



## **TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH**

One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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**Official Minutes for the September 16, 2009  
Special Town Council Meeting &  
First Budget Public Hearing called for 7:00 P.M.**

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**A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

**Staff Present:** Town Manager – Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney – Stephen Helfman, Police Chief – James Skinner, Finance Director – Maria Camacho, Executive Assistant to the Town Manager/HR Director – Lissette Perez, Building Director – Linda Epperson, Public Works Director – Riley Crews, General & Facilities Maintenance Director – Ken Jones and Town Clerk – Elizabeth Sewell.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Councilmember Rojas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA**

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

The Town Manager explained that the Attachment for Item No. 3 was changed to the corrected Building Permit Fee Schedule.

**E. TOWN RESOLUTIONS**

**1. A Resolution of the Town Council Determining the Proposed  
Millage Rate, the Current Year Rolled-Back Rate and Establishing  
Date, Time and Place for Second Public Budget Hearing.**

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, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010

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. 1  
Resolution No. 2029.09

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2029.09

The Town Manager explained that there were several changes to the budget. He was recommending that the combine millage rate be set at 8.5 mills of which 7.1525 will be dedicated for operating purposes and 1.3475 will be restricted for debt service as required by our bonds. He explained that by setting the combined millage rate at 8.5 mills, the Administration would have to tighten its belts and ensure that expenditures are adequately funded in the spending areas most appropriate. He also recommended an additional allocation from the General Fund Balance of \$60,000 to meet the increase as presented in the revised proposed budget. The Police Department budget has been increased to add one additional full-time Police Officer to the Department; this initiative will ensure that the Police Department will increase its minimum staffing levels as the crime rate in the Town calls for such action. The Town has adjusted its employees' health insurance cost through the Various Departments as discussed at the Town's budget workshop at which staff predicted a 12% across-the-board increase (of approximately \$28,000.00). The Town has allocated \$25,000 for the replacement of its Transponder System and there were minor changes in line items to adequately account for past business practice. He stated that there were some significant changes in the Capital Improvement Plan budget; he was recommending that the following projects be included in the funded Capital Improvement Plan:

South, Center and North Island Curb and Gutters Programs	\$561,363
North Park Improvements	\$330,000
South Park Improvements	\$250,000
Town-Wide Mailboxes	\$245,000
South Median Improvements A-1-A	\$113,244

The budget as presented is balanced and responsible. The Town has increased its level of service, added additional funding to meet its growing youth population, enhanced its public safety approach to keeping the community safe, and set resources aside for ongoing repairs and maintenance. He stated that this budget states the Town's short and long-term goals and identifies resources (some already secured) to meet its complete infrastructure needs. If the allocation of \$71,000 from the General Fund Balance is approved as recommended, the General Fund

Balance will be set at \$6,823,133. This does not include the estimated \$1,200,000 in saving from the fiscal year 2008-2009 Operating Budget that would bring the Town's General Fund Balance to \$8,023,133. This represents \$3,182,375 more than what the Town collects in property taxes each year or \$1,668,369 than its entire Operating Budget. There is no community in South Florida, or in the State, who have these ratios in reserves. This is a true testament to the Council's commitment in ensuring a sustainable Town now and into the future.

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 2029.09 by Councilmember Rojas seconded by Vice Mayor Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

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

**2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2  
Resolution No. 2030.09

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2030.09

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 2030.09 by Vice Mayor Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

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

**3. A Resolution of the Town Council Reauthorizing the Town's Schedule of Permit Processing Fees**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, REAUTHORIZING THE TOWN'S SCHEDULE OF BUILDING PERMIT AND PROCESSING FEES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 3  
Resolution No. 2031.09

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2031.09

A Motion to approve Resolution No. 2031.09 by Councilmember Rojas, seconded by Vice Mayor Lusskin.

**Roll call vote was as follows:**

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

**F. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER**

Mayor Glenn Singer:  
None Requested

Vice Mayor Amy Rojas:  
None Requested

Councilmember Ben Einstein:  
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:  
None Requested

Councilmember Ken Bernstein:  
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz  
Upcoming Meetings Schedule  
Tuesday, September 22, 2009  
7:30 PM Final Adoption of Millage and Budget  
6:30 PM Crime Suppression and Public Safety Workshop  
7:00 PM Executive Session

The Town Manager cancelled the Special Town Council Meeting scheduled for September 29, 2009.

**G. ADJOURNMENT:**

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting by Mayor Singer seconded by Councilmember Einstein. Consensus vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elizabeth Sewell*

Elizabeth Sewell, CMC  
Town Clerk