



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the January 17, 2023
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 6:14 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Lt. Leila Perez, Office Assistant Kaitlyn Dziedzic, Office Assistant Gabriella McKoy

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Lt. 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

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

First off, wanted to wish everyone a Happy and healthy New Year. Commented on the New Years Event and it was a phenomenal success. Hats off to the Town Manager and Administration for doing a great job. There was a tremendous turnout for the residents.

Appreciate not only Michael Glidden and his staff but also the Police Department as well for a phenomenal job.

2023 is an extremely busy year, very excited about it. This year we will be completing the new Civic Center in the second quarter of this year. We will also be completing the new plot regarding the tennis courts, pickle ball courts and the basketball courts. Plans for the new Wellness Center, dog park and tot lot will be completed this year. We're continuing to maintain and looking to the current infrastructure. We have a few more projects this year and are very excited. We do have a lot on our plates and we appreciate everyone's patience and understanding that we're trying to finish everything as soon as possible. Good news is our projects have been on time (if not exactly on time) and also within budget.

About one hundred twenty seven residents have not signed up with Hotwire yet. Everyone is being billed for it, so highly recommend contacting either Town Hall or Hotwire directly to set up an appointment. It's a great service. The internet service now is night and day to what we had before, it's quicker and more reliable.

Thanked the residents of Golden Beach, starting in March will be the start of tenth term. Thank you for your confidence.

Thanked the Council for their support.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Lusskin

Thanked the Police Department for their availability and for keeping us safe. Wanted to consider equipping each officer with Narcan.

Asked if we had AEDs everywhere.

Town Manager responded saying we have enough AEDs to cover the whole town and could very well appoint AED.

Councilmember Lusskin asked if there will be AEDs on each floor of the new civic center.

Town Manager responded saying we'll have enough to meet the needs of our residents.

Councilmember Lusskin stated that she would like to have a "Bagels On The Beach" with all of the new residents in Town. Youth leadership group doing some great things and would like to get some of that information on the website. Mentioned hotwire.

Councilmember Bernstein

Great job on the New Year's party, was kind of upset that the party ended so early.

Town Manager answered that we'd rather inconvenience non-residents rather than the residents with the noise.

Councilmember Einstein

Great job on the New Year's party.

Echoed what Councilman Bernstein has said about A1A clean up.

There is a tremendous amount of construction in the Town. Certain that police are working to do something about it, but wants them to be more vigilant about it. Reminded everyone of the upcoming election in Town.

Vice Mayor Mendal

No comments

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Welcomed everyone back from the holidays.

Spoke on the New Year's Party. We had over 640 reservations after expecting 400. There were some inconveniences that we'll try to fix for next year.

Spoke on the important dates concerning the town's upcoming general election, including the election date on February 21st in Town Hall from 7 AM to 7PM.

Recommended having the town's Bagels on the Beach event on Sunday, February 5th at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Very informal event.

Will have another opportunity for candidates to meet the residents at the Town's Valentine's Day event on February 14th from 6 to 9 p.m. in South Park.

We have seen a rise in crime in our northeast region. Increasing marine patrol to try and combat that.

For those individuals who did not receive their holiday gifts, you must come by town hall to sign them out.

As of March 1st, the Hotwire service connection will go up by \$500. We strongly encourage all residents to schedule a consultation with Hotwire before March 1st.

Mayor and him did meet earlier this year to set forth the agenda on the major projects coming up this year.

Councilmember Bernstein asked the manager to discuss the issue concerning Code Red.

Town Manager spoke on A1A and the dollars the town received from the state. Those dollars cannot be used for non-transportation related costs. Project almost done. Only have the southbound lanes of two medians left. Will be sandblasting South Island Bridge because it has a lot of grease and oil from the re-milling project.

As it relates to crime in town and code red, our position is that we will never put out a code red during an active search or active scene. When residents see that there is police activity they are encouraged to call the guardhouse. In all of our monthly newsletters and through our e-blasts, we do communicate what is going on in town.

Code red is used to try to inform the community on events that are going on. We are very proactive in trying to understand what the misinformation is in our community.

Read our newsletter and please sign up for the Town's e-blast to know what's going on in Town.

Councilmember Einstein thanked the Administration for all of their hard work.

J. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None.

K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

- 1. An Ordinance of the Town Council Amending the Town of Golden Beach Employees' Pension Plan To Provide for Updated Definitions and Optional Forms of Benefits.**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 24, "PERSONNEL," ARTICLE II, "RETIREMENT," DIVISION 1 "GENERAL EMPLOYEES" BY AMENDING THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH EMPLOYEES PENSION PLAN AT SECTION 24-31 "DEFINITIONS, AND SECTION 24-34 "OPTIONAL FORMS OF BENEFITS"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Ordinance No. 1
Ordinance No. 603.22

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 603.22

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 (via zoom)</u>
Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

L. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

M. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Variance Request for the Property Located at 194 South Island Drive to Permit a Seawall.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 194 SOUTH ISLAND DR., GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160 TO PERMIT A SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE INTO THE WATERWAY BY APPROXIMATELY 1'-8 ³/₄" WHEN TOWN CODE SECTION 46-81 DOES NOT PERMIT THE SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2854.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2854.23

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Einstein, and on roll call the following vote ensued:

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

The motion passed.

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Variance Request for the Property Located at 448 Golden Beach Drive to Permit a Seawall.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 448 GOLDEN BEACH DR., GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160 TO PERMIT A SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE INTO THE WATERWAY BY APPROXIMATELY 4.38' WHEN TOWN CODE SECTION 46-81 DOES NOT PERMIT THE SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2855.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2855.23

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

N. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT/UPDATE

- Civic Center Construction Update
- Re-Imagined Tweddle Park Update
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Update

Civic Center located at 10 Ocean Blvd. is well underway. There have been no cost overruns or project delays that were not related to the supply and demand issues. Windows started being installed. The building is well under way. Our goal is that we could get the building delivered, place the furniture in that we ordered already, and put out the RFP for software and technology.

When we started the Civic Center, there was a conversation with our residents as to what we could do to improve Tweddle Park. The Reimagined Tweddle Park project includes 3 pickle ball courts, a junior basketball court, 2 full size hard surface tennis courts, a green artificial tennis court, 2 dog parks, and a new tot lot. The dog park and tot lot will be delivered as part of the Wellness Center project. The Reimagined Tweddle Park project has been fully designed, but as of late, we've received some concerns about the amount of noise that the pickle ball courts could create. We've already approved a 12 foot wall on the north side and the east side and will look into putting in a 12 foot wall on the west side with a waterfall feature and some acoustics to try to abate the noise. We believe that by putting in the wall, the acoustics and water fall will help ease the noise that comes from the pickle ball courts. Moving the pickle ball courts to the middle would not solve the noise issue because of the larger open space. Currently in furniture and lighting selection.

Know that the administration does have funds in the civic center project for some courts and the drainage. This project is one of the projects that's authorized under the G.O. Bond. Hope to bring you at your March meeting the final bid project for this.

Have been negotiating with hotwire your CCTV contract. Chief Herbello has been assigned this project and will be managing this project from beginning to end. Will meet with the residents of the homes on the Intracoastal some time next month.

We are looking to, as we finish the programming study, start designing and bringing design options. We have already hired the architect that will put together conceptual plans. Wellness center project will not kick off this year. Maybe by the end of this year we'll go out to bid with that project. We will not rush that project. Other projects that were approved with the GO bond are well underway, like the lights on A1A that were already approved. We are working diligently to deliver the projects. When it's all said and done we will have delivered \$60-million worth of projects to this community, only asking the residents to put in \$20-million.

Mayor Singer added that it's all been done working within our operating budget and without increasing the millage rate.

Councilmember Bernstein added that they have actually decreased the millage rate.

Councilmember Einstein stated that they may want to look at the wellness center at the PGA golf course.

Mayor Singer stated that there are other local spaces that are great like Fisher Island's wellness center, but the Town is not there yet. Hopefully, that's a 2024 project.

Terri Sonn, 264 South Parkway – Yes she is running for Council, even though they have done a wonderful job. Asked Town Manager to address the fobs and the entrances. Asked if the wall would be in front of the residential homes. Asked how the CCTV will help the crime rate.

Town Manager responded beginning with the CCTV project stating that every corner of Ocean Blvd will have cameras facing north and south. Every single right of way area and waterway area in Golden Beach will have a lense. The pedestrian entrances will require all of the residents to have a key fob and it will also provide key fobs for the recreational facilities as part of the CCTV takeover. As it relates to the wall, we're still in the very early discussions on how it will work. The goal will be that wall will go from North to South by the pickle ball courts to create distance from the homes most impacted by the noise.

Resident Lydia Eskenazi, 660 Golden Beach Drive asked about artificial turf.

Town Manager stated that that decision has already been made by council and they have instructed staff to install an artificial turf instead of a clay court.

Councilmember Bernstein stated that the request for the clay courts was being made by residents who now no longer play tennis. That, along with the high cost of maintenance, going with the artificial turf is a better alternative.

O. CONSENT AGENDA

4. Official Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Special Town Council Meeting

Consensus vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Item O4 passes.

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

None

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

Town Manager stated that the next council meeting will be on February 28th, 2023 to ratify the results of the election.

Bagels on the beach February 5th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Valentine's Day event on February 14th from 6 to 9 p.m.

General Election on February 21st from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

February Council meeting February 28th at 6 p.m.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk