



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

100 Ocean Boulevard
Golden Beach, FL 33160

Official Minutes for the October 29, 2024
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 6:07 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

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

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chief Rudy Herbello led the Pledge of Allegiance

D. PRESENTATIONS / TOWN PROCLAMATIONS

Town Manager presented the Mayor and Town Council with their annual one-dollar compensation along with pink badges and commemorative coins in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month and in honor of the hard work that we've all worked for the 95th event. Town Attorney was also presented with a badge.

E. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA

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

F. GOOD AND WELFARE

None

G. MAYOR'S REPORT

Golden Beach was very fortunate with Hurricane Milton; I have to commend the Town Manager, the Police Department and Public Works. They were out in force three days before the storm, all during the potential of the storm and after the storm. It shows you how prepared the Town is for a potential threat like that. You did a phenomenal job.

Congratulated the Town Manager on his credential certification with International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Very few town managers have this credential.

Congratulated Chief Herbello who is featured on the cover of Stroll Magazine, a great article.

The Halloween party is at the old town hall this year at 5:30; the Town Manager will go over the protocol later. Everyone has been working very hard to prepare for this. There's extra security and everyone will be safe. It is for Golden Beach residents and their guests.

On November 12th at 7 pm, we're going to have a guest speaker. The Town Manager and I talked about this for several months prior to completing the Civic Center, that we would like to have a guest speaker to speak to anyone who wants to come, our residents and their guests, every quarter. This month we're fortunate to have Peter Paltchik from Israeli American Council (IAC) who is an Olympic Medalist. It's not a fundraiser; it doesn't cost anything. It will be about an hour long and everyone is welcome. We will put out an email to residents. We will try to have a speaker every quarter on all different subjects. This is a great venue to host it; it's educational and informative; and a great way to meet your residents.

H. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Einstein I am so proud to be from Golden Beach; I can't say that enough. I'm glad we didn't get the hurricane; I think it was sort of a trial run to some degree. Our management team from top to bottom was there. I can't say enough about it. I was able to walk the beach; the erosion did not seem as bad. I think the sand will come back in time.

Councilmember Bernstein Congratulations to the Town Manager and the Chief. Regarding Halloween, there will be shuttles going back and forth; if someone is coming to town and not able to get their car here by 4 pm, are they able to be dropped off? And where is the best drop-off? Town Manager said they can be dropped off at the Strand or at South Gate.

Councilmember Mendal Congratulations not only to the Town Manager but to everyone on the team who makes everything happen here. Are there any updates on the tennis courts? Town Manager will provide an update later.

Councilmember Lusskin Very proud of the Town Manager; very impressive. Not too many managers have that certification. It was very windy throughout the Town and the entire time Public Works was out there picking up stuff. I'm really proud of our Public Works department. I want to remind everyone of Veterans' Day is November 11th. It's a very special Veterans' Day, not only are we honoring veterans, but we are also doing a tribute to the Golden Beach Police and a semi-retirement send off for Sgt. Massey. I hope everyone turns up for that; it's going to be a beautiful event. We did lose two members of our Golden Beach family over the last few weeks, Peter Manners and Annette Willis.

Mayor Singer Recessed the Council Meeting at 6:26 pm to move into the Local Planning Agency hearing.

I. TOWN MANAGER REPORT/MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE

Acknowledged Kirk McKoy and Chief Herbello for their hard work throughout Hurricane Milton; it was a true team effort. We've been lucky for the last 18 years to not have a direct hit. Our residents should not let their guard down when a storm is approaching. You should take the necessary steps to prepare. We all saw what happened on the west coast and it could be very devastating. We did get extra pumps as part of the storm preparation. They will remain in town through the end of the king tide period.

As it relates to the pickle ball and tennis courts. The pickle ball courts are open, and our residents are already using them. We are getting phone calls that the courts are slanted or tilted; that is intentional for water runoff. As soon as Hotwire puts in the locks for the tennis courts, we will open them for use. We have seen a great number of non-residents to use the courts. This past weekend our police very politely asked them to leave. A reminder to our residents, any resident giving their job to any non-resident will be barred from using the courts for a period of no less than three months for the first occurrence. The courts are for the residents' use and their accompanied guests. If you have a coach or trainer who wishes to use the courts, they must be approved by the Town and must have a Certificate of Insurance with minimum of \$500,000 liability naming us as additional insured. If they abuse the rules, they will be barred from using the facilities. Right now, the pickle ball courts are open until 7 pm until we get the acoustical panels delivered. The lights are on switches, and they go off at 10 pm for both courts.

I want to thank Michael Glidden and Jisel Krepp who have been working around the clock for Halloween. We are super excited. As of 2 pm we are closing all construction sites and at 4 pm we are closing the Strand. There will be a shuttle going up and down Golden Beach Drive. On November 20th, we will host our first Golden Seniors Luncheon at the Beach Pavilion starting at 11 am. Please reach out to Resident Services for additional information.

For the Town Council, please save December 7th for the town's employee appreciation event.

Next Tuesday is the general election. General election is held in Sunny Isles government center from 7am to 7pm. All residents are encouraged to go vote. This year is an election year for Golden Beach. Qualifying will begin on December 30 and run through January 6. Residents wishing to run, there are two council and the mayor positions. The town elections will be held February 18.

Veterans' Day event is on Monday, November 11th. Councilmember Lusskin has for the past twenty years organized both Veterans' Day and Memorial Day events. I ask all our staff and residents to participate in the wonderful event that she puts on every year.

- Civic Center: Now that we've enjoyed our new home for a few months, we are going to make a few improvements to the lobby area on the third floor. It is all under my spending threshold and within the budget allowance. We did get gas put into the building. The generator now will have gas and the meter is installed. The BDA is in place, and we will be closing out the permits for this building very soon. We are looking at making some renderings for Councilmember Bernstein as it relates to the first-floor covered area for the garage. We are also looking at how we can make the back of the building more aesthetically appealing.
- Re-Imagined Tweddle Park: The courts are all installed. We look forward to people to start playing on the tennis courts as soon as Hotwire delivers the access control. We are aware of the slant, and I am going to measure the degree of the slant to make sure that it doesn't exceed what is unacceptable.
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV): We have put a pause on A1A camera installation. We are working out some details with FDOT to get permission to put in the cameras. We are making it part of our legislative action items this year. Some poles collapsed during the beach erosion; we are looking to see how we can put them on a deeper pile system, so they don't fall into the water.
- Wellness Center: In attendance is Eric Dempsey. He is working hard to diversify the team. I noticed his subcontractors are minority owned or women owned companies. Updated renderings are now to scale. Mr. Dempsey is tasked to have construction ready documents in mid-November. The goal is to go out to bid some time in December. This is the last Wellness Center presentation before we go to bid.

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's Comprehensive Plan to Adopt A Property Rights Element.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH COMPREHENSVE PLAN TO ADOPT A PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT; PROVIDING THAT ALL PREREQUISITES TO ADOPTION HAVE BEEN SATISFIED;

PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 1
Ordinance No. 606.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 606.24

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

N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS

O. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Official Minutes of the September 10, 2024 First Budget Hearing**
- 3. Official Minutes of the September 30, 2024 Final Budget Hearing & Special Town Council Meeting**
- 4. Official Minutes of the September 30, 2024 Local Planning Agency Hearing**
- 5. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Payment of \$10,000 to Best Buddies International.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$10,000.00 TO BEST BUDDIES INTERNATIONAL; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 5
Resolution No. 2979.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2979.24

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

6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management and the Town of Golden Beach.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 6
Resolution No. 2980.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2980.24

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

7. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Expenditure of Up to \$60,000.00 for Individual Promotional and Premium Purchases.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$60,000.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL PROMOTIONAL AND PREMIUM PURCHASES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 7
Resolution No. 2981.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2981.24

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

8. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Agreement for Contracted Police Service with Officer David Carrazana.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACTED POLICE SERVICE WITH POLICE OFFICER DAVID CARRAZANA; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 8
Resolution No. 2982.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2982.24

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

9. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving An Employment Agreement with Eric Garcia.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AN

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CONTRACT EMPLOYEE ERIC GARCIA TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCE DEPARTMENTS; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 9
Resolution No. 2983.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2983.24

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

P. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

10.A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Amendment #2 to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #2 TO THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 10
Resolution No. 2984.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2984.24

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 This is a clean-up item. I am pleased to announce that we received over a million and a half dollars in revenue that we weren't budgeted for. Our Building Department does a phenomenal job of raising money. Maria Camacho did a phenomenal job getting FEMA to give us a little more money. Revenues are doing great, and this allocates \$600,000 of that revenue to balance out the projects that are approved throughout the year.

11.A Resolution of the Town Council Amending Resolution 2946.24, Approving a List of Vendors and Budget(s) for the Town's CCTV Project.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION 2946.24 APPROVING A LIST OF VENDORS AND BUDGET(S) FOR SEVERAL TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOWN'S CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) PROJECT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Exhibit: Agenda Report No. 11
Resolution No. 2985.24

Sponsor: Town Administration

Recommendation: Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2985.24

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 This is a housekeeping item. We are adding two more companies to our team to help deliver this project. There's been some changes as it relates to how we're going to feed electricity to the oceanside poles after what we learned from Milton. This item adds vendors and an additional \$70,000.

Q. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER

Mayor Glenn Singer:
None Requested

Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:
None Requested

Councilmember Jaime Mendal:
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz
None Requested

Town Manager Want to just remind Council and residents of some dates. Halloween event is this Thursday starting at 5:30 pm. Veterans' Day event is November 11th at 5 pm at the Beach Pavilion hosted by Councilmember Lusskin. November 12th at 7 pm, we will have the guest speaker here in Town Hall. November 5th is the general election, and you will vote in Sunny Isles. The Town Council qualifying dates are December 30 to January 6. Your next and final council meeting for the year is scheduled for Tuesday, November 19th at 6 pm. November 20th is the Golden Seniors' luncheon at the Pavilion. December 7th is our Employee Appreciation event.

S. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Councilmember Mendal and seconded by Councilmember Bernstein.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lissette Perez

Lissette Perez
Town Clerk