



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the February 23, 2023
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 6:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, CIP Director, Lissett Rovira, Office Assistant Kaitlyn Dziedzic, Office Assistant Gabriella McKoy

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Singer presented a Proclamation to resident Sydney Bianco.

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

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

Mrs. Natalie Eilemberg, 137 Golden Beach Drive – Non-residents have been visiting and utilizing our beaches and recreational areas and no formal identification is asked to be seen. It's annoying to have outsiders take advantage of our spaces.

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Singer thanked all of the residents for voting and participating in the election. Congratulated Councilmember Einstein and Councilmember Bernstein for their re-election and thanked Mrs. Terri Sonn for her campaign run.

Thanked everyone for their support, really appreciate it. This Council has accomplished a lot over the years and this is only the beginning. Over the next two years, will focus on completing the Capital Improvement Projects that have started and the new Capital Improvement Projects that are slated to begin. Security remains a top priority. Residents should feel safe and secure, there is no excuse. Really appreciate everyone's support and confidence.

Circling back to security, another car was stolen last week. I was very perturbed when I found out. Want the residents to know that the Town has implemented procedures to follow in order to prevent these incidents from happening. The procedure was not followed, and another car was stolen. I met with the Chief, Command Staff, and Town Manager in detail to go over security. The Chief will speak tonight about what is being implemented and what procedures are being done to further prevent this from happening. Crime has risen recently in Miami-Dade County and we are fortunate that we have really only had 5 stolen cars in the past few years. I encourage residents to please not leave their keys in their cars.

Capital Projects are moving along as projected. The Town Manager will give an elaborate report on Capital Projects. Reminded everyone that the Swearing-In Ceremony for Councilmember Einstein, Vice Mayor Bernstein and himself is on Thursday, March 9th at the Beach Pavilion. The entire Council will be present, and encouraged all residents to attend.

Everyone can always email me or come to town hall; whatever your questions or issues are I am always here to help.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Judy Lusskin

Congratulated Councilmember's Bernstein and Einstein for their re-election and congratulated the Mayor on going unopposed. Also thanked Mrs. Terri Sonn for her campaign run.

Today had a walk-through of the Civic Center site with the Town Manager.

Really proud to be part of this Council. The truth of the matter is Golden Beach is family and I feel woven into the fabric of this Town. There is no place she would rather live. It is just a great place to be. Heard a lot about the neighborhood chat lately. Not a lover of social media, so she follows it occasionally and it has been very active in the last weeks. Concerned that the people posting information aren't Golden Beach residents.

Urged everyone to be careful what they post on there. It can be a great vehicle, but we do need to be careful.

Vice Mayor Mendal

Congratulated Councilmembers Bernstein and Einstein for their re-election.

The campaign has brought out some important issues. These elections really help determine what kind of path we take moving forward. To the Mayor's point, please do not leave your keys in the car. Let us not make it easy for people.

Councilmember Einstein

Thanked all of the councilmember's and the mayor for endorsing him during this election and prior elections. Does not like Golden Beach, he loves it. One thing in running in this election and finding out from neighbors is that we all love this place.

We could not have gotten here without the leadership of our Administration.

Our Town Manager who leads us.

Thanked Terri Sonn for running such a great campaign and we appreciate her contribution to the democratic process.

Golden Beach is a unique place. Us three candidates sat out on election day for 12 hours side by side with mutual respect.

Went with the Town Manager to the New Civic Center and it is going to be a state-of-the-art facility.

Thanked all who supported and voted in the election. Could not have done it without your help.

Councilmember Bernstein

Thanked the Administration for putting together the election, the candidates for working together. Congratulated the Mayor for running unopposed. At first he was not looking forward to having to run an election campaign, but found himself enjoying walking around and getting to know everyone.

Bagels on the Beach and Valentine's Day were great events. Surprised that more people do not attend Valentine's Day. These events that we hold are free and nice. You have full access and I encourage people to use that access and come and talk to people.

Safety is a big concern. There is a large concern with people who need repairs and the building permitting process. There are a lot of people who aren't able to get here during the normal working hours and maybe one day a week we can extend the hours later or earlier to accommodate those who can't get here during regular business hours.

On the intracoastal, at night there are a lot of boats that are speeding that are causing damage to peoples boats and lifts. Maybe there's something that can be done to try to slow down those boats.

Whatever type of traffic curbing device that we are able to put by North Parkway to try to prevent any type of accidents from happening.

A lot of beach residents feel that they have contributed a lot of money to this city and one of the requests was a dedicated officer to patrolling the beach.

Another one is that the people who live on the beach are complaining that people put tents in the back of their houses and fishing from the back of there and if there is anything the Town can do to prevent that. Another resident asked if there is any green space in the park if we could put a putting green.

Another huge item is about the community chat. I have been on that chat for about two years and it used to be very helpful to the community for sharing information. Lately, people have been sending false information and increasing anxiety over issues that are ultimately nothing. I encourage people to not say things on the chat unless they have all of the facts.

Part of why we are not delivering the parks when we said we would is because we have been listening to the residents input. We are trying to make a better solution for everyone.

One of things he heard was that neighbors would like to see more community type activities like wine nights, poker nights, and I plan to participate in planning those.

Next year would like to talk about creating a golden beach team for the dolphin run.

Mayor Singer asked Chief Herbello to speak on the current security issues in Town.

Chief Herbello spoke on the issues with car theft plaguing the Town. These individuals are targeting communities with expensive cars. We have increased staffing by keeping

the afternoon shift longer into the midnight hours and bringing in officers from the day shift at 4 a.m. to increase staff. Also using our detached detectives to assist with increased staffing efforts. We are not immune. We have a detail at The Strand where after 10 p.m. every night, every car that comes in through the visitors lane is stopped and logged and once they proceed the PSA have to inform all units of the vehicle and its whereabouts and once they leave, we have to check that car one more time to make sure whoever is driving the car is authorized to drive it. Unfortunately, the officer on duty for this most recent incident failed to do that and will be dealt with accordingly. As soon as we found out what transpired, we mobilized our detectives and on-duty personnel and with the assistance of the owner who gave us the necessary information and other law enforcement agencies, we were able to retrieve the vehicle and arrest the person. Asked the residents to help us contain what's happening by locking your cars and taking your keys inside.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager reiterated what the Chief said that we are not immune to crime. Our gates are locked at night but that doesn't mean that people can't jump the fence. We need to do better, but we need your participation. If you see something suspicious, don't wait to call the police department- if you see something suspicious, call the guardhouse. When we have policies and programs in place we need to ensure that staff members follow those directives and if they don't then they need to be replaced. We will continue to put cameras, as we have been authorized to install 208 analytical cameras throughout town. AI technology is the way of the future, but it does not mean that we're going to replace our police department. It just means we have more tools in our toolbox to combat crime.

Am proud of the fact that we were able to recover that car less than 12 hours after it was taken from our community. It took 5 agencies and 3 search warrants – real on the ground investigation services from our police department to recover that vehicle. We should not minimize the efforts of our police department. I welcome the group chat, it is excellent, but we need to correct residents when they are putting out misinformation. It is a great tool to speak with our residents, but please govern yourselves. We thank the Council who are participating and putting the information out there. We will do better and we can only know better when we know what our shortcomings are.

Thanked the Town Clerk and Police Chief for serving on the canvassing board for the election.

We have increased our police budget for overtime and additional patrols. It is of interest to us to replace our Building Department Director, since Linda Epperson was promoted to Assistant Town Manager. We are looking to streamline our processes which is why we put some of our permit applications online. Agrees with Councilmember Bernstein that we need to be consistent and we will do better.

Able to maintain our credit rating with Moody's Financial for the 16th year in a row.

This past year we did collect \$57,000 in film permit fees.

Steve Helfman sent out over 30 seawall violation letters.

Started an aggressive seawall enforcement program.

I want to publicly congratulate Councilmember Bernstein and Councilmember Einstein for their re-election and thank Mrs. Terri Sonn for her campaign to run for Council.

And would not be where he was had it not been for Mayor Singer. Been not only a mentor but also been like a father figure for me.

You told me when you first hired me that people are visual people, they want to see things. We have transformed from a community that was once worth \$500 Million to a

community that is worth \$1.48 Billion thanks to you and your vision over the last 15 years.

