



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the March 21, 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 6:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Councilmember's Not Present: Councilmember Jaime Mendal

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho (via zoom), CIP Director, Lissett Rovira, Resident Services Director Michael Glidden (via zoom), Public Works Director Kirk McKoy, Office Assistant Gabriella McKoy

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

Town Manager requested to add Resolution 2864.23 to the agenda.
Consensus vote 4 **Ayes,** 0 **Nays.** Motion passed.

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Thanked all who attended the Swearing-In Ceremony, it was a beautiful event. Appreciate fellow Councilmembers for attending and congratulations to Vice Mayor Bernstein on his fifth term and Councilman Einstein for his seventh term. There was an amazing turnout of residents, mayors of neighboring cities and their councils, really appreciate you for coming. Job well done to the staff.

There was another stolen car on Ocean Blvd. recently. Can't emphasize how mad we are and we will not tolerate people entering our town and stealing cars. Last month the Chief of Police and the Police Department increased man power and changed the procedures. The Chief will be giving a report on how this can be strengthened more and what is in place to strengthen it more. Security is our number one concern over everything. We need your help, please don't leave your keys in your cars, lock your cars, and close the gate if you have one. I recommend that all residents do not leave their keys in their cars.

We will be going through the site plan for the park tonight. It's a great site plan. Very excited. The Town Manager will talk about that more later.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Bernstein

Thanked everyone who attended the swearing-in ceremony. Congratulated the Mayor and Councilmember Einstein. It was a really great event. The workshop we had with the residents about the parks was well attended and we got some positive feedback. Want to bring up that residents that want to be involved in different committees should please sign up for the crime committee. Almost all of the incidents that have happened over the past year have all happened where the victim has left their keys in their car. As effective as the task force is, still disappointed that no matter how often the Town sends out memos, emails, and newsletters that people are still leaving their keys in their car.

Councilmember Einstein

The swearing-in event was beautiful and thank you to everyone who was involved in organizing the event. Congratulations to the Mayor and the Vice Mayor on their re-election.

Going to have to sit down and develop a policy as to who can use our facilities and the extension to family members in terms of events in locations such the ocean, beach pavilion, wellness center.

During the campaign a lot of people came up to me asking how can we privatize Golden Beach. We will be more privatized when the area south of us is more closed off, but doesn't know if it will be done vis a vis a workshop, council meeting, but the Town Manager is left in a very difficult position where he has to enforce rules that aren't completely etched in stone. We're going to have to sit down and make some difficult choices.

Councilmember Lusskin

Sent her condolences to Charlie German's family as he passed away a few weeks ago unexpectedly. Wants to offer two suggestions in regards to security and safety. West on Massini, by the park where the wall ends should have a camera since there is also a fence there.

Town Manager added that the fence was changed there and it will now be an aluminum fence.

Councilwoman Lusskin noticed that they put a police car at the gate at Massini. Still sees the walkers come in and out of the Town. How are they getting in and out of Town.

Town Manager stated that they are coming in through the pedestrian gate at Navona.

Councilmember Lusskin congratulated Councilmember Einstein and Vice Mayor Bernstein on the swearing in ceremony and the Mayor on going unopposed.

Vice Mayor Bernstein sends his condolences to the family of Charlie German.

Councilmember Einstein also sends his condolences to the family of Charlie German.

Mayor Singer invited the Chief to give a report on the safety concerns and issues in Town.

Chief Herbello stated that the department has increased a proactive approach and increased presence aside from the e-blasts and flyers. Adding additional staffing to the patrol units, also created an auto theft task force to tackle what is happening. 100% of the time they are targeting high end cars where the keys are left inside the car. The residents are a key component to helping us tackle what is going on in Golden Beach.

Mayor Singer stated that when we put the flyers in the mailboxes, the residents are not grabbing them from the bottom slot of the mailbox. Stated that maybe we take the time and tape it to the outside of the mailbox or leave it at the front door.

Town Manager stated that they would figure out a new solution to the problem.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT

We will be spending additional dollars to increase coverage on A1A. I have authorized and directed the police department to have at least 4 officers working around the clock for the foreseeable future.

In addition to that as the Chief mentioned we are now part of a two-city auto theft taskforce. Thanked the City of Sunny Isles for their participation in this initiative.

Council had the foresight to authorize an additional 208 camera lenses.

In anticipation of the agreement, we are going to be adding 16 camera locations on Ocean Blvd. Hotwire has already started the design. The Chief has also been authorized to hire an additional full time police officer immediately. We will be sending out a public service announcement via video to all of the residents on what they need to do to help us. We will also be adding 3 additional part time police officers. We are doing everything that we possibly can to help combat the crime we are seeing and we need the residents to help by doing their part.

We had a beautiful event. Unfortunately, we tested a new caterer. It was a beautiful evening, except for the dinner. Thanked Commissioner Heyman for attending and Congresswoman Fredericka Wilson for sending staff to attend. Congresswoman Wilson's staff was so impressed that they called after imploring that we apply for a grant program that her office offers and Lissett Rovira did send in a request for that. Thanked Congresswoman Wilson and welcomed her to our District.

We are pushing forward with Hotwire for the cameras on A1A.

During the election, we heard a lot from the community that they want to be more involved. We've been trying to recruit members to join our committees every month. We currently have 8 committees and even though we have 5 open positions, we could only find 3 members of the community to serve on the Public Safety Committee. We have cut our Committees into 4 which are the Public Safety Committee, Beach and Recreation ("Fun") Committee, BRAB, and the Pension Board. If anyone is interested in

joining these committees that we are authorizing this year, please nominate yourself to serve on those committees. Committees do help guide us.

Thanked Mrs. Maria Camacho for getting the Town an additional \$35k from FEMA for the town's old street sweeper.

The Town looks as beautiful as it does because of the team that we have in place that is led by Public Works Director Kirk McKoy.

We also know that there has been some flooding in Town and are looking at some temporary solutions to fix the flooding that we have on South Island. Capital Projects Director Lissett Rovira has come up with some ingenious ideas on how we can solve those issues.

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
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Update

Town Manager spoke on the item. The Civic Center Project continues to move along at a good pace. We have asked the contractors to not rush over the process and if the Council approves the AVI contract, then the chambers will not be ready and equipped until August. The goal is to soft-open the building and move in over the next few months as it gets delivered and we would have our council meetings in there beginning with the September budget hearings. We cannot use the chambers until we have the AV equipment and because of the global supply chain issues, we are not expecting the chambers to be ready in August. I have been in meetings with Lissett Rovira, Gerrits Construction, and the architects bi-weekly. Asking tonight that the Council approves the AVI contract. We are making changes to the site in reference to the drainage and the Civic Center at 10 Ocean Blvd. is moving along. We have not had any cost overruns and there are not any changes that we have proposed. The Mayor and I have looked at a couple of what we feel are important changes and any other change orders are owner-driven change orders. They are ways to prevent any future issues with the building, but the building is moving along.

Last week, the Mayor and I finalized the selection of the carpet, selection of the paint, and others that were on the mood board that was approved. We have moved into the "make the building pretty" phase. We haven't finished painting the façade of the building. I want to do that last because it is a white building and don't want there to be any issues and finish the circles before we finish the building. We're almost there.

Although the Wellness Center isn't on the agenda, I want to discuss the direction we're going to be heading in. We're going to be putting together a design build RFP by one of the next meetings. Lissett Rovira will be meeting with each of the council one-on-one to put together the design criteria. The RFP does not need to go out until prior to June/July and we're looking at a Wellness Center selection in November.

Tonight, we're going to be approving the site plan. The Town Attorney has been working around the clock with Hotwire to come to an agreement. We will be working with Lissett Rovira to finalize the proper attachments. Hotwire has agreed to move the A1A portion of the project forward given all of the increases in crime we have seen as of recent in Northeast Miami-Dade.

O. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Official Minutes of the February 28, 2023 Special Town Council Meeting

Consensus vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. Item O1 passes.

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

2. 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. 2
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 Vice Mayor Bernstein, 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>Absent</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager spoke on the item. We had over 30 residents participate in giving us feedback and we finally got to a point with Axxis on what we want there to be for the park including the amenities and the look and feel. The challenges came when we had to figure out how we are going to build it. Since you approved your latest list of desires,

Lissett Rovira and I have been working to see how we can do this project without impacting our residents and by following our bottom line. There is a proposed phase and proposed scope of services.

We are first going to deliver on the Civic Center Project, which includes all of the drainage for the site and additional basins. We are going to leave the tot lot pavilion and tot lot in place, because we believe that the residents shouldn't be impacted by the construction of the Wellness Center. We want to give them that space where they can continue to host parties and events and keep the tot lot active. We are going to put up a very safe wall that allows the residents to use the area while we build the recreational area.

We are going to then raise the existing tennis courts. \$1.2-1.5 Million has been allocated for these projects related to the site because our current contract with Gerrits says we're going to keep the facilities where they are and add a few feet of asphalt and not raise it. In raising the site to 6 NAVD we can't keep that asphalt meaning we're going to repurpose the lots. We are negotiating back and forth with Gerrits.

Second phase of this is raising the site for the existing tennis courts and pickleball courts, put in the retaining walls, the fence and access control gates. We are going to deliver the recreational facilities as part of phase 1. When the Civic Center is done and we've moved in and are ready to demolish this building and we've awarded a contract for the Wellness Center, then we move into phase 3.

Phase 2 is your pump station. At the last meeting, the Council did approve for Craig A. Smith to design a pump station retrofit. Once we are ready to issue the award of a contract for construction for phase 2, we will begin on the pump station. Once we are ready for phase 3, we will knock this building down and build the Wellness Center. Once the new Wellness Center is built, the new youth lot area is going to be the staging area for the Wellness Center. When the wellness center is built and we take away our yard, we will start the process of building the youth lot area. The youth lot area will be a separate RFP. We are going to put together a proposal with a scope of services and we are going to put it out to playground companies that are turnkey. Once the youth lot is built, we are going to demolish the pavilion and the existing tot lot and make that your junior basketball court and your dog park area.

As we're ready to issue contracts and negotiate with Gerrits on the change order for phase 1, the Council will approve it. As we're ready to issue the contract for the pump station, the Council will approve it. As we're ready to issue the requested proposals for the Wellness Center, the Council will approve it. When we are ready to issue a contract for the Wellness Center, the Council will approve it. When we are ready to issue an RFP for the playground, the Council will approve it. When we're ready to issue that contract, the Council will approve it.

Every step of this phasing requires your involvement, the community involvement and your approval. Nothing will be done before it comes to you.

Want to thank Councilman Einstein for saying this – sometimes I push you guys to move faster than you want to. I know I'm aggressive and I move fast, but I don't want to lose the momentum. In every step of this plan, you will be the ones who make the final decision.

Councilmember Lusskin asked how high is the retaining wall around the tennis court.

Town Manager stated that it's just to hold back the Earth and that you're not going to see stem walls throughout. The one that you will see is the one around the Wellness Center since it will be at 9 NAVD.

Councilmember Lusskin asked if there is going to be a total fence around the tot lot.

Town Manager stated that it's a requirement for playgrounds. We are going to tell the playground manufacturers community we have 9200 square feet of area for a youth playground that is age-inclusive that is also respectful of our force main which is 14 feet. Designed with ample shade and water features. The Council will select the design and then we go from there.

Vice Mayor Bernstein asked manager if he could walk through the timeline for the facility.

Town Manager stated that raising the site and the recreational facilities will hopefully be delivered by the end of the third quarter. We're hoping that at the beginning of the third quarter you will approve the RFP for the Wellness Center design build.

Town Manager stated that by the end of summer they will see the work for phase 1. We will be closing the tennis courts soon, because we need to start putting in all of our drainage.

Town Manager stated that if they like he will present to them a tentative timeframe for all of this work.

Town Manager read a question from the chat into the record concerning the tot lot budget. There is a cost of wearing down and breaking down the pavilion, the mobilization of the Wellness Center. There is not a re-mobilization cost. There is no additional cost. Said that if in a future year you want to take the operating budget and expand the budget for a better tot lot that is possible.

3. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Purchase of Audiovisual Software, Hardware and Related Professional Installation and Maintenance Services for the New Town Civic Center from AVI-SPL, Inc.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF AUDIOVISUAL SOFTWARE, HARDWARE, AND RELATED PROFESSIONAL INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE NEW TOWN CIVIC CENTER FROM AVI-SPL, INC. UTILIZING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND PRICING OF THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM (TIPS) CONTRACT NO. 200904; FINDING THAT THE PURCHASE IS EXEMPT FROM COMPETITIVE BIDDING PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-275 OF THE TOWN CODE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 3
Resolution No. 2863.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2863.23

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 Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Absent</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager spoke on the item. Stated that this is not a change order. We always knew we were going to need to outfit the building.

In our building, in addition to the chambers we have identified 13 additional locations where we are recommending to you audiovisual services. All of those requests, all of those things we wanted for audiovisual, we went through methodically. When you have an event, in our beautiful 80 person facility, you are going to use our equipment. This is fully designed/fully automated.

If in the future we wanted to change a monitor from digital to something else you can just pull a wire. All of the equipment is under warranty. There are two things that are not in this contract – conduit and the maintenance contract. If you approve this contract, we still have budgeted funds leftover. We will still need to buy computers and other things. There is probably going to be a surplus. This contract is a turnkey contract. We are recommending that we piggy back on the TIPS contract.

We have made sure that we have money available, not a cost overrun, a responsibly proposed contract, and I favorably ask for your approval on this contract.

Mayor Singer stated that they gave us a price and we negotiated back and forth several times. Think we got all we can without shortcoming the Town's Civic Center.

Also always said that the Civic Center would be state of the art and it be a first class building. This will benefit all of the residents of Golden Beach. Think it's a great contract.

Councilwoman Lusskin asked about the exclusions and the chips statement in the agreement. If we don't wait, how do we know that they'll be available and at a better price.

Town Manager stated that we are trying to move into the building at the best pace we can. If we place this order now, we should be getting the equipment in by August. The only area where we would need chips for are the chambers. If we approve this tonight, it's included.

Vice Mayor Bernstein asked Manager to explain why we are not going out with an RFP to different vendors on this.

Town Manager explained why the Town is going out under this contract instead of going out to bid. They lock in the rates for the equipment. The labor may change and we are guaranteed the rate of the TIPS contract for equipment. You piggy back off of an existing, already bid contract similar to a lot of other cities.

Buying police cars is a perfect example. When we buy police cars, we piggy back off of the Florida Sheriff's Office bid. Rudy and I don't know what size the officers need for police cars. So in essence we did go out to bid through their contract.

Vice Mayor Bernstein asked a follow-up in terms of why wouldn't we get other people if there was a higher quality that was required.

Town Manager stated that what we would get in response to an audiovisual contract is a security company that does not do broadcasting. We are required to have broadcast quality, the quality needs to fit the needs of the FCC and Florida Public Service Commission and by going with an audiovisual company that meets these requirements, it allows us to make sure we're compliant through all of our requirements for those services.

Councilmember Einstein stated that it seems like these prices are fixed, so how was the Manager able to negotiate that contract if these are fixed prices.

Town Manager stated that what they negotiated on were the labor costs, not the equipment costs. The equipment costs are fixed. So that's where we shave costs. We can use some labor from in-house. We negotiated on the labor and the general administrative costs.

Councilmember Einstein asked about how will we get the education we need in order to use this system.

Town Manager stated that there will be a full training where we will learn how to use the system. These systems are very smart and this one will be run by an iPad, but we're also going to get an annual maintenance program.

Town Manager addressed a comment from the zoom chat saying that any resident who uses the chambers for events will have access to the monitors and sound equipment for use. This is so we don't bring DJ's into our facilities and disrupt the neighbors. If anyone uses our facilities, they will be using our controlled audiovisual equipment that has been set to our preferred decibels.

4. A Resolution of the Town Council Appointing Members to the Town of Golden Beach Security and Public Safety Committee.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 4
Resolution No. 2864.23

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2864.23

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 Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>

Councilmember Bernard Einstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Absent</u>

The motion passed.

Town Manager stated that there is a meeting next week via zoom with the Public Safety Committee. There are still two vacant positions on this committee.

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

R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 4 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
Lissette Perez
Town Clerk