



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

**Official Minutes for the November 17, 2009
Regular Town Council Meeting called for 7:30 P.M.**

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM.

B. ROLL CALL

The Town Clerk called roll:

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Singer, Vice Mayor Lusskin, Councilmember Bernstein, Councilmember Einstein by telephone.

Staff Present: Town Attorney – Stephen Helfman, Police Chief – James Skinner, Assistant to the Town Manager/Human Resource Director – Lissette Perez, Acting Assistant Town Manager – Paul Abbott, Facilities & General Maintenance Director – Ken Jones, Town Clerk – Elizabeth Sewell.

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Chief Skinner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Recognition of Town Employee of the Month for October 2009

Mayor Singer acknowledged Sheila Pirrone as the Town Employee of the Month for October 2009.

Recognition of Town Officer of the Month for October 2009

Mayor Singer acknowledged Officer Robert Ruggiero as the Officer of the Month for October 2009.

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 – No report for the month of November 2009

Beautification Committee – No report for the month of November 2009

Comprehensive Planning Board – No report for the month of November 2009

Recreation Committee – Cathy Szabo sent an announcement in reference to the New Year's Eve Gala on behalf of the Recreation Committee.

Security/Public Safety Committee – No report for the month of November 2009.

G. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

- **Veterans' Day Event**

Mayor Singer commended Vice Mayor Lusskin and the Recreation Committee for a successful Veterans' Day Event. He stated that Vice Mayor Lusskin did a phenomenal job with her speech, the event was very well attended, and it was a beautiful event.

- **Traffic Signs in CIP Construction Zones**

Mayor Singer urged all of the Town's residents to obey all traffic signs in the Capital Improvement Project construction zones. He explained that in the construction zones only one-way traffic is allowed in order to ensure the safety of everyone. He also stated that drivers should slow down because of the condition of the streets due to the construction.

- **Thanksgiving Holiday**

Mayor Singer wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving Holiday.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bernstein

- **Capital Improvement Project Progress**

Councilmember Bernstein stated that the Capital Improvement Project progress is going very well. He suggested opening the street in the construction area to two-way traffic.

- **Town Entrance Sign**
Councilmember Bernstein stated that he had received numerous telephone calls from residents complaining about the entrance sign at the Strand because it looks very commercial.
- **Beach**
Councilmember Bernstein stated that several residents had suggested the installation of foot showers at the beach.
- **Veterans' Day Event**
Councilmember Bernstein commended Vice Mayor Lusskin on the Veterans' Day Event.

Councilmember Einstein

- **Completion of the Capital Improvement Project**
Councilmember Einstein suggested that at the nearing of the completion of the Capital Improvement Project that the children of the Town would have their hand prints placed in an area of the park.

The Town Manager sent an email of his report to be read into the record.

J. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

K. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT & UPDATE

Paul Abbott reported that the storm drainage system from Navona Avenue north is 100% completed.

Golden Beach Drive Progress

Paul Abbott stated that on Golden Beach Drive, from North Parkway to the 500 Block, the construction contractors are striving with every effort to have that area completed by Thanksgiving. He stated that the goal is to have all of the roadways cleaned up and all equipment and materials out of the way for the Thanksgiving holiday. He also stated that the construction crews have been authorized to work every Saturday in November. However, they will not be working Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Thanksgiving weekend.

Paul Abbott stated that the major concern in the past three weeks has been the extremely large amount of water flooding the streets on Golden Beach Drive. This is due to the extremely high tides in the Intracoastal. He also explained that North Miami Beach does an annual fire hydrant flush, which was scheduled and had to be accomplished per their City Codes last week. This exacerbated the amount of water. The Capital Improvement Project contractors have finally completed all of the installation of the water main south of the Strand, which means that the system has to be chlorinated. The chlorination process for the

new fire hydrants involves allowing the water in those fire hydrants to run twenty-four hours. He stated by mid December all of the residents on Golden Beach Drive should be connected to the new water main.

A-1-A Sequencing Discussion

Paul Abbott reported that they were able to order the additional 68 Medjool Palm trees and the Town expects to take delivery of them in the next 6 to 8 weeks. He stated that the north and south medians would be completed with all landscaping done by Thanksgiving.

L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

O. CONSENT AGENDA

1. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement Between the Town of Golden and the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Division of the US Department of Homeland Security

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Resolution No. 2052.09

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2052.09

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Sale of a Surplus 2005 Gem Electric Vehicle

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A SURPLUS 2005 GEM ELECTRIC VEHICLE FROM THE TOWN'S VEHICLE FLEET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2053.09

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2053.09

A Motion to approve Items No. O1 and O2 on the consent agenda.
Consensus vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays.

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving an Agreement Between the Town and Florida Power & Light Company in Connection with the Undergrounding of the Town's Overhead Electrical Facilities

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TOWN AND FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONVERSION OF CERTAIN OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES TO UNDERGROUND FACILITIES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2054.09

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2054.09

Mayor Singer explained that as part of the Capital Improvement Project, one element is the undergrounding of the Town's overhead utilities. During the last 15 months, the Town has been working with Florida Power and Light as they designed and the Town coordinated the installation of the underground facilities and the eventual removal of the existing overhead facilities.

During this time, the Town has operated under the following premises:

1. Florida Power and Light Company would design and engineer the undergrounding utilities in coordination with C3TS.
2. The Town (through Metro Equipment Services) for the A1A Phase of the CIP would install the underground facilities.
3. Florida Power and Light Company would be responsible for the removal of the overhead utilities.

Mayor Singer stated that this Resolution authorizes the agreement between the Town of Golden Beach and Florida Power and Light Company. The conversion is budgeted at \$3.6 million dollars, this agreement calls for a payment of \$285,521.00 associated with phase 3 of the conversion sequencing.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 2054.09 by Councilmember Bernstein, seconded by Vice Mayor Lusskin.

Roll call vote as follows:

Mayor Singer - Aye, Councilmember Bernstein - Aye, Councilmember Einstein – Aye by telephone, Vice Mayor Lusskin - Aye, Councilmember Rojas - Absent.

The Motion carried.

Q. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Ben Einstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Amy Rojas:
None Requested

Councilmember Ken Bernstein:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
None Requested

R. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Councilmember Bernstein, seconded by Vice Mayor Lusskin. Consensus vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sewell

Elizabeth Sewell, CMC
Town Clerk