



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the November 20, 2007
Regular Town Council Meeting called for 7:30 P.M.

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 Members 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, Police Chief – James Skinner; Finance Director – Maria Camacho; Facilities & General Maintenance Director – Ken Jones; Town Clerk – Elizabeth Sewell.

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Bernstein led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Recognition of Town Employee of the Month Alexander Diaz.

Mayor Singer acknowledged Mr. Diaz as the Employee of the Month. He commended Mr. Diaz for the exceptional job he is doing with improving staff morale, instituting new policies and procedures, he was instrumental in the passing of the Bond Referendum for the Capital Improvement Plan Project. He also commended him for his excellent management skills.

Recognition of Town Officer of the Month Officer Robin Weiner

The Town Manager commended Officer Weiner for efforts as a detached Officer to the South Florida Money Laundering Task Force and she was unable to attend this evening's Council Meeting because she was participating in a seizure of assets that occurred today. He stated that she was a true asset to the Town, she was a long-term employee that had been with the Town for ten years and he thanked her for her contribution to the Town.

Special Guest from Calder Race Course, Issador Mohammed, provided a brief presentation regarding one of the issues on the January 29, 2008 election ballot regarding the slot machines at the race-track; this would provide additional jobs and approximately 10 Million Dollars in revenue to Miami-Dade County General Fund.

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

There were no additions, deletions or removal of items from the Consent Agenda or any changes to the Agenda.

F. TOWN BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beach Committee - None

Beautification Committee - None

Comprehensive Planning Board - None

Recreation Committee

Council Member Lusskin thanked everyone for their support and attendance at the series of events sponsored by the Recreation Committee over the past two months. The Halloween Event, Veterans' Day Ceremony and the Bagels at Tweedle Park Event.

Security/Public Safety Committee - None

Golden Beach Youth Leadership

Three members of the Town of Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group (Rachel Friedman, Allison Samowitz and Jillian Samowitz) asked for support for the National Psoriasis Walk for Awareness from the Town Council and residents.

G. GOOD AND WELFARE

June Krogoll – 422 Golden Beach Drive spoke in regards to her concerns with the renovations of the beach pavilion, flooding in the streets, and an accounting of the money spent for the advertising of the Capital Improvement Project.

Mayor Singer explained that a resident donated all of the "Vote Yes" for the Capital Improvement Plan signs. He also explained that the Town Council had approved several months ago that a \$1,000. be allocated for advertising and promotion of the Capital Improvement Plan. He stated in regards to the Beach Pavilion Project has been in the process for approximately 4 years. There will be temporary bathrooms setup. The reason the pavilion has been barricade is for the safety of the residents. The anticipated completion date for the project is March 2008. He is asking the residents to be understanding of the

inconvenience because the bathrooms will be handicap accessible, and this would be a phenomenal project when it is completed.

The Town Manager stated that he scaled back the fencing to allow for parking in the east lot because there are residents that would not be able to cross over Ocean Boulevard to the beach. He ordered air-conditioned cabinets so that the residents would be comfortable. The reason the access to the beach is on the north side, because the north side has a paved access way to the beach. He stated that the beach is not closed it is still open with the life-guard still operating.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Capital Improvement Plan Bond Referendum**

Mayor Singer thanked the Town Manager and staff for the work that was involved in helping to get the CIP passed. He also thanked the residents for their vote and support for this project and the Town Council.

He explained that the next step is to look at several management companies to oversee the project, and at the same time, they are speaking with some financial institutions to decide on whom they will use to float the bonds. The objective is to start the Capital Improvement Projects no later than August 2008.

- **Beach Pavilion Renovation Project**

Mayor Singer stated that the beach pavilion would reopen by March 2008.

- **Recreation Advisory Committee**

Mayor Singer thanked Council Member Lusskin and the Recreation Committee for the Veterans' Day Ceremony. He stated that it was a beautiful event and it was well attended by the Town's residents.

- **Town's Parks**

Mayor Singer stated that the Town Manager was reviewing the Town's park facilities, and by the beginning of the year, they would bring back some suggestions and ideas to the Town Council regard the improvement of the parks. He also stated that arches at the guard-house need to be pressure cleaned, treated and repainted.

- **Garbage Can Replacement Project**

Mayor Singer stated that the Town purchased garbage cans that will be distributed to each residence. Two cans will be delivered to each residence on November 21, 2007. He stated that the cans are blue with the Town of Golden Beach seal on them.

- **Thanksgiving Holiday**

Mayor Singer wished the staff and residents of the Town a safe and happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

- **Water Distribution System**
Mayor Singer asked the Council for a special workshop to discuss the Town's water issue. The meeting scheduled for Monday, November 26, 2007 at 6:30 PM.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Bernstein

- **Capital Improvement Plan**
Vice Mayor Bernstein commended everyone including the staff, Mayor and Council and the residents for their great effort in working to get the bond referendum for the Capital Improvement Projects passed. He stated that he was proud to be a part of the Council and to be involved in working on this plan. He also stated that it should be priority for everyone that the coordination of the projects is well worked out.
- **Halloween Party**
Vice Mayor stated that the Halloween Party was tremendous. He commended the staff, and he wanted the Administration to plan a sleep out on the beach for the Town's children.

Council Member Rojas

- **Water Distribution System Problem**
Council Member Rojas asked why the water distribution system was not included in the Capital Improvement Plan and she wanted to know the extent of the problem.
- **Dog Park**
Council Member Rojas asked the status of the dog park, because some of the residents wanted to know if the idea of having a dog park was abandon.

Mayor Singer answered that the idea of the dog park is still a part of the Parks Master Plan and the Parks Master Plan will be presented to the Council at the February 2008 Regular Town Council Meeting.

Council Member Einstein

- **Capital Improvement Plan Bond Referendum**
Council Member Einstein commended the Mayor, Council, staff and the residents for coming together and working on the bond referendum special election that was successful in making a dream come true.
- **Thanksgiving Holiday**
Council Member Einstein wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Council Member Lusskin

- **Capital Improvement Project**

Council Member Lusskin stated in regards to the Capital Improvement Project. The residents of the Town were ready for change by voting in favor of the Capital Improvement Projects. She said that she was confident that the Town had a great staff and council to see these projects through to completion.

- **Congratulations to Dr. Matthew Kay**

Council Member Lusskin offered congratulations to Dr. Matthew Kay who was listed in the physician magazine as one of the best of the best physicians by his peers.

- **Lost Pets**

Council Member Lusskin stated that Mr. Jim Alan had presented a proposal regarding lost pets that involved the Town of Golden Youth Leadership Group. She stated that if the Youth Leadership Group was involved in finding the pet it could have been found sooner.

The Town Manager stated that the Police Chief Skinner was looking into doing a Pet Registration Project where residents could register their pets with the Town's Police Department.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Diaz thanked the staff for nominating him as Employee of the Month of October. He thanked everyone for their vote of confidence. He also thanked the staff for all their hard work that was put into the Veterans' Day Ceremony because the event was a great success. He especially thanked Council Member Lusskin for her involvement in the Veterans' Day Event.

- **Report on Water Distribution System**

Mr. Diaz stated that on November 1, 2007 the Mayor and Council received a letter from the City North Miami Beach, Deputy Manager, Kevin Clark, putting the Town on notice that the Town was in jeopardy of losing its retail relationship with North Miami Beach, and would have a wholesale relationship. He explained that this was expected and he knew that this was coming. He stated that since the Town was going to be digging up the streets for the Capital Improvement Projects that it would be in the best interest of the Town to replace the Town's water distribution system, with an estimated cost of \$3 million dollars. He suggested passing a water recovery fee on the residents' water utility bill to cover the cost of the replacement of the water system.

- **Royal Palm Trees**

The Town Manager stated that the Town had received a donation of seven Royal Palm Trees and his suggestion was to plant them at the end of the Strand. He asked the Council if they had any comments regarding

the replanting of the Royal Palms at the end of the Strand, to speak with him today because he has to move quickly on replanting of the trees so that he does not lose them.

- **Beach Pavilion Renovation Project Change Order**
Mr. Diaz stated that he might have a potential change order for the beach pavilion project in regards to the possibility of installing flagpoles at the pavilion.
- **NDPEDS Certification**
Mr. Diaz announced that Mr. Ken Jones one of the Town's staff member, have received the National Pollution Environmental Discharge Certification. He congratulated Mr. Jones on achieving his certification.
- **Part-Time Police Officers**
Mr. Diaz stated that this was a way for the Town to save money on paying for overtime. He has been authorized by the Mayor to hire three part-time officers. He also stated that there is a benefit to hiring these part-time officers because they have to donate free hours to the Town in order to keep their certification. He explained that these officers would be paid for by reducing the overtime budget of the Police Department and the current vacant Code Enforcement position. He announced that Mr. Anthony Adamson had tendered his resignation and his last day would be Friday of this week.
- **Town Lights**
The Town Manager stated that there were nineteen (19) lights in town that have been out over a two (2) week period, and staff is working with Florida Power & Light to find out why these lights are not working.
- **Committee Members Recruitment**
Mr. Diaz stated that there would be a Memorandum in the Mayor and Council Friday packets regarding their appointment of members to the Town's various committees.
- **Changes to Channel 35**
Mr. Diaz stated that channel 35 no longer has just the scrolling marquee. He has upgraded the Town's television channel is more visible, colorful and he has added music and pictures. He is encouraging everyone to continue to watch channel 35 as staff continues to enhance the programming provided.
- **Curb Installation**
Mr. Diaz stated that he has started the temporary pilot installation of the curbs. He asked the Council to look at the South Parkway area where the curbs were installed to mitigate trucks from running over the grass at all of the Town's parkways at a very low cost to the Town. These curbs are temporary until the Capital Improvement Plan projects are complete.

- **Uplighting of Ocean Boulevard**
Mr. Diaz stated that he has engaged the Florida Department of Transportation to explore the possibility of entering into a joint-partnership agreement with them as they conduct the installation of the sidewalks. He stated that there is a benefit of cost savings to the Town with the streetscaping and uplighting on Ocean Boulevard as part of the Capital Improvement Plan. He stated that he would bring back the amount of the cost saving to the Council at the January Regular Town Council Meeting.
- **Bridge Issues**
Mr. Diaz stated that Mayor Singer has met with someone who serves on Florida Department of Transportation regarding the Town's bridges issues regarding securing funding for the replacement of North and Center Islands bridges. He stated that Mayor has asked him to work on securing funds from the State and Federal Government for this project.

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

No Ordinances for second reading.

M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

No Ordinances for first reading.

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

O. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of October 23rd, 2007 Regular Town Council Meeting

A Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 23, 2007 Regular Town Council Meeting by Council Member Lusskin, seconded by Council Member Einstein. All voted in favor the motion carried.

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

2. **A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Agreement for Recreational/Instructional Tennis and Court Management Services**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH,
FLORIDA APPROVING AGREEMENT FOR
RECREATIONAL/INSTRUCTIONAL TENNIS AND
COURT MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN THE
TOWN AND TENNIS PRO; PROVIDING FOR

IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT; AND PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 1876.07

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1876.07

Mayor Singer provided a brief description of Mr. Goldfine's qualifications and experience as a Tennis Pro. Mayor Singer stated that he would refrain from voting because Mr. Goldfine is his friend.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1876.07 by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Council Member Einstein.

Roll call vote was as follows:

Mayor Singer – Refrain; Vice Mayor Bernstein – Aye; Council Member Einstein – Aye; Council Member Lusskin – Aye; Council Member Rojas – Absent.

3. **A Resolution of the Town Council Certifying the Result of the Town Special Election Held on November 6, 2007**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE NOVEMBER 6, 2007 TOWN SPECIAL ELECTION FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 1877.07

Sponsor: Town Clerk

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1877.07

The Town Attorney explained that the Town Clerk is responsible for certifying the election's results and the Town Council accepts the clerk's certification of the election. The November 6, 2007 Special Election results were as follows:

Yes – For Bonds received 215 votes
No – Against Bonds received 79 votes

Motion to approve Resolution No. 1877.07 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 – Absent.

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Application for Federal Grant Funds to Purchase a Computer Software Program to Provide FCIC/NCIC Service

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FCIC/NCIC SERVICE; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS AS WELL AS THE EXPENDTURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THAT SOFTWARE PROGRAM SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 1878.07

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1878.07

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 1878.07 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 – Absent.

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Application for Federal Grant Funds to Purchase a Mobile Police Radio for a Take-Home Police Vehicle

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE POLICE RADIO FOR A TAKE HOME POLICE VEHICLE; AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT FOR A PORTION OF THE COST TO PURCHASE SAID RADIO; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND MONEY FOR THE BALANCE OF THE COST OF SAID RADIO; PROVIDING

FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 1879.07

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1879.07

Motion to approve Resolution No. 1879.07 by Council Member Lusskin, 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 – Absent.

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

R. ADJOURNMENT:

A Motion was made to adjourn the Council Meeting by Mayor Singer, Seconded by Council Member Lusskin. Consensus votes 4 Ayes 0 Nays.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sewell

Elizabeth Sewell, CMC
Town Clerk