



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the February 16, 2021
Regular Town Council Zoom Virtual Meeting called for 5:00 P.M.

Zoom Room Meeting ID: 878 0012 7191 Password: 834667

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A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmember's Present: Mayor Glenn Singer, *Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein (joined the meeting during the Mayor's report)*, 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, Building & Zoning Director Linda Epperson

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

INTRODUCTION BY MELONIE BURKE FROM MAYOR LEVINE CAVA'S OFFICE
– *did not attend the meeting*

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

Madison Berndt, 274 South Island Drive

Spoke on tar, she believes the fumes from tar are very dangerous and link to a lot of health and environmental concerns. Also stated that they are a fire hazard. She is requesting that the Town look into their permitting and ordinances and updating or banning this.

Tania Murciano, 405 Center Island Drive –submitted letter into the record that was read by the Town Clerk.

G. MAYOR’S REPORT

Spoke on the coronavirus, reminded residents to continue social distancing and wearing masks. Stated the Town has been approved to administer the vaccine but we have not received any of the dosages and he is not sure when we will receive them. Reminded residents that the Swearing-In Ceremony will be Sunday, February 21st at 11 a.m. The Town will apply proper COVID policies. The Town is working on several projects, a lot of projects are not know to the residents because they are RFP’s, the residents will be notified and kept in the loop as soon as they get moving. South Florida real estate market extremely hot right now. Urged residents to keep their houses updated and up to code.

H. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Town Manager stated that we are now providing at home test kits that have a 95% accuracy reading. If you need a test kit call Town Hall and we will drop it off at your house. We are not going to sponsor another mass testing because the focus is now on vaccinations and providing these at home test kits. No update on the positivity rate for the Town, the state has not released those numbers. As it relates to the vaccine, our agreement with the State of Florida has been approved; our operation plan with the Department of Health has been accepted. The latest news that we received is that once the general public vaccinations are made available, we are on the list for vaccines to be delivered to the Town. We have already signed an agreement with the provider that will be doing the injections; we are not waiting until the last minute to have these contracts in place so that we are ready to vaccinate as soon as we get the vaccines.

Mayor Singer thanked the Town Administration for the Valentine’s Day gifts.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Einstein stated it has been a pleasure serving as your Vice Mayor the past year and will be turning it over to Councilmember Lusskin. Stated that the Town looks great.

Councilmember Bernstein asked the Town Manager if he knows the kind of vaccine we will be getting.

Town Manager stated he does not know yet but the Town requested that it not be Pfizer because we do not have the cooling requirements for it.

Councilmember Mendal

None

Councilmember Lusskin thanked the Town for the Valentine’s Day gift. Stated that all of the information regarding the internet has been very well received, and is surprised as to what a selling point that is to residents. Stated she does not think that using tar for a roof is prohibited in Miami Dade County, but maybe we can make the neighbors aware before they use tar. The Golden Beach Youth Leadership Group will be having a

zoom meeting this upcoming Thursday, would like for all the children in town to participate.

J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

- Swearing-In Ceremony – February 21st at 11 AM at the Beach Pavilion- congratulated the Mayor and Councilmembers on their reelection without opposition. This event is limited to 100 guests, we are following strict CDC seating protocols, and the food will be prepackaged and dropped off at the tables. There will be no beach activities until after the swearing in ceremony. If you do not RSVP, do not be insulted when we turn you away, we are following strict CDC guidelines for this event. This afternoon we delivered the Newsletter, please take a look at it, there is a lot of important information provided. Wanted to let the residents know that we are working with Miami-Dade Water and Sewer on a very big project that will affect all residents on Golden Beach Drive. There has been increased police activity in Town, because northeast Dade County has seen an increase in the number of cars being broken into or stolen. We ask all residents to be proactive and lock their car doors and alert the substation if you see any unusual activity.
- Slumpies Art Exhibit- we wanted to provide alternative programming for our resident's to enjoy our community. For the next 30-45 days the art exhibit Slumpies will be visiting Golden Beach for our residents to enjoy.

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

- 1. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Variance Request for the Property Located at 326 South Parkway Concerning A Seawall Encroachment.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 326 SOUTH PARKWAY, GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160 TO PERMIT A SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE INTO THE WATERWAY BY APPROXIMATELY 3' IN VARIOUS AREAS WHEN TOWN CODE SECTION 46-81 DOES NOT PERMIT THE SEAWALL TO ENCROACH.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1

Resolution No. 2719.21

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2719.21

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Manager spoke on this item. Stated that in this particular case in order to keep the contiguous cap along this area of town, the wall needs to be installed 3 feet outside of the property line so that the wall doesn't hang out. There are quite a few of these throughout the parkways. The BRAB voted 2-1 on this variance.

O. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

- Civic Center Complex Masterplan-We have fenced off the area in Tweddle Park for the Civic Center Project take off. There has been minor work that has been done. A meeting was requested at the end of January with the builder who has expressed some concerns as it relates to the project moving forward. There have been some issues identified by the contractor as it relates to the scope of work in comparison with the contract price that we agreed to. He has asked for some time to look at his budget. The Manager has spoken with the council one-on-one, what we have allowed and agreed to is holding off on issuing the notice to proceed until the 22nd of this month, at which time the Manager and Mayor will have a better idea as to where the project stands and what is going to be our course moving forward with this project. By our March meeting you will have a full picture as to what we will do. Even though the project is currently moving at snail's pace, there is assurance by all parties that we will meet our contractor obligations to deliver this project should the project move forward as expected. He asks the residents to continue to bear with us. The Mayor has authorized the Manager to try to reopen the basketball court if we think this is going to be a prolonged delay.
- Center Island Pump Station- want to thank Maria Camacho and her team, we were able to sign up over twenty vendors, so that we can do the direct purchase of all of the items needed for the pump station. We have identified close to \$28,000 in savings on that project because we are purchasing all the items needed directly from the vendor. We made an agreement with the contractor that until all of the items have been delivered we won't break ground so that we can keep that area open to residents for as long as possible. We are hoping to break ground in March; this project is now under budget and moving as expected. Reminded the Council and residents that there is a potential seawall

issue that is not part of the scope of that project. We have not begun the exploration phases as to what we need to do to fix it.

- Fiber/High Speed Internet-The Mayor, Manager and staff have been meeting with different vendors and have done some site visits to see which vendors would best meet the needs of the Town. We have explored different options. Where we currently stand, we are looking at an option that we feel would be in the best interest of the Town both fiduciary and in terms of how we can get this project built in a timely manner. What we are looking at right now is the option of the Town putting in the fiber using one of the providers to put it in for us. They would than manage the fiber system and we would enter into a long-term build service agreement with that company to provide either internet or cable or both to our residents with a negotiated bulk contract. They would provide a direct service to our residents. Those residents that wish to sign up can do so enjoying the benefits of our bulk rates or not. That is one of the many options that we continue to explore. The goal is that as we speak to the five different providers, we find both the best means and the most viable option for our residents. We will provide fiber to our residents, how we choose to do so is still very preliminary in our exploratory phase. Once we do this, we are committed for a long time so we do not want to jump the gun on this. Bear with us, we will have a fiber contract in place for this community sooner rather than later. The Manager also shared that in the last month alone we saw over 20 lien searches in Town, so the Town is very active. We have many real-estate changing of hands. To our new residents, we want to stress to them that there are a lot of moving parts as it relates to the fiber project. There are many new residents that demand that we move this at a faster pace and we are working on that. A reminder to all residents if you are new and have not met with us, we have a new resident orientation that we need you to participate in so you know the do's and don'ts.

P. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Official Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Regular Town Council Zoom Virtual Meeting**
- 3. A Resolution of the Town Council Accepting the Town Clerk's Certification of the Results of the February 16, 2021 Town Election.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 TOWN ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND TWO TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS, DESIGNATING THE VICE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2720.21

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2720.21

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Proposal by Southeastern Engineering Contractors, Inc. For The Installation of Bus Shelters.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROPOSAL PROVIDED BY SOUTHEASTERN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE DELIVERY, SITE PREPARATION AND INSTALLATION OF TWO BUS SHELTERS IN 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. 2721.21

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2721.21

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Items P2 – P4 pass.

Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Assigning Each Councilmember the Duty To Inquire Into A Particular Area of Governmental Responsibility.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA ASSIGNING EACH COUNCILMEMBER THE DUTY TO INQUIRE INTO THE OPERATION OF A PARTICULAR AREA OF GOVERNMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2722.21

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2722.21

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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| Mayor Glenn Singer | <u>Aye</u> |
| Vice Mayor Judy Luskin | <u>Aye</u> |
| Councilmember Bernard Einstein | <u>Aye</u> |

Councilmember Jaime Mendal Aye
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein Aye

The motion passed.

Mayor Singer stated these council assignments will be from February 2021 to August 2021. Mayor Singer will handle General Government, Vice Mayor Lusskin will handle Public Works, Councilmember Bernstein will handle the Police Department, Councilmember Mendal will handle Finance, and Councilmember Einstein will handle the Building and Zoning Department.

Town Manager stated that the following six months the assignments will be as follows; Mayor Singer will handle Finance, Vice Mayor Lusskin will handle the Building and Zoning Department, Councilmember Bernstein will handle Public Works, Councilmember Mendal will handle General Government, and Councilmember Einstein will handle the Police Department.

R. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Jaime Mendal:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
None Requested

Town Manager stated that the next meeting is March 16, 2021 and will be via zoom. We are not ready to move off of zoom yet because our space is too small. Wanted to confirm the council is ok with 5:00pm.

Councilmember Einstein stated because of time change should we move them up.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if it is possible to move the March meeting up an hour to 6:00pm.

Mayor Singer stated he has no problem with that.

Town Manager stated we reserve the right to call for a special workshop as it relates to fiber towards the end of the month if we need to.

Vice Mayor Luskin confirmed the next council meeting is March 16, 2021 at 6:00PM.

Town Manager stated yes, it is.

S. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk