



## **TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH**

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

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### **Official Minutes for the September 8, 2015 First Budget Hearing called for 7:00 P.M.**

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

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:05 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, Police Lieutenant Yovany Diaz, Facilities & Maintenance Director Ken Jones, Asst. Public Works Director Kirk McKoy

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

Assistant Chief of Police Herbello 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. TOWN RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.**

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, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016  
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. 2426.15

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2426.15

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

**Town Manager Diaz** gave a presentation of the budget meeting going over each department in detail. Stated that in the TRIM notice, the millage rate was tentatively set at 8.5 mills. However, the budget has been prepared based on 8.4 mills.

**Councilmember Bernstein** stated that the Town Council should think about their long-term goals before adopting the budget.

**Town Manager Diaz** stated that every single long-term project is listed in the Capital plan under Fund 330.

**Former Mayor Michael Addicott, 155 Golden Beach Drive**

Inquired about the operating millage rate and why it is higher than it has been in the last six years. Also inquired about the debt service millage rate and if it will eventually be reduced to zero, because shouldn't it be decreasing each year.

**Town Manager Diaz** said that it is not decreasing now, but it will as the Town gets closer to paying off its debt.

**Councilmember Einstein** asked if Mayor Addicott was asking whether or not the principle balance of the bond has changed.

**Mayor Addicott** stated that he would think that it would.

**Councilmember Einstein** stated yes and no, because it is not a fixed amount that paid every year.

**Town Manager Diaz** stating that the original bonds have not been amended to add any additional debt to the Town.

**Mayor Addicott** stated that residents are looking for a reduction in the water bill debt, and that should be going down.

**Town Manager Diaz** stated that there are two liabilities in the stormwater fund, and he would go into greater detail about that fund when he got to that portion of the budget.

**Mayor Addicott** asked why the Town doesn't spend more money towards reducing the Town's debt instead of providing food events at the beach or giving out chotchskies to the residents.

**Town Manager Diaz** stated that these events provide intangible gains such as camaraderie amongst residents.

**Mayor Addicott** asked if there are any capital improvement projects slated for this budget year. **Mayor Singer** answered yes there are capital projects scheduled for this budget year.

*\*\*\* At this point Mayor Singer requested a motion to table Item #1. \*\*\**

A motion to table was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein. Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

At 9:06 p.m. Mayor Singer requested a motion to remove this Item from the table.

A motion to remove Item #1 from the table was made by Vice Mayor Rojas, seconded by Councilmember Einstein. Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

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.

**2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Tentative Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2  
Resolution No. 2427.15

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2427.15

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bernstein, seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

**Mayor Singer** stated that the Town Manager would first go through all of the revenue items, then give a breakdown by department of the items and then the item would be open up to the public for public comment.

**Town Manager Diaz** acknowledged the staff members who assisted with the preparation of the budget. Also stated that the staff has also been able to balance the 2016-2017 operating budget as well maintaining the 8.4 millage rate reduction.

**Town Manager Diaz** stated that this year the Town exceeded estimates in both building processing fees and building permitting fees significantly, which helped close the deficiencies in some of the smaller miscellaneous revenues.

**Councilmember Bernstein** inquired about the \$200,000 administration cost in the stormwater fund. **Town Manager Diaz** stated that in 2013 the Council authorized an additional \$44,000 to cover the costs of the Town's owner's rep during the CIP project. it is the cost for the Town of Golden Beach's employees to manage the stormwater enterprise fund and it's costs.

**Mayor Addicott** asked about the building inspectors wages being paid by percentage and whether or not this is the practice in most municipalities. **Town Manager Diaz** stated that in most municipalities these individuals are full-time staff members and those costs are even greater. The Town has not increased the percentage of what the inspectors make since before 2007.

**Mayor Addicott** asked if there was any revenue source currently coming in to the police department that could be allocated to the general fund. **Town Manager Diaz** stated that there is not.

**Town Manager Diaz** stated that the currently Chevy Tahoe fleet was completed funded from LETF dollars and the Town does not have enough Tahoe's for the number of officers in the department.

**Mayor Addicott** asked how much has been paid since the gift program was implemented.

**Town Manager Diaz** stated that he didn't have the exact number, but the Town has not exceeded the budget for that item.

**Mayor Addicott** stated that he doesn't think the residents need gifts from the Town. Instead, the Town should donate that money to a worthwhile charity.

**Mayor Singer** advised him that the Town does do that every year.

\*\*\*\* **Town Manager** gave a breakdown of the budget, department by department at this point in time. \*\*\*\*

**Town Manager** stated that this year, every Public Works employee was brought up to a minimum living wage of \$32,000 – in addition to the 3% COLA they will received on October 1.

**Town Manager** stated that the Town would be hiring a full-time beach manager under the recreation department, to oversee the ever-growing busy beach area.

Town Manager and Mayor thanked the staff for all of the hardwork that was done putting the budget together.

Mayor Singer requested that Item #2 be tabled at this time, to reopen Item #1.

A motion to table Item #2 was made by Councilmember Einstein, seconded by Vice Mayor Rojas. Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

At 9:07 p.m. Mayor Singer requested that Item #2 be removed from the table.

A motion to remove the item from the table was made by Councilmember Einstein, 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.

## **G. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lissette Perez*  
Lissette Perez  
Town Clerk