

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2942.24

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING RULES, POLICIES AND GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 286.0114(4) of Florida Statutes, there are certain rules, policies and guidelines concerning public comments during any meeting of the Town Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council believes that reasonable rules and regulations are necessary to, among other things, provide for proper decorum and order during Town Council meetings; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to adopt the attached Rules, Policies and Guidelines For Public Comment; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Town Council and in the best interest and welfare of the residents of the Town of Golden Beach that the attached Rules, Policies and Guidelines For Public Comment be adopted on behalf of the Town.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. The foregoing findings are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

Section 2. Adoption of Rules, Policies and Guidelines For Public Comment. The Rules, Policies and Guidelines For Public Comment attached hereto as

Exhibit "A" and effective April 19, 2024 are hereby adopted.

Section 3. Conflict. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Severability. If any word, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this resolution, for any reason, is held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remainder of this resolution shall not be affected thereby.

Section 5. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.


The Motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Bernstein and on roll call the following vote ensued:

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

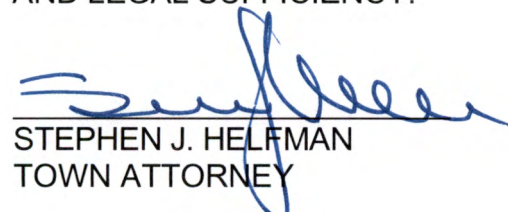
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, this 19th day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:


MAYOR GLENN SINGER


LISSETTE PEREZ
TOWN CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


STEPHEN J. HELFMAN
TOWN ATTORNEY



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 19, 2024

Item Number:

To: Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &
Town Council Members

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From: Alexander Diaz,
Town Manager

Subject: Resolution 2942.24 – Adopting Rules, Policies and Guidelines
for Public Comment At Any Town Council Meeting

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Town Council adopt the attached Resolution No. 2942.24 as presented.

Background:

At the March 26, 2024 Special Town Council Meeting the Town Council instructed staff to delineate the proper rules, policies and guidelines for public comment during any meeting held by the Town Council, to allow for proper decorum and order.

The attached resolution, with attachment, is a detailed outline of the Administration's initial proposal for rules, policies and guidelines for public comment during any and all meetings held by the Town Council. These guidelines can be modified at this meeting as needed.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Rules, Policies and Guidelines
For Public Comment

The following Rules, Policies and Guidelines are hereby established pursuant to Fla. Stat. §286.0114(4):

1. **Propositions**: The right of members of the public to make public comments during any meeting of the Town Council shall be limited to comments only on propositions upon which the Town Council intends to take official action. All comments shall be strictly limited to the specific proposition to be addressed.
2. **Forms**: Prior to any member of the public appearing before the Town Council to be heard on a proposition, the person shall be required to submit to the Town Clerk a form provided by the Clerk on which the person must identify themselves by their legal name and verifiable permanent address as well as the specific proposition they wish to speak to. That form shall be submitted to the Town Clerk in person or electronically prior to the commencement of the meeting. A separate form shall be submitted for each proposition on which the person wishes to speak. The speaker shall agree to these Rules, Policies and Guidelines by signing the form.
3. **Time**: The time allotted for comment shall be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker for each proposition. Additional time may be afforded by the Mayor in the Mayor's sole and absolute discretion.
4. **Representatives**: If multiple persons or a group of persons wish to speak to the same proposition, the Mayor may, in his discretion, direct that the persons appoint an individual representative to address the Council on their behalf.
5. **Order and Decorum**: No person may use the opportunity to be heard in any manner that disrupts (directly or indirectly) the order of the meeting by the use of speech or conduct that is directed at any persons' race, religion, ethnic origin or sexual orientation nor shall any person disrupt the decorum of the meeting through language or conduct that offends the reasonable sensibilities of the Council Members or others in attendance.
6. **Remote Participation**: All of the foregoing Rules, Policies and Guidelines shall apply to all persons who wish to provide comments via any electronic communication, including telephone and video conference platforms offered by the Town Council.
7. **Violation of Rules, Policies and Guidelines**: Failure to strictly comply with these Rules, Policies and Guidelines shall be considered a disqualification of the speaker and access to the meeting shall be denied. Any violation of the foregoing Rules, Policies and Regulations shall result in the speaker immediately forfeiting the right to be heard. Among other things, the Mayor may direct the speaker to stop speaking, turn off any audio/visual equipment and direct that the speaker be removed from the premises.