

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the December 14, 2010 Special Town Council Meeting called for 7:00 P.M.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmember's Present: Mayor Glenn Singer, Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein, Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein, Councilmember Amy Rojas

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Interim Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Captain Joe Barasoain, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, Town Attorney Steve Helfman

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor asked Captain Joe Barasoain to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Recognition of Town Employee of the Month for October 2010 – Beach Attendant Giordano Arostegui

Recognition of Town Employee of the Month for November 2010 – Support Service Clerk Cynthia Garcia

Recognition of Town Employee of the Month for December 2010 – Employees of Town Hall

Recognition of Town Officer of the Month for November 2010 – Officer James Camacho

Recognition of Town Officer of the Month for December 2010 – Officer Daniel Avila

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

F. TOWN BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beach Committee- None

Beautification Committee- Beth Geduld, Chairperson had nothing to report.

Comprehensive Planning Board- None

Recreation Committee- Alene Fishbein, had nothing to report.

Security/Public Safety Committee- Fred Chouinard, had nothing to report.

Youth Leadership Group- None

G. GOOD AND WELFARE

Beth Geduld – 126 Golden Beach Drive

Wants to know what's going on with the capital improvement project at the south end of Town because it seems as if it has stopped. She also pointed out that there are no lights making it very scary and dangerous. Mayor advised that her questions would be addressed in the Town Manager's CIP update.

Oded Meltzer – 122 Golden Beach Drive

Asked if money has been put aside for the tennis courts once the CIP project is completed. Remarked that the lighting at the tennis courts is very bad and the surface of the tennis courts has been badly damaged because of the project. The Town Manager mentioned that he would discuss it in his report.

Joelle Kheel - 407 Golden Beach Drive

Commented that the sidewalk at The Strand and Golden Beach Drive leading to the beach pavilion through A1A is gone and requested that that path be brought back. The Town Manager assured her that it would be.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Commented on Bagels on the Beach. Thanked Alene Fishbein and the Recreation Committee for doing a phenomenal job on it. CIP project pretty much complete to Verona, less the punch list items and the final asphault layer. Town is at least 1 million dollars if not 1.5 million under budget with the cip project, which includes Phase 1. Commended the Council on working together to bringing this project to fruition, thanked the Town Manager and the staff on controlling costs, and thanked Paul Abbott and his staff for doing such a great job.

Wished the staff, residents and council members a happy new year and happy holidays.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Einstein

Extended happy holidays and a happy new year to everyone. Commented on the CIP project and the monumental feet that this has been for the Town. He thanked the team, the Administration and the Council for accomplishing this. The front at The Strand is gorgeous and commended the landscapers who put that all together. The whole Town is coming together and going to have a feel to it that it did not have prior to this time.

Councilmember Bernstein

Commented on what a great job has been done in the past four years on the cip project and what an amazing job everyone involved has done, coming under budget, under schedule and without incident. Commented on Bagels on the Beach and what a great job was done with that event as well. Stated that the residents are really coming together, every year becoming stronger as a community. Stated that the Town is not quite there with the work that needs to be finished with both North and South Parkways, but it will exceed everyone's expectations once they are finished.

The Councilman suggested that the Town look at Tweddle Park and take advantage of the opportunity now to renovate that park as well. Asked Town Manager to elaborate on the FPL poles around Town and when those would be removed. Commented on the website recommending a link to the employee log-in.

Councilmember Lusskin

Also commented on the front entrance and how gorgeous it looks. Commented on the new gates at the lift station and how great those look. In regards to the cip project and the great thing about it is how responsive and responsible everyone involved has been. She spoke on Abe Stein, the Pearl Harbor survivor who was being honored at the Jewish Museum last week. Councilwoman Lusskin and resident Dina Nicolella showed up and honored him with a key to the city and a proclamation proclaiming December 7th as Abe Stein day. Mr. Stein is an honored guest at the Town's Veteran's Day and Memorial Day Events.

Councilmember Rojas

Also attended Bagels on the Beach, commenting that it was a nice event and thanked the Town for celebrating her birthday that day. Commented on the entrance to The Strand and how wonderful the landscaping looks there. Commented on Tweddle Park and how clean the Town is maintaining it considering all of the construction that is going on in the South end of Town. Stated that several residents had asked her about the dog park and when it would be coming in. Would also like to know what the timeline is for South Parkway.

J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Thanked the residents for working and cooperating with the Town during the last three years of the CIP project and supporting the town. As of today, 75 days into the new fiscal year, we have collected over 100-thousand dollars in code violations in Town. The town is aggressively trying to ensure that residents are doing their part in keeping the town compliant. By this time in January the Town will have collected up to 130-thousand dollars. This is the direction of the Council and the Beautification Committee has requested it as well. Announced the the Department of Environmental Management (DERM) approved a waiver for our bridge applications, saving the Town \$46-thousand in permitting fees. On the bridges - a meeting is scheduled with Senator Garcia next week and the Town is trying to schedule a meeting with the new Chairman of Transportation, Representative Mica. Town Hall will be closed on December 23, 24, and 31st due to the holidays. As it relates to the courts at Tweddle Park, the Town has received a proposal from Agile Courts, to redo the surface, it has been budgeted, just waiting until the Phase I area is complete. As it relates to pathway to the pavilion – the whole pathway is being replaced from A1A to The Strand. The Town Manager reminded everyone that the election qualifying period has opened from December 27th to January 3rd. He spoke on the employee holiday brunch scheduled for this Saturday at the W Hotel, inviting residents to attend. He spoke on the New Year's Eve Event – Midnight at the Oasis, with a Moroccan theme from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. He introduced Michael Glidden who will be taking the place of Cynthia Garcia. Thanked Town Staff for all of their hardwork. Displayed the post cards that will be sent to the homes for them to send out to friends and family. He wished all of the residents and the members of the Council happy holidays and a happy new year.

*** Alene Fishbein (256 Golden Beach Drive) spoke for a moment thanking Paul Abbot and Franklin for their quick response whenever she has called them. And she thanked the Town Manager for everything he does and the staff for how well they treat her and wished everyone very happy holidays. ***

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

L. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT & UPDATE Town Manager

Began addressing some of the questions that were brought during good and welfare. The project has not come to a stop. Town is well within the 36 month window of completion. Everything north of Verona is at substantial completion. Working on putting together the punch list north of The Strand and afterwards will work on the punch list north of Verona. All of the major elements are in. Ahead of schedule with the stormwater system north of Verona. Almost at about 80% complete of the stormwater system south of Verona. Purposely holding off on the completion of the stormwater system in South Island in order to not inconvenience the residents living there during the holidays. About 75% complete from Verona Avenue to Town Hall and all of Terracina, with the exception of one catch basin at the end of Terracina. The water system is in and delivered everywhere except for South Island. The undergrounding utility conduits have been installed every area north of Verona. Haven't installed the conduit on South Island, and all the streetscapes (i.e. irrigation, curb landscaping and back of curb restoration) in about 97% of the areas north of Verona. Manager acknowledged that areas south of Verona are considerably dark around Town, because the Town has only had temporarily lighting for the areas that are in construction. The Town is trying to work aggressively to deliver Phase I well ahead of the due date of July 2011. Reminded residents that Phase I, which is a \$1.7-million add-on to the contract, was done so without incurring any costs to the residents. When you combine A1A and Golden Beach Drive, the Town has added almost an additional \$4-million in addition to the \$1.7-million that was added for Phase I. A lot of work has been added to this project without asking the residents to pay anything more. Town well under budget with the CIP and we will come in under contract price for the work on Golden Beach Drive and A1A. This could not have been done without the hard work of the CIP team: Craig A. Smith & Associates, C3TS, Skyline Management and Southeastern Engineering, Inc.

Paul Abbott spoke about the light outages in Town stating that it was a coincidence with work that FPL was performing and the Town doing excavation where the lights were affected. Paul stated that he anticipates having the lights back on by December 23rd. Atlantic Broadband and AT&T have been installing their conduits.

Town Manager spoke on the underground installation, which should be complete within the next 12 months. There are 35,000 linear feet of wire that needs to be pulled north of The Strand. Town's goal is to have crews pulling that wire as early as January 28th. The goal is to have the entire Town done in 12 months, however that aspect of the project is completely driven by FP&L. FP&L will be taking down the poles in four phases.

The Manager spoke on the street lighting program – that was up for approval in tonight's council meeting for an engineer to come in and do research for the Town, not perform fixture selection. The Manager asked that the Council allow him to come back in February or March with options for A1A's lighting.

As to South Park, the Town's course of action is the same course as North Park. They are going to do an owner's build project. Solicitation of prices will begin in January and work will begin in late January. Councilman Bernstein recommended putting together a project board for the residents to see what is being done in the park.

Resident Beth Geduld commented on the lights at Tweddle Park and the need for lights to be placed there, even if they are temporary.

M. ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

None

N. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

O. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

P. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the November 16, 2010 Regular Town Council Meeting
- 2. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing and Approving an Amended and Restated Agreement with Waste Services of Florida, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT WITH WASTE SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC. FOR RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIALS: PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING: PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION: AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2

Resolution No. 2146.10

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2146.10

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Use of the Funds from the Town's Law Enforcement Trust Fund to Purchase and Equip Four Additional Police Vehicles

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FUNDS FROM THE TOWN'S ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP FOUR ADDITIONAL POLICE VEHICLES: PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3

Resolution No. 2147.10

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2147.10

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Acceptance of and Sale of a Seized Vehicle

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AND SALE OF A SEIZED VEHICLE WITH THE PROCEEDS BEING DEPOSITED INTO THE TOWN'S LETF ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4

Resolution No. 2148.10

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2148.10

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town of Golden Beach and the City of Aventura

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF GOLDEN

BEACH AND THE CITY OF AVENTURA; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5

Resolution No. 2149.10

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2149.10

Concensus vote was <u>5</u> Ayes <u>0</u> Nays. The motion passed.

The Town Manager commented on Item #2 the Waste Services Agreement, commenting that all homes will receive a new recycling canister as part of this agreement at no cost to them.

Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Amendment #1 to the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year Operating Budget.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2010-2011 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6

Resolution No. 2150.10

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2150.10

A motion to approve was made by <u>Councilmember Lusskin</u> seconded by <u>Councilmember Bernstein</u>.

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

Mayor Singer
Vice Mayor Einstein
Councilmember Bernstein
Councilmember Lusskin
Councilmember Rojas

Aye
Aye
Aye

The motion passed 5-0.

Town Manager commented that this allocation will make funds available for all of the replacement of the street lighting on Golden Beach Drive, the Avenues and the islands. \$100-thousand for the Massini Avenue fence line and Rock Park to fund that project,

still leaving the town with 1,799 –million in unallocated capital reserves to fund other future projects.

He explained that the Council is appropriating the funds – the actual scope of the project isn't being approved. This is the initial step to the lighting project. 170+ lights will be needed.

R. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer: None Requested

Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein: None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin: None Requested

Councilmember Amy Rojas: None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein: None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz

*A1A Resurfacing – Town Manager already discussed it.
Reminded everyone about the employee holiday event at the W this weekend, the Town's New Year's Eve Event on December 31st and the election qualifying period opens December 27th and closed January 3rd.

S. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by <u>Vice Mayor Einstein</u>, seconded by <u>Councilmember Lusskin</u>.

Consensus vote <u>5</u> Ayes <u>0</u> Nays. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
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Interim Town Clerk