



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the May 17, 2022
Regular Town Council Meeting called for 6:00 P.M.

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A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Assistant Town Manager Linda Epperson, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Finance Director Maria Camacho, Resident Services Director Michael Glidden, CIP Director Lissett Rovira, Public Works Director Kirk McKoy, Asst. to Resident Services Director Jisel Krepp, Lt. Yovany Diaz, Asst. to the Town Clerk Sallam "Destiny" AbuJarour.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

CAKE CUTTING IN HONOR OF TOWN'S 93RD ANNIVERSARY OF
INCORPORATION

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

Town Manager stated that there were several printed items for Council to review. Stated one of the items is an email in regards to an incident that occurred in Surfside, showing how other communities do their notifications and it is many hours after the

incident occurs. Since a lot of residents feel we should do notifications in the event of an incident, this is an example of why we should not do notifications because it does not look good on the city. Item #12 has been revised. Also stated that a council member has requested to move item #11 to the first item on the regular items on the agenda. Added that the Council was provided with a large printed format of the Wellness Center and Civic Center.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

Allison Friedler, 399 Ocean Boulevard – spoke on the noise issue with the parties at the Beach Pavilion. The noise is affecting her home to the point where her children cannot sleep because the noise is so loud.

Ms. Beth-Ann Krimsky, GreenspoonMarder, 200 E. Broward Blvd, Suite 1800 – representing the Friedler's, appreciates the opportunity and the council's willingness to work with them for a solution. Currently there are no noise control features at the Beach Pavilion. Stated they want to work with the Town to come to a solution.

Town Manager thanked the Friedler family for coming in and sharing with them their concerns. Town is committed to finding a solution that meets both parties needs. We agree that there needs to be a reasonable solution in place. Committed to working with both parties on tangible solutions to allow both residents to use their homes comfortably.

Dina Nicolella, 522 North Parkway – sent a letter to be read into the record.

Sari Addicott, 155 Golden Beach Drive – sent a letter to be read into the record.

Mayor Michael Addicott, 155 Golden Beach Drive – sent a letter to be read into the record.

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Wished Golden Beach a happy 93rd birthday. We have made tremendous progress over the years and it is very impressive. Stated tonight we are voting on the rewording of the bond question: the bond offering is critical for this Administration. You have our commitment that this bond offering will have no impact on the millage rate of the Town. Summer is here, I urge residents to start preparing for hurricane season. Contact Town Hall if you have any questions or concerns on how to prepare for a hurricane.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Lusskin

Grading and lowering of catch basins around Town has made a huge difference. Looking forwarding to the Potluck Luau. Also looking forward to the Memorial Day event, very excited about that.

Councilman Einstein

Thinks that we need to explain to the residents the millage rate item, as we get closer to the referendum vote. Stated he has Hotwire and has not noticed any buffering issue as was alleged. Wished everyone a happy summer.

Councilman Bernstein

Looking forward to the Special Olympics event tomorrow night. Regarding Allison and Ariel at 399 Ocean Boulevard, thinks that the comments they spoke about at their property is a lot of the comments we've spoken about. With Dina Nicoella, thinks we covered the code red alerts already. Thinks it is a great idea with the bathrooms, and to look for a vendor that would provide the bathrooms. Surprised about Mrs. Addicott's comments about Hotwire as he has heard a lot of positive feedback about it. Asked the Manager to discuss in his report the streetlights.

Vice Mayor Mendal

First time he is hearing about Hotwire – only heard positive things about it, but thinks it is something we should look into. Congratulated the Town on 93 years. A big milestone and we have accomplished quite a bit.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Potluck Luau this Sunday. Stated through the years we will continue to provide maintenance and restoration work to our roads streets and our infrastructure. We are replacing all of the ballasts in the Miami-Dade County street lights. We have nine lights that are out. This year's budget will be tough. We are working aggressively on this year's budget. There has been a commitment from this Administration since 2007 that as long as we are here we will not go above the 8.5 mills millage rate. It is our duty to continue to inform and educate our public on the fact that we have a combined millage rate that we have been able to maintain and lower over the course of the last few years. We are asking our residents to vote for a GO bond that will allow for additional capacity in our budget to continue to provide projects that we feel are a priority for our residents. We have been very fortunate that none of our residents have ever sued us for not providing bathrooms in our public facilities that are ADA compliant for people to relieve themselves. Looking at some solutions. Does not think that the port-a-potties are going to cut it, which is why we are recommending a permanent solution. Congratulated the staff who have been working aggressively to secure additional dollars for the community, the Town has received \$575,000 in free money that the Town will not have to repay, for the pump in Tweddle Park and for an inundation and sustainability study to evaluate the Town and our needs moving forward as it relates to climate change. We have received \$1.775 million in free money this year that we have brought to the Town. There will come a point where we will have to talk about what other services and what type of infrastructures and projects we need funded and how those projects will be funded. There is an item tonight for the assessment for Hotwire. Recognized Mrs. Epperson who missed last month's meeting on her promotion to Assistant Town Manager.

J. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

Stated we have one item on the agenda which is the final settlement of the Shaen matter, if there are any questions he will take them up at that time.

K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

L. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

Town Manager apologized and requested to add one more comment to his Manager Comments. A resident on Terracina Avenue has installed a huge megatron screen that is emitting a large amount of light pollution into the waterways and Aventura. We are working through our code process to get this resident to take it down.

Steve Hornby, Turnberry North Tower in Aventura unit owner – this television is extremely bright. It does not face the house, faces us directly. This TV is a severe nuisance for the residents of this building.

Lindsay Friedfert, Turnberry North Tower in Aventura unit owner – this is not a regular TV screen. This is so bright, it lights up my entire house at night. If they would face it away from us, that would be awesome.

M. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

1. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Variance Request for 200 South Island Drive for A Seawall Encroachment.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 SOUTH ISLAND DR., GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160 TO PERMIT A SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE INTO THE WATERWAY BY APPROXIMATELY 3'5". WHEN TOWN CODE SECTION 46-81 DOES NOT PERMIT THE SEAWALL TO ENCROACH.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Resolution No. 2812.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2812.22

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

****Town Clerk swore in all participants speaking on this item****

Assistant Town Manager Epperson spoke on the item. Stated the BRAB recommend approval 3-0.

N. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

- Civic Center Construction Update
- Wellness Center and Town Park's Masterplan Update

Town Manager stated our Civic Center is now part of our Civic Center Complex, which comprises the new Civic Center, which is Town Hall, our recreational facilities, and potentially our new Wellness Center. The Civic Center itself is under construction; we had a meeting this past Monday with the contractor for the project and started to get soft numbers for the changes Perkins & Wills has asked for, and some changes that we have asked for. The number was a little bit worrisome; we have started to identify funding in our budget where we can absorb some of the cost increase. The Mayor and he do not have authority to make these changes by themselves; it will come to the Council as a change order. Received some news that is a little bit bothersome to him because it deals with the project schedule. We cannot blame the contractor because of what we are hearing, which he validated this with three residents who work in the development industry. There seems to be a new shortage as it relates to light weight concrete. It is what you would use on the membranes of the roof and for the ceiling of the building. The concrete that we will be using on our roof is scheduled to come in on September 24, therefore our timeline has been pushed back a few weeks. The goal is to still to deliver the inside of the building by the end of the year.

The second part is the idea of a new Wellness Center. Given our budget limitations, the Council approved asking the residents to approve a \$7-million GO bond obligation. That would be to fund projects in the Civic Center and throughout Town. Some of our residents feel that we set the August 23 elections because most of our residents are out for the summer. Wanted to remind our community that most of the schools including the private schools come back the second week of August and the election is the fourth week of August, and there is vote by mail. The Town is not trying to be tricky, what we are trying to do is provide a bond referendum to market before the market rates go up any higher. Here is what has caused a stir – in order to get people to vote for the bond referendum we have come up with some conceptual ideas of what we think we can pass with the bond money. If you remember for the civic center building, we provided something that looks nothing like what was delivered. What we have provided to our residents are some ideas on how we plan to house the building. Whether you want all of that or not, you will decide at a future meeting what you want and what you want to eliminate. This Council made a commitment to the residents to put together a committee to help identify what we want and what are the priorities in the building. We have also given an indicative site plan as to where we can minimize the impact to the neighbors and what we can do. This is staff's evaluation. Lissett Rovira, whom I want to thank publicly, has worked with me daily on this. We also need to get over this idea that we do not want restrooms in our parks. It is important that we realize whenever the Town residents host events, we are required to provide amenities for people to relieve themselves. We have to start changing the dialogue and the mindset of our residents. Therefore, we have also provided what we think is a fun way to address the bathrooms issue in the parks. We have a nine-prong approach to getting to the vote, it includes: a letter from the Mayor; the newsletter that went out; door tags; the brochure; etc. The goal is that each of you will serve as block captains to help us get out the vote. There

are no solid plans in place for the Wellness Center, it is all conceptual. With your blessing this evening, we would like to continue to have that dialogue with our residents as to what our community looks like. Asked himself this question after the last Council meeting, should we become a Council that becomes complacent and should I just be a Manager that comes in and collects a paycheck. I think that that is not what you want of me. You want us to continue to be progressive and being forward thinking and future focused on behalf of our residents. You have heard too often from your friends and neighbors that government projects take forever. We try to keep the ball moving, so we bring to you items in stages so we can test the water. There is an item on the agenda tonight that we talk about stating why we bring things to you in stages. If you have questions, as it relates to any of our other projects, just let me know. Stated we are starting to see issues with the trellises at the guardhouse with termites and wood rotting. We are working towards finding a solution.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that he has some concerns with how this has advanced since the last meeting. One of the biggest things we do not want to do is have people not coming out to vote because they are opposed to certain things that we have. When we set up the parks out there, it was supposed to be a rec field that was not used for events. That field was a mess for so many years and that was probably the impetus to get me to run for Council. Thinks if you did not have those parks used in the manner they are, there would not be such a need for the bathrooms. Before we go ahead and do this and put permanent bathrooms in there that might upset a lot of people.

Town Manager stated that he does not disagree. Stated he just wants to share the alternatives. We have not had this issue come before the Council in the past. I am not recommending tonight that we do it or not do it.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that he has been sensitive to ADA issues his whole life.

Mayor Singer stated that he walks his dogs out there and if you go out there any late afternoon you'll see a number of kids playing sports out in the park and they come up to him all the time asking if the town can put a bathroom out there. Thinks if a few residents say no, he does not believe that is indicative of all the residents. If it is an issue, maybe we do not do it, but I am telling you if you want to get the pulse of the residents go out there and watch the kids playing out there.

Councilmember Einstein stated that when he came here there was a bag stop for baseball in that park and some rickety swings. In addition, when another councilmember recommended they turn that park into a real baseball field, and he went around and got petitions from residents who were against building a baseball field there. In terms of the ADA issue, he inquired if you do not have a bathroom there then you do not have to meet the ADA compliance, correct?

Town Manager stated that is correct. However, the resident's issue who asked about the ADA compliance is that if this is a world-class community, how do we provide recreational facilities that are not fully designed.

Councilmember Bernstein stated the greater we build these facilities the more we have people who are not Golden Beach residents coming in.

Town Manager stated that it was built as our open field area. Our parks are for our residents to use.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that maybe we should list on the brochure what we are thinking of and have residents check off what they want to see done.

Town Manager asked if we could pick up this discussion after Item #11.

****Council agreed****

O. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Official Minutes of the April 26, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting**
- 3. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing and Approving the Payment of \$5,000 to the Special Olympics.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$5,000.00 TO THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHAMPION SOIREE EVENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2813.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2813.22

- 4. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the General Purpose Financial Statements For Fiscal Year 2020/2021.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE SINGLE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 PREPARED BY KEEFE, MCCULLOUGH & CO., LLP; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2814.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2814.22

- 5. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Proposal to Purchase and Install Electrical and Lighting Equipment on Ocean Boulevard.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROPOSAL TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL ELECTRICAL AND LIGHTING EQUIPMENT ON OCEAN BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2815.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2815.22

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Contract with Southeastern Engineering for Curb and Gutter Repairs on Golden Beach Drive.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO SOUTHEASTERN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR ROADWAY REPAIRS ON GOLDEN BEACH DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Resolution No. 2816.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2816.22

7. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Contract with Southeastern Engineering for Curb and Gutter Repairs on South Parkway.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICE ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" TO SOUTHEASTERN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR ROADWAY REPAIRS ON SOUTH PARKWAY; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Resolution No. 2817.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2817.22

8. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Contract with Southeastern Engineering for the Installation of Additional Landscaping at the Center Island Pump Station.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SOUTHEASTERN ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS, INC. TO INSTALL ADDITIONAL LANDSCAPING AT THE CENTER ISLAND PUMP STATION; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8
Resolution No. 2818.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2818.22

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Items O2 – O8 pass.

Town Manager stated the financial audit was in the consent agenda reminded Council that we did not have any findings in our audit and we are in a strong position.

Councilmember Einstein asked a quick question about the Town's charitable causes and what we donate to. How do we pick and choose what we donate to.

Town Manager stated that we set aside some LETF dollars and fulfill requests that way. I typically allow each councilmember one request. In addition, there are some that the whole Council wishes to support, like Teach for America. However, there are a lot that I say no to.

