



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

One Golden Beach Drive
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the September 10, 2024
First Budget Hearing called for 6:00 P.M.

Zoom Room Meeting ID: 821 0452 4653 Password: 103071

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A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Singer called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Present: Mayor Glenn Singer, Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein via Zoom, Councilmember Judy Lusskin, Councilmember Jaime Mendal, Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein

Staff Present: Town Manager Alexander Diaz, Town Attorney Steve Helfman via Zoom, Assistant Town Manager Linda Epperson, Town Clerk Lissette Perez, Police Captain Yovany Diaz, Building and Zoning Director Lissett Rovira, Finance Director Maria D. Camacho, Public Works Director Kirk McKoy, Resident Services Director Michael Glidden, Administrative Assistant Eric Garcia, HR Generalist and Assistant to the Town Clerk Elena Cheung

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Captain Yovany Diaz led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. ADOPTION OF PROPOSED COMBINED MILLAGE AND PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 (TIME CERTAIN ITEM)

1. **A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Proposed Millage Rate for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); SETTING A DATE FOR A FINAL PUBLIC HEARING TO

ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Resolution No. 2965.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2965.24

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

The motion passed

Town Attorney We're simply reading both items into record and conducting one public hearing on both items together. Then we'll come back and act on each resolution and ordinance separately. Announced the proposed millage rate into record. We are now set to go forward with the presentation to discuss both the budget and the millage.

Mayor Singer The proposed millage rate for the Town for fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 is hereby fixed at 7.6630 mills which is 7.6630 dollars per \$1000 of assessed property value within the Town of Golden Beach. That puts the rollback rate at 6.8227, and the proposed millage rate of 7.6630 mills, which is 12.32 over the rollback rate. And the voted debt service for the fiscal year will be point .7370 mills.

2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Tentative Budgets for the Fiscal Year Commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2024 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 200.065 (TRIM BILL); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 2
Resolution No. 2966.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2966.24

A motion to approve was made 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 Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed

Town Manager As we have done in years past, we have sent a brief overview of the budget to everyone's home. The budget in brief is an opportunity for our residents at home to get a better understanding as to what our operating and capital budget presents to them. There's been some rumors about the independence and integrity of our budget. I want to remind the community that for 16 years in a row our budget has received the Outstanding Budget of Excellence award from an independent organization, the Government Finance Officer Association. Over the last 14 years we have had a clean audit. This year we've included the audit findings in our budget. Our budget is audited independently through an independent auditing company, and found no deficiencies in our budget, and, in fact, has found that our budget has grown in reserves year after year. Our final budget hearing is scheduled for Monday, September 30. That will also be our regular town council meeting where we vote on the budget. Today's hearing is required under Florida law to just present the budget. There will be no other non-budget related items on today's agenda.

Town Manager went on to discuss general guiding principles for this year's budget and reviewed budget line items. Our commitment to the community is to always try to keep a combined millage rate of 8.4 mills. This year, we will be setting the town's operating millage rate at 7.6630 and debt service at .7370 for a combined 8.4 millage rate. For the 10th year in a row, we've been able to maintain this rate.

Town Manager gave an overview of all the funds by department instead of going line by line; already met with Mayor and Council individually prior to tonight's meeting. If there is any member of the public who has a question on a budget line item, we could dive into it. Our town's overall budget for this year is \$27.3 million for a balanced budget.

3. 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. 3
Resolution No. 2967.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2967.24

A motion to approve was made 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 Kenneth Bernstein	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Aye</u>

The motion passed

Town Manager The only thing that we're changing in the proposed fee schedule is increasing the cost of renting tables and chairs from the town to a fixed unit price; all other fees remain the same.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez
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Town Clerk