

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

OFFICIAL MINUTES
March 27, 2007

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
7:00 PM

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

B. ROLL CALL

The Town Clerk called the roll.

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Singer, Vice Mayor Bernstein, Councilmember Einstein, Councilmember Lusskin and Councilmember Rojas.

Staff in attendance: Town Manager – Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney – Stephen Helfman, Police Chief – James Skinner, Finance Director – Maria Camacho and Town Clerk – Elizabeth Sewell.

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Chief Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Singer explained that the purpose of this meeting was for discussion and possibly making a formal offer to Mr. Alexander Diaz as the Town of Golden Beach Town Manager.

Mayor Singer thanked the Town Manager Search Committee for doing a phenomenal job of reviewing approximately fifty(50) applications for the Town Manager's position, selecting the qualified candidates and conducting interviews with the qualified candidates. He expressed his appreciation for their hard work and taking the time and effort to accomplish this task. Members of the Search Committee included; Fred Chouinard, Ana Garcia, Beth Geduld, Dale Newberg and Robert Smoley who was the Chairman of the committee.

E. DISCUSSION OF TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Singer explained that Mr. Diaz graduated from Florida International University with a Masters Degree in Public Administration. He attended the University of North Florida and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and he has his Real Estate License. Currently, Mr. Diaz works for Miami-Dade County Water and Sewer Department as the Assistant Director of Administration and he is the Legislative Affairs Coordinator for his department. Prior to working for Miami-Dade County, he was employed by the City of Miami Beach where he was the Development Coordinator, Grant Writer and Special Projects Manager and before that, he did an internship with

Senator Bob Graham in Washington, D.C. Mayor Singer explained that Mr. Diaz has all of the qualifications that the Town needs.

Mr. Diaz introduced himself to the Mayor, Council and the public. He thanked the Search Committee for nominating him to serve as the Town Manager of the Town. He provided a brief description of the previous positions he has served in and his professional experience.

Each Councilmember had an opportunity to ask Mr. Diaz questions in reference to his professional experience and employment history.

Mayor Singer explained the benefit package for the Town Manager. He stated that Mr. Diaz has some prior commitments to Miami-Dade County, therefore, he would work part-time during the month of April, officially starting full-time on the first Monday in May. Salary would be \$96,000 annually, three weeks vacation and two weeks sick leave. His retirement consist of Ten percent (10%) contribution towards a 401K deferred compensation plan, cell phone and laptop computer, vehicle allowance of \$10,020 annually and two weeks paid administrative leave, one-month of paid severance after twelve (12) months of employment and a review of his performance and salary in six (6) months.

Appointment of Town Manager by Resolution No. 1842.07 subject to the ratification of an employment agreement at the next town council meeting.

A motion to approve Resolution No. 1842.07 by Mayor Singer, seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Singer – Aye, Vice Mayor Bernstein – Aye, Councilmember Einstein – Aye, Councilmember Lusskin – Aye, Councilmember Rojas – Aye.

The motion passed 5 - 0

F. CODE REVIEW MEETING (Monday, April 9, 2007)

Code Review on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Town Council Meeting Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 7:30 PM

Mayor Singer, Vice Mayor Bernstein and Councilmember Lusskin will be attending Dade Days in Tallahassee on Wednesday, April 18, 2007.

G. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein. Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sewell
Elizabeth Sewell, CMC
Town Clerk