



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the August 17, 2010 Budget Workshop called for 6:30 P.M.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Glenn Singer, Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein, Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Amy Rojas

Councilmembers Not Present: Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Police Chief Jim Skinner, Interim Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Public Works Director Riley Crews, Building Director Linda Epperson, Support Service Clerk, Cynthia Garcia

C. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2010-2011

Town Manager gave a brief description/overview of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2010/2011, explaining that the millage rate would stay at a combined rate of 8.5 mills even though it is being set at a higher combined rate. He also mentioned that the Town has continued to increase services while decreasing costs. The budget process began with the need to cut recurring operating costs by over \$550,000.

The Town is asking to tap into the reserves. The Town has a healthy reserve balance of more than 100%. The Water Distribution Fee will not be imposed even though Town reserves the right to impose it in the future. No increases will be offered to the general employees, a one-time bonus will be offered should the proper savings be attained. The FOP contract, if agreed to, will be a one-year contract with freezes on COLA, steps, longevity and educational incentives. Community events will not be affected by the budget cuts. Capital budget has grown from the previous year. This year's budget, although not presented in that format now, will be presented at the September meeting as a business plan with performance guidelines and objectives per department as was done last year.

Council Comments:

Mayor Singer – commented on the employee's health insurance and what the Town contributes to the employee's dependent coverage, stating that the Town is paying more than 50% of the dependent coverage and he feels that that isn't what the Town

intended to do and that is something the Council should keep in mind to address, maybe not this coming fiscal year, but in the coming years.

The Mayor instructed the Town Manager to put together a spreadsheet calculating savings for: (a) paying only 100% of the employees or (b) paying only 50% of the plan for employees plus families/children/spouse.

The Town Manager afterwards went into a breakdown of the revenues by fund, a breakdown by department of revenues and expenditures, and breakdown of expenditures by fund.

The Town was able to save 2.5-million dollars in capital dollars for the Council to appropriate to projects as they see fit.

He also commented on the bridge repair and replacement fund and the Town's continued work to try to attain State and Federal funding for both the Navona Avenue and Center Island Bridges.

The Town receiving the Government Finance Officials Award was also mentioned and the staff was commended for that.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Mayor Singer, seconded by Councilmember Lusskin.

Consensus vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez

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Interim Town Clerk