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

9. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Settlement Agreement between the Town and Barbara Shaheen.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND COUNTERCLAIMS BETWEEN THE TOWN AND BARBARA SHAHEEN, RESPECTIVELY; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 9
Resolution No. 2819.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2819.22

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bernstein seconded by Councilmember Einstein.

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Attorney stated they have been working diligently to try to bring closure to this matter. They were successful in court in having a summary judgment granted in their favor, determining that there was an illegal nuisance being committed on the property. Mrs. Shaheen has had the ability to appeal it and has decided not to do so. We all decided on a walk away agreement that releases all the parties from one another and we move on. She has signed the documents, they just need the Council approval before the Manager and Mayor can sign it.

10. A Resolution of the Town Council Amending Resolution No. 2811.22, Calling for a Town of Golden Beach Special Election Regarding the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2811.22, CALLING FOR A TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON AUGUST 23, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORATE A BOND REFERENDUM REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN MILLION (\$7,000,000.00) DOLLARS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTION OF A WELLNESS CENTER, AND ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING: IMPROVEMENT TO PARK(S), LIGHTING, THE BEACH PAVILION AND SIGNAGE AND FOUNTAINS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF SUCH REFERENDUM; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE; PROVIDING FOR THE TOWN CLERK TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR REMAINING PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 10
Resolution No. 2820.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2820.22

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Attorney spoke on the item. At your last meeting you voted on this identical resolution but if you recall at the end of the meeting on the fly we were trying to craft language to make it clear. I was not satisfied with the language when I went back and read it and have brought it back to further clarification. The referendum question has been slightly altered from when you adopted it to make it very clear that what they are voting on is a wellness center and one or more of the following improvements listed. It could be all of them or just one of them.

Mayor Singer read the question into the record.

Councilmember Einstein asked if hypothetically someone was to challenge us how would that delay us.

Town Attorney stated it depends at which stage they want to challenge it. What you would do in all likelihood, if you are going to move quickly with the financing because you want to take advantage of the interest rates, you would validate those bonds and assessments in a court proceeding and it would happen relatively immediately.

11. A Resolution of the Town Council Providing for the Uniform Method of Levying, Collecting and Enforcing Non-Ad Valorem Assessments for High Speed Internet Services.

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF TECHNOLOGY SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN; DECLARING THE IMPOSITION OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR SAID TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; ESTABLISHING THE METHOD BY WHICH THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; DESIGNATING THE LANDS UPON WHICH THE ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE LEVIED; STATING THE ESTIMATED COST OF THE TECHNOLOGY

INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES AND THE INITIAL TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES ASSESSMENT; DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ROLL; AUTHORIZING A PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING THE PROVISION OF NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 11
Resolution No. 2821.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2821.22

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that on the dais the Council was provided with the preliminary assessment roll. This Council has asked the Administration to look at ways that we can create revenue sources to cover obligations with Hotwire. There are currently two executed contracts with Hotwire and a third that is currently coming down the pipeline. Council has asked us to bring an assessment number that we do not have to increase every year so that we do not have to burden the residents with these increases. Your first contract is fiber and managed in home Wi-Fi system that has a year ten value of \$58 a month. In year number one the Hotwire internet/managed Wi-Fi system is \$50 a month. What we are recommending tonight is that we set it at \$80 to meet all of our Hotwire requirements. The third contract has not come to Council yet.

Councilmember Einstein asked if we already passed the CCTV cameras.

Town Manager stated yes, you have voted for your second contract which is your CCTV contract and that comes out to \$10 a month.

Town Manager stated that our commercial contract with Hotwire, you have already approved. As part of our very active dialogue with this Council.

Town Manager stated that we are going to vote for one assessment. We are recommending that it be \$80 per month, for ten years.

Councilmember Einstein asked if that includes the infrastructure and build out to do that.

Town Manager stated yes. Stated what we are recommending is \$80, what he is explaining to you is what portions of the pie does that cover.

Vice Mayor Mendal asked if they go to \$80 and at the end of the day they decide they are not interested in contract number 3 do we just reduce the assessment.

Town Attorney stated yes.

Vice Mayor Mendal had to leave early, but stated that for the record he is in favor of all of the resolutions up for vote prior to leaving the meeting.

Mayor Singer stated that to cover the beach securely and safely 24/7 you need to add the cameras. Thinks you need to think of the Town as a whole. All of the projects we do benefit the inside residents, and they go along with it. Very few of our projects benefit the ocean residents.

Councilmember Bernstein asked that why not ask for \$98 instead of \$80 to be able to fund all of the projects.

Town Manager stated that we felt we would not get the support needed if we assessed the full amount needed. We only have two cameras on Ocean Drive. Irrespective of whether you wish to approve cameras on the intercostal or on the beach, it is your right. We do know that we live in an era that we need cameras to help us with our investigative measures. There is also an increase in crime.

Town Manager stated that in fairness to Vice Mayor Mendal he felt that it was premature to include the additional \$12 because that contract with Hotwire hasn't been voted on. If the contract with Hotwire fails, he is going to recommend to the Council that we add at least 46 cameras to Town.

Mayor Singer stated that when he spoke to the Manager they felt that the \$80 is sufficient to cover the resident portion. We discussed that the Town should flip the rest of the bill.

Councilmember Einstein stated let us be realistic about the Town. We are a very secure Town, should we have zero tolerance? Yes. However, at the same time 99% of Towns in Florida want to be like Golden Beach.

Mayor Singer stated we want to be proactive instead of reactive. All it takes is one incident that happens in Town and people will never forget it. One person having a violent armed robbery and people will never forget it. We do not have the ability to monitor it because our cameras are 13 years old. Technology has changed. Yes, we have great police presence, but it does not matter how many police we have we need to secure the Town. Stated to think about what we are saying, we are talking about \$1,000 a year. Of the last 30 homes that sold, the lowest was probably \$6-million and the highest \$30-million, people are moving here because they want to have security and feel safe. We are at a different caliber of resident than we were five years ago. If you ask the new residents, what they love and want in Golden Beach their number one thing is safety and security and it should be.

Town Attorney spoke on the item. Look at this as a technology services assessment. It has morphed from its original single purpose to a whole. The scope of the services that are anticipated has now become 40% security component. This is both a high speed internet and security assessment. There are two components that you voted on. One is the internet the other is taking over the existing camera system. There is an additional \$12 of assessment in here that would be approved for additional security improvements. What the scope of that is will be determined. If you decide not to do any of them than that \$12 is not passed on in the assessment.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that it looks like they are presenting to them a vote for one of two items. \$68 or \$80. Can we just vote on the \$80 and if we do not vote on the third contract, we then reduce it if we need to.

Town Attorney stated that the first part is notice to the neighbors that this is a proposed special assessment. Then notice to the neighbors that there will be a public hearing where you go into detail where you adjust and remove components. So look at this as it is a first reading, because that is really what it is. I do not want you guys to feel that this is the final decision.

Councilmember Einstein stated he did not realize this was going out to the residents.

Town Attorney stated yes, they would not be making this decision without their input.

Councilmember Bernstein asked if they can have a breakdown of how the dollars are being used at the next meeting.

Town Manager and **Town Attorney** stated yes they can.

Town Manager asked that they speak in one voice instead of talking about different contracts, because we are passing one assessment to cover a portion of our Hotwire obligations. Does not want the residents to feel like there is different assessments because of the different contracts. It is just one assessment.

Mayor Singer stated we are voting tonight on an \$80 a month special technology assessment.

Town Attorney stated we know that out of hat \$80, \$68 is committed.

Town Manager stated we have always talked about the 8.4 mills being locked, but if we do not start, identifying ways to help meet our operating costs, than we may have to increase our millage rate. That is something we are trying to avoid by looking at diversifying our revenue stream, that is why we are proposing this technology fee to help offset some of our costs. Should the assessment not go through we will have to identify revenues in our current budget to help meet our contractual obligations, or increase our millage rate.

Mayor Singer commented that he thinks it is great that they have a healthy dialogue in the public so everyone understands what they are doing.

12. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving An Amendment to the Employee Manual.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S EMPLOYEE MANUAL AS PRESENTED; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 12
Resolution No. 2822.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2822.22

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

On roll call, the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

Town Manager spoke on the item. At the last meeting, we discussed getting two new holidays for our employees, since the county has adopted them. One being the First Responders Day and second Juneteenth. Since the First Responders Day is new and not many cities have adopted it, we pulled that holiday from this item. We are only offering the Juneteenth Day, which is federally recognized and adopted by the county. We are recommending amending the employee handbook to only include Juneteenth.

Q. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Jaime Mendal:
None Requested

Councilmember Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz

None Requested

Council requested to move the June meeting to June 14th at 6 p.m.

Town Manager reminded Council the next meeting will be a long meeting because we do not come back until August. Also asked to move the August meeting to August 30th at 6 p.m. Reminded the Council of the Potluck dinner and Memorial Day event. Stated he will be out of the Town and the country from May 25th through the 30th and again June 2nd through the 6th.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez

Lissette Perez
Town Clerk