



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the September 19, 2017 First Budget Hearing 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 Chief Rudy Herbello, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Finance Director Maria D. Camacho 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

Town Manager stated for the record that this meeting was rescheduled from 9/12/2017 at 7 p.m. due to Hurricane Irma.

Mayor Singer stated that he believed that power has been restored to all of the community. Delays with restoration of power out of the Town's control. Urged residents to please be patient and thanked the staff for all of their hard work.

F. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed 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 PROPOSED 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); 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. 2514.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2514.17

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

Attorney Helfman stated that both items would be read at the same time and be voted on separately.

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Tentative 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 TENTATIVE BUDGETS 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. 2
Resolution No. 2515.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2515.17

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Rojas, 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.

Town Manager asked that they begin with the Public Works Department, to allow those employees to go home and get some rest following all of the hard work they have had to perform due to Hurricane Irma relief efforts.

Town Manager took a moment to acknowledge Judith Jerome and Destiny Abujarour for all of the hard work they have performed related to the debris removal efforts in Town. And acknowledged Kirk McKoy and Ken Jones for their tireless efforts in cleaning up the Town. Acknowledged Chief Herbello, Lt. Diaz and Sgt. Perez for all of their efforts in keeping the Town safe during this time.

Town Manager spoke briefly on the increase in home values and the millage rates for the coming fiscal year. Currently exceeded revenue projections for the Town. Mentioned that the Town is proposing a 3% COLA for all general employees, police employees are governed under the collective bargaining agreement that was approved in the August council meeting.

Town Manager then spoke on the revenues – mentioning the \$100K slated to be received from a grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity. Also stated that the Town has a \$9.6-million operating budget for fiscal year 2017-2018.

Mayor Singer asked for a breakdown of the fund balance revenues for the next Council Meeting.

Town Manager spoke briefly on how the Town is allowed to spend money. This year matching expenditures such as electricity to the department where they are

actually occurring, instead of just lumping them in the General Government as has been done in years past.

Town Manager spoke on the Town's investment policy, stating that the Town's depository of record is Northern Trust. Town also invests, from time to time in the State's SBA pool. Most of the Town's money is kept in a repo account.

Town Manager stated that the budget is reviewed by the FGFOA (Florida Government Finance Officer's Association), and this is the 8th year the Town has received a budget award from the association. In addition, the Town's books are audited by the firm of Keefe, McCullough and Associates.

Town Manager stated that internal controls are very important to the Town. That is why any request for expenditures requires three signatures. Checks require two signatures.

Town Manager now began to review the sections of the budget one by one.

Mayor Singer explained the process of how the budget would be spoken on and how the public and council could participate.

Councilmember Mendal inquired about the actual expenditures going over the budgeted amount based on the variance report.

Town Manager explained that these items will get reviewed after October 1st and if anything was coded incorrectly it'll be coded properly and these overages will be fixed. Any budget amendments that are needed will be brought at the October meeting.

Mayor Singer asked for the Council to get the actual numbers before the budget book is printed.

Town Manager mentioned the increases that are expected across the board for next year's budget (i.e. insurance, gas, light, pension, etc.)

Mr. Sonn, asked about the pension and the unfunded liability to the Town.

Town Manager explained that the pension is self-funded.

Mr. Sonn, 264 South Parkway asked if the defined benefit plan budget is based on an assumed growth rate.

Town Manager stated that the pension does not have a growth rate. Pension does not have a COLA built into the program, it is a fixed rate.

Councilmember Mendal asked why the Town was in such a rush to close the gap in the pension fund, if it is 95% funded.

Mayor Singer advised that the auditors suggested it, and it is a small amount, and it's always a good idea to close it.

Town Manager also stated that the Town doesn't have assets to sell to help close the gap either.

Town Manager spoke on the Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) dollars. These dollars can only be used for new programs, cannot be used for recurring costs.

Councilmember Rojas stated that when the Town looks at getting a new fleet, they should consider getting a diesel high water truck.

Town Manager spoke on public works – possibly bringing in an additional full timer and removing the part-time employee program moving forward. Department does have some weaknesses, that they are working to address.

Mayor Singer stated that the Public Works Department does a phenomenal job.

Town Manager spoke on the Debt Service and Capital Improvement Funds.

Mr. Sonn asked about the General Obligation Bond that was refinanced, and at what rate was that done at.

Town Manager spoke on the budgeted dollars for the street lighting project with FPL, and canal maintenance project.

Councilmember Bernstein inquired on the process to get this project off the ground and started.

Mayor Singer stated that it is a lengthy process.

Councilmember Rojas inquired about TECO gas and their service to the Town and the pipe sizes.

Town Manager spoke on the Town's outstanding liabilities.

Mayor Singer stated that to make sure that the pages are numbered in the budget book.

Councilmember Mendal inquired about the drainage issue in the 100 block of Golden Beach Drive.

Town Manager stated that there is a pump that is not working.

Mr. Sonn asked if that contributed to the flooding issue that happened at his house recently during Hurricane Irma.

Councilmember Mendal asked what a good number is to be kept in the reserves.

Town Manager stated that the Town typically keeps 20% in reserves.

Attorney Helfman read into the record the proposed millage rate and the roll back rate. Reminded Council that the millage has to be past before they vote on the budget.

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Reauthorizing the Town's Schedule of Building Permit and 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. 2516.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2516.17

A motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Lusskin, 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.

Town Manager stated that the fees are attached for their review. The Town has a minimum permit fee per square footage based on new construction, additions or remodels. Waiving all permitting fees for costs associated to Hurricane Irma damage for the next 120 days. Fees are the same that we had last year.

Councilmember Mendal inquired about a timeframe for the removal of debris from Town – particularly South Island has a lot of debris.

Town Manager stated that there is still a lot of debris in Town. We did not wait for FEMA, we started our removal efforts already. Still have about four more days of aggressive debris removal. Then we will make an assessment to see if we will continue aggressive removal or scale back and just use Public Works for these efforts. Will continue to remove debris every day, except for Sunday, until it is all removed.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisette Perez
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Town Clerk