

Throughout his thirteen years as Town Manager, Alexander Diaz has successfully initiated a number of projects to enhance the well-being and welfare of the residents of the Town of Golden Beach. Not even one year into his employment with the Town, Mr. Diaz brought before the residents a General Obligation (G.O.) bond item which received an overwhelming approval from residents, via a town-wide election, for the issuance of the bond to fund a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to perform necessary infrastructure improvements throughout the Town. The G.O. Bond had been presented to residents twice, prior to Mr. Diaz joining the Administration, both times denied. Mr. Diaz was able to gain approval of the bond and gain the trust of the residents by setting forth the goals of the project clearly and concisely. This project began with stormwater improvements, sidewalk installations, undergrounding of utilities, and curb and gutter installations. Since 2007, Mr. Diaz has built on the momentum started with the initial CIP project and added on a number of additional elements to add to the value of living in Golden Beach. Under his leadership the Town has grown its open spaces, adding a dog park and additional park areas (bringing the Town's total number of parks from 2 to 9); a Town-wide closed-circuit television system was installed to increase safety and security; the Town's historic beach pavilion was completely renovated with additional amenities added (such as showers and play areas for children); and canal dredging was completed in all of the Town's islands. Perhaps his crowning jewel of achievements is the soon-to-break ground on Civic Center Complex Masterplan. After extensive research and a detailed Request for Proposals process, the Town (under Mr. Diaz's guidance and leadership) awarded the much-anticipated multi-million dollar project, and final arrangements are being made to break ground later this year. This project will not only provide a safe Emergency Operations Center for residents and neighboring communities alike during emergency situations, it will also provide for added recreational areas for residents to host family and friends, and house a more professional venue to hold monthly council meetings. Even while embarking on all of these projects, Mr. Diaz never lost his focus on maintaining the value of the homes in Golden Beach. He was able to rebuild an 80-year old city from the ground up to be more in line with modern times, while still preserving the historical, small-town characteristics that its residents love so much about living here. In addition, he successfully increased the Town's assessed values from \$500,000 to \$1.3 billion. He is constantly working on new and improved ways to give back to his staff and show his appreciation, such as monthly luncheons, annual holiday events, employee family events, and an annual wellness fair. During the last decade, the Town has experienced a re-birth, which could not have been accomplished without the exceptional leadership of Town Manager Alexander Diaz.