



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the May 19, 2015
Regular Town Council Meeting called for 7:00 P.M.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Assistant Chief of Police Rudy Herbello, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Assistant Chief of Police led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

None

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

David Garcia, 526 North Parkway

Spoke on behalf of the Golden Beach youth leadership group and its fundraising efforts for the organization Fishing with America's Finest. Asked the Council and residents to help the groups efforts by donating to the organization. Invited residents to join the group for its Memorial Day event, honoring Captain Neal Stark from Fishing with America's Finest.

Councilwoman Lusskin made a motion for the Town to make a \$500 donation to Fishing with America's Finest, Councilmember Bernstein seconded it.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passed.

Dr. Norman Gaylis, 179 Ocean Boulevard

Spoke about the topics that were discussed during the Beach Committee meeting he attended, prior to the Council meeting. What he really wanted to speak about is the renters in Town. Feels that there is not a strong effort by the Town to reduce the behavior of the renters. His #1 concern is security. Having a different neighbor every few months is extremely uncomfortable, when you don't know them. The Town needs to mandate some form of registration for these renters. We are no different from any other community. People have to register when they enter, whether it is a day, a week, or a month. Asking Council to relook at this situation, something needs to be done in order to capture the people that are coming and going in these residents.

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Stated that he is aware of the issue with rental properties. It is a safety concern of the Council's and the Administration, and we are trying to find ways to control it. Golden Beach is not a private community, and we can't stop everyone on A1A from coming in and out of the Town because it is a state road. Police are directed to stop people that are coming in at the gatehouse.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if people who have issues like this can come to the Town and see if they can get involved.

Town Manager stated that in the case of Dr. Gaylis the Town has gotten involved. But there is nothing that the Town can legally do, because nothing is being violated. We can use the Town's code for enforcement.

Councilmember Einstein asked how many houses in Town are violating this?

Town Manager stated that the Town has 33 legitimate rental homes that have registered. There are about 5 or 6 violators that the Town knows of. The Town's detective tries to be proactive in finding these violators.

Councilmember Lusskin stated that if the Town is sensitive to Dr. Gaylis's needs and the needs of other residents in the same situation, the Town can get a descent deterrent out of it.

Town Manager stated that the Town charges a \$300 registration fee to register the renter; they are required to register every year, and have to provide a copy of the lease. If someone moves in after the rental, they get a \$150 daily fine until the issue is addressed.

Dr. Gaylis stated that one of the things that have happened that when the Town did speak to the homeowner, it did make a difference.

Mayor Singer continued his report at this time reminding residents about taking appropriate safety measures and to not let their guard down. Reminded residents to be extra careful while driving now that the summer is upon us.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bernstein

None

Councilmember Einstein

Thanked police for calling him when his garage door was left open.

Councilmember Lusskin

Asked Town Manager to provide a status on the gates and locking them during his report. Residents Eric Cohen and Brian Willinger reached out to her directly about the issue with an abundance of ferrel cats near their homes.

Town Manager stated that he'll have the police look into it.

Vice Mayor Rojas

Mentioned that the police boat was in the canal and they could not even get through.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

New summer uniforms for Police. Tweddle Park improvements are moving forward, should have a report some time in the summer. The new police gym is moving along nicely, and should be done by the end of next month. Should have a report by the end of next week or the week after that regarding the dredging. Summer plantings are happening right now.

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 April 21, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting**
2. **A Resolution of the Town Council Urging Federal and State Governments to Take Further Action Prohibiting Flavored Tobacco Products.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, URGING FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION

PROHIBITING FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS;
PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2409.15

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2409.15

Motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Rojas, seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Items N3 – N4 pass.

O. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Use of Law Enforcement Trust Fund Monies To Provide for the Purchase of Police Gymnasium Equipment.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE USE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND (“LETF”) MONIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE GYMNASIUM EQUIPMENT FOR THE GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2410.15

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2410.15

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that this allows the Town to equip the space the Council approved for construction of a gym at the last meeting, using law enforcement trust fund monies.

Councilmember Lusskin asked if everyone will be able to use it?

Town Manager advised that the gym will only be available for use by the Town's employees and the Council as employees of the Town.

Vice Mayor Rojas asked if there will be specific hours of use.

Town Manager stated that there would be no set hours; it will be open round the clock.

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Sale of Two Surplus Garbage Waste Trucks from the Town's Vehicle Fleet.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TWO SURPLUS GARBAGE WASTE TRUCKS FROM THE TOWN'S VEHICLE FLEET AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2411.15

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2411.15

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 Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that the two garbage trucks that we currently have are becoming more expensive than what they are worth due to heavy repairs.

Councilmember Einstein asked if the Administration knows what they are worth?

Facilities & Maintenance Director Ken Jones stated that he is not sure what they are worth.

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Lease of Two New Garbage Trucks.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE LEASE OF TWO NEW GARBAGE/WASTE TRUCKS; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2412.15

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2412.15

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 Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that Facilities and Maintenance Director Ken Jones did a phenomenal job in going out to the different companies in getting a report on what's available, and he assisted the Town Manager in making a decision. It is more beneficial for the Town to lease them instead of buying them. They are going to be shorter trucks. Financing them over a period of five years and buying them outright at the end of the fifth year.

Mayor Singer asked why we need the second one.

Town Manager stated that it has to do with the yards of the trash that are collected and how quickly it can be collected by Public Works.

Councilmember Lusskin asked if the Town is going with a COBRA truck.

Town Manager stated that that was a mistake in the compilation of the agenda. The Town is going with the Hile loader.

Councilmember Einstein asked what is the usual lifespan of a garbage truck like that.

Town Manager stated that after 1.5 years to 2 years, we have to take it in for repair.

P. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Amy Isackson-Rojas:
None Requested

Councilmember Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
None Requested

Town Manager stated that the Town currently owes \$471,000 that's due at the end of the month with Northern Trust. Made an agreement with Northern Trust to pay down \$235,000 this year, take the balance of the loan, and spread it out for another year at a rate of 2.5%. If the Council is in agreement with this, the Town attorney will bring an after action item at the June meeting.

Councilmember Bernstein asked why not refinance with another institution?

Town Manager stated that the loan committee went out of their way to satisfy this loan. They have been more than generous. This is not something that can be negotiated.

Town Manager asked to move the June meeting to June 9th at 6 p.m. Council agreed.

Town Manager also asked to move the August meeting to August 25th at 7 p.m. Council agreed.

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 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk