



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the September 12, 2018 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 Jaime Mendal, Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Amy Isackson-Rojas, *Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein (arrived during the Budget Presentation)*

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Building Director Linda Epperson, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, Resident Services Director Michael Glidden, Public Works Director Kirk McKoy, Facilities & General Maintenance Director Ken Jones, Lt. Yovany Diaz, Executive Assistant to the Town Clerk Sallam Abu Jarour

C. PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Chief 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

Attorney Helfman asked for permission to request an executive session pertaining to the Barbara Shaheen matter. Consensus vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays

F. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

Attorney Helfman stated that they would read both items into the record. They will then have a hearing on both items, but come back and vote on them separately.

1. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

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, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 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. 2568.18

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2568.18

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Manager spoke on the resolution stating the millage rate, voted debt service rate and the rolled back rate.

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Tentative Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2018 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2569.18

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2569.18

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Mayor Singer stated that they would discuss Item #F2 first and then discuss Item #F1.

Town Manager gave a presentation of the proposed budget explaining the various aspects of the budget including the millage rate, the general fund, the stormwater fund, revenues and expenditures, the department budgets and the capital budgets. He also reminded residents that the proposed budget was available on the website and his presentation documents would also be available on the website following the meeting.

Resident David Geduld, 126 Golden Beach Drive, asked how many officers the Town has.

Town Manager stated that the Town has 25 police officers: 18 full time officers, of those three are detached officers. There are also part-time officers.

Town Manager stated that in addition to the three cameras that are already out there, the town is adding four more. The town is adding a flare system that will allow the Town to see body temperature to detect movement at the beach. Will not be able to see a face at night, but will be able to detect masses on them.

Councilmember Bernstein asked about the cameras and whether there is a way to see a face at night.

Town Manager stated that seeing a clear face at night is difficult because of lighting and the restrictions the Town has because of the sea turtles. In Golden Beach, it is almost impossible to say that we can see their face at night, but during the day, it can definitely be done.

Town Manager stated that although the Town does not have facial recognition, we do have license plate readers. We know every car that comes in and every car that comes out of Town.

Vice Mayor Mendal asked for the Manager to expand on the process for buying police vehicles.

Town Manager spoke on the process of replacing the Town's fleet and why LETF dollars cannot be used to replace a current fleet. LETF dollars can only be used to purchase a new fleet.

Councilmember Lusskin asked if the beach cleanups that the Town performs are cleaning in the beach areas behind the residents homes.

Town Manager stated that the cleanings performed by the Town on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays do go closer to the residents homes, but the employees do not go into the residents backyards they only go up to the bulkhead at times. We do not pickup seaweed, that is something that the county is in charge of.

Councilmember Lusskin mentioned that one of the biggest complaints of the beach residents is keeping the beach clean and this year it was really difficult because of the seaweed.

Town Manager stated this year it was difficult because of the volume of seaweed that came ashore and the county's inability to stay up with the volume. This was a phenomenon that we hadn't seen in South Florida in several years. There was also a change in personnel at the County. In addition, the private provider that services residents went through an ownership change and the level of service they provide is not on par with what we have seen before. This is not a relationship that the Town has with them. The Town cannot provide resources to maintain private property.

Councilmember Lusskin asked if the Town could go up to the high water mark for purposes of clean up.

Town Manager stated that the Town will pick up debris even if it washes on to your property in the same manner that the Town does on Golden Beach Drive.

Town Manager stated that they will look into it to see if there are other companies, like the one that services the Town, that have obtained the permits to do the clean-up work on the beach so that the residents have other options.

Councilmember Lusskin asked if the County did the seaweed clean up in Town when the occurrence of heavy seaweed happened over the last few months.

Town Manager stated that the County for the first time removed the seaweed from the waters because the volume was too great. Not only in Golden Beach, but across the East Coast.

Councilmember Lusskin took a moment to speak on the Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group and all of the great things it has accomplished during the Manager's report on the Resident Services Department.

Councilmember Bernstein inquired about the DAG's and how those dollars can be used during the Manager's report on the Law Enforcement Fund.

Town Manager stated that those dollars can be used for one time purchases, new buildings and facilities, and new programs. But they cannot be used for existing items or programs or for repayments.

Town Manager hoping that this coming year the Town will take a break from big capital projects. Will still complete maintenance projects, but hoping to hold out on major projects for the coming year.

Vice Mayor Mendal stated that it seems like very little is allocated for the Town Hall Master Plan. Hoping to see a bigger commitment there and to see this project move forward.

Town Manager stated that first looking for direction from the Council on what they would like to see and then they will start moving forward with bidding and pricing.

Mayor Singer added that in October the Town Manager and him would be bringing some proposals before the Council as a starting point to go from there, for the Council to decide which direction they should move in.

Town Attorney announced that the second budget hearing is set for October 27th at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Singer congratulated the Town Manager and his staff on a job well done.

Town Manager recognized the department directors for the great job they do.

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. 2570.18

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2570.18

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that the Town is ratifying the fee schedule for building permits. Changing the redevelopment fee, where the fee will have to be paid every 12 months after the initial 24-36 months.

Resident Hilary Kates, 437 Golden Beach Drive spoke on a home that was being built behind her house that has caused very uncomfortable living conditions for her and there is no one there building on that lot. It is just sitting there.

Councilmember Luskin commented on the building department and that a lot of people blame the building department on things, but in her situation it was the contractor not the building department that was causing problems with her project being able to move forward.

Town Manager stated that the last thing the Administration wants is an unhappy resident/customer. We strive to always do a great job.

G. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez

Lissette Perez
Town Clerk