



## **TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH**

**One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160**

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### **Official Minutes for the May 25, 2011 Special Town Council Meeting called for 6:30 P.M.**

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#### **A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

#### **B. ROLL CALL**

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

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Interim Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Interim Police Chief Rodolfo Herbello, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, Building Official Dan Nieda, Town Labor Attorney Steve Helfman

#### **C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE**

The Mayor asked the Interim Chief of Police to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS**

Recognition of Officer of the Quarter (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter) – postponed

Recognition of Employee of the Quarter (1<sup>st</sup> Quarter) – postponed

#### **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 – June Krogoll, 422 GBD: spoke on list of items that were made for the Town Manager that needed to be addressed. Almost everything was addressed, except for the no smoking issue at the beach, which she hopes the Council, Manager and the Town Attorney will assist in addressing this. She also spoke on the beach pavilion and the events at the pavilion. She spoke on a party from last Sunday that was a mess that left the beach attendants working through Monday to finish cleaning it up. Feels that children's parties should be held at the parks, instead of at the pavilion.

Beautification Committee - None  
Comprehensive Planning Board - None  
Recreation Committee - None  
Security/Public Safety Committee – None  
Youth Leadership Group - None

## **G. GOOD AND WELFARE**

### **June Krogoll, 422 Golden Beach Drive**

Stated that Mayor Singer owes the residents an explanation for his part in the events that took place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011. She states that posters were delivered by the Town's police at 4 p.m. on Friday, stating that the beach would be closed at 3 p.m. on Saturday. It was rescinded about 10:30 a.m. on Saturday morning. She thinks that the use of Town resources was excessive and was at who's expense. There was excessive use of Public Works employees and Town's resources, and found it inappropriate to use the Town's beach pavilion for such an event.

### **Rick Glaser, 323 Golden Beach Drive**

Brought up speeding issue from last month's meeting. It's still an issue. He says that police visibility is still an issue especially inside of Town, mostly sees police patrolling outside of Town.

### **Dr. Stanley Feinman, 475 Ocean Boulevard**

Wanted to comment on one of the discussion items, so he did not speak at this time.

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

Apologized for the beach situation on Saturday, but thanked everyone for the support they showed during this time of need. He personally thanked the police department, Chief Herbello, the public works department, the Town Manager, Linda, Marie, Reniel and Michael for donating their time to support him. He apologized for inconveniencing anybody on the beach, and he made sure that the beach was open. Understands where residents are coming from, and does not expect any special treatment. One week ago, Chief Skinner submitted his resignation effective immediately. Chief will stay on through July 31<sup>st</sup> in an Administrative capacity, assisting the Town Manager. The Mayor selected Rudy Herbello as Acting Chief, while a new one is selected within the next 90 days. Town will be accepting applications through the end of June. At that time both the Public Safety Committee and Council will select the top 5 and narrow it down to top three after an extensive interview process. Mayor will then interview the top 3 candidates and make his recommendation to the council for approval. Hoping to have a new Chief selected within 90 days. He spoke on the Town's Memorial Day celebration coming up on Monday, inviting all residents to attend. Spoke on Singer Park opening and how important it was to him, encouraging residents to visit it if they have not been there already. Asked residents to obey all stop signs and speed limits, he stated that after the last council meeting the Mayor, Manager and Former Chief met to find a solution to this problem – during those meetings the former Chief promised that the Town will work to find a speedy resolution to this issue. The Mayor assured residents that it would be addressed. Recommended that residents who are leaving Town for the summer notify Town Hall for added watches on their homes.

## **I. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **Councilmember Einstein**

Extended his condolences to the Mayor for his loss, and apologized for not finding out

about this until now. He is a big supporter of the police, but has noticed that on many occasions he's seen police cars side by side, blocking off two lanes causing an unsafe condition. Also commented on where the police officers are stopping drivers and the safety issue this causes, by blocking off lanes of traffic – there may be a better way of pulling people over. Wished everyone a great and safe Memorial Day holiday. He also commented on his meeting two weeks ago with Paul Abbott regarding the lighting in Town and how well the Town is handling this. Also commented that the Mayor should be afforded some special treatment, with all the time and effort the Mayor puts in to the Town, considering the fact that the Council is only compensated \$1 a year and puts a lot of time and effort into the Town.

**Councilmember Lusskin**

FPL light pole stanchions are leaning at 35/45 degrees and she wanted to make sure that the Town Manager was aware of them and that they are not a safety issue. She now has whiteflies on her property, and feels that this may become a problem for the Town due to the large number of phone calls she's received from residents about them. Commented on the B.R.A.B. meeting she attended recently, and commended the members of the board for all of their hard work. Has a lot of respect for the police and is confident that whatever the Town has now they can only improve on. Invited all residents to attend the Memorial Day Event and she would still like a wall along Massini Avenue.

**Vice Mayor Bernstein**

He extended his condolences to the Mayor for his loss. He commended Acting Chief Herbello, for being promoted to this position in such a short amount of time. Spoke on the town finishing with the construction and hopefully installing some speed humps to help with the speeding issue around town. Also commented on the event on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the pavilion, stating that more than half of the persons that showed up were Golden Beach residents and it was an out-pouring of the community to share in someone's loss, and was a real bonding of the community.

**Councilmember Rojas**

Noticed that there has been a police car parked for several days on North Parkway, unmanned and thinks that maybe the same tactic should be employed on South Parkway. She wanted to remind the Acting Chief that he does have a lot of new officers in Town, and she asked him to remind these new officers that this is a small town and everyone knows each other and the residents would like the police to speak to them in a friendly way and not just sit there waiting for them to do something wrong. She gave an example of an interaction she had with a new officer that was not pleasant. She also asked about the changes to the Town's Code and the committee the Town Manager mentioned would be formed to review the Town's Code. He explained that different committees have been asked to look at their respective areas of the code for recommendations to the Town for revisions, but if Council requested for a joint committee to be formed, that could be done.

**J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Spoke on the speeding and the stop signs. The Town has issued over 60 citations over the last 30 days related to speeding and stop sign enforcement. There are 25 more lounge chairs arriving this Friday, in preparation of the Town's Memorial Day event. Whiteflies are a significant issue in Town. Town offering residents that call Town Hall, for a fee of \$200, the Town will address your whitefly issues. Thanked all of the residents who came out to the opening of Singer Park. Extended his condolences to the

Mayor and his family, stating that it was an honor for the Town Hall employees to donate their time to assist him with this somber event.

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

None

#### **L. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & OTHER PROJECTS REPORT & UPDATE**

Town hopes to be out of South Island by the middle of June. Town Manager stated that the Town has started to connect homes on the North side of Town to the new underground system. If residents hadn't already responded to the letter that was mailed out to them they should do so if they want the Town to perform the FPL conversion for them. 90% of residents that have received letters have requested that the Town take care of the conversion. The Town will be re-doing the bathrooms at Tweddle Park, and some roof repair. Some maintenance work will be performed at the beach pavilion as well. There are a series of 7 different projects that the Town will undertake as maintenance improvements/enhancements over the next few months. Manager spoke on the aesthetic look of the lighting for the Town and what was presented to the Beautification Committee, who didn't like the style that was presented. However, the committee members did like the style of lights on the South Island Bridge, which is what the Town is trying to mimic. The Town has made the decision of not going with the FPL lights, and instead the Town will have to design its own infrastructure. The Town is hoping to bring before the Council at the June meeting some options for lights for Council direction and approval. Councilman Einstein asked what were the beautification committees comments pertaining to the lights. The Manager stated that the Beautification Committee has three main concerns: (1) the committee wanted to remove anything with a bulb or shield; (2) they also felt that the light wouldn't be that vast of a contrast between the two lights, so the residents wouldn't appreciate the news lights; and (3) they wanted to see if the Town could look at a two-bulb light system – one light illuminating the street and another illuminating the sidewalk. However because of costs, the town has to go to with a single bulb system. The Town will have three more meetings prior to the June Council Meeting, and work with getting a series of lights that work with the Town's budget and plans and try to narrow it down to a fixture the Town can live with. There will be an RFP for CEI services for the bridges issued next month. The Goal is to commence the bridges after the month of August. Councilman Einstein inquired as to why the costs of the bridges are so high? The Manager explained that there are both physical material costs and soft costs associated with the construction of the bridges. All of the bridges will look unique to their area.

Mayor Singer inquired about the rodent issue in Town. Manager stated that rodent issues are the responsibility of the individual homeowners, as per the Town's ordinance. Manager said he would still look into though, since this is the first time the Town is hearing about this issue.

\*\* Resident, Oded Meltzer commented on the fact that the entire section around Town Hall is pitch black and it has been for the last nine weeks and it needs to be fixed because people can't see anything.

## **M. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

None

## **N. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

None

## **O. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS**

### **1. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing and Approving a Variance Request for the Property Located at 96 Golden Beach Drive.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 96 GOLDEN BEACH DRIVE, GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160 TO PERMIT THE USE OF A SINGLE PLY ROOFING MEMBRANE, WHERE ALL EXTERIOR COVERINGS OF ALL ROOFS IN TOWN SHALL EITHER BE CLAY, CEMENT OR CERAMIC TILE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 1  
Resolution No. 2177.11

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2177.11

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The variance passed.

Building Official Dan Nieda, spoke on the variance request for material roof coverings. Code stipulates that roof coverings may be clay, cement, or ceramic tile and the applicant is constructing a contemporary home that only has a small portion of the roof in tile. It went before the BRAB, and the board unanimously approved it. There were no Council comments or public comments.

## **P. CONSENT AGENDA**

### **2. Minutes of the April 26, 2011 Special Town Council Meeting**

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

Consensus vote was 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

The motion passed.

## **Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **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

\*\$50 monthly fee per satellite dish installed on a resident's home (Council agreed that the ordinance is obsolete and should be re-codified). Town Manager agreed that it would be brought before the Town Council at first reading in June.

\* 405 Center Island Drive, possibility of selling the property behind that home (resident has requested that the Council hold a dialogue about her purchasing the property behind 405 Center Island Drive). The resident that owns 405 Center Island commented on wanting to purchase that small piece of land in her backyard from the Town and making it secure because she has noticed people traversing her home through that piece of land.

Resident, Dr. Stan Feinman commented on the property, stating that it is a private piece of land owned by all of the residents of the Town, and that it is a valuable piece of property for the Town and should not be sold. He also stated that that piece of property had just been approved to build a boat dock on for the Town's police boats. He also stated that a previous Council had discussed naming the boat dock after the Town's former lifeguard, Harold Kronstat.

The Town Attorney interjected that the property is dedicated to all of the owners of the property within Golden Beach for their use as lot owners. This is

not a public facility, it is the resident's property as lot owners, and that is the reason the Town can restrict the general public from using it. Neither the Town nor the residents own the title to that area, and neither of the two can sell it. In order to sell it, the Town would need every resident to agree to sell that area.

Dr. Feinman asked if there was anything that could be done in the interim that would block off that area to maintain the resident's privacy? The Town Attorney recommended that the Town do something to denote that it is private property for use by Golden Beach residents only, not for use by the general public.

Town Manager Diaz reminded Council the Regular Town Council Meeting called for June 21<sup>st</sup> had been cancelled and a Special Town Council Meeting was called for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

#### **S. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisette Perez*

Lisette Perez  
Interim Town Clerk