



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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Official Minutes for the April 28, 2020  
Special Town Council Zoom Virtual Meeting called for 5:00 P.M.

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**Zoom Room Meeting ID: 846 6482 5198 Password: 619924**

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THE PUBLIC MAY PARTICIPATE AT GOOD AND WELFARE; PLEASE HOLD ALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS UNTIL THEN!

## A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

## B. ROLL CALL

**Councilmember's Present:** Mayor Glenn Singer, Vice Mayor Kenneth Bernstein, Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Jaime Mendal, Councilmember Bernard Einstein

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Lieutenant Yovany Diaz, Building & Zoning Director Linda Epperson, Resident Services Director Michael Glidden, Public Works Director Kirk McKoy

## C. MAYOR'S REPORT

Appreciates everyone staying at home with the stay at home order. He is about to issue executive order #3 easing restrictions, this is in line with Miami-Dade County's easing order. Mayor Singer read for the record the details of the executive order. Effective tonight, residents only will be allowed to use the Town's nine designated parks between sunrise and sunset. Knows that these are confusing times for everyone and everyday everything changes. Visitors and guests are required to wear facemasks at all times. Anyone providing a service or coming to Town Hall is required to wear a mask. The Beach and Beach Pavilion will remain closed under the Dade County ordinance. Starting May 4<sup>th</sup> regular landscaping, house staff, pet grooming, car wash, all deliveries, and home maintenance will be allowed. Starting May 6<sup>th</sup>, construction sites may have 2 people on their site to prep their location for limited opening. Plans on opening construction sites on May 11<sup>th</sup> with new rules. The Building Department will be open two days a week. It was reported today that there was 33,000 new cases of the coronavirus and deaths continue to rise. If it does not work you are going to see Dade County, and Golden Beach to follow, lock it down because resident safety is the most important thing for all of us. Cannot stress enough social distancing and wearing a mask whenever out. And if you don't feel good, stay home. He can assure you that the Town Manager and he are up to date with everything that is going on.

## **D. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

### Town Operations and Affairs of the Town

There will be an eblast that goes out to residents tonight, concerning the new executive order. Our goal is just to have residents have a convenient ID, for when officers ask. We will be enforcing county rules as it relates to mask wearing, and social distancing, at the tennis courts, there will only be two people per court. As a reminder, we ask everyone to please wear their masks when out and about. Luckily, we have not had any incidents in Golden Beach related to crime activity, but there have been incidents to our neighbors in the south. As it relates to enforcement actions, the Town has been enforcing the stay at home orders. As we start easing the rules, we will still be vigilant. In Florida, and Dade County there is still a limit to no more than 10 individuals gathered together. Starting Monday, all deliveries will be allowed, all maintenance will be allowed. There is no need to call ahead. We do have 9 confirmed cases in Golden Beach of COVID-19. Are trying to do what we can to stop the spread. COVID-19 related costs of the Town have been very minimal. Have applied for FEMA reimbursement for non-personnel and personnel costs. Only projecting a loss of revenue as it relates to our non-ad valorem revenues. We have been looking at the budget. Maria and I have already begun the 2021 budget. Residents, our primary objective is to make sure we protect your assets values, and your investments, but still provide you with the services you need. As it relates to our capital improvement project – this coming Monday there will be a meeting with our CIP team. We intend to keep our CIP project moving forward. The goal is to bring to the council at the May meeting a contract for award. The Town's audit will be brought to you in the coming days. Residents, who live on Ocean, please bear in mind that the stay at home order pertains to you as well. Census update – a majority of residents are having issues when it comes to the census because there is not a Golden Beach option. He can assure you 100% that the homes that are geotched for Golden Beach will be counted for Golden Beach. Starting next week, the Building Department will be open on Wednesday and Friday. We will have a zero tolerance policy as it relates to mask wearing. There are a few groups of people that I would like to recognize. First our Public Works crews who have been coming in 3-4 times a week to keep our community looking as pristine as it does. And our Police Department who have been working around the clock to keep our community safe.

## **E. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE**

\*\*\*\* see *Town Manager's Report above* \*\*\*\*

## **F. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **Vice Mayor Einstein**

Thanked the Mayor, Manager, Police Department and staff for all they do. If 60% of the population wore masks to go out, this disease would be eradicated in one month. Cannot stress enough that people wear masks. Thinks that the roads that we repaved could not have come at a better time. They are so smooth and pleasing to walk around. He's noticing that bike riders are not wearing masks. They are finding that the aerosol from someone who is sick when they are coughing or sneezing can stay airborne up to 20 feet. There is something very contagious about this disease and thinks that it is the airborne particles.

### **Councilmember Mendal**

Thanked the Manager and the staff for the excellent job they have been doing.

Asked that the Town Manager clarify a few things when he can. He said nine cases, are they active cases or cases of people that have had it. The construction easing – what does that entail. Are the A1A guardrails coming down tomorrow?

**Town Manager** answered stating that on the 6<sup>th</sup> they will allow crews to start prepping the construction sites for safety. On May 11<sup>th</sup> those sites that are ready to commence will commence under the new guidelines. Let me be clear to everyone – one warning and then we shut you down. The foremen and construction managers are responsible – not the laborers. You are allowed to take your mask off if you are running, cycling, or six feet apart.

**Mayor Singer** stated that if they lift the stay at home order, the barricades on A1A will come down.

#### **Councilmember Bernstein**

Stated that he could not thank the Town Manager and the staff enough for keeping the Town safe. Inquired as to the exercising and whether people could exercise after 10 p.m. or if the curfew would still stay in place.

**Town Manager** stated that the executive order from the County Mayor only allows parks to be open sunrise to sunset, so exercising will only be allowed from sunrise to sunset. Can still walk on the sidewalks until curfew time, but inside parks only until sunset.

#### **Councilwoman Lusskin**

Thanked all of the staff in Town for making this difficult time so much better. 80% to 90% of the residents are out and about and it really does feel like paradise. Reminded residents that they can still be tested at the Aventura testing site. Will Town Hall only be open Wednesdays and Fridays or will Town Hall now be open full time.

**Town Manager** stated Town Hall hours will be driven by the safer at home orders. All employees have been coming into Town Hall at least three days a week and we have all been teleworking.

### **G. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

Made the Council aware that we have had residents that have been very difficult and not compliant with the regulations, and we are taking appropriate action. Is working with the Manager and Mayor with those issues.

### **H. GOOD AND WELFARE**

#### **Resident David Long, 80 Terracina Avenue**

Asked if the Building Department opens this Wednesday or next Wednesday.

**Town Manager** stated that its next Wednesday.

**Mr. Long** asked what the hours are for that.

**Town Manager** stated that it will be by appointment only and you could go to the Town's website to schedule an appointment, as we are trying to limit the traffic in Town Hall.

**Mr. Long** asked about the beach and opening it up for residents.

**Mayor Singer** stated it is not our call at this time and we are all abiding by the stay at home order.

**Former Councilwoman Amy Isackson, 600 Golden Beach Drive** asked that once the construction process is lifted, how will the inspection process work, will it be virtual.

**Town Manager** stated that the inspector will go to your site, have everyone step away and physically do the inspection. Will not compromise the quality of work because of COVID-19.

**Mrs. Isackson** also inquired about having an active permit that was already approved, what steps do they need to take to start.

**Town Manager** stated if you have the permit in hand you can call your contractor and tell them to come starting Monday.

**Resident Penny Tenzer, 138 South Island Drive** commented on why the beaches shouldn't be open. Because the beaches were opened in other areas and they had huge outbreaks of this there. It is the social distancing that needs to be maintained and does not think our beach attendants can maintain that.

**Mayor Singer** stated that once the beaches open he and the Manager will put together a set of rules that can help maintain social distancing.

## **I. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Official Minutes of the February 18, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting**
- 2. Official Minutes of the March 26, 2020 Special Town Council Meeting via Conference Call**
- 3. Official Minutes of the April 7, 2020 Special Town Council Zoom Virtual Meeting**
- 4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Proposal Provided by Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. for Water Meter Box Adjustments.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROPOSAL PROVIDED BY SOUTHEASTERN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE ADJUSTMENTS OF WATER METER BOXES AT MULTIPLE SITES THROUGHOUT TOWN; PROVIDING FOR A WAIVER OF BIDDING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 4  
Resolution No. 2674.20

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2674.20

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Items I1 – I4 pass.

## **J. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER**

**Town Manager** stated that they will try to schedule another meeting for early next week to approve the audit. Requested to move the May council meeting to Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Whether it is in person or on zoom will be determined by the governor.

**Public Works Director Kirk McKoy** stated that bulk pick up would begin next week by appointments only.

**Mayor Singer** reminded residents that when we open back up it will be around hurricane season so please make sure your property is prepared.

## **K. ADJOURNMENT:**

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A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Mayor Singer seconded by Councilmember Mendal.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lissette Perez*  
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Town Clerk