



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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Official Minutes for the August 22, 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 6:04 p.m.

## B. ROLL CALL

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

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman (via zoom), Assistant Town Manager Linda Epperson, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Chief Rudy Herbello, Lt. Leila Perez, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho (via zoom), CIP Director Lissett Rovira, Resident Services Director Michael Glidden, Office Assistant Kaitlyn Dziedzic

## C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Chief Herbello** led the Pledge of Allegiance

## D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

RECOGNITION OF RESCUE TEAM DURING SERGEANT BAUTISTA'S SHOOTING

RECOGNITION OF GOLDEN BEACH RESIDENT L. COMMANDER, JASON TAYLOR

## E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

**Town Manager** stated that Resolution No 2893.23 was revised and the revised version was on the dais.

## **F. GOOD AND WELFARE**

None

## **G. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Welcomed everyone back from the Summer Recess. We have been very fortunate this summer to not have a storm. When there are summers with no storms, we get hit pretty hard in September. I cannot urge the residents enough to be prepared and to start preparing if you have not begun already to start preparing and have the necessary supplies you need for your home.

We will be approving the millage rate of 8.4 mills for the Town TRIM notice to go out to the residents. The assessed value of the town went up to \$1.6 billion and is the highest assessed value that the Town has ever received and part of it is because of the amenities that the Town offers its residents. Golden Beach is a very safe and secure Town, I am proud of our police department, proud of the Chief and what they have done. We have seen tremendous growth in Town and we will see continuous growth. You will get your tax bill showing that in the next month or so. 8.4 mills has been the same since 2016. That is great success for the town to keep the millage rate the same over the past few years, especially with the rise in expenses. All costs straight across the board have gone up, the Town was no different. Our health insurance costs went up, all of our costs. So, to keep our millage rate at 8.4 mills is a feather in the cap of the Town Manager and the staff for keeping a balanced budget. Very proud of the Town Manager, Finance Director and the staff for doing a great job.

Did walk the Civic Center last week with the Town Manager and CIP Director Lissett Rovira. Does seem like it is moving at a snails pace, but they are making progress. Hoping to be in the building within the next two months. It is a beautiful representation of what Golden Beach is. It is really a state of the art building. The whole flow of the town hall it is going to be easy for residents to come in for the permit process. Excited to see the end result.

School has started again, cannot urge the residents enough to drive slowly in the morning and afternoon.

Recognized new resident Mark Baroccas for donating over 10k to the Town of Golden Beach for the Civic Center. It just shows the generosity and the quality of the residents we have in Golden Beach today.

Cannot believe it is almost the end of August, almost the end of the fiscal year.

## **H. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

### **Vice Mayor Bernstein**

Recognized and thanked Sergeant Bautista and the Police Department for the great work they do to keep Golden Beach safe.

Thanked the Hollywood police officers for taking the time to come and be recognized.

Very excited for the progress of Town Hall. Seems like there is a lot of talk that things are not moving and happening, but we are not just able to put it all up at once. We have repeatedly stated the many phases of these projects, but they seem to be getting lost among the residents and it brings up a lot of questions in the chat.

A while ago lost a dog unfortunately, but looking at group chats with dogs there is a chip reader that all dogs should have. Mentioned it to the Town Manager to purchase one to help identify lost dogs and return them to their owners safely.

Regarding the rec facilities, several council members, Town Manager, Lissett and I all went to look at tennis courts and pickle ball courts throughout the City to help bring about the best options to us. Out of every option that was discussed, we found that the

cushioned court were the best option rather than the options we had discussed in the past.

On the Town Group Chat, there has been some discussion about mosquito control. Mentioned a correspondence from resident Madison Berndt concerning mosquito abatement. Maybe next meeting get Madison here, get her suggestions and have a dialogue about it.

Additionally, iguanas seem to be a problem for a lot of households. Critter control came to a meeting and gave a lot of suggestions on how to reduce iguanas and maybe they could come back again.

Another resident on the chat mentioned police vehicles and thought they were too luxurious. The Town Manager is going to address the matter. They are not vary luxurious compared to police vehicles in other areas. It has been several months since we have been here. Really think we should plan on spending a little bit of money on equipment at the beach and to replace things at the beach. It does not look like what our community should look like. When you go to places, they all have a nice color scheme.

Wanted to thank the Town Manager, staff, Mayor and Council for all of their hard work in trying to continue improving this Town year after year.

### **Councilwoman Lusskin**

Welcomed everyone back after the summer. The most important thing when it comes to living in Golden Beach is safety. We have a good police department that have become a family. It is an exciting time for Golden Beach. We have always been a very progressive council.

Parking is very difficult in the cul de sacs especially in South Island. We should put up a “No Parking” sign because the residents are not able to leave their homes.

Similar to Vice Mayor Bernstein’s comments noticed that all of Public Works are wearing new jackets and it is a good look.

Condolences to the Sprechman family – Mr. Howard Sprechman passed away a few weeks ago and my condolences go out to the family.

Worry about the chat, but did note that iguanas, mosquitos, frogs and just about everything that breeds in the summer the residents want to do away with. We have to be very careful with how we do it. We have visited this many times, but it is difficult because it is seasonal. Your value as a resident is not really very different from the values of the council.

### **Councilmember Mendal**

Apologized for not being here. Will be present at the September meetings.

### **Councilmember Einstein**

Hats off to our Police Department. Thanked them for all that they do for the Town. Condolences to the Sprechman family. He was a gentle man, a lot of class. He will be missed.

If we can find it within our budget to go with that surface on all three courts, thinks that might be the way to go. It has a softer effect on people and it is better for the body. If we could find the money to do it, we should.

Throughout the summer, what I found is that pickle ball is really taking over tennis. Everywhere he goes they have all gone to pickle ball courts. If we have the room and the money, just throwing it out there. Pickle ball is growing.

Seen this town go through a lot of changes and the last few years seen tremendous amount of growth. Just something amazing. Something that I’m personally extremely proud of, and the council should be proud of. The administration under the Town

Manager has shared a vision and I am glad that we followed it and gone in this direction.

Look forward to this year and all the great things that are going to happen.

## **I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

Thanked all of the guests who are joining Officer Bautista for dinner this evening.

Thanked Lt. Perez. She put together the plaques and put that all together.

The whole Golden Beach team was there that night.

Thank you to Commander Taylor. Your gesture really moves me and our officers and we really appreciate it.

Last back to school event is happening tomorrow. If your family has not received one of our backpacks, please stop by the guardhouse for your special treat. Thanked Chief Herbello, Captain Diaz and Lt. Perez for their work on this.

It has been very hot this summer in Town, and heat breeds mosquitos, iguanas, frogs, etc. Individual homeowners are responsible to take care of any pests in their home.

Offer individual home treatments through Clarke Mosquito Control at a very deeply discounted rate.

Try to keep an open mind with the input provided by our residents and we do not push agendas here. When individual residents propose ordinances or changes that would not serve our community, I do not present it to the council for their consideration. I do not believe that using manure to treat mosquito problems in town is the answer.

We have listened to our residents. We do use a pesticide that is widely used and is safer than the pesticides with chemicals. If you do not want to be affected by the sprays that we do in town, do not go outside when we spray at 11 p.m. on a Tuesday night. I will do everything possible to keep our residents safe and the environment is secondary to me.

If you do need individual mosquito control or iguana help, please call our resident services department and they will guide you in the right direction. It is your obligation not ours.

Do believe that it is important for us as a community to let individuals like criminals know that we are assertive and will not back down. I refuse as your manager to drive around in soccer mom vehicles. To any resident that feels that we are being wasteful, I can tell you that every year we had a surplus on our budget.

We take your safety as our #1 priority.

I believe in free speech, but I am getting a little bit annoyed when people are putting out false information in a chat that I am not a part of. And I know because I get phone calls on a Sunday night while I am trying to be with my family. Be careful with what you put in a group chat. And when in doubt, call me. When it comes to town business before you put something out there, have the decency and respect to come to me and ask me and I will be happy to ease your concerns.

Very disappointed with the State Attorney's Office and how they have handled the kids that tried to steal the vehicles in Town. We are seeing more and more crimes and opportunities happening. I am not saying this to scare you, but let us be smart with how we live in Golden Beach. Close your garage doors, take your cars inside. You need to be more aggressive.

For the first time ever the budget book will be available to the residents electronically and be interactive.

The budget meetings this year will be on September 12<sup>th</sup> and September 26<sup>th</sup>.

And thanked Mr. Baroccas for his generous donation to the Town.

## **J. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

None

**K. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

NONE

**L. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

**1. An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach Amending the Town of Golden Beach Employees' Pension Plan.**

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"; SECTION 24-33 "BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND ELIGIBILITY"; 24-36 "ADMINISTRATION"; SECTION 24-37 "FINANCES AND FUND MANAGEMENT"; CREATING SECTION 24-41 "DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 1  
Ordinance No. 604.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 604.23

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>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Town Manager** spoke on the item. Our pension gives you two options – you are either a civilian or a police officer. What we are seeing is a more and more devoted team of employees, but our pension is rather punitive.

For example someone like Public Works Director Kirk McKoy, who's worked at the Town for 25 years cannot retire for another ten years. In the new pension ordinance, we are asking for the general employees that they be allowed to retire at 65 years old, but also recognize two (2) levels of services: one being after 25 years of service at age 55, or 30 years of service to collect their pension. Our obligation is that we will honor that pension and make sure that it is whole and solid. It will only have an impact of about \$50,000 to the Town.

Our police officers are not part of this discussion because they already have a very generous pension with the town. We are proposing giving both groups of employees a DROP option.

The cost of the DROP is nothing to us because all we are doing is putting their own money into a savings account.

Every year we put into our fund balance a little bit of reserves so that if there is unfortunately another market crash similar to 2008, we have money set aside so our pension is always there.

**Mayor Singer** stated that the Manager and him have discussed this and think this is a very fair option.

**Councilmember Lusskin** stated that she thinks it is fair and it is well deserved for our employees.

**Vice Mayor Bernstein** stated that he could not agree more. Cannot believe we have not done this years ago.

**Councilmember Mendal** agrees with everyone that it is more than fair.

**Councilmember Einstein** also agrees.

## **M. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS**

### **2. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Variance Requests for the Property Located at 330 South Parkway to Permit a Seawall Encroachment.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 330 SOUTH PARKWAY, GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160 TO PERMIT A SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE INTO THE WATERWAY BY APPROXIMATELY 2.52' WHEN TOWN CODE SECTION 46-81 DOES NOT PERMIT THE SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 2  
Resolution No. 2882.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

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>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2882.23

**Town Manager** stated that this is just a typical housekeeping item. Asked the town attorney to please draft something so we do not have these keep coming back.

**3. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Variance Request for the Property Located at 309 Center Island Drive to Permit a Seawall Encroachment.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 309 CENTER ISLAND DRIVE, GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160. TO PERMIT A SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE INTO THE WATERWAY BY APPROXIMATELY 1'7" WHEN TOWN CODE SECTION 46-81 DOES NOT PERMIT THE SEAWALL TO ENCROACH OUTSIDE THE PROPERTY LINE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 3  
Resolution No. 2883.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2883.23

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>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving A Variance Request for the Property Located at 200 Ocean Boulevard to Permit Construction of a Cabana in the Rear Yard.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 OCEAN BLVD., GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160 TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF A CABANA IN THE REAR YARD WHEN TOWN CODE SECTION 66-251 DOES NOT PERMIT A CABANA IN ZONE 2.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 4

Resolution No. 2884.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2884.23

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Luskin, 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 Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Town Manager** stated that typically this is not an item that we would bring to you for your support. The owner is going to make the house a lot nicer and he's going to make a structure further away from the north side of the property and have a designated use for it and we are in negotiations setting limitations and rules and because of the unique nature of this property and the use, we think it will help the neighbors and it is a more elegant structure. We believe the circumstances arising with this request warrants a variance. To the neighbors that are being impacted by moving it further south it will make it a better, cleaner structure.

**Rabbi Chay Amar, owner of 200 Ocean Boulevard** thanked the Council for their favorable approval of the item.

#### **N. TOWN MAJOR PROJECTS REPORT/UPDATE**

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

Civic Center due date is September 28<sup>th</sup>, and we are not going to make that date. Here is what I hope we are going to do. Hope that we can meet in the building in November. It will definitely be ready before November, but we do not want to rush it. Had some concerns of the elevator delaying us getting into the building. If you would like an individual tour of the building, please see me and I will be glad to do it. We did tear down the tennis courts and do not have an expected delivery date yet. Expect it to be during the second quarter of the year. We are going to be installing a cushion court, under the authority that you gave me. We will be changing one of the courts. I respectfully will say to Councilmember Einstein that because we have the two pickle ball courts we would get a lot of push back from our tennis playing families who are adamant about having a hard court.

**Vice Mayor Bernstein** asked if it made sense to add the padding on the pickle ball courts since it is a lot of our older residents.

**Town Manager** stated that that is an easy fix.



**Councilmember Einstein** stated that the only thing he does not know about on the pickle ball court is how the softer surface will affect the bounce of the ball.

**Town Manager** stated that in the next week or two we will be closing the parking in front of the tennis courts and our staff will be parking in the gravel area in front of town hall. The park project is moving along.

**Town Manager** stated that over the summer, some very committed residents volunteered to serve on a Wellness Center steering committee. We have decided that we will not go out to bid for architectural services for the Wellness Center.

While in Jerusalem this summer, I came across a building that has won several awards and it is symbolic of our current Civic Center design. It would be very welcoming for our residents. It is a look that will fit right into the site and the cost of building that building will fit our budget. We cannot afford a group of architects to come in and propose new buildings that we cannot afford. We will be bringing to the council one design with a couple of variations. Once we decide on that design, we will hire an architect to put the documents together. Once those documents are put together, we know what the prices will be from the bidders from our expert residents who are a part of this committee in our community. Our goal is to build a building for \$4.5 Million which is a very aggressive budget.

We hope to bring to you the design and floor plans to the October meeting to be decided on. Once that selection is made, we will use the holiday break to get the construction documents ready. The goal is to go out to bid by February or March for a contractor. The good news is, our money is earning good interest while we wait for the project to move along.

Thanked residents Jerry Hollo, Chris Masciati, Ricardo Halfen, Stephanie Halfen, Eric Cohen, and Michael Klinger who have all been selected as a part of the construction of the building. Residents will still be invited to serve as a part of the programming. We wanted a team of experts to guide us for the Wellness Center.

## **O. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. Official Minutes of the June 6, 2023 Special Town Council Meeting**
- 6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Surplus of Town Vehicles/Equipment.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ONE 2012 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500, TWO 2012 HARLEY ROADKING POLICE MOTORCYCLES AND ONE 2014 VERMAC SIGNAGE BOARD FROM THE TOWN'S VEHICLE/EQUIPMENT FLEET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 6  
Resolution No. 2885.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2885.23

**7. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving an Agreement between the State Attorney's Office and the Town of Golden Beach.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA APPROVING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 7  
Resolution No. 2886.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2886.23

**8. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Joint Project Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for Turf and Landscape Maintenance.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A JOINT PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR TURF AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 8  
Resolution No. 2887.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2887.23

**9. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Purchase and Equipping of Three Town Vehicles.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AND EQUIPPING OF ONE ADMIN FORD F150, ONE TESLA MODEL 3, AND ONE POLARIS RANGER 1000 AND THE USE OF GENERAL FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP THE ABOVE VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 9  
Resolution No. 2888.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2888.23

**Consensus vote**   3   **Ayes,**   0   **Nays.** Items O5 –O9 pass.

**Town Manager** stated that the Polaris and the ATV are for the beach. It is our practice to buy our beach vehicles at least once a year, so our residents on Ocean Boulevard know that we are committed to keeping them safe by patrolling their sands. As it relates to the Ford F-150, there is a policy that we shall replace our vehicle every four (4) years and we have violated that policy because that vehicle is over ten (10) years old. Buying a Tesla Model 3 is in the best interest and the best fiduciary decision that we can make. We do not do anything just to be wasteful.

**P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS**

**10. A Resolution of the Town Council Ratifying the Maximum Proposed Millage Rate for F/Y 2023-2024.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE MAXIMUM PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR F/Y 2023-2024 THAT WAS TRANSMITTED TO THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 10  
Resolution No. 2889.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2889.23

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>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**11. A Resolution of the Town Council Reauthorizing the Town’s Schedule of Building Permit and Processing Fees, and Establishing Town Fees.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, REAUTHORIZING THE TOWN'S SCHEDULE OF BUILDING PERMIT AND PROCESSING FEES, AND ESTABLISHING TOWN FEES AND ASSOCIATED FEES; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 11  
Resolution No. 2890.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2890.23

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Luskin, 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 Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Town Manager** spoke on the item. This item helps us understand what the true cost of construction is. If a contract comes in at a higher price than our minimum per square foot we will honor it. If you try to bring us a contract for less than what we know the market is yielding, we are going to call you on it. Yes, this is a big jump, but we have not adjusted our pricing on Ocean Boulevard in several years. We are recommending that we go to 1200 a square foot on Ocean Boulevard and 600 a square foot in zone 2 and 3. For additions, we want to go to 400 a square foot and for remodels, we want to go to 300 a square foot. We know that is it an aggressive number and it is a scary number, but the reality is that it is what you are seeing. That is just the world we live in today because of supply and demand and the lack of resources. We believe developers should be held to that standard and that is why we are recommending these increases.

**Mayor Singer** stated that he could not agree more knowing what construction costs are. Fully support this and it basically covers our costs in the building department.

**Vice Mayor Bernstein** asked what the other increases were.

**Town Manager** explained the additional increases for remodels and additions. We did not want to burden the residents with this, but if you are building a new home and you are usually developers we want your price to be honest.

**Town Manager** stated that the property appraiser did warn us that we need to look at our budgets to know what our trends are. Golden Beaches market has slowed down a little bit.

**Town Manager** stated that this Resolution does become effective immediately. Anyone who has not finished their building process and not issued a building permit, you fall into this ordinance because your permits have not been issued. I do not care how many attorneys you have calling my office and how aggressive you are with the staff, we will enforce this resolution and ensure that we get proper pricing per square footage.

**12. A Resolution of the Town Council Accepting the Renewal Agreement for Short Term/Long Term Disability Insurance and Life Insurance.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE BENEFIT PROPOSAL FOR SHORT TERM/LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE, LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE SUBMITTED BY MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE; PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 12  
Resolution No. 2891.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2891.23

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>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Town Manager** stated that for dental, vision and short term/long term we received a rate pass and they will honor the current rates.

**13. A Resolution of the Town Council Awarding an Agreement for Comprehensive Health, Vision and Dental Insurance for the Employees of the Town and Eligible Dependents.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AWARDING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF A COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN, INCLUDING A VISION PROVISION AND A DENTAL PLAN, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH EMPLOYEES AND ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONDITION OF AWARD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR

CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 13  
Resolution No. 2892.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2892.23

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Luskin, 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 Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed.

**Town Manager** stated that we want to keep the same carrier for all of our members. We did have our broker go out to NHP, UHN, Cigna, Human and Avmed. Two of them said they would not quote us.

One of them did come in with a cheaper renewal, but I did not want to put our members through another insurance renewal with a new carrier.

Our renewal came in at 39%. That is a big number.

In working with Christine, we got the renewal down to 18%.

Open enrollment will happen next week to give our members some time to understand what the impact will be to them and give them a few weeks to review everything. This is an opportunity to review the benefits and make a decision on how they wish to move forward.

We will offer a lower tier base plan that will cause our employees to have higher exposure. That tier will only cost us to have a 3.34% increase should all members be forced to that tier. With the savings, we will honor and be responsible for anything from out of pocket. Still keeping Florida Blue, the TransAmerica card and still keeping the HSA card. Your Copays should go on your HSA card. You are responsible for your deductibles and your maximum out of pockets. Transamerica will cover your deductibles but not your maximum out of pocket. The Town will pay for the risk of anything that goes beyond the maximum out of pocket.

If you are a member who has a prescription drug in Tier 4, we will take care of that. If you choose to buy up to the current Florida blue offering you can do that. If I know that you have a tier 4 medication and you do the buy up, I am going to pay for the difference of the plan. We are offering a lower PPO plan. You will have access to doctors at a much more competitive rate, but it goes from 80% coverage to 70% coverage. Christine from Sapoznik will be available to answer any questions about the change.

Under the authority that I have, we will send out the impact of what this will be. Thanked the Mayor for giving his time over the summer to bounce these ideas. Also thanked the Mayor and Council for trusting in me how we are going to be offering insurance this year. Know this – insurance is something that we should not play with. Members over the age of 65 I need you to do me a favor. Next time you go to the hospital or have a

procedure, please give them your Medicare card. Part of our increase were some of the things that were Medicare eligible that were not charged to Medicare. Will have open enrollment next week. As it relates to the members on the dais, you have nothing to worry about. Your numbers are on the dais.

**Town Manager** thanked Lissette Perez, Elena Cheung, and Maria Camacho who have all been working with me in helping structure this. Also wanted to thank Christine Nunzio from Sapoznik.

**14. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Change Order #2 to the Contract with Gerrits Construction, Inc.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #2 TO THE DESIGN-BUILD AGREEMENT WITH GERRITS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE TOWN CIVIC CENTER PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 14  
Resolution No. 2893.23

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2893.23

A motion to approve was made by Vice Mayor Bernstein, seconded by Councilmember Lusskin, 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** stated that he considers this a housekeeping item. Throughout the summer, I have been authorizing small changes to the building. Although I cannot change the contract, I asserted myself and approved small changes that did not exceed \$25,000. Over the course of the summer, we had over 35 small changes that I have been approving. These are things that the town has been asking Gerrits to do. I have approved a lot of small change orders that we are bringing to you as one big change order. It is not over yet. Currently negotiating with Gerrits additional changes. We are starting to see the effects of having an open elevator vestibule on the ground floor so close to the ocean. There is a natural curve on the first floor. The lobby will still be open and airy but the elevator vestibule area will be enclosed and air-conditioned which will extend the life of the elevator. There are still three or four change orders that we need to do, but we have budgeted for this. These are things that we need to do. Bringing the new contract total to \$8,535,968.07. \$900,000 of this is for park work not building work.

## 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** went over upcoming meeting dates.

Will have fully bound copy of the budget in your hands the 30<sup>th</sup> of August.

We will release the electronic version to our community no later than Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

We are doing it so aggressively because the budget book looks very different. All of the budgets are now in their new restructured format. I want you to have a full two weeks to review the budget book prior to the meeting so that no one can accuse of not doing something.

First budget hearing September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., final budget hearing is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. both of these meetings will be working meetings with additional items on them.

## R. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lissette Perez*  
Lissette Perez  
Town Clerk