



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

**Official Minutes for July 29th, 2008 Special Town Council Meeting for the
Second Budget Workshop & Proposed Millage 2008/2009 Fiscal Year
called for 7:00 P.M.**

The second Budget Workshop was called to order by Vice Mayor Rojas at 7:08 PM.

Vice Mayor Rojas stated at the first Budget Workshop on July 24, 2008 at 7:00 PM. The Town Manager went over the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 in detail. This workshop was to address any issues or concerns that the Council may have.

The Town Manager stated that there were no changes to budget that was presented at the first Budget Workshop. There were no changes, only the correction of two keystroke errors in the health insurance line item for the Building and Public Works Departments. The cash balance as of today was \$7,406,284.00 that includes the Town's general reserves. The Town currently has a general reserve of \$4,539,330.00 of which the Town intends to allocate \$4.6 Million to the 420 Fund (Water Distribution System Fund). This would leave an undesignated fund balance of \$2,759,330.00. It is a \$31,000,000., budget of which \$20,800,000. is dedicated for the Capital Improvement Program. In the terms of new revenues, the General Fund has only increase by \$109,000 that is based on a 2.79% growth in the Town's assessed value this year. The Town Manager was asking the Town Council to set the proposed combined millage rate at 9 mills; of which 7.605 mills will be dedicated for general operations and 1.395 mills for the General Obligation Bond debt service.

The second Budget Workshop was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

A. SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Rojas called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

The Town Attorney led the pledge of Allegiance.

D. ITEM FOR DISCUSSION

1. A Resolution of the Town Council Determining the Proposed Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2008/2009 (Resolution No. 1934.08)

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE; DETERMINING THE CURRENT YEAR ROLLED-BACK RATE; ESTABLISHING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS AS REQUIRED BY LAW; DIRECTING THE CLERK TO FILE SAID RESOLUTION WITH THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Resolution No. 1934.08

Recommendations: Motion to Approve Resolution No 1934.08

Sponsored by: Administration

The Town Manager explained that this resolution was asking the Town Council to authorize a proposed operating millage rate of 7.605 mills although the Town is going to budget for 7.105 mills with a .5 mill buffer with the intention to adjust the millage rate at a later date. Administration is proposing to adopt a millage rate at a 1.395 mills for the debt service; this is dedicated strictly for debt service purposes for the \$14.5 Million General Obligation Bond that the Town is going out to bid for in August. However, the goal of the Administration and Council that the combined millage rate once adopted in September will be 8.5 mills.

Vice Mayor Rojas stated that although she understands that the proposed millage rate is at 9 mills, but her position is that unless those funds are absolutely needed to support the debt service for the \$14.5 Million General Obligation Bond she would not vote in favor of anything higher than 8.5 mills.

Councilmember Lusskin stated that if money is needed for the debt service she would rather the funds come from another area instead of raising the millage rate to 9 mills if at all possible because the Council had promise the residents that the Capital Improvement Program could be done with no increase in the millage rate.

The Town Manager stated that all of the funds such as the 330 Capital Improvements Projects Fund and 410 Stormwater Utility Fund have a 10% contingency built-in to them.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1934.08 as amended by Councilmember Einstein, seconded by Councilmember Lusskin.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Singer – Aye by telephone; Vice Mayor Rojas - Aye; Councilmember Bernstein – Aye by telephone; Councilmember Einstein - Aye; Councilmember Lusskin - Aye.

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Financing to Purchase Four (4) Police Patrol Vehicles and Related Emergency Vehicle Equipment for Golden Beach Police Department.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE FINANCING TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) POLICE PATROL VEHICLES AND RELATED EMERGENCY VEHICLE EQUIPMENT FOR THE GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 1935.08

Recommendations: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1935.08

Sponsored by: Administration

The Town Manager explained that the Town Council by their action had approved Resolution Number 1923.08 at the May 12, 2008 Special Town Council Meeting which called for the purchase of four police vehicles and emergency equipment for the vehicles. This is the financing of the vehicles and

equipment. The loan in the amount of \$105,076.00 at 3.5% interest for the next three years.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1935.08 by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Singer – Aye by telephone; Vice Mayor Rojas - Aye; Councilmember Bernstein – Aye by telephone; Councilmember Einstein - Aye; Councilmember Lusskin - Aye.

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Town Manager to Submit a Florida City of Excellence Award Nomination to the Florida League of Cities Under their 2008 Florida Cities of Excellence Awards Program.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO SUBMIT A FLORIDA CITY OF EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINATION TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES UNDER THEIR 2008 FLORIDA CITIES OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 1936.08

Recommendations: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1936.08

Sponsored by: Administration

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1936.08 by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Singer – Aye by telephone; Vice Mayor Rojas – Aye; Councilmember Bernstein – Aye by telephone; Councilmember Einstein - Aye; Councilmember Lusskin - Aye.

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Nominating the Town's Capital Improvement Project for the Florida League of Cities "City Spirit" Award for 2008

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, NOMINATING THE TOWN'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES (FLC) "CITY SPIRIT" AWARD FOR 2008; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 1937.07

Recommendations: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1937.08

Sponsored by: Administration

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1937.08 by Councilmember Einstein, seconded by Councilmember Lusskin.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Singer – Aye by telephone; Vice Mayor Rojas - Aye;
Councilmember Bernstein – Aye by telephone; Councilmember Einstein - Aye; Councilmember Lusskin - Aye.

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Accepting the General Purpose Financial Statements for Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Ending September 30, 2007.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2006/2007 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 PREPARED BY KEEFE, MCCULLOUGH & CO., LLP; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 1938.08

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1938.08

Sponsored by: Administration

Mayor Singer stated that his concern with the Financial Statements is that the areas that were cited in the Management Letter in the previous Fiscal Year Financial Statements were not corrected, and he met with the Town Manager and the Finance Director and he was assured that they have taken the appropriate measures to ensure that this does not happen again.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1938.08 by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Singer – Aye by telephone; Vice Mayor Rojas - Aye;
Councilmember Bernstein – Aye by telephone; Councilmember Einstein - Aye; Councilmember Lusskin - Aye.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sewell

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Town Clerk