



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the February 19, 2013 Regular Town Council Meeting called for 7:00 P.M.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Chief Don De Lucca, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, Town Attorney Brett Schneider (in for Steve Helfman)

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Police Chief led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Unit Citation Award presented to the members of the Golden Beach Police Midnight Shift – Sergeant Leo Santinello, Officer Oscar Santana, Officer Christopher Lambert, and Officer Ryan Shannon

Officer of the Year – Danny Avila

Employee of the Year – Michael Glidden

Employee of the Quarter – Fourth Quarter 2012 – Lourdes Velasquez

Swearing-In of New Part-Time Officer Mayuly Ferrer

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passed.

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

Dr. Beny Rub

*****Councilmember Lusskin** spoke on his behalf stating that he called her saying that he was running late due to an emergency at the office, and requested to be allowed to speak later in the meeting.

Gale Goldstein Tucker, 904 NE 25th Avenue, Hallandale Beach

Spoke about the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event that the Town is sponsoring. Thanked the Town for sponsoring the event. Asked the Town to ask residents to participate in the Relay for Life event, April 20th and 21st.

Arleen Uria-Speed, American Cancer Society, 8095 NW 12th Street, Suite 200 Doral

Thanked Town for participation in the Relay for Life event now, and in previous years.

Olivier Levenfiche, 690 Massini Avenue

Began stating that it is a privilege to live in Golden Beach, and honored to have a home here. Had two issues to bring to the Council's attention. The first outside of 680 Massini Avenue, near Singer Park. The house has been under construction for a long time, and it is in a terrible mess outside of the fencing. It looks like a building site, and it is not fair that everywhere else is magnificent and that area has been left to fall apart. The second issue, which he said is more serious, are the lights that are out on Massini Avenue. Only two of the four are working. He brought it to the attention of the office in August 2012, October 2012 and during the holidays, and it still has not been addressed. For a Town that emphasizes safety so much, it should not be without lighting.

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Congratulated and thanked Michael Glidden and the Recreation Committee for putting together a great Valentine's Day event. Congratulated Councilwoman Lusskin and Councilman Einstein for their recent re-election. Stated that it is an honor to work with the Council. Thanked residents for their support in the Council and their faith in what the Council does. We all have the same vision, we all have the same goals, we don't always agree on every item on the agenda, but in the end it is all for the betterment of the Town of Golden Beach. Thanked the staff for all of their hard work. Looking forward to finishing the bridge project and the CIP projects in the next two years, and looking forward to all of the other projects the Town has to work on after that.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rojas

Commented that she did see FP&L trucks in the neighborhood last week, and hopefully all of the lights will be addressed. She mentioned that during the Valentine's Day event at Singer Park, several residents approached her expressing how much they enjoy the parties moving around from park to park.

Councilmember Einstein

Echoed the sentiments of the Mayor, concerning the election. Tremendously proud of the accomplishments the Town has gone forward with. Would not be possible without the support of management and the police force. The Town is tremendous. Not perfect, but getting pretty close.

Councilmember Lusskin

Echoed everyone's sentiments about the staff, and how hard they work here, and a special kudos to Michael Glidden. Mentioned the median on A1A, and how nice it looks

and nicely manicured. Mentioned that part of the problem with the lights on Golden Beach Drive, aside from them being out, is that some of the foliage has grown into the lights and is obstructing them. Asked Town Manager to address when the FP&L lines that are existing would be coming down, because there are a few that are growing into the transformers and producing sparks during windy days.

Councilmember Bernstein

Congratulated Mayor Singer, Councilmember Lusskin and Councilmember Einstein for running unopposed and were re-elected. Commended the staff and everyone involved, because its helped make the Mayor and Councilmembers look good and really made it look effortless. Commented on Mr. Levenfiche's issues with the construction site next door to him, and assured him that the Town Manager would look into that. Commented on how nice the Valentine's Day Event turned out.

*****Before moving on to the Town Manager's report the Mayor called on Dr. Beny Rub, who arrived at the meeting and had requested to speak.

Dr. Beny Rub spoke on the Town of Golden Beach and the City of Sunny Isles Beach Community School Fund, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, whose main goal is to provide funding to the Norman S. Edelcup school, Sunny Isles K-8 school, and Alonzo and Tracy Morning Senior High school. He asked the Town for another year of contribution and support; asked if he could count on the support of the Town for the Fund's yearly fundraiser on April 16th, by attending this event to solidify the Town's relationship with neighboring Sunny Isles Beach; asked that the Town advertise the scholarship program for high school seniors living in golden beach in the Town's newsletter; and thanked the Town of Golden Beach for its continued support.

Councilmember Lusskin mentioned that since only one student was awarded a scholarship last year, the Town still has the other \$2,500 scholarship available this year.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Addressed Mr. Levenfiche to speak on the issue he brought up pertaining to the lights in Town. Stated that he brought up to the Town 9 months ago, however the Town has been working on this issue for over 13 months with FPL. There are a total of 38 lights out in Town. FP&L trucks in Town have nothing to do with the lights. The Town has put FPL on notice for action. FPL has committed to have crews in Town within the next seven to 10 days to address the issue, and they have added some lights. Town has also asked FPL to give Town a price on additional lights for the darker areas in Town. There are a total of nine homes that need to be connected to the underground system. Town is working on Center Island now, bringing connections to Center Island. Hoping to bring the poles on the back of the homes down in early to mid-April.

The Town has seen progress in the bridges. By contract, bridges are required to be complete by December of this year. Looks like they'll be done by August 2013. The bridges have a new height, but they are consistent with the South Island Bridge. Hoping to open the south lane for Center Island the 2nd week in March, and fourth week in April residents will be able to use the south lane of the North Island Bridge. Once the south lanes are open the weight restriction will be lifted, but not to maximum capacity, because the vibration will affect the other work still going on. Will probably increase weight limit to 23 tons on Center Island and 26 tons on North Island.

He congratulated all of the staff members that were recognized today for their hard work. And reminded residents that there will be a swearing-in event and brunch this Sunday February 24th at the beach pavilion at 11 a.m. Also congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers on their unopposed re-elections.

*CIP Report & Update

Councilmember Bernstein asked about the water on the bridges stating that he can see things protruding out of the water, which didn't happen as much in the past.

Town Manager advised that the Town is required to place sediment blocking screens in the water on both sides of the bridges which is why you are starting to see an accumulation of sediment. After the bridge project is complete, the natural flow of water will help reduce that. Also required through the NPDES process, for any major sediment that occurs within the barrier, to remediate that. Right now the water does not flow through the area, because of the screens. Already asked American bridges to give the Town a proposal to do some light maintenance dredging, but that is a permitting issue. Unlike the bridge project, we would not be able to submit any type of permitting until we have the funds available. The Town is working on it, and some of this will fix itself through a natural process, once the obstructions that are currently in the water are removed.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if the Town could at least have them pick up the big stuff that is protruding. Also mentioned that with the construction that's going on at Regalia, more and more people are complaining about nails in their tires. And, wanted to know why the Town doesn't go after the investor and try to get some damages back. The **Town Manager** explained that the "Town" itself has not had incidents with Regalia. What happens to individual residents needs to be addressed by the individual resident. The Town sent a letter to the City Manager of Sunny Isles, and met with the City Manager of Sunny Isles, and they are basically saying that they have no obligation or responsibility.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that he understands that it's not a city issue, but just thinks that if the Town alerts Regalia to be more mindful of the project site and show the amount of people that are replacing tires after driving through there, it might alert the developer that there is an issues.

Town Manager stated that he completely agrees with the Councilmember, except he feels that it should be the individual residents all reaching out and not the Town acting as a collective voice for all of the residents. Also, as a result of the complaints the Town has received, the Public Works staff has been doing additional clean-up efforts in that area to assist.

Mayor Singer stated that Councilmember Bernstein brings up a good point that the Town should write a second letter to the Regalia people. **Councilmember Bernstein** stated that maybe we could post something in the newsletter as well.

J. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

L. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

M. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

N. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Minutes of the January 15, 2013 Regular Town Council Meeting**
- 2. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing and Approving the Payment of \$500 to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$500 TO THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE OF GOLDEN BEACH, SUNNY ISLES BEACH, AND AVENTURA PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2283.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2283.13

- 3. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Members to the Building Regulation Advisory Board.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH BUILDING REGULATION ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN AFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2284.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2284.13

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Ratifying the Re-Appointment of Rafael Suarez-Rivas, Esq. as Special Magistrate.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF RAFAEL SUAREZ-RIVAS, ESQ. AS SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN WITH MR. SUAREZ-RIVAS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2285.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2285.13

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Amendment #1 to the 2012-2013 Fiscal and Operating Budget.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2012-2013 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2286.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2286.13

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Town Committee Members.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ESTABLISHING A RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Resolution No. 2287.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2287.13

Consensus vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Items N1 – N6 pass.

O. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

7. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Study of Alternative Security Measures for the Strand Guardhouse/Substation.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE STRAND GUARDHOUSE/SUBSTATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Resolution No. 2288.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2288.13

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

Mayor Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Isackson-Rojas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that the Town has asked in the past to improve the quality of work and the quality of service that is provided at the guardhouse. He tasked the Chief and Commander Cadavid to look at ways the Town can slowly bring that service back in-house with the additional part-time officers the Town has, and possibly hiring one or two of the current Navarro Officers. The Town is asking to start this off as a pilot program to see what the impact and the financial obligations will be over the course of several years, and bring a report and recommendation to Council during the budget process to see if it's feasible and beneficial. Town believes that we could bring it all in-house and decrease the Town's costs.

Mayor Singer asked what does the pilot program consist of.

Town Manager advised that the Town would take on half of the hours Navarro provides of security initially, to see if the Town can handle it. The Town currently pays a contract price of about \$16 or \$17 per hour, and we pay our part-time

employees anywhere from \$10, \$12, or \$15 an hour, so there will be savings right there. Town looking at changing the function of the guardhouse over the next few years as well to provide for added security.

Councilmember Bernstein asked what is the function of the attendant at the guardhouse.

Town Manager stated that the guardhouse has become a dispatch service. Serve as our internal dispatcher, even though they are not transmitting to the county radio, only to the Town's local radio. They take all the phone calls, all the 9-1-1 calls, and residents typically call the guardhouse during an emergency before dialing 9-1-1. Also, all of the cameras in Town are directed to the substation and the alert goes there first.

Town Manager stated that he would love to find the resources in the Town's budget to have two people working in there, at least during the town's peak hours.

Mayor Singer stated that in his opinion, the time to have two guards working would be late night.

Town Manager stated that the Town's intention is not to have whoever is working in the guardhouse respond to incidents. The reason behind putting part-time officers in there is to give them more hours of work and give them more opportunities to immerse themselves in the community.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that his experience with passing the gate, is that the security is very non-chalant. Having someone who is more interested in seeing whose coming in and out, and who will be held accountable will be helpful.

Chief De Lucca said that there is a different type of policing taking place than before. The traffic enforcement has helped immensely with the image of the community and keeping it safe. Stated that he thinks this enhancement will only make it better.

Councilmember Einstein asked if the cameras since the Town got them in served as some aid to deter crime?

Commander George Cadavid advised that the license plate reader (LPR) cameras are not working the way they are intended to work, until we get permission from Sunny Isles for the Officers to get the hits on their laptops. The CCTV cameras have been a great asset. If the guard in the guardhouse sees something suspicious, he/she can alert the officer to go and check it out.

Mayor Singer stated that the Administration might want to put a sign at the entrance of the Town that the Town is under 24-hour surveillance.

Town Manager stated that when the cameras have a glitch or a problem with them, they send out a message to the servicing company automatically, without the Town even knowing it, and fix it right away.

8. A Resolution of the Town Council Accepting the Town Clerk's Certification of the Results of the February 19, 2013 Town Election.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2013 TOWN ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND TWO TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS, DESIGNATING THE VICE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR

CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8
Resolution No. 2289.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2289.13

A motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Rojas seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

Mayor Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Isackson-Rojas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

9. A Resolution of the Town Council Providing Health Insurance Benefits for Town Councilmembers and their Eligible Dependents.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, PROVIDING HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS AND THEIR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS UNDER THE TOWN'S GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR THE GENERAL EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 9
Resolution No. 2290.13

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2290.13

A motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Rojas seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

Mayor Singer	<u>Nay</u>
Vice Mayor Isackson-Rojas	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>Aye</u>

Councilmember Lusskin Aye
Councilmember Bernstein Nay

The motion passed.

Town Manager advised that the cover memo has the wrong item number on it. This does not change the content of the item. It is just a scribblers error.

Town Manager advised that this item was brought before the Council last year. It allows a benefit for current Councilmembers, and those that would follow, to join the Town's health plan in the same manner as the general employees of the Town.

Mayor Singer spoke on the financial impact the passage of this resolution would have on the Town. The worst case scenario, being a financial impact of \$63,160 total for all members of the Council should they all choose family coverage.

P. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Amy Isackson-Rojas:
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
None Requested

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk