




TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

Office of the Town Manager

To: Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &
Town Council Members

From: Alexander Diaz, 
Town Manager

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Subject: **FY 23/24-Significant Accomplishments and Performance Review**

The coming 2024-2025 Fiscal Year will usher in continued growth and accomplishments for the Town of Golden Beach. The Town has for years been the premier community to live and raise a family in the South Florida area, but with the completion of the Town's Civic Center Building, it has been catapulted to a new level of excellence. And as the look of the community is drastically changing, so is the way we navigate through the day-to-day Administration of the Town.

The unveiling of the new Civic Center Building is only the beginning. The Town has created a vision of overlapping and intertwining services, that together will form the future Civic Center Complex. The Complex will be the hub of all of the Town's services from the Administration to Municipal Services, to Recreational Offerings, and Law Enforcement to provide residents with a one stop location for all of their Town services. To accomplish this, the Town has put several initiatives in motion to position itself as a full-service concierge community, providing security, recreation, waste management and clerical services to all who live here.

This is why our organizational structure has changed, to streamline processes and eliminate overlap of services and functions. These structural re-alignments will help organize the various aspects of city government that the Town provides. These changes are setting the framework to lead the Town into the future, keeping in line with our ongoing vision of being a community that provides more customer-centric services, with more beautiful and vibrant open spaces.

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024 we laid the foundation for what the future of Golden Beach would look like – a future of investments. Investments by the community, as more and more people now call Golden Beach home; investments in infrastructure, with improvements and enhancements made to the Town's stormwater systems, continued construction on the Reimagined Tweddle Park, and the completion of the highly anticipated Civic Center Complex; investments in technology, with the

purchase of software suites to improve the transparency, availability and efficiency of information online; investments in the growth and financial stability of the individuals who work day in and day out to secure our Town is at the forefront of luxury living in South Florida; and most importantly investments in YOU – the resident.

This year, the Town's assessed values grew to a very healthy \$1.857 billion; the Town finalized the design of the new, state of the art Wellness Center building; continued to make progress on the highly anticipated Re-imagined Tweddle Park project; and opened the doors to the long-awaited Civic Center building.

As we move forward, FY 2023/2024 provided the foundation and framework for the Town to continue to grow and meet the demands of tomorrow. Here is more of what FY 2023/2024 looked like:

- ✓ The Town finalized the brand-new state of the art Civic Center building, holding a monumental Grand Opening Ceremony, partner with the celebration of the Town's 95th Anniversary of Incorporation. Dignitaries from all over Miami-Dade County attended the event, alongside Town residents, totaling over 650 people in attendance. The event program was spectacular including a flag display by the Miami-Dade Fire Department, camel display, speeches, invocations, rides, fireworks display, and an awards portion recognizing all the individuals and organizations that helped make this building a reality.
- ✓ The Town's brand-new landfall team bunker, located within the new Civic Center building, was highlighted in Florida Trend Magazine. The bunker is the first of its kind for a barrier island and Florida Trend Magazine did a complete spread on the Town's new emergency facility as well as the Civic Center.
- ✓ The Town Council, via Resolution 2953.24, awarded the Wellness Center Request for Submittals to Eric Dempsey Architect, LLC. The firm is working on the design of the facility as well as the outfitting of it. In addition, the Town worked with the Resident Committee to incorporate resident feedback and recommendations on how to properly outfit the facility to meet the needs of the community. Design work is scheduled to be finalized in the beginning of 2025, with ground-breaking scheduled for the end of 2025.
- ✓ The Town is in the final implementation stages of the Town-Wide Closed Circuit Television System installation. Cameras have been affixed at an additional 84 locations through Town, on top of the 77 locations we currently have for CCTV with an additional 208 lenses with smart analytics that cover every inch of our community. This system will provide the eyes that we need in Town. To monitor this new system the Town has made staffing shifts in

the guardhouse to ensure adequate personnel are available to monitor the system.

