



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

**Official Minutes for the September 28, 2022
Final Budget Hearing & Special Town Council Meeting called for 6:00 P.M.**

Zoom Room Meeting ID: 876 9317 5269 Password: 745824

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A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember's Not Present:

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

Chief Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED COMBINED MILLAGE AND PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 (TIME CERTAIN ITEM)

- 1. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Final Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); SETTING A DATE FOR A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Resolution No. 2840.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2840.22

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Bernstein, seconded by Councilmember Einstein, and 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 combined millage rate is staying at 8.4 mills and as of July, the Town is worth \$1.4 billion. The 8.4 millage rate fully funds and meets all of our financial obligations.

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Final Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FINAL BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2022 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2841.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2841.22

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

E. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

NONE

F. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

Town Manager asked to pull Item #4 out of the consent agenda and move it to the regular agenda. Requested to have a brief conversation on recreational spaces.

G. GOOD AND WELFARE

NONE

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Spoke on the Town being fortunate with the case of Hurricane Ian and continues to encourage and urge residents to always be prepared. We got lucky that it did not get us and thanked the Police Department and Public Works for a great job in helping the Town prepare for the worst. Congratulated the Police Department on the passing of the Bond Referendum. The Town submitted a full report and Town Manager and I had a call explaining where the Town is financially as well as what we plan on doing and what we've done in the past. We're limited on a revenue source because we're a small Town, so to get a Aa2 rating is amazing. Thanked Maria and Town Manager for a phenomenal job. Working with the Town Manager tonight on creating a Site plan for the new park and Wellness Center as well as the amenities. The new walls have created an added security. The Town is still working on maintenance projects throughout the Town. Congratulations to the Town Manager and Town Staff for 2022/2023 budget.

I. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Bernstein complimented the Town Manager and Police Chief on how they handled hurricane preparation.

Councilmember Lusskin spoke about the wall, it makes a huge difference for security and how many compliments we're getting for it. Thanked Town Manager and Staff for new pumps.

Councilmember Einstein extended his thanks on the budget and the hurricane preparation.

Vice Mayor Mendal spoke on the building department. Mentioned that he did speak to Lourdes Abadin from Estrada and went over the numbers. The Town's real cost is actually lower than the range she was mentioning at that time. Should be at least half a point lower for our real costs moving forward.

Mayor Singer stated that just a few days ago they asked for an update.

J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Could not be prouder of the work done by the Police Department and Public Works teams with the late nights and early mornings they dedicated with preparing for the hurricane. We will be offering our assistance to the communities west of us and sending our personnel to go and assist them. Due to the storm, we had to cancel the accreditation conference next week in Sanibel Island. Wanted to recognize the Chief where he would have led a group of six at the conference where the Town had been nominated and recommended for reaccreditation because he was the Lieutenant when the Town was first accredited. Would have been the fourth reaccreditation. Do not know when it is going to be moved to. Congratulations to Maria and the finance team on the Aa2 rating. Informed the residents that change is afoot as the projects continue moving forward and we need to become ready to accept change. None of Capital Projects take away funding from our Maintenance Projects. Will be saving comments about Civic Center and Wellness Center for when we get to that part of the agenda.

K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

NONE

L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

NONE

M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

NONE

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

NONE

O. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

- Civic Center Complex Masterplan
 - **Town Manager** spoke on the item. Building is on schedule and on budget. We have shifted. I will bring to you at your October meeting a site plan as it relates to the facilities. There seems to be a greater push from the council individually for more pickle ball courts and not clay courts. If there seems to be no desire for a clay court in our community anymore, I do not want to spend time and money on that design.
 - **Mayor Singer** stated that he thinks that two tennis courts and two pickle ball courts is sufficient.
 - **Town Manager** stated that the other issue is the ongoing maintenance of a clay court. Not saying to eliminate it, can bring plans to show them.
 - **Councilmember Einstein** stated that clay courts are a tremendous amount of upkeep. They're nicer to play on when you're older, but from an economic point they are very expensive.
 - **Councilmember Bernstein** stated that it's the one thing that he requested on there. Very adamant about keeping a clay court, because as you have

an older population in golden beach that are looking to play on clay. This was the amenity that he asked for. The only thing he asked for in the entire package.

- **Vice Mayor Mendal** asked what's the difference.
 - **Mayor Singer** stated that it's softer and less impact on the knees.
 - **Town Manager** stated that what they could do is one hard, one clay and two pickle.
 - **Town Manager** stated that the tennis court would be striped for pickle ball courts.
 - **Mayor Singer** stated serious tennis players will not like to see the pickle ball striping, it is very confusing. Tennis courts and pickle ball courts cannot be combined.
- Center Island Pump Station
 - Fiber Project
 - Address of New Civic Center
 - **Town Manager** spoke on the item, stating that the location of the new Civic Center would require an address change. We would be on Ocean Boulevard.

Town Attorney stated that we could co-designate it.

P. CONSENT AGENDA

3. Official Minutes of the August 30, 2022 Local Planning Agency Hearing

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Expenditure of Up To \$60,000.00 for Individual Promotional and Premium Purchases.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$60,000 FOR INDIVIDUAL PROMOTIONAL AND PREMIUM PURCHASES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2843.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2843.22

Consensus vote 5 **Ayes,** 0 **Nays.** Items P3-P4 pass.

Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Proposal from Mobile SandDust Blasting SoFI for sand blasting on Ocean Boulevard.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH MOBILE SANDDUST BLASTING SOFL FOR SAND BLASTING ON OCEAN BOULEVARD; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2842.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2842.22

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

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 clarified that although the resolution stated a waiver of competitive bidding, it does not mean that we do not get a number of quotes before making a recommendation.

Two years ago, pre-covid. We sandblasted all of our curbs and gutters on Golden Beach Drive. If you look at Ocean Boulevard today we have painted and repainted curbs. And a lot of our curbs have been hit with tire marks and skid marks and it's pretty blighted. It has been 16 years since we have done anything as it relates to curb and gutter maintenance on Ocean Boulevard because it is a state road. Recommending we do the same thing we did on Golden Beach Drive. Let us sand blast all of the curbs and gutters, the entire length of Ocean Boulevard and we start our process of painting all over again and try to maintain that. Will it last? My goal is that we show our Ocean Boulevard residents that we think of them the same way we do our Golden Beach Drive residents.

If Council has no desire to do this, we will walk away from it. My job to bring you ideas to keep our town pristine.

Mayor Singer stated that it is filthy and does need upkeep. Asked if the Town can use the tax money we receive for the bus benches.

Town Manager answered no, because that money is being used towards transportation.

Councilmember Bernstein asked about DOT because are not these DOT roads.

Town Manager stated that DOT doesn't consider scuff marks the roads being blighted.

Councilmember Einstein stated that he did drive out when he saw this item on the agenda to look at the scuff marks. A great part of it is not so much the materials, it's the manpower to stage every day and stop traffic and move traffic. Seems like a lot of money to me. Stated that he spoke to the manager to ask if the money was being given up there to make something esthetically look better instead of allocating it towards something that could really use it.

Town Manager stated that the Town has a dedicated source for roads and streets. We never try to put something off to do something else. Do we put off something that could give us an immediate result. Like to do little projects to show our residents that we're not just spending money on food trucks.

Councilwoman Lusskin stated that maintaining the Town is very important. Everyone of us drives on Ocean Boulevard to get home. Thinks you have got to keep the Town clean. Every corner of it.

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Amendment #1 and Awarding Employee Bonuses.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSES OF AWARDING EMPLOYEE BONUSES AND AMENDING THE ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Resolution No. 2844.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2844.22

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.

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 wanted to set the dates for the October and November meetings stating that the October meeting is scheduled for October 25th and asked that the November meeting be moved to November 22nd.

Council agreed.

S. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk