



## TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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Official Minutes for the September 8, 2020  
First Budget Zoom Virtual Hearing called for 7:00 P.M.

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**Zoom Room Meeting ID: 833 0224 3656 Password: 694192**

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### A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

### B. ROLL CALL

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

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

### C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

\*\*\*\* No pledge, as it was done at the previous meeting. \*\*\*\*

### D. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED COMBINED MILLAGE AND PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 (TIME CERTAIN ITEM)

1. **A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.**

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, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 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. 2696.20

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2696.20

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Town Attorney** read into the record a brief statement required by law. The proposed millage rate for the Town of Golden Beach for the fiscal year October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021 is hereby fixed at a rate of 7.7720 mills, which is \$7.7720 per \$1000 of assessed property value within the Town of Golden Beach. The rollback rate is 7.4688 and the proposed millage rate 7.772 mills, which is 4.06 over the rollback rate. The voted debt service millage for the year is .6280 mills. We are going to discuss and read both the millage resolution and budget resolution together and then we will go back and adopt the proposed millage and tentative budget in separate votes.

**Town Manager** stated this year because we are doing a zoom meeting we have done a couple of things to help facilitate tonight's discussion. This year we did something very unique as it relates to the Debt Service millage. Because of our savings when we refinanced the note for the GO bond, there was \$600,000 in our debt service fund balance. The Town has pledged \$200,000 of that fund balance, which allows us to lower the Debt Service millage and increase the Capital Fund, fund balance. We made a commitment six years ago to try and keep our combined millage rate no more than 8.5 mills. Tonight we are recommending a millage rate of 8.4 mills. That allows for \$8,700,000 of Ad valorem revenue for our budget. We sent a budget summary to every household. We made a commitment to not go into the fund balance to pay for the CIP and instead we are taking \$600,000 of revenue and pledging it to this year for the CIP. We also pledged another \$600,000 out of next year's budget of revenues for the CIP project. Not requiring us to touch the fund balance for the Civic Center master plan, we did so by taking our debt service revenues and manipulating that millage. This budget takes into account the CBA you just approved. It calls for 0% increase to our general employees. Only our contracted employees will see a salary adjustment this year. It calls for the replacement of a couple of vehicles in public works and the police department, and new projects to be added to the CIP. Big ticket items in the budget: we allocated \$80,000 for COVID or other unexpected activities that may arise through the

course of the 2020-2021 budget year. This budget calls for \$131,000 worth of premiums for all of our marketing needs throughout this budget year. It also calls for the freezing and elimination of three budgeted positions: one in our police, one in our substation, and one in our finance department. We are not eliminating; we are freezing them for two years and will ask for those positions to be funded in the third year. There are still two positions within the executive budget that we do plan to fill this year. We are bringing all of our boxes from offsite storage to put them in containers and hire two employees to go through all those boxes, to get us ready for the move next door. This budget also funds new Capital Projects. The Civic Center, allows us to start exploring the development of the wellness center, the development of the auxiliary services facility, and the bus shelters on A1A, as well as the cost to start looking at creating a wall on Massini. It funds the Veterans Memorial at the Center Island Pump Station, and funds the Center Island Pump Station with a loan taken from the State Revolving Loan Fund. It calls for us to draw the full \$4 million from the City National Bank Loan to meet our cash full capacity needed to cover our Civic Center Complex program. It does not take into account our current discussion and negotiations as it relates to Healthcare. It does have a \$50,000 increase to the contingency, should this council decide not to follow the recommendation we will be making. Am calling for a special workshop with the council this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. via zoom for a presentation on what we are thinking of doing with the health insurance this coming year. If you agree at the workshop that the manner in which we are heading for the insurance is appropriate, the Town Attorney and he will bring an item for their consideration at your Final Budget Hearing. He asks that the council approve the combined millage rate at 8.4 mills which adequately funds our total budget that is broken down as follows: General Fund Budget is \$10,570,741, Law Enforcement Trust Fund budget is \$249,654, Debt Service Fund is \$902,482, Capital Budget at \$6,270,996, and Stormwater utility at \$1,419,257. Ask that you approve the millage and adopt this budget.

**Councilmember Lusskin** stated that she is very proud of the way the Town Manager and staff did the budget.

**Councilmember Bernstein** stated that it is a very well thought out and prepared budget. One of the biggest issues in the Town is the Wi-Fi. He has repeatedly had problems as well as his kids and other residents. He believes the internet is a critical thing that we should be state of the art on. He believes we need to bring everything up to fiber. It is not included in this budget and we should be considering how we could get fiber in Golden Beach. Improving the speed of our internet will greatly enhance our values.

**Mayor Singer** stated that he and the Town Manager had that discussion today, they are scheduling a meeting with both of the vendors that can give us that service. At this time, we cannot budget anything for it because we are not sure 100% of that cost. He agrees with the councilmember 100%, especially with kids going to school from home.

**Councilmember Mendal** echoed Councilmember Lusskin and Councilmember Bernstein.

## **2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Tentative Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2  
Resolution No. 2697.20

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2697.20

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

Mayor Glenn Singer	<u>Aye</u>
Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Town Manager** stated that part of our budgeting is forecasting revenues and projections, and Linda Epperson works with him every year. He wanted to thank her and explain to the Council what she does for the budget.

Is asking the Council to allow us to have a zoom workshop on September 15, 2020 to discuss, what he intends to ask the Council to approve on the September 22, 2020 meeting as it relates to our insurance offering to our employees. He will be recommending going with a different plan, with a different provider and agent of record. He would like that agent of record for that plan to present to you and the staff. There will be an open dialogue between that broker and the council and employees. Should you feel comfortable that that is what we should do, we will bring you an item for your September 22, 2020 meeting. If there is a straw vote for that insurance, we will commence open enrollment even though you have not approved the contract, we have to have insurance in place by October 1, 2020. If on Thursday, he sees that the majority will approve that item on the 22<sup>nd</sup> we will hold open enrollment even though that item is not approved or ratified by you.

**Mayor Singer** stated lets set the meeting for Thursday at 9:00 a.m. he urges everyone to go through the material that the Town Manager will send out so that everyone can ask questions.

**Councilmember Bernstein** stated he would be traveling that day

**Town Manager** stated we would provide him a recording of the video, also that he will be able to speak to the representative one-on-one if he would like.

**M. 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 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lissette Perez*  
Lissette Perez  
Town Clerk