- ✓ The Town is in the final construction phases of the Re-Imagined Tweddle Park. This past fiscal year, Council approved the purchase of lighting fixtures and poles, to ensure the park space has the appropriate lighting applications and approved the installation of conduit and wiring for the light fixtures. In addition, via Resolution 2922.24, Council approved the installation of retaining walls at various locations throughout the project, as well as the purchase of site furniture and equipment for the park. The Re-Imagined Tweddle Park will include 2 pickle ball courts, 2 full size hard surface tennis courts, a green artificial turf tennis court, a junior basketball court, a dog park and a new “wow” tot lot. One of the tennis courts will be dual-striped to be multi-purpose for those individuals who want to play pickle ball.
- ✓ Town Council approved, via Resolution 2923.24, the use of Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETF) dollars to purchase and install 11 emergency call boxes throughout the Town to allow residents to have immediate access to contact 9-1-1 or our police substation should they be in an emergency and feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- ✓ The Town approved, via Resolution 2926.24, the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Mainguy Environmental Care, Inc. calling for a 15% increase to their base maintenance contract.
- ✓ The Town Council approved mutual aid agreements with approximately 10 other local police departments, allowing the Town’s law enforcement personnel to receive assistance from other agencies and to aid those agencies when they request it.
- ✓ The Town renewed the contract with the Department of Health to Monitor and Test the Water Quality of our beach waters on a weekly basis.
- ✓ The council approved, via Resolution 2931.24, the purchase of new access control barrier gates for the Town and parking areas to enhance the Town’s outdated security system.
- ✓ Council approved, via Resolution 2932.24, the General-Purpose Financial Statement for Fiscal year 2022-2023 – this was the first year the financials were submitted to Council for review two months ahead of schedule.
- ✓ The Town Council approved, via Resolution 2935.24, awarding the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Tweddle Park Pump Station Retrofit Project to Southeastern Engineering, Inc. Part of the costs for the project will come

from a \$500,000 state grant the Town was awarded as well as an additional \$320,000 from code enforcement fee collections.

- ✓ The Town purchased thirty (30) new police radios for the Police Department through the use of Law Enforcement Trust Fund (LETf) Monies.
- ✓ The Town Council approved, via Resolution 2945.24, the use of LETf dollars for the purchase of four speedchecks to be installed in designated locations along Ocean Boulevard.
- ✓ The Town Council approved the purchase of approximately 10 vehicles through the fiscal year for both the Town's police fleet and public works fleet collectively.
- ✓ Approved via Resolution 2950.24 the repair of the Stormwater Pump at South Park.
- ✓ Approved via Resolution 2951.24 the installation of a 36" Wastop valve for the South Island outfall to mitigate the impacts of high tide water to the Town's infrastructure.
- ✓ The Town Council approved, Via Resolution 2952.24, the Mayor and Town Manager to take corrective measures to rectify stormwater system energizing capabilities in Town during emergency events in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per occurrence.
- ✓ The Town reinstated both the motor program and the K-9 programs, with the addition of a K-9 officer and the promotion of a road officer to a motorcycle officer.
- ✓ The Town Council approved the purchase of a drone to enhance and expand the Town's police services, providing added visibility around the perimeter of Town.
- ✓ The Town received recognition as an alternate finalist for All-American City Award.
- ✓ Additional landscaping was added to the beach for the enjoyment of all residents and their guests.
- ✓ Added curbing along all the planters at the beach pavilion to prevent mulch and landscape debris from littering the walkways and negatively impacting the Town's drainage systems.

- ✓ The Town installed gates on the north and south sides of the oceanfront to further help crime prevention efforts by deterring intruders from walking on the beach after sundown.

The Town has been able to accomplish a number of goals both personal and Town-wide, with very limited and at times very little resources, because we are FOCUSED ON YOU!

We will continue to make good on your investment by providing the high quality of service you have come to expect, while maintaining the highest level of efficiency and professionalism. Following our current path, and continuing to invest in our community, infrastructure and people, we cement Golden Beach's standing as the premier residential community in which to work, live, and raise a family.

I am proud of the work we have accomplished this past year and over the past seventeen years. During this time, our organization has transformed into one where accountability, professionalism and innovation remain an integral part of how we function collectively. This is made possible by the continued guidance and support from the Town Council.

Through our collective efforts, we have made significant strides in building an organization that we can all be proud of. We continue to strive for excellence in how we serve the community, and the value we offer to all of our stakeholders. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Town Manager. I look forward to continuing to lead our organization and working with all of you and our Town team on our priorities and goals this upcoming year and beyond.

I will be speaking with each of you one-on-one about what we have collectively achieved this past year and how together, we can continue working together In Building our Town of Excellence!

Thank you for trusting me to serve as your Town Manager and allowing me to be a part of your family. And like many families, we may not always agree on things, but the one thing we all share is our love for the Town of Golden Beach.