



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the January 19, 2021
Regular Town Council Zoom Virtual Meeting called for 5:00 P.M.

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A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 5:01 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, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Finance Director Maria Camacho

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Town Manager stated that this meeting is being held via zoom per the emergency order issued by Mayor Singer. All town meetings will be held via zoom for the foreseeable future as our Council Chambers is not large enough to maintain safe social distance measures. Stated that the Council received a certificate for their compensation, instead of having the orchids and plaques given to them, we made a donation of \$100.00 in each of the members names to the South Florida Feed America Food Bank.

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

Town Manager stated that this afternoon the Council received an updated agenda. Item #5 was added to the agenda, authorizing the Town Manager to retroactively submit an agreement to the Department of Health to become an open and close point of

distribution for the COVID-19 vaccine. He will discuss the item in more detail when it comes up.

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Wished everyone a Happy New Year. Need to emphasize continued safety, wear masks at all times and practice hygiene. Make sure all construction sites are wearing their masks, and ask residents walking around to wear them as well. This year is a busy year for us, we have the new town civic center, Center Island pump station, bus shelters and we are looking at adding internet high-speed fiber throughout the Town. Congratulated Councilmembers Mendal and Lusskin who were re-elected, unopposed. Thanked the residents that believe in him, he is going into his 9th term and he is still as motivated and excited as he was in his first term.

H. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Number of cases in Golden Beach continue to rise, 58 of our residents have tested positive and 8 of our employees have tested positive since the pandemic began. Two residents passed away as a result of COVID. We ask the residents to continue to use the masks, and hand sanitizers. We have a new self-administer antigen test that we procured, we are providing them directly to the homes that request them. Police have been going to construction sites asking them to wear a mask; two weeks ago, we shut down a construction site. We shut down Tweddle Park so we will have less people there.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Einstein

Congratulated Councilmembers Lusskin and Mendal, and Mayor Singer on going unopposed. Town looks very good, asked for more details on Center Island Pump Station.

Councilmember Bernstein

Wished everyone a happy new year and congratulated the Mayor, and Councilmembers Lusskin and Mendal and on their re-elections. Congratulated the Town on being on the front line for 2020, getting COVID testing and now looking at ways to get vaccines into Town. Thanked everyone for pressing the speed of the internet in Town.

Councilmember Lusskin

Extended condolences to resident Dina Nicolella for the passing of her brother recently. Stated that a few months ago Councilmember Bernstein commented about the number of iguanas, does not know what to say, and wants to know if there is anything, we can do about them. Received phone calls in regards to the dog park, if the Manager can talk about if we are going to keep both closed or if there is a way to open one. Was very surprised at how popular pickle ball is, knows we had some vandalism there if the Manager can go over that.

Councilmember Mendal

Congratulated Councilmember Lusskin and Mayor Singer. Stated the Town looks great.

J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Wished everyone a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to 2021 we have a lot on our plate, many exciting projects. We had a tremendous amount of positive feedback on this year's holiday gifts that were delivered to the homes. This year we will not have an election – Councilmembers Luskkin and Mendal, and Mayor Singer have been re-elected, but we have to validate the results in our February meeting. There will be a Swearing-in ceremony on Sunday February 21st at 11:00 am on the sand at the Beach, it will be socially distanced. Although the agendas will be light this year, that does not mean that there is not a lot of work to do. He has provided the Council with a memo outlining the projects that we will be working on for the first quarter of this year. We have increased our police efforts as a result of what is going on in our nation and in the state. Asked the residents to keep an eye out and report anything that looks unusual to the substation. We submitted three projects to the State for this year's funding program. As required there will be a memo sent to the Council tomorrow outlining our film activity for 2020, it is no surprise that it is little to none. As it relates to the dog park, we have no intentions to create another dog park anywhere in Town until the project is delivered. Right now there is no place where he can place a temporary dog park where it won't be abused by people outside of Golden Beach. As it relates to the pickle ball court there was some vandalism done to the tennis nets that has all been corrected. Wanted to remind the Council and residents that the pickle ball court is temporary. Where the pickle ball court sits today, a crane will be stationed there. Thanked staff for their work and service during the COVID pandemic. There are still many cities that are working remotely and our staff is back in the office and working every day.

Councilmember Mendal inquired about the pickle ball court, if we can draw the pickle ball lines on the tennis courts temporarily.

Town Manager stated that that is an excellent observation, the Mayor mentioned it as well; yes, we will do that once we have to shut down the pickle ball court.

Vice Mayor Einstein asked if the new dog park has a big dog section and a small dog section.

Town Manager we have not approved a site plan for that site, there is still a lot of moving parts on that site plan. Nothing set in stone yet, right now it shows one big area and does not designate small or big.

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

**** At this point in time the Council observed a moment of silence on behalf of all of the victims of COVID-19. ****

Vice Mayor Einstein mentioned that long-time resident Neil Leff passed away recently and extended his condolences to Mr. Leff and his family.

O. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

- Civic Center Complex Masterplan- stated we have fenced off the area of that construction site. If you are caught inside that fence at any time you can get arrested, this is being done for your safety and the safety of those working there. We are in permit review. There has been a little bit of a snag as it relates to our structural plans review. Lissett and him are working with the Towns engineers to make sure we correct the snag we are in. We will start to see some site work preparations over the next two weeks. Waiting on some last minute DERM permits before we can start tree removal. We are on track and the project schedule has not changed. There have been some hiccups as it relates to soil condition surveys that were done; we are working with the contractor on making sure we are not sacrificing anything in terms of design. At your March meeting, there will be a video and renderings in terms of final products such as hallways, door handles, carpet, etc. We have contracted with a company to animate that for you to make sure all of our residents and Council can see a walk-through of the building. There are a couple RFPs that Lissett and him are working on as it relates to furniture and equipment.
- Center Island Pump Station- thanked Maria Camacho, Lissette Perez, and Ingrid Gooden for working hard on something that we have never done before for projects. We have decided to be the purchaser of all of the major items for the Center Island Pump Station. By the Town buying all of the major items we are able to generate a \$30,000 savings by not paying taxes on those items. This project is also on schedule. We have a little hiccup because we are using state money for that project all of the items has to be Made in America, if they are not they do not qualify for reimbursement. Two of the items if we buy American will delay the project by close to 3 months, we are asking the State to give us an exception to allow us to buy those products with our own money. We do not want to delay the project because of a pipe. Still have not done the exploratory work to see how the seawall separated. The decision was made by the administration to wait until the king tide period is over. Reminded Council that the wall has spilt on two corners of that area. Will schedule that for some time in February.
- Fiber/High Speed Internet – stated that the Mayor has taken a very active lead on this. Lissett Rovira and Manager had been working on detailing an RFP that dictates what the Town wants. What we will do instead is issue an RFP where we tell the bidding community what our desires are, and have them tell us the best what to achieve that. At a minimum we will put that we would like to have fiber or better, and that we also want to offer Wi-Fi at our parks. At each meeting, we will keep Item O where we will give you updates on the major items in Town.

Vice Mayor Einstein asked if the Town is still looking at a bulk contract for the fiber.

Town Manager stated that yes, but also wants all of the providers to tell us what they feel would be the best way to offer better connectivity to our residents.

Councilmember Mendal asked if there have been any updates on the technological advancements that we were planning on doing for the Building Department.

Town Manager stated yes that will be one of the RFP's at the end of the year. The Mayor and Manager made a commitment to both the staff and to themselves that when we enter the new building we are leaving everything behind. The goal is to not transfer anything from the current network into the new building. So, we will upgrade our accounting software which we have not done in over 18 years and get an integrated online permitting system. We may advance the Building Department before we go to the new building. Our current software that we have for the Building Department is called Energov. It does have an online interface, we are negotiating with them to see what it would take for us to upgrade this system, the cost is about a \$30,000 to upgrade.

P. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Official Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Local Planning Agency Zoom Virtual Hearing**
- 2. Official Minutes of the November 24, 2020 Special Town Council Zoom Virtual Meeting**
- 3. A Resolution of the Town Council Retiring K-9 Dog Tyson.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, DECLARING CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY (POLICE K-9 DOG) OWNED BY THE TOWN TO HAVE NO INTRINSIC MONETARY VALUE AND PROVIDING FOR DISPOSITION; AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SUCH PERSONAL PROPERTY BY BILL OF SALE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2716.21

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2716.21

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Items P1 – P3 pass.

Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

- 4. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Sole Source Purchase of Bus Shelters.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SOLE

SOURCE PURCHASE OF BUS SHELTERS FROM LANDSCAPE FORMS INC. FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,000; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2717.21

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2717.21

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

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 spoke on the item. What we're doing to build these bus shelters is we're using Mainguy to do the landscaping, Biscayne Iron works to do the fencing, Southeast Engineering to do the plumbing, electrical, and build the actual shelters. He will be the General Contractor for these project, and will be hiring the subcontractors. Most of the work that the subcontractors are doing are below his spending authority. We are treating each shelter as a separate location and separate project. However, these shelters are only made by one company that Council has blessed, and individually they are still over his spending authority that is why the item is in front of them tonight. The total amount of the project is \$134,100; we have \$111,232 coming from CITT, which leaves us with \$22,000 to pay for. He reminded the Council that as CITT money comes in, we will pay back that \$22,000.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if we can put chairs for people to sit while they wait, because if they have to stand the whole time it defeats the purpose.

Town Manager agreed, stated after we take delivery of the site itself and we see what it looks like, we will explore the possibility of installing individual seating. He will get some ideas over to Councilmember Bernstein for his consideration.

Mayor Singer agreed that we will need seating

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Retroactively Approving a COVID-19 Vaccination Site Agreement between the Town and the Miami-Dade County Health Department.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, RETROACTIVELY

APPROVING A COVID-19 VACCINATION SITE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR THE TOWN TO ADMINISTER THE COVID-19 VACCINATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2718.21

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2718.21

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

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 spoke on the item. Stated with COVID ever evolving we are trying to stay ahead of municipalities. The state was looking for additional entities that can become vaccine locations to administer the vaccine. We immediately submitted an application seeking two closed pods. One for our employees, family and friends, and one for our residents, their family, and friends. We have been approved for both, what that means is that the Administration will now need to put together a plan on how we will administer the vaccine. We are required to provide nurses, a doctor, and an EMT team in case someone has a bad reaction. Already reached out to Miami-Dade Fire & Rescue and AMR to provide us with those services. Also reached out to three local staffing company's, one of them being the people currently doing our testing, we are negotiating a fee for them to come and vaccinate us. The states commitment, once our plan is approved and the general public can be vaccinated, they will add us to the list of sites to receive the vaccine. We are the third city in Miami-Dade County to be approved by the state to be an actual municipal vaccination site. This is a big win for the Administration. We are going to be pursuing this aggressively. The sooner we can vaccinate the Golden Beach population, the better. He feels confident that we can use our reserves to pay for this. In addition, the state will reimburse those costs. Even if we do not get reimbursed, if we have money to provide holiday gifts, he will find money to get vaccines to our residents should the Governor release them to us.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if the vaccinations are only or employees and residents.

Town Manager stated the way the agreement reads is the employees and their intermediate families and the residents and their intermediate families.

Vice Mayor Einstein stated that right now it seems that the way this is being administered, this is a different scenario.

Town Manager stated that what they have now is an open pod, where anyone can come to a location and get vaccinated. With a closed pod, the vaccination administration is closed off to persons outside of the specified group.

R. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Jaime Mendal:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
None Requested

Town Manager reminded council that the Swearing-In Ceremony is on February 21st, 2021, the February and March meetings will be via zoom at 5:00PM.

S. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk