



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

**Official Minutes for the September 26, 2017
Final 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 7:10 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmember's Present: Mayor Glenn Singer, Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Jaime Mendal, Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas, Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Police Lieutenant Yovany Diaz, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lt. Diaz led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE AND FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 (TIME CERTAIN ITEM)

- 1. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Final Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Resolution No. 2517.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2517.17

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Attorney Helfman stated that they have to vote on them separately, because the millage is so tied into the budget. In fact, the budget drives the actual millage once you arrive at a budget the millage will fall into place. First the millage would be discussed and then the final budget would be discussed.

Attorney Helfman read into the record the millage and debt service information required by law. The final millage rate for the Town of Golden Beach for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018 be and is hereby fixed at a rate of 7.4800 mills and the roll back rate is 6.7410. The final millage rate is 7.4800 mills which is 10.6% over the roll back rate. In addition, there is a voted debt millage service of .9200 mills. Mayor Singer stated that this is combined millage rate of 8.4 mills.

Attorney Helman asked if there were any members of the public who would like to speak on either the millage rate or the budget.

Mayor Singer advised if any Councilmembers had any questions about either the millage rate or the budget.

Manager Diaz spoke on some information that the Mayor and Council directed staff to provide to the Council. The current cash balances, as of today, there are 3.6 million dollars cash on hand. Manager Diaz advised that the expenses as of 9/25/2017 are also attached.

Manager Diaz also stated that the budget document is the Town's business plan, capital plan, and serves as policy for how the town handles investments and expenditures.

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Final Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2518.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2518.17

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

E. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Senator Daphne Campbell, District 38 gave her Legislative Update

F. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

G. GOOD AND WELFARE

Greg Friedman, 190 Golden Beach Drive

Stated that the Town needs help with the intersection of Golden Beach Drive and Verona Avenue with the flooding. Does not believe that this is a King Tide issue, there is water coming out at all times of the year. Also wanted to thank everyone in the Town for everything they did before, during and after the storm from the Council, to the staff to the police department. Does not think any Town in Dade County or South Florida was cleaned up as quickly as Golden Beach did.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Tonight approved a 12.6-million dollar budget a 21% increase over last year. Very exciting for the Town of Golden Beach. Feels very confident that between the Council and administration the Town will be able to accomplish much more. You have his commitment that they will look at all sources to acquire additional revenue for these projects over the next 18 months. Main projects for the next year are the beach pavilion, the guardhouse, street lighting, canal maintenance and a new Town Hall. Definitely need to look into and start planning for a new Town Hall. Hurricane Irma really tested the Town. Thinks as residents have commented over the last few weeks, the Town staff and Administration really shined. Cannot thank us enough for the hard work that was put in before, during and after the storm. I hope that we learned a lot from this storm. Town Manager and he are acquiring a list of policies and procedures that can be done

better. Feels confident that the Town will do even better if there is another storm. Working hard to pick up the debris, asking for the resident's cooperation with pickup efforts. Urged residents to help them to finalize the debris pickup efforts. If you have repair work to perform, please do so ASAP. Town giving residents a 90-day grace period. Check with the Town whether you will need permits or not. The Town will not get back to where it was unless everyone cooperates.

Town Manager commented that item #6 was updated and changed.

The new item was emailed to them earlier in the day and provided to them at the dais.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Mendal

None

Councilmember Rojas

None

Councilmember Bernstein

None

Vice Mayor Luskin

Mentioned that the budget format is great and does not feel that the Town needs to change it. It is an excellent explanation of Golden Beach and makes it very easy to understand.

Also mentioned that she keeps getting comments and calls about the pedestrian gate and feels that the Town just needs to either lock it all the time or keep it open all the time.

Mentioned the homes under construction and whether or not how many of those homes are spec homes. In addition, the trees we lost during the hurricane she has previously received some complaints about and that the berries and seed they had ruin the sidewalks. If we replace them, maybe we get different types of trees.

J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Thanked all the directors for their hard work in putting together the budget, each of the directors sat down, helped him put together their budgets, and looked where they can cut costs, and decrease inefficiencies. Special thanks to Town Clerk Lissette Perez who helps put together all the verbiage for the budget document and Maria Camacho for double-checking all the numbers and ensuring that the numbers are correct. Spoke on the flooding at Verona. The house on the corner has an underlying seawall and so that water you see coming through the driveway is actually water that comes in through the seawall and it makes it cascade into the street. They have a violation to fix the hole in their seawall. Another issue is pump station #1, which is the first pump station they had here before his administration. Has some problems turning on automatically, however the second he turns it on manually the streets dry up quickly. However, there seems to be some issues now with the pump station that their now evaluating and the Town engineers will be here this week to determine what's going on with it and he will have a report for the Council at the next meeting. We are aware of the issue and we know it is

an inconvenience and I apologize it is not something we can quickly fix, but we are working on it. We are planning to bring to the Council an mandating seawalls inspections every 20 years and for seawalls to be certified. Also changing the cap pipe from maximum 5 to 7, because some of the ground gravel that we have in Town as it relates to seawalls that are not maintained properly. Also spoke on the 322 truckloads, 5,800 cubic yards of debris that has already been removed from the Town, with more still to remove. Stated that homeowners have until close of business tomorrow for the Town to remove the debris to the front of their homes. After that, it will be the homeowner's responsibility to remove their debris. If it is not removed, the homeowner will be issued a citation. Also, we have conducted an assessment of every single home in Town that's 377 homes, 15 lots, and 19 construction sites.

Each homeowner will receive a letter from him and the Building Director concerning damages to their home. They, will have a 90-day grace period to fix the damages we are waving the permit fees and were going to issue an expedited permit. After 90 days, the Town will give you a notice of violation and then we will give you a fine of \$150 per day or \$250 per day depending on the severity of the damage so we ask that residents please address those items that are brought to their attention.

To date, there are over \$400K in Irma-related costs. Currently working with FEMA to recoup the bulk of that money. Current budget had over \$200K in contingency funds that can be used towards this type of expense. Still projecting an operating saving for the upcoming fiscal year.

Holding off on bonuses until the October meeting.

Camera system is up and running, still have some cameras down.

Were continuing the high visibility detail.

Stated for the record to remind the Council that as it relates to our debris removal the Council authorized him to take any and all necessary measures to remove the debris, which may have impacted our chances of getting the higher percentage from FEMA. Many damages like streetlights, are insured and we have already filed the claims with the insurance companies'.

Mayor Singer stated that the staff has documented everything. Every tree, every damage, everything that was picked up and kept a log with pictures and location. This should assist us in the long reimbursement process, but that there's no guarantee.

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

O. CONSENT AGENDA

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Mutual Aid Agreement between the Town and the City of North Miami Beach.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2519.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2519.17

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Proposal from Bejar Construction, Inc. for Renovation of the Town's Police Gatehouse.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM BEJAR CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR RENOVATION OF THE TOWN'S POLICE GATEHOUSE; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2520.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2520.17

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Proposal from Bejar Construction, Inc. for Renovation of the Town's Beach Facilities.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A PROPOSAL FROM BEJAR CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR RENOVATION OF THE TOWN'S BEACH FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2521.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2521.17

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Payment for Debris Hauling Services Due to Hurricane Irma.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICE FROM M&O BOBCAT, LLC FOR DEBRIS HAULING SERVICES DUE TO HURRICANE IRMA; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Resolution No. 2522.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2522.17

7. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Payment for Debris Hauling Services Due to Hurricane Irma.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING PAYMENT OF INVOICES FROM BLACK DIAMOND PROPERTY RESTORATION & EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR DEBRIS HAULING SERVICES DUE TO HURRICANE IRMA; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Resolution No. 2523.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2523.17

8. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Sale of One Surplus Garbage Truck.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ONE SURPLUS GARBAGE WASTE TRUCK FROM THE TOWN'S VEHICLE FLEET AND EQUIPMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8
Resolution No. 2524.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2524.17

Consensus vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Items O3 – O8 pass.

****Councilmember Bernstein stepped out during the vote****

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

None

Q. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas:
None Requested

Councilmember Jaime Mendal:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz

Hurricane Irma Update – done during the Manager's report

Pending Items/Delayed Due to Storm:

- North Park Tot Lot – holding off on that until ready to bring it back before Council
- South Gate Additional Funds Request – reevaluating the costs of the South Gate
- Second Reading Ordinance 574.17 – Fences
- Second Reading Ordinance 575.17 – Driveway Requirements
- Second Reading Ordinance 576.17 – Employee Pension

*** All of the ordinances will be brought before the Council for second reading at the October meeting. ***

Mayor Singer mentioned that the October Council meeting is scheduled for October 17th.

Manager Diaz mentioned that Town Hall will be closed for the holidays on Friday December 22nd and 29th and also Monday the 25th and January 1st. The Building Department will not take walk-ins or calls the last week of December so the 26th 27th and 28th Building Department will be closed.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk