



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the November 21, 2017
Regular Town Council Meeting called for 7:00 P.M.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:04 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

Councilmember's Not Present: Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Finance Director Maria Camacho

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS AWARD

Town Manager presented the Council with reading materials provided by resident Madison Berndt regarding sustainability and how to become a more sustainable community.

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

Alene Fishbein, 256 Golden Beach Drive

Spoke on the Halloween party. Stated that it was lovely, but there were too many dogs there and recommends that for future Halloween events no dogs be allowed. Spoke on the Veteran's Day event and felt that this year there was not a Veteran's Day celebration this year. It was held on a different day than Veteran's Day and didn't feel that that was right. Spoke on the disorderly state of the Public Works yard, asking that the Town do something to conceal it. Wished the staff and Council a Happy Thanksgiving Day.

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Spoke on the survey that is going to go out to the residents after Thanksgiving, urging residents to please fill it out. Spoke on the gatehouse and pavilion projects asking residents to be patient with the traffic delays due to the construction. On target to complete the projects by April 1st, 2018 and the end result will be worth the wait. Commented on the Halloween party and what a great event it was.

Spoke on the 5K race, stating that it was a nice event. Recommended that maybe one day a month for 3 to 4 hours, the Town can allow for dogs to be on the beach. Thanksgiving right around the corner. Wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving, Hanukah, Christmas and New Year.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bernstein

Stated that the Halloween event was amazing. Regarding Mrs. Fishbein's comments about the dogs, feels that at a minimum they should be on a leash. Supportive of dogs on the beach as long as it is not on the weekend. Regarding Mrs. Berndt's sustainability recommendations, would support no pesticides within 100 feet.

Councilmember Mendal

Inquired about the South Gate and when that program would startup. Very much in favor of dogs on the beach, thinks it a great idea.

Vice Mayor Lusskin

Asked if dogs on the beach would have to be on a leash.

Town Manager stated that the purpose of having dogs on the beach is to let them run in the water and roam freely, so they would not be on a leash, but they would be restricted to one area.

Vice Mayor mentioned that garbage pickup this weekend with the holiday would be limited and to keep that in mind as it can pile up. It was a problem last year.

Stated that the Town did have a Veteran's Day Brunch but it was more poorly attended than years past.

Received a phone call from a company called Power X, that offers healthier alternatives to mosquito spraying. Stated that she could put them in contact with Mrs. Berndt to look at the options that are available to the Town.

Received an email about the dog park and some changes in it and asked the Town Manager to address that.

Councilmember Bernstein

Asked if the vehicle sitting in Golden Beach Drive at The Strand could be moved to the west lot because it's difficult to see the traffic coming on the other side.

Town Manager stated that they couldn't because that is where the police command center.

Councilmember Bernstein also asked if everyone can leave through the South Gate.

Town Manager stated that the South Gate is exit only for residents. The car transponder will allow all residents to exit through the South Gate between the hours of 6 a.m. and 12 a.m.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if there was any reason why the same couldn't be done with the North Gate.

Town Manager stated that there are a number of reasons, one being that that isn't a road; you can't traverse through it properly; and there is no turn radius to make a right there.

Mayor Singer requested to come up with a date during the first quarter of New Year to set up a time for the dogs to go to the beach.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

South Gate is now working and functional.

Thanked Mrs. Benayoun for coordinating the tea party. It was highly attended and a big hit. Town looking at having it again next year.

Mentioned that Michael Glidden has been promoted to Director of Resident Services. That means that anything related to communicating with our residents, and making sure that our residents are more informed is his job. Our goal next year is to really engage our residents. He will be working out of the CIP office in the back. His main focus will be to make sure that our residents are taken care of. More of the concierge approach to our residents. It is new, and it is exploratory. Michael is now your liaison with anything related to resident services.

Vice Mayor Luskin complimented Michael on all of the work he's done with her with the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group, Veterans day and Memorial Day.

Town Manager spoke on TECO Gas and what the residents' responsibilities are with maintaining proper gas service. There is no TECO Gas issue in Golden Beach, the issue is residents not notifying TECO Gas to change their meter when their gas needs increase.

Stated that the Town will start issuing tickets to residents who are speeding on Ocean Boulevard and in the interior of Town.

Reminded the Council and residents that the Town's office closure dates for the holidays are December 22, 25, 29 and January 1. The Building Department will be closed from December 22nd through January 1st.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that he has a problem with the Town not having a police officer stationed at The Strand after 9 a.m. because there is too much traffic at that time trying to get out of Town and it is not fair for the residents who live on the north end of Town.

Town Manager stated that they would look into it.

Mayor Singer asked the Town Manager to touch on the FEMA meeting the Town had.

Town Manager stated that some of the landscaping and most of the staff time will be reimbursed. Meeting went very, very, very well.

J. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Stated that he would like to request approval for an executive session, in the event that the Town should need one, in the Shaheen matter.

Not setting a date now, just asking for approval through the Manager to call for one if need be.

Council approved it.

K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

L. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

M. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

N. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Official Minutes of the September 15th, 2017 Special Town Council Meeting
2. Official Minutes of the September 19th, 2017 First Budget Hearing
3. Official Minutes of the September 26th, 2017 Final Budget Hearing & Special Town Council Meeting
4. Official Minutes of the October 17th, 2017 Local Planning Agency Meeting
5. Official Minutes of the October 17th, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting
6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Agreement between the Office of the State Attorney and the Town.

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
 Resolution No. 2531.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2531.17

Consensus vote 3 Ayes, ___ Nays. Items N1 – N6 pass.

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

O. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

7. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing an Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA ("TOWN), AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE FLORIDA STATE LODGE, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MAYOR TO SIGN THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Resolution No. 2532.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2532.17

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>Absent</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager spoke on the item stating that in an effort to do something good for the employees, it ended up hurting some of them. It is only about a \$4,000 difference in revenues to the Town per year. Not worth the headaches. Police vehicles have a GPS system installed in them that can be tracked by the Town.

8. A Resolution of the Town Council Urging the Florida Congressional Delegation to Retain Federal Income Tax Deductions.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA URGING THE FLORIDA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT RETAINS FEDERAL INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS FOR INTEREST PAID ON DEBT SECURED BY A FIRST OR SECOND HOME AND PROPERTY TAXES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8
Resolution No. 2533.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2533.17

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

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>Absent</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

Councilmember Mendal spoke on the item.

Town Manager stated that there is a scribbled error on the resolution. It is missing the sponsorship line from Councilmember Mendal. It will be added on final adoption.

9. A Resolution of the Town Council Amending the Town's Schedule of Building Permit Fees.

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

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 9
Resolution No. 2534.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2534.17

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

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>Absent</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that this is for sub fees to the master permit. For the last 9 years, taken the liberties of applying a set of rules to make it fair when a permit expires. Administration recommending to charge the expired permit fees to a tiered method depending on how long it has been expired for. Current code calls for the full amount of the permit fee to be paid once it expires.

Vice Mayor Luskin asked if people are taking a long time to close out permits and finish building homes.

Town Manager stated that what they're noticing now is that people are taking longer to get a TCO because things are delayed in the market.

Vice Mayor asked if what he means is that homes aren't selling.

Town Manager stated that yes that is what he means.

Councilmember Bernstein asked what the reasoning is behind the permit fees.

Town Manager stated that they cover staff costs, inspector costs, licensing software and compliance officers.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if the Town could be more lenient with its fees if inspectors aren't going out to the property.

Town Manager stated that there is a back and forth process with the permit process. There could be up to nine inspections required with that permit once it is issued.

Mrs. Alene Fishbein, 256 Golden Beach Drive stated that what she doesn't understand is that if the Town has rules, codes, or regulations than stick to them. If it is written and it's part of the Town's code you do not deviate from it.

10. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Engagement of Kluger, Kaplan, Silverman, Katzen & Levine, P.L.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE
ENGAGEMENT OF KLUGER, KAPLAN, SILVERMAN,

KATZEN & LEVINE, P.L. AS SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE TOWN IN CONNECTION WITH CODE VIOLATIONS 416 GOLDEN BEACH DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 10
Resolution No. 2535.17

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2535.17

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

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>Absent</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

Town Attorney stated that this is the firm that will represent the Town if the current negotiations do not go through.

P. 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:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Lusskin asked about a home that has a construction fence and leaves it there for a year without doing anything. Can they just leave it there like that without the Town doing anything.

Town Manager stated that there are couple of lots that look like construction sites even though they are not. Those individuals just put rinky-dink fences around their properties so that people will not park on them.

Town Manager asked to move the January meeting to January 23rd. Council agreed.

Q. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez

Lissette Perez
Town Clerk