PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 12  
Resolution No. 1897.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1897.08

The Town Manager provided a brief description of the responsibilities of the Owner's Representative. The idea of the Owner's Representative is an extension of the Town's staff whose responsibility to ensure that the project's schedule is attained. This resolution authorizes an agreement with Skyline Management Group, Inc. to provide the Town with Owner's Representative responsibilities. Mr. Diaz explained that Skyline Management Group, Inc. will be responsible for the Pre-Construction Phase deliverables: Selection of Design Team, Conceptual and budget estimates, pre-construction scheduling, design cost control, value engineering, construction studies, site evaluation, permitting assistance, identification and pre-purchase of long lead time items, pre-qualifications of General Contractors, advise Architect/Engineer on bid packaging, review construction bids, recommend selection of General Contractor and type of contract. Once construction has begun, it would be the responsibility of the Owner's Representative to coordinate activities in the field. He stated that he and the Mayor met with three (3) different Owner's Representative firms in order to get the best quality of services for the lowest possible cost. He reported that they researched Mr. Abbott's performance on other jobs he did for both private and public sector experience. Staff also compared the proposals' scope of services and costs, and the fee that staff was presenting today to the Town Council is a very competitive fee and the scope of services in this proposal is identical if not enhanced in comparison to the two other proposals. His recommendation was that the Town Council engages this contract because it is a very competitively priced contract. He also stated that it is a thirty-six (36) month duration contract.

Mayor Singer stated that every developer he has spoken to informed him that the Town needs an Owner's Representative to represent the Town, and to oversee and ensure that everyone the Town hires is making sure that they are working in the best interest of the Town. He stated that this is a very extensive project and the Town's goal is not only to come within the budget but also to complete the project on time and the critical concern is that the project is completed properly.

Mr. Paul Abbott, President of Skyline Management Group, Inc. a brief description of his organization and the project management services they provide to their clients. He explained that as the Owner's Representative for the Capital Improvement Project, it is his firm's responsibility to represent the interest of the Town, they are not aligned with the contractors, the design firms or the engineers. The Owner's Representative role is to communicate, organize and manage the logistics of a complex project that will be very disruptive to the citizens.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1897.08 by Council Member Rojas, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**13. Resolution of the Town Council Urging Members of the Florida Legislature to Support the Following Issues During the 2008 Legislative Session.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2008 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 13  
Resolution No. 1898.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1898.08

The Town Manager explained that the Board of Directors for the League of Cities adopted these priorities, which they are asking the Florida Legislature to support during the 2008 legislative session.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1898.08 by Council Member Lusskin seconded by Council Member Rojas.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**14. Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Expenditure of an Amount not to Exceed \$1,000 from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund for the Police Memorial in Washington D.C.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND (\$1,000) DOLLARS, FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR THE POLICE MEMORIAL IN WASHINGTON D.C.; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 14  
Resolution No. 1899.08

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1899.08

Chief Skinner provided a brief explanation that the Miami-Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police has asked every agency in the County to make a commitment to the Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. of at least \$5,000.00. He stated that almost every agency in the County benefits from the seize assets from the Federal or State Law Enforcement Trust Funds. However, after the Town Manager review the balance in the Law Enforcement Trust Funds he was not comfortable in making a \$5,000.00 donation because of expenditures pending that have already been committed against the balance in the fund. Therefore, based on that information the Town Manager is recommending that the Town donate \$1,000.00 to the project.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1899.08 by Council Member Rojas, seconded by Council Member Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

Mayor Singer - Aye; Vice Mayor Bernstein - Aye; Council Member Einstein - Aye; Council Member Lusskin - Aye; Council Member Rojas - Aye.

**Q. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER**

Mayor Glenn Singer:  
None Requested

Vice Mayor Ken Bernstein:  
None Requested

Councilmember Ben Einstein:  
None Requested  
Councilmember Judy Lusskin:  
None Requested

Councilmember Amy Rojas:  
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz:  
\*Additional K-9 Pilot Program

The Town Manager explained that the Town was offered a K-9 dog at the cost of \$1.00 with Veterinarian to provide services to keep the dog healthy and fit. He stated that Town has a K-9 Certified Officer to use the dog as a way to keep his certification active. The dog was used on Sunday night to seize \$8,000.00. The Town Manager stated that the Town has the opportunity to bring on a second dog at a minimal cost of approximately \$384.00 per year to the Town. This dog would provide an avenue that the Town could possibly get future seizures. Since, this issue was very sensitive the Town Manager decided to bring this matter to the Mayor and Council for their consideration.

\*Contracted Employee(s) for the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force (SFMLSF)

The Town Manager stated that the Town currently have two officers who are detached from the Department to the South Florida Money Laundering Task Force. He explained that the Task Force investigates crimes, drugs and money laundering and the funds are divided into stocks. Currently the Town owns two (2) stocks in that strike force. The Town receives a percentage of the seize assets after expenditure divided by the number of people that owns stocks. He stated for a variety of reasons the Town is about to have one of its officers sent back to the Town, which will place us in a position of forfeiting one (1) stock and the current value of that stock is approximately \$8,000 to \$80,000. He stated that other communities in order to keep officers on the Strike Force they hire individual police officers outside of the Department on a contractual basis to be funded through the seize assets to serve as a detached officer. The Manager was asking for the Council's direction to come back to the Council with a contracted officer to be detached to the Strike Force with provisions that state that the officer will be paid from the seize assets that are raised. He explained that should one of the officers be sent back from the Strike Force the Town would forfeit its right to one (1) stock that the Town has currently earned. He stated that the contract would read that if there are no seized assets there will be no compensation to the contracted officer.

\*Tweddle Park Master Plan and Renovations

The Town Manager stated that the Town was going to engage a company to provide a proposal to develop a Park Master Plan for Tweddle Park



alone and he wanted to know how the Council feels about this because the Town will have to send a letter of intent to the company in order for them to submit their proposal.

**\*Special Town Council Meeting in February**

The Town Manager was asking for a Special Meeting in February. The purpose for this meeting is to authorize contracts for the construction management company, the architects and engineering firms. He stated that if he waited for the February 19, 2008 Regular Town Council Meeting it would only prolonged the target date by an additional month.

A Special Town Council Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2008 at 8:00 pm.

**R. ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion was made to adjourn the Council Meeting by Council Member Luskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Bernstein. Consensus votes 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Sewell*

Elizabeth Sewell,  
Town Clerk