



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the June 14, 2022
Special 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 6:08 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Assistant Town Manager Linda Epperson, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Lt. Leila Perez, Asst. to the Town Clerk Sallam "Destiny" AbuJarour.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lt. Leila Perez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

None.

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

Mayor Singer asked to move the public hearing to after council comments on the agenda.

Town Manager stated that we would be moving item #7 to come right after the public assessment public hearing. Also stated that if residents were here to speak on the special assessment item to speak during that item not during good and welfare.

F. PUBLIC HEARING FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

**** All comments and discussion pertaining to the hearing are found under Item #7. ****

G. GOOD AND WELFARE

Dr. Stanley Fineman, 475 Ocean Boulevard. Asked if there are damages to the stormwater system on A1A who is responsible to pay for the damages.

Town Manager stated that the individual who caused the damages would pay for it. If there is maintenance or repair needed, that is paid for by the state through the Department of Transportation.

Dr. Fineman also stated that on the beach we need cameras.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Reminded residents that summer is here and that they should be proactive in preparing their homes in case we have a storm. Get your home ready for the summer. On Sunday we had bagels on the beach, it was a great time. We made a short presentation on the GO bond. Spoke on the August 23rd election, and the GO bond item. One of the items on the election is a question, you vote for or against the GO bond for the Town. The Town is trying to issue a \$7-million GO bond to design and build a modern state of the art wellness center for the community. Also, plan to use the money to redo Tweddle Park. That includes three tennis courts, two regular, one clay, two pickle ball courts, a basketball court, a tot lot, and three dog parks. Will also look to fix the lighting on A1A and looking into putting public restrooms in the park areas. Also looking to make the entrance and fountains on A1A more decorative, add renovations to the beach pavilion, and beach pavilion area. This Council has made a commitment to not affect the tax structure. We are confident we can pay for the debt service of the building and the maintenance of the building. It is not going to affect your taxes. The beauty of the GO Bond is that it really is going to enhance Golden Beach. Stated on Sunday's event he had two residents come up to him and thank him and the Council for doing what they have done because it has increased the values of the Town of Golden Beach. We have done over the years, almost \$60-million of capital projects. We have lowered your taxes 4 times, since he has been in office. We have always been behind Bal Harbour, the islands now we're the premier community. We have been in the Wall street journal for record home sales. The reason we are getting these prices, is because we've added value. This GO Bond is going to add tremendous value. The plans are not done, first have to get the GO Bond approved. The vote is August 23rd. If the bond doesn't get approved, the building will not get done, the bathrooms will not get done. It is imperative that this bond gets passed. There is no negative to the bond getting passed. Spoke on the internet and camera assessment. It will be \$80 a month, less than a \$1,000 a year. We are the first community in the country to offer fiber, one gig up one gig down to our residents. We said from day one that the residents were going to have to pay a portion of the bill. However, it does not just include the internet; it also includes adding cameras on the beach and on the intercostal. We have had incidents over the last few months of attempted break-ins where we could not detect who they were on the cameras because of how outdated the cameras are. I cannot stress enough how important it is that this passes, because added security is very important.

Dr. Karlin 687 Ocean Blvd, asked if the Council cannot approve the GO Bond does it have to go before the residents.

Town Manager stated the Council cannot pledge ad valorem dollars for a bond. They can approve a bond through non-ad valorem dollars like the other miscellaneous revenues we have.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bernstein

Spoke on the GO Bond, stating that it is going to improve everyone's property values and improve everyone's quality of life. And if you aren't going to be here to vote, you can vote by mail. With the GO Bond we are trying to gauge the resident's interest in doing it. One of the biggest things is taking care of the ocean residents with security. Asked if when the Town is scheduling events if we can schedule them at a later time in the day so more people are available.

Councilmember Lusskin

Looking forward to working with the people on the ocean so that they really feel like they are a part of Golden Beach. Mentioned the Town's website and how it provides a wealth of information. Apologized to the police and the staff for the Council not passing the First Responder's Day holiday. Our police and staff is here even when Town Hall is closed; hopes to bring it back someday soon.

Councilmember Mendal

Stated that the GO Bond is investing in the community. The debt we would be taking out, we have the capacity to service it. Mentioned 399 Ocean Boulevard wanting to make sure that we do not lose sight of that and that we follow up on it.

Mayor Singer read the GO Bond question into the record.

Councilmember Einstein asked for clarification on what the bond will be used for. Also asked for clarification on what the assessment amount is.

J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Every year I set your millage rate for trim notices and you ratify your trim rate. Once I set your trim notice you cannot go higher, you can only go lower. I intend as your manager to set the combined millage rate at 8.4 mills. Once I set that millage rate, you cannot increase it. Unless this Council orders me otherwise tonight. Know that we have ongoing capital projects that continue to move forward. Councilmember Lusskin, I'm sorry that we had to cancel the Memorial Day event. On Veteran's Day, we will open the Veteran's Memorial. This Thursday he will be negotiating with the FOP a contract with the police union. We have been aggressively negotiating that contract to increase our officer's wages. As it relates to our patrols on the beach, the message is loud and clear. You have his commitment we will increase the amount of patrols we have on the ocean. Right now at a minimum, they are required to have one ride per officer. You have that commitment from me that you will see an increase of patrols on the ocean. Thanked Councilmember Bernstein and Mayor Singer for working with Commissioner Sally Heyman to allocate \$25,000 towards the Town's wall project. He stated the Governor did veto two projects of ours, but he is pleased to announce that even though he vetoed two projects this Administration still secured \$705,000 from other sources from the state of Florida.

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

NONE

L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

1. **An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach Amending the Town’s Code of Ordinances to Provide for a Fixed Height for Seawalls.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, SEAWALL AND DOCKS; PROVIDING FOR A FIXED HEIGHT FOR SEAWALLS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Ordinance No. 600.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 600.22

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

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 Manager stated that the Town has directed the Town attorney to include on line 51, item b will include the words “no more than”. Wants to be clear all nonconforming new seawalls will also receive the same benefits as new seawalls as it relates to the docks. If a nonconforming seawall wishes to put the 3 inch overlay to have a platform dock, it does receive that same benefit. Also stated that the 25% of substantial improvement is not based on value, it is based on linear feet. Apologized profusely to Councilmember Bernstein for speaking incorrectly.

Councilmember Bernstein asked the Town Attorney to clarify what that means.

Town Attorney stated that it says collectively or commutativity, so if you’re doing portions and together those portions amount to more than 25% of the distance of the wall than that would trigger bringing your wall up to the current code.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that at the last meeting they stated that the repairs would apply to new homes. Feels like the 25% language is forcing current homeowners to have to fix their docks and do not want to discourage people from fixing their seawalls.

Town Attorney stated at some point there is a threshold when you change the rules that when you need to now comply. What were saying is you do not have to comply today, you have to comply if you're building an entirely new wall. Asked at what percentage of work can we say to you that you have to bring that wall up to code.

Councilmember Bernstein stated he thinks when you're going in there and enforcing your existing wall you're not necessarily building a new wall than why does it matter? If someone just wants to be safe and reinforce the wall, why are we going to put a percentage on that? If your building anew wall he understands but why when they are repairing it.

Town Manager stated that don't you think that you owe it to your neighbors and community to reinforce your seawall to protect their properties as well.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that he himself is going through this right now. He's putting in a new dock and had his seawall looked at and he was told that he's got at least ten years left on his seawall.

Mayor Singer stated Councilmember Bernstein has a very good point it might deter people from even fixing a seawall

Town Manager stated that we are going to withdraw this item and bring back

Town Attorney stated that why do not we just change this to all new seawalls and we'll deal with existing walls in the maintenance plan.

Town Manager stated that if they are doing that he wants to remove certain portions of the ordinance.

Town Attorney read into the record the requested changes.

M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

2. An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach Amending the Town's Code of Ordinances to Provide for Maximum Building Heights.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE III, DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTIONS 66-69.1, 66-69.2 AND 66-69.3; PROVIDING FOR MAXIMUM BUILDING HEIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2

Ordinance No. 601.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 601.22

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 Manager spoke on the item stating that it is more specifically for Zone 1. If you require a higher first floor finished elevation, as you have required for all 13 other variances then you have to sacrifice height. The other item sets minimum first floor elevation on ocean and gives both lot sizes an allowance to go higher than the minimum should they chose to do so.

Town Attorney stated that if you decide to elevate your first floor, this item takes away from the height.

3. An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach Amending the Town's Code of Ordinances Concerning the Finished Floor Elevation.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 66, ZONING, ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 66.1, DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, ELEVATIONS, SEC. 66-101, HOUSE AND GARAGE FLOORS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Ordinance No. 602.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 602.22

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

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 Attorney spoke on the item. Stated what this does is set where your first floor minimum has to be on your homes. Zone 1 is where you have the flexibility. For zone, 2 and 3 we are setting that first floor at what it is called 9 feet NAVD. For zone 1 the minimum has to be two feet above where the Florida building code has it. In addition, we are letting you go up 3.4 feet more on a smaller lot or 4.4 feet more on a larger lot. But if you want to do that, you have to know that the height has to compensate for it.

Town Manager spoke on where the NAVD point is, it is not feet where you stand it is a survey marker that makes all lots equal. So do not think of 9 as 9 feet, it's 9 as measured through your survey.

Town attorney but this fixes it for everyone.

Town Manager stated that in Golden Beach we used to use NGVD.

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

O. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

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

P. CONSENT AGENDA

4. Official Minutes of the May 17, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Purchase of One Polaris Ranger and One Polaris Sportsman Police Vehicle.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND EQUIPPING OF ONE POLARIS RANGER AND ONE POLARIS SPORTSMAN POLICE VEHICLE AND THE USE OF GENERAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP THE VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2823.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2823.22

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Items P4-5 pass.

Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Waiver of Plat for 393 Center Island Drive.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF PLAT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 393 CENTER ISLAND DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Resolution No. 2824.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2824.22

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 Manager stated that our code requires that the wavier process start with the manager's office and then Council determine if our work is concurrent with the code. This lot is an irregular shaped lot where the frontage is at the center. We made sure the applicant meets all the conditions of your code. We recommend favorable approval of this wavier.

Town Attorney stated that this is a split lot.

Councilmember Einstein asked about what the wall means.

Town Manager stated that the Town is requiring that they preserve the Town's T so the Town is requiring that a wall be installed.

7. A Resolution of the Town Council Relating to the Provision of Infrastructure and Technology Services within Town and Declaring the

Imposition of Special Assessments for Said Infrastructure and Technology Services.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES WITHIN THE TOWN; DECLARING THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SAID INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY, DEFINITIONS, AND INTERPRETATION; LEVYING AND IMPOSING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SAID INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY SERVICES; CONFIRMING INITIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; ESTABLISHING THE METHOD BY WHICH THE PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE MADE; PROVIDING FOR EQUALIZATION, FILING, AND LIEN ON PROPERTIES TO BE ASSESSED; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF FINAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; ESTABLISHING METHOD OF CHALLENGE TO THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Resolution No. 2825.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2825.22

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

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 Manager spoke on the item, stating that it is an assessment of \$80; he is withdrawing the other option of \$70. It will cover all of our Hotwire obligations, what has already been approved, and what we will be asking the Council to approve in the future. Currently our obligation with Hotwire is a contract for your cable internet, fiber, and in home managed Wi-Fi system, and CCTV takeover of our existing system. Currently we are negotiating with Hotwire Communications for an expanded CCTV system to include cameras on our ocean and intercoastal. Also negotiating the replacement of some of the existing cameras and adding additional locations on Golden Beach Drive. We do not have a final negotiated contract with Hotwire for those additional services. We do have

indicative rates from Hotwire, those rates are an additional \$40 a month. The \$80 does not cover those additional \$40, we feel that the Town should shoulder some of those costs. What we are asking the Council to allow tonight is of the \$80 we know a portion will cover our additional obligations with Hotwire. Does not think it is fair and does not think the Council should pass this on as a millage increase to our residents. Unlike the GO Bond each home is getting a dedicated gig with an in-home managed Wi-Fi system as part of this deal. Because he feels that the one gig fiber to the home and the in-home managed Wi-Fi system is consistent across the board, he finds it unreasonable to ask a more expensive home to pay more millage for that fiber internet. This is why he is recommending to the Council for the first time in 15 years that we have an assessment and not a millage rate increase to this program. As a Manager, he feels getting a millage rate increase is more beneficial which would generate more dollars for additional projects; however, he finds it unfair to ask someone who has a more expensive home to pay for the system when everyone gets the same in-house benefit. This item is only on our obligation with Hotwire, which as of today is a one-gig fiber to the home and the in-home managed Wi-Fi system. We are negotiating two other obligations with them. If the Council chooses not to approve those future contracts than we will lower the assessment. Does not believe that there is any appetite from the Council not to provide those additional services through the Hotwire contract.

Councilmember Bernstein stated most residents would no longer have to pay an Atlantic Broadband bill.

Town Manager stated what the Councilmember is alluding to is that if you choose to have Hotwire provide you with your services, there is no need to continue to have Atlantic Broadband.

Scott Schlesinger, 201 Ocean Boulevard- sent a letter to be read into the record.

Laura Rose, 580 North Island Drive- sent a letter to be read into the record.

Mayor Herbert Tobin, 461 Ocean Boulevard- sent a letter to be read into the record.

Michael Klinger, 572 North Island Drive- sent a letter to be read into the record.

Michael and Sofia Ioannou, 500 North Island Drive- sent a letter to be read into the record.

Dr. Neil Karlin, 687 Ocean Boulevard- stated he is confused because the letter sent in the mail and what is being said tonight are different. Stated when it was originally presented, it was \$50 a month which he was opposed to, but understands. All of sudden cameras, security, and the gates are all intertwined with it. Does not understand the purpose of the meeting because it is about paying Hotwire, but Hotwire already did all the work so if the assessment doesn't pass we are going to get taxed.

Town Manager stated that the letter they received and the tiers are not off the table. There is a tier 1 and tier 2. The difference is whether you have a developed lot or not. If you have an undeveloped lot you pay a lesser fee because you are not receiving the services, you are paying part of the capital costs but you're not paying for the services. Asking the Council to allow the \$80 to be voted on so that we can negotiate those additional services from Hotwire. Stated when we met with Blue Stream and Hotwire at

the beach pavilion both companies were asked to provide us with a CCTV camera takeover. Cameras have been part of the project since day 1. We have always said an assessment up to \$100 and that is why we are recommending today \$80.

Dr. Ronald Trapana, 561 Ocean Boulevard. Asked about the GO Bond. Is it going to be ensured and what is the rate on the bond? Are you going to open it up to residents first before opening it up to the public?

Town Manager stated should the August 23rd referendum get approved, we will be going to market through a competitive bid process for the \$7-million in bonds. They do not have to be ensured because they are guaranteed by your ad valorem dollars. Whoever comes in with the best rates and terms is whom the Council will select.

Dr. Trapana stated that adding cameras is not enough. The way you have security on the inside of Town, that is what we need on the ocean.

Mrs. Lea Carmona, 410 Ocean Boulevard. Stated that they use the beach a lot and our bathrooms are always open and people come and use the bathrooms all the time, so recommending that we have a code or something like hotels do to limit the use of the bathrooms because when they use the bathrooms it is a mess. Also asked about the letter that was sent to the homes because she is confused and does not know what to do with it. Has a complaint about Hotwire. They made a big mess in her garden and destroyed everything. They left a big mess.

Mr. Marcos Carmona, 410 Ocean Blvd. stated that the Town has the best law enforcement in the country. They are the best.

Dr. Stanley Feinman, 475 Ocean Boulevard asked who wrote the assessment notice because it is very confusing. Stated that he agrees with Dr. Trapana, that the police are buzzing up and down the street but not patrolling. Stated when the company before Hotwire came in the residents didn't have to pay anything and there was no assessment. Believes that they should not be paying Hotwire for installing their line in Town. Recommended that the vote not be passed tonight, to hold it off until the next meeting and send something out to residents that they can understand.

Town Manager stated the letter is not signed because it is a notice not a letter. When we decided as a community we wanted to have fiber, we offered it to all the providers including the existing provider Breezeline, which was formally known as Atlantic Broadband. Not a single provider took a bite of the apple. The Town then wrote a request for proposals so we can ensure we are a premier community that offers direct fiber to every single home not copper internet. The only way we could get a provider to come in here is if the Town were to guarantee a certain number of customers.

Dr. Feinman stated that he doesn't want to change his internet provider. Why can't he just keep his current provider?

Town Manager stated that he could, but he would have to pay for the new system as well for having the service available to you.

Mayor Singer stated the reason this whole thing came up is that during the pandemic they received so many complaints because we had multiple users in a residents home

utilizing the Wi-Fi. We also had major issues with the provider. This is one of the best communities in the country we should have the best company for high-speed fiber.

Dr. Karlin stated that why can't the people that don't want it not pay for it?

Mayor Singer stated that that's not the way it works

Councilmember Bernstein stated that by doing it with everyone, we got it for almost half the price because we got a bulk rate because of the guarantees that everyone would use it.

Mayor Michael Addicott, 155 Golden Beach Drive. Asked what are the current bonds that the Town is obligated to pay, and what is the remaining balance on those bonds?

Town Manager stated that we still have about 15 years left on the current bond and we have about half of the value of the bond left.

Mayor Addicott asked what are the current assessments the residents currently pay.

Town Manager stated that the Town currently does not have any assessments.

Mayor Addicott asked about the stormwater costs.

Town Manager stated that that is a fee.

Mayor Addicott asked if the Town does enter into this contract with Hotwire, there will not be an additional assessment?

Town Manager stated that no, we are capping it at tier one and tier two, the amount will never go up.

Mayor Addicott stated that if they do an assessment it will be a lien on the homeowner's property.

Attorney Helfman stated that the assessment can roll over to the purchaser or it can be paid out in full as part of the real estate sale.

Mrs. Sari Addicott, 155 Golden Beach Drive asked about the contract with Hotwire for when they came in and started doing work.

Town Manager stated the Town has executed agreements with Hotwire that we have always anticipated collecting the dollars through an assessment for those contractual obligations. There is not a single resident that has received a bill from Hotwire for this service.

Mrs. Addicott stated that they were not told that they would have to pay an assessment from day one.

Town Manager stated that is incorrect, from day one he has always asked the Council to consider paying this project as an assessment, understanding the Town's dollars.

Mr. Scott Bassman, 610 Ocean Boulevard stated he has represented associations against Hotwire. The way he interpreted the deal with Hotwire was that the money was there and that the homeowners were not going to have to pay anything if they wanted the service. Does not think it is appropriate at this point to be asking homeowners to be paying \$1,000 a year, particularly the ones that will not be using Hotwire.

Mr. Ariel Friedler, 399 Ocean Boulevard, stated that like other property owners doesn't think it's appropriate that you be charged differently based on the size of your home. Only suggestion he would give the Council is that their contract should ensure that they are upgrading the actual access points and other hardware they are giving to people because they do get outdated. Agrees that the security on the ocean is lacking. Would like more police presence on the ocean. Willing to pay more and thinks several other residents on the beach would also be willing to pay more for a dedicated police force on the beach.

Vice Mayor Mendal stated that part of this assessment is to get the cameras on the ocean, beach, and intercostal. What they are asking here is to cap the assessment at a certain point and the Town will be paying the additional monies that it is going to cost to execute these contracts. Personally thinks that this assessment is fair. Never been a fan of the monopoly that Atlantic Broadband has had here. Very much in favor of the assessment. Do not feel that people should be paying more in property taxes for this type of service.

Mayor Singer stated that by doing this, he is saving money and thinks that the majority of the residents will be saving money too. If you choose Atlantic Broadband, that is fine. But heard only good things about Hotwire. In addition, the Town has received a commitment from them for excellent customer service.

Councilmember Einstein asked about the second component of the assessment. Asked if there will be a lien in regards to this assessment.

Town Manager stated unlike your other assessments, this assessment doesn't get paid off when you sell the home. It is an annual assessment that is voted on by the Council for the services for that year. Stated that he feels that the current camera system is obsolete and we are working with Hotwire and others to give us pricing to ensure that whatever number Hotwire is giving us is a valid number based on specifications from our Police Chief and Police Lieutenants.

Councilmember Einstein asked if it is a capitalized cost.

Town Manager stated the way we are negotiating with Hotwire is for the additional security services we are asking for both on the intercostal, on the ocean, replacing exiting cameras and adding additional locations. We are negotiating not a capital cost, but a per door fee for them to carry the burden for the system over the course of 10 years. Instead of the Town taking on additional debt that we do not have capacity for, we would pay them a flat fee per door for those additional cameras.

Councilmember Einstein asked if they will be able to see the systems before they vote on them.

Town Manager stated absolutely, we will always bring to the Council an item for its approval. You have to rely on your professional manager and police department to specify to our contractors what our needs are.

Mayor Addicott asked if the residents were made aware of the assessment prior to the agreement being entered into with Hotwire, because then it would need to come from general funds.

Town Attorney stated at the time these contracts were entered into with Hotwire, there was public discussion about the fact that an assessment would be put forward to pay for these services.

R. 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

Town Manager proposed that the Town Council meeting be on August 30th at 6 p.m.

***Council agreed.

Mayor Singer stated since we will not have a council meeting prior to the elections, it is imperative to talk to the residents and educate them.

Mayor Addicott asked a few questions about the GO Bond Referendum. Asked if the ballot for the referendum has already been prepared.

Town Manager stated yes.

Mayor Addicott asked if it has a menu so that they do not have to be all or nothing for the \$7-million.

Town Manager stated no, it is a for or against the bond question.

Mayor Addicott stated but you are talking about different projects why wouldn't we be able to say we want this project versus that one to reduce the bond amount. Stated this bond does have a negative impact overall.

Town Manager stated that at the April meeting we had our financial advisors come in to educate our Council as to our debt capacity and our capacity in our budget, we are more than confident that with the 8.4 mills there is enough capacity for this bond.

S. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk