



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the September 11, 2012
First Budget Hearing & Special Town Council Meeting called for 7:00 P.M.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Chief De Lucca 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

Consensus vote 3 Ayes 0 Nays. The motion passed.

Town Manager advised that they would go directly into the budget items, and approve those before continuing to move forward with the agenda. Also, a discussion item was removed at Vice Mayor's request, and one item was added on under the Town Manager's discussion.

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 Committee – None

G. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Welcomed everyone to the hearing. Congratulated the Town Manager, Finance Director, her assistant, and the department heads for compiling this year's budget, he's confident that the Town will receive the budget award again like we have in years past. The budget is used for four items: policy document, financial plan, operational guide, and communication document. The proposed budget will remain at 8.50 mills, which has been the same for the past five years. This year Golden Beach's values increased by \$3-million, which is the first increase in assessed values in about three years. Fund balance increased from 2003 where it was at \$1.6-million to almost \$9-million in 2011. Thanked the Town Council and Town Manager for helping control the Town's costs, and increasing the Town's fund balance. Reiterated that he wants the Town to look into accepting credit cards in the Building Department. Also, mentioned that he's heard a few complaints from individuals who are stating that they aren't receiving their Fedex deliveries and wanted to make sure that the Police Chief and Police Department look into that. **Chief** advised that he is already addressing this issue.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Einstein

Mentioned that the delivery drivers do not obey the speed limits within Town. Asked if it would be cost effective to inject the trees on the right (east) side of Golden Beach Drive with white fly treatment? However the Town Manager advised that plants in the right-of-way (west of the sidewalk) are the responsibility of the resident, according to the Town's Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Rojas

Congratulated staff on great job on budget book.

Councilmember Lusskin

Reiterated that she would like to revisit the shutter ordinance. Also stated that the budget looks great.

Councilmember Bernstein

Stated how amazed he was that there were no flooding issues in Town during this last hurricane. The addition he asked to be put in to the CIP project, are the things that were originally discussed when the Town first embarked on the CIP project. Just to think about what the Town is going to do with the other recreational facilities and Town Hall.

J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Each of the Department Directors work hard to put the budget book together and he wanted to publicly thank them.

Town will be working on replacing the pump inside the south pump station area. There will be lane closures and disruptions to the park. The Town's other projects (CCTV project, boat dock, and the bridges) are all on track.

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

L. FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 BUDGET HEARING REPORT

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); SETTING A DATE FOR A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2263.12

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2263.12

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

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 gave a presentation on the proposed millage rate, with power point slides.

Town Manager stated that the fiscal year 2012/2013 budget will be the hardest budget the Town has had to do yet, because the Town's assessed value is lower than expected. The Administration can not commit to not using the \$550,000 that was borrowed from the reserve fund, because this year's budget is going to be so challenging. The Administration is asking for a 2.5% COLA for the first time since March of 2007. The operating millage rate will be maintained at 8.50 mills, although we advertised a higher millage rate. There was an increase in the operating millage because there was a decrease in the voted debt service millage. The Town has transferred personnel out of public works and moved them into our streets and roads department, so that we can justify and better use the streets and roads funds that come from the county. Also transferred a significant number of employees from the police department budget into the law enforcement trust fund budget. The fund balance was grown to \$8.9-million. Moving forward the Town's primary goals will be: that an emphasis on public safety will continue, continued concentration on open spaces and parks, and continued work on CIP projects, and Town Services.

Mayor Singer reiterated that the operating budget is 6.995, the voted debt service is 1.505, with a combined millage rate of 8.50 mills – the same as it has been for the last five years. The operating budget increased .0151 from the prior year, while the debt service decreased .0151.

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Tentative Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2012 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2264.12

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2264.12

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:
Mayor Singer Aye
Vice Mayor Isackson-Rojas Aye
Councilmember Einstein Aye
Councilmember Lusskin Aye

Councilmember Bernstein

Aye

The motion passed.

Town Manager went over all of the individual budgets and funds. For general employees there would be a total increase of approximately \$37,000 dollars for raises and for police an increase of \$23,000 in total expenditures. **Councilmember Einstein** asked if bonuses would be given to all of the employees, the **Town Manager** stated that he would be requesting bonuses via resolution for all of the employees at the next meeting. In total, the **Town Manager** is recommending a 2.5% perpetual cost of living increase as well as a one-time bonus. **Councilmember Einstein** mentioned that he was fearful of bonuses because of all of the other cities that have gotten themselves in debt and in trouble for overspending. The **Town Manager** stated that he believes the reason why communities get into trouble for overspending is because of the perpetual merit increases.

Town Manager's Budget Presentation

On Page 60, **Councilmember Lusskin** asked about the violation of local ordinances line item and why it came down by \$40,000. The **Town Manager** advised that over the last couple of years he had increased that item because of necessity, but the Town has reached its plateau now.

On Page 60, the Stormwater Fund had to be increased to \$244,000 (an increase of \$44,000 for that line). Law Enforcement Trust Fund transfer has been significantly decreased, because actual costs have been transferred to that fund. Total general fund revenues: 5,898,839.

Page 65, the definition (second) chart is the wrong one but the first chart is correct. Staff is asking to take approximately \$260,000 out of the 120 fund balance, allocate it elsewhere and authorize the Administration to spend it.

***Town Manager** asked if at this point Greer Wallace, a candidate for county court judge could come up and speak because they would be discussing the budget for quite some time. She gave a brief speech about herself and her campaign.*

Councilmember Einstein asked what the Town's obligations for Stormwater 1 and 2 funds are? **Town Manager** advised that the Town no longer has special assessment 1 or 2 (which is what the Councilmember was referring to). The Town paid off special assessment 1. The Town currently has only three outstanding obligations.

Page 103, General Government, **Councilmember Lusskin** asked if professional services is where lobbyist Dave Caserta's services comes from? The **Town Manager** stated that part of that line item is payment for Dave Caserta's services.

Page 110, Law Enforcement, the **Town Manager** spoke briefly about the Police Department budget. The General Fund budget has been carrying the weight of the town's detached units every year. In order to alleviate the expense the Town Manager transferred half of one of the commander's salaries, half of the motorcycle units, and the

costs for the three detached units to the law enforcement trust fund. New projects can be transferred to the fund one time; ongoing investigative detached units will continue to be paid for out of the law enforcement trust fund. Also, beach attendants and lifeguards have been taken out and put in the Recreation Fund. Administrative function of code enforcement was removed from police, and added to the Building Department. All costs are funded, minus the pension.

Page 122, Building and Zoning, **Mayor Singer** commented that he would like to start accepting credit cards in the Building and Zoning Department. The **Town Manager** stated that it would be looked into.

Page 134, Public Works, **Town Manager** advised that the General Facilities and Maintenance Director is being moved out of Public Works and into Roads and Streets. Kirk Mckoy is also being transferred into this fund, however with him it is not the funds that are moving, just his responsibilities.

Page 137 – **Town Manager** reiterated that Ken Jones’s salary will be coming completely from the Roads and Streets fund now.

Town Manager stated for that record that he incorrectly previously stated that it was 50% of the commander’s salary coming from the 120 Fund, when it’s actually 25% of his salary.

With the 120 Fund, the **Town Manager** asked if he could reserve the right to come back after the budget year and maybe ask for more money, because the police boat’s engines are getting close to the need to repair. Although the funds are available in this year’s budget, the Town may not need to replace them until next year.

330 CIP Fund – **Town Manager** explained that it is unlike any other fund in town. It also serves as the Town’s 5-year capital plan. The Town has grown the capital budget since 2007 to 38.9-million dollars, of which residents have been asked to pay down the debt obligation of \$14.5-million, the balance has been raised through grants, direct appropriations, interlocal agreements, the law enforcement trust fund, etc. The Town still has projects open, such as the north and center island bridges, the street lights, the CCTV project, with some administrative costs moving forward.

Mayor Singer congratulated the Town Manager and staff for the great job that was done on the budget.

Councilmember Lusskin also commented that the information on pages 54-55 needs to be reversed.

M. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

N. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

O. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

P. CONSENT AGENDA

1. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Payment of \$1,000 to Florida International University Biscayne Bay Campus.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$1,000.00 TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY BISCAYNE BAY CAMPUS IN MEMORIAM OF RICHARD FISHBEIN; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Resolution No. 2261.12

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2261.12

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Consent to Easement to Use U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Right of Way for the Installation of a Boatlift.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A CONSENT TO EASEMENT TO USE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RIGHT OF WAY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A BOATLIFT ONTO THE EXISTING DOCK LOCATED AT 401 CENTER ISLAND DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2262.12

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2262.12

Consensus vote was 5 Ayes and 0 Nays. Items P1-P2 pass.

Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

3. **A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013**

4. **A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Tentative Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013**

R. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Amy Isackson-Rojas:
50% Rule as it relates to the building code, specifically the years taken into account for improvement – **asked to remove this item

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
Town in the process of taking out a new three-year loan with northern trust for the lots on A1A, locking in an interest rate at 2%. Final term sheet and loan documents will be brought before the council for approval at the September 24th meeting. Stated that he needs the Council, through their action, to authorize him to continue his negotiations with Northern Trust. Council agreed for the Town Manager to proceed. **Councilmember Einstein stated that there are seven year arms out there for 2.5%. **Mayor Singer** asked if additional options could be brought back to the Town Council? **Town Manager** advised that he needed Town Council to advise what the ceiling and floor is so that the Town can negotiate appropriately and bring back loan documents for the next meeting.

** At the June meeting, the Council verbally authorized to amend a resolution where the Town was surplusing two vehicles instead of the one.

Motion was made by Councilmember Einstein, and seconded by Councilmember Lusskin two amend the Resolution to surplus two vehicles instead of one.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion passed.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez

Lissette Perez
Town Clerk