



## TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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### Official Minutes for the May 15, 2012 Special Town Council Meeting called for 7:00 P.M.

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#### A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

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

#### B. ROLL CALL

**Councilmember's Present:** Honorary Mayor Audrey Hollo, Mayor Glenn Singer, Vice Mayor Amy Isackson-Rojas, Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein (showed up late), Councilmember Bernard Einstein

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Interim Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Chief Donald W. De Lucca, Police Commander George CaDavid, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Compliance & Communications Coordinator Eric Garcia

#### C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Honorary Mayor Audrey Hollo led the Pledge of Allegiance  
At this point in time, Mayor Singer turned the meeting over to Honorary Mayor Hollo

#### D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation presented to Florida Power & Light – Aletha Player and Marta Chavez from FPL were in attendance to receive the proclamation

#### E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

The Town Manager advised that the agenda that was sent this morning has all five items in it, there are no additions or removals.

#### F. TOWN BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beach Committee – None  
Beautification Committee – None  
Comprehensive Planning Board – None

Recreation Committee – None  
Security/Public Safety Committee – None  
Youth Leadership Group – None

## **G. GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **Judge Andrea Wolfson, sitting Miami-Dade County Court Judge**

Gave a little bit of background on herself, and asked for the Town's support for her in the August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 elections.

### **Mr. Sheldon Schlessinger, 387 Ocean Boulevard**

Stated that the noise coming from the pavilion from town events and resident events have made their home uninhabitable. Advised Council that the Town's noise ordinance, states exactly what is and is not allowed, and it prohibits the noise that is being emitted from there during events. He wants relief of that and his family wants relief of that.

## **H. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Singer stated that Audrey Hollo won Mayor for A Day by submitting essay, which she read into the record. Mayor Singer presented Audrey with a key to the city.

He also addressed Mr. Schelssinger's concerns with the noise at the pavilion, stating that the Town does everything it can to control the noise there and will look into better ways to diminish the noise.

## **I. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **Councilman Einstein**

Congratulated Mayor on his daughter graduating from high school. Mayor also congratulated the Councilman on his son's graduation from medical school.

### **Councilwoman Lusskin**

Still concerned about the intersection of The Strand and A1A, and still feels that traffic exiting Golden Beach should be stopped a few feet before the bike path. Still receiving phone calls about the film shoot at South Parkway. Advising Council that the residents at the north end of Town are meeting once a month at Singer Park, enjoying a wine and cheese night. A little disappointed with the Massini Avenue hedges that were cut by the Town's landscaping company. Congratulated the Samowitz girls who went to Orlando Samantha Iglesias won a number of awards from Alonzo Mourning Senior high School.

### **Councilman Bernstein**

Commended Audrey Hollo on being chosen as Mayor for a Day. Asked if the Town Manager can fill him in on what is going on with the South Parkway photo shoot, because he was not aware of it.

### **Vice Mayor Rojas**

none

## **J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Stated that the South Parkway photo shoot will be done by the end of the month, but it has generated good PR for the Town.

As it relates to the noise ordinance, the Town is following the rules that were set by the Council, for the pavilion. The Town will continue to work to mediate the noise there. The Town will look into adding additional foliage to try and mediate the noise traveling there, and possibly purchasing a noise meter to make sure the allowable decibels are not exceeded.

He mentioned that a summary of activities over the last few months was provided to the Council at the dais.

No CIP report. Town will have ground-breaking ceremony for the bridge replacement projects before the June Council meeting, with Honorary Mayor Hollo serving as the Mistress of Ceremonies.

#### **K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

None

#### **L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

None

#### **M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

None

#### **N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS**

None

#### **O. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of the April 24, 2012 Special Town Council Meeting**
- 2. A Resolution of the Town Council Proclaiming May 25, 2012 as National Missing Children's Day.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING MAY 25, 2012 AS NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2  
Resolution No. 2243.12

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2243.12

**3. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Use of the Funds from the Town's Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) to Lease and Equip Two Police Motorcycles and Salaries for Two Motorcycle Officers.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF THE FUNDS FROM THE TOWN'S LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND TO LEASE AND EQUIP TWO POLICE MOTORCYCLES AND SALARIES FOR TWO MOTORCYCLE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 3  
Resolution No. 2244.12

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2244.12

**4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Amendment #1 to the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year Operating Budget.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2011-2012 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 4  
Resolution No. 2245.12

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2245.12

Consensus vote was 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Items O1-O4 pass.

**P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS**

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

A RESOLUTION 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 BUDGETS FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 5  
Resolution No. 2246.12

**Sponsor:** Councilmember Bernard Einstein

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2246.12

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion fails.

**Councilman Einstein** spoke on this item. He had asked the Town Manager to look at other communities to see what they provide and this is something that they provide to their councilmembers.

**Councilwoman Lusskin** stated that she felt like there was a bit of a conflict of interest in her voting on this.

**Mayor Singer** stated that his personal opinion is that when he took this position, he knew he wouldn't be compensated, and that's not why he took this position. And he has a problem personally, taking money from the Town for insurance.

**Vice Mayor Rojas's** opinion is that it wouldn't be a significant financial burden on the Town, because all of the Councilmembers would be signing up for it.

Mayor Singer stated that this might be true for this Council, but what happens when a new Council comes in?

**Town Manager** stated that the Council can offer post retiree programs for the Council if they choose to do so, the Town does not offer post retiree benefits to the employees and this resolution is drafted to mimic what the employees are currently offered.

**Town Attorney** stated that offering post office benefits is a whole other issue that is not addressed in this resolution.

**Town Manager** stated that the league of cities offers an insurance plan that allows the Town to extend benefits to the Council.

**Town Attorney** stated that the only difference this resolution stipulates from how the Town's current insurance benefits are offered to the Council is that the Council would no longer have to pay for their benefits; the Town would cover it completely.

**Councilman Bernstein** asked what the costs were for employee and spouse coverage and employee family coverage? He also asked if any possible restrictions could be imposed if this passes?

**Town Clerk** read letter into the record from Dr. Iglesias.

**Councilman Bernstein** asked if what Dr. Iglesias said could be considered and this could be an issue that is addressed at the next election?

**Councilman Einstein** disagreed, stating that he did not want to wait to address this at the election.

**Councilwoman Lusskin** stated that if it is something that will be decided, it should be decided after an election for a forthcoming council.

#### **Q. 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

#### **R. ADJOURNMENT:**

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A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Vice Mayor Rojas, seconded by Councilmember Bernstein.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lissette Perez*  
Lissette Perez  
Interim Town Clerk