- Film Permit Fees Collected in 2022

J. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

None

L. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

None

M. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

None

N. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT/UPDATE

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

There's a lot of anxiety in the community over the Civic Center and wanted to remind the community that the Civic Center started out as a vision to create a space for residents and staff to work out of a safe building. The building is coming along beautifully. Every element of the building is on schedule, we have had labor issues. We are not going to deliver subpar work.

Spoke briefly on the Tweddle Park Project. Going to have to do several things to this park to deliver an iconic park. We are going to start the process of a new wellness center. A wellness center that is to scale, that we are going to deliver on budget, and that the residents can use and be proud of the amenities. In addition, we are working on 208 additional lenses as part of our Civic Center Project.

Just this past month we delivered five new aluminum gates on A1A. Looking at ordering new furniture. Will continue to maintain our infrastructure while we deliver these projects.

O. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Official Minutes of the January 17, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting**
- 2. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Mutual Aid Agreement between the city of Sweetwater and the Town.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MUTUAL
AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF

SWEETWATER AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH;
PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2856.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2856.23

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving An Employment Agreement with Cem Topaclioglu.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEE CEM TOPACLIOGLU TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS SPECIALIST SERVICES IN THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2857.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2857.23

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving An Employment Agreement with Ingrid Gooden.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEE INGRID GOODEN TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2858.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2858.23

5. A Resolution of the Town Council Amending the Employment Agreement with Silvia Drobiarz.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEE SILVIA DROBIARZ TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE SERVICES IN

THE CODE COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2859.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2859.23

Consensus vote 5 **Ayes,** 0 **Nays.** Items O1 – O5 pass.

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Accepting the Town Clerk's Certification of the Results of the February 21, 2023 Town Election.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE TOWN CLERK'S CERTIFICATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 TOWN ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND TWO TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS, DESIGNATING THE VICE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Resolution No. 2860.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2860.23

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

7. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Professional Services Agreement with Craig A. Smith & Associates for the Retrofit of the Twedde Park Stormwater Pump Station.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING WORK BY CRAIG A. SMITH &

ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATING TO STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE RETROFIT OF THE TWEDDLE PARK STORMWATER PUMP STATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Resolution No. 2861.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2861.23

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

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

The motion passed.

Town Manager spoke on the item. The Tweddle Park pump station is almost at the end of its life and that pump station was installed with two well injections. Our wells continue to collapse and we need to re-wall those wells. Our team applied for a grant for the pump station to be retrofitted as an outfall pump station. We were able to get a grant for \$500,000 for a project that has an engineering estimate of \$698,000. Before we can go out to bid, we need to design that work. We wish to engage Craig A. Smith to design and go out to bid and award a contract for the work to be done.

There are real estate issues as it relates to South Island. Very little real estate for us to build pumps. The Administration received grant dollars to deploy 3 portable pumps and back up whenever we need it to alleviate flooding issues.

We are not just putting our heads in the sand and saying we're going to ignore South Island. But notice as how we fix this area here we are still focused on how to provide services for those areas.

Councilmember Lusskin asked about whether or not the Town will be using the wells.

Town Manager responded that we legally can not discharge into Biscayne Bay until the pumps have gone through a process.

Councilmember Einstein asked if there are stormwater pipes that go there from this area.

Town Manager stated that the way this system was designed is that gravity will let water go out. That outfall has always been in place, always been the redundancy for that pump station.

Councilmember Einstein asked if Craig A Smith designed the original system.

Town Manager answered no that it was designed by another firm years ago. But when the HDCP pipe started crushing, Steve from Craig A. Smith designed that. Under your contract, you are required to go out to bid and get competitive prices. We award to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

Vice Mayor Bernstein stated that the current system works on gravity so when we put in the new system will it also have something in place that it will work if the mechanical system stops working.

Town Manager stated that until the floater has enough water to activate the pumps, gravity allows the water to come in and out. Once the basins are filled and the floaters activate the pump, then the engines pump the water out.

Councilmember Lusskin asked about a cutoff valve that we had years ago at the pump station when the pump wouldn't turn on and if we would need something like that.

Town Manager stated that things will work or fail depending on the design. The pumps are designed to alleviate the water after a wet weather event.

Councilmember Einstein asked about the replacement of the pumps after time.

Town Manager stated that there were some that were installed recently and those aren't being replaced any time soon.

Town Manager stated that Miami-Dade Water and Sewer is doing a force main replacement for our sanitary sewer system. As a part of that project, we are asking them to raise the crown of the road and we are fortunate that the basins are adjacent to the road so the pumps will not be affected. If we need to make basin adjustments as part of that project, we can do so. All of our catch basins were designed intentionally to raise them or lower them with minimal costs to our residents.

8. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Final Site Plan for the Re-Imagined Tweddle Park.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE FINAL SITE PLAN FOR THE RE-IMAGINED TWEDDLE PARK; AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PREPARE CONSTRUCTION-READY DOCUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8
Resolution No. 2862.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2862.23

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

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

**** The item was tabled for the March 21, 2023 meeting.****

Town Manager spoke on the item.

What can we do to improve the amenities for our residents. At the time we engaged the firm Perkins&Will and at the time they designed 9 different park options. They did not understand the language of Golden Beach.

Council told the Manager that he could probably manage this project and put something great together.

He put together a team of Lissett Rovira, CIP Director, Annabella from Martin Architects, and Yennifer and Carlos from Axxis Design & Construction. We then started going through the design process. Council told the Manager to work with the residents to ensure that this is something we will be able to build that will not impact our neighbors and that our community can be proud of.

Also thanked the residents in person who have participated and contributed to the process as well.

The only thing different than what was approved in November is that we have eliminated one pickleball court. In eliminating a pickleball court, we have decided we are going to dual-stripe a tennis court. You have gained parking, green space. In putting together a re-imagined Tweddle Park, we looked at the entire site and decided to give you a park that is beautiful, and a park with amenities.

Wants the Council to keep in mind that shade does not mean a big and ugly tent, but that it can be something beautiful like flowers that hang over playground equipment. Shade has evolved.

We have heard loud and clear from the residents that the playground needs to be for all ages. There are areas for three age groups. There should be zones for all kids to be able to play.

This project is estimated to cost \$1.2-million, but there are no hard numbers. Until we know how much earth we need to bring in, how many more inlets for stormwater, which animal(s), etc. We need to negotiate those numbers and then we go out to bid.

We wish to allocate about \$5.5-million of the bond money to the wellness center and the rest to the other projects. We currently estimate that the wellness center is going to be anywhere between 8,100-9,500 square feet. There are some elements of the Wellness Center that we can accommodate in the Civic Center. We will have a multi-facet gym, we will have a community center, we are not ready to get in to the wellness center items.

But when it comes to the park, we want to create a park where the playground can be seen from Golden Beach Drive.

We have agreed that should the artificial turf not meet the needs of the Town it can be converted to a hard court. We are open to those dialogues. A dog park that is for big and small dogs away from the children, and an area that is closer to our residents that won't disturb our residents. A Junior Basketball Court that is available for the kids. All of

the tennis court areas will be gated with key fob access, same thing for the pickleball courts. The basketball court will not be gated so smaller kids can go in without needing the parents to follow behind to let them in.

If you look at the design, we are bringing you some shade structures for the recreational facility that goes between the basketball courts, tennis courts, and pickleball courts that is open for residents to lounge with furniture that is more custom. We want to keep lights at a minimum but that meets the courts expectations and that we have enough walkway lighting. We are proposing to use a brick walkway with gray bricks to match the color of our parking area, transitioning to a more modern clean look for our walkways. We want to bring in new elements. We want the area to feel fresh and new. The reimagined Tweddle Park is now part of a new program. The Civic Center Complex, which makes up around 4.5 acres. The dog park will have landscaping, trees, more toys for our four-legged friends. We will have a beautiful sculpture park.

When we finish the reimagined Tweddle Park we are going to look back at North and South Park, and we are going to look at how to spruce up the other parks. Axxis has already started looking at how to change the other park features and entryway signs. We are not looking at this in a bubble. We are looking at how to make a new cohesive voice.

Mrs. Eilemberg asked if these parks will be accessible to the public or just for Golden Beach residents, and will the parks have hours of operation.

Town Manager stated that the Council was so forward thinking that they have directed the Town Manager to have a park attendant at Tweddle Park for the first time ever. We already have the ordinance that allows us to take enforcement measures. We will have a wellness center attendant as well. Non-residents will not be allowed into these recreational spaces. We are asking for a resident committee to come together to help draft the rules. For hours of operation, we are looking at sunrise until 9 p.m. and once that time strikes, the lights in the park will turn off signaling that the park is closed. The lights will be tied to the time that the Council dictates.

Mrs. Tamy Berg, 126 Golden Beach Drive asked about the pickleball courts and noise eliminating elements.

Mayor Singer responded that there will be fencing and landscaping.

Town Manager added that those are set.

Town Manager addressed the shade issue brought up by the group chat. We are as concerned about shade as is everyone else. With the design team, we decided to not put all of the shade in the video because until we make final selection on which elements we will be using, we cannot tie shade to it just yet. Shade is important because shade has evolved. It can be something as elegant as daisy petals.

Councilmember Mendal said that everything flows and is cohesive. The site plan as is, is absolutely great.

Councilmember Lusskin said that getting appropriate shade is critical. This project is very exciting and transforms Golden Beach into the caliber it deserves to be at as one of the top municipalities in Florida.

Mayor Singer commended Town Manager Diaz, Lissett Rovira and staff for all of their hard work with this project. Have reiterated that one of the main objectives of the park was to maximize as much green space as possible.

Councilmember Einstein commended the Manager for having tremendous passion and vision concerning this project. Wants to discuss the Tot Lot on how it will play out and work out in comparison to neighboring communities.

Town Manager stated that parks have evolved and we need to evolve with them. There's a chance that our budget won't allow us to include these elements. We want to show these as placeholders for our residents to come and meet with us for discussion to help us decide what we can afford and what is functional.

Vice Mayor Bernstein stated that he is very excited. Brought it all together and activated all the spaces. Really likes how they have brought it all together. Was hoping to see more in the video of the connection of the grass areas. Was concerned about using the old pavilion for parties and mentioned that after seeing the different vendors, some have destroyed North Parkway and would like to not see that and would like to see approved providers.

Town Manager mentioned that there is a water feature in the Tot Lot and that we need to be careful in terms of sanitary concerns.

Vice Mayor Bernstein mentioned that he was excited for the water feature and that we need to look ahead when it comes to shade and how the parks can mature with that. Wants to find ways to create canopies to allow for a breeze to flow through the park.

Former Councilwoman Amy Rojas, 600 Golden Beach Drive still thinks they should keep the plan to build the three courts. Went through all the workshops for what the residents wanted and as far as pickleball is concerned they were building three courts. We now have the opportunity to put in 3 courts and the time to do it is now while you're building the park. Green space is another big concern. Tweddle Park is an active park. Have other parks that are passive parks. Thinks that we should adhere to what the residents want and what they spoke about at the workshop, and green space should not outweigh that. Pickleball is a very social sport. Take a poll. If not, at least give equal treatment to both.

Mrs. Priscilla Niadrobeck, 693 Golden Beach Drive. Asked about the rooftop capacity for events, if it will open during the night and what will be the hours that they will be allowed to use it.

Town Manager stated that she is referring to the social area in the civic center. The max capacity is 80 people. Stated that the space will not be hosting events there right away. Do not anticipate allowing any parties in that space until the second half of 2024.

Town Manager stated that they are working with a tentative budget of \$1.2-1.5-million all in for that site. At your March meeting we will hopefully have for you prices from different vendors for you to evaluate to get started with the work. Asking the Council to allow him and the Administration and design team to work in order to figure out how to phase everything in.

Councilmember Bernstein as much as he appreciates the staff trying to get everything finished, he would like for them to get it out as soon as they can so they do not get it at the last minute for a vote.

Town Manager stated that he sees very little change from now to March 21st besides bringing some shade options. If you have a strong objection to some of the tot lot elements, let those be known.

Mayor Singer made a motion to table the item to the March 21st meeting. It was seconded by **Councilmember Mendal**.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Q. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Jaime Mendal:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
None Requested

Town Manager reminded residents that they need to RSVP for the swearing-in ceremony on March 9th.

R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk