



# TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

100 Ocean Boulevard  
Golden Beach, FL 33160

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**Official Minutes for the September 30, 2024  
Final Budget Hearing & 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 6:05 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**

CHECK PRESENTATION FOR TOWN STORMWATER  
DRAINAGE/RETAINING WALL PROJECT

**Mayor Singer** We have a few special invited dignitaries in the audience tonight who are here to present the Town of Golden Beach with a special check for \$850,000 in grant funds for the Wellness Center project. Please join me in welcoming Representative Fabian Basabe, Representative Mike Bernardo and Senator Ana Marie Rodriguez. Also, I'd like to welcome our lobbyist, Dave Caserta.

PROCLAMATION PRESENTATION

**Mayor Singer** presented a proclamation to Rabbi Chay Amar from the Town of Golden Beach

**E. ADOPTION OF FINAL COMBINED MILLAGE AND FINAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 (TIME CERTAIN ITEM)**

- 1. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Final 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 FINAL 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); PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 1  
Resolution No. 2968.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2968.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Einstein, 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

**Mayor Singer** To reiterate, it's the final millage rate for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 be hereby fixed at rate 7.6630 mills per \$1000 of assessed property value. Rollback rate of 6.8227 and final millage rate of 7.6630 mills which is 12.32% over rollback rate.

**Town Manager** This is my 18<sup>th</sup> year presenting the budget. We made a commitment in 2007 to always try to keep our combined millage rate lower than 8.49 mills. We've lowered our millage rate three times in the last few years for a combined millage rate of 8.4. In 2014, we had a community worth \$760 million. Today, our community is worth \$1.84 billion, a growth of \$1.1 billion. We've invested \$76 million in capital projects by only asking our community to pay for \$20 million. Tonight, you're going to see another example of the hard work this Council and our State partners have done to be able to maintain our millage rate. Of course, we've had to grow our staff. But we're offering more amenities. It's important to understand that our millage rate is a combined millage rate of which we've successfully lowered over the last three years.

**2. A Resolution of the Town Council Adopting the Final 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 FINAL 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. 2969.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2969.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Mendal, 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** There have been no changes to the budget as presented at the last budget meeting. It calls for us to fully deliver Reimagined Tweddle Park and the Wellness Center in next year's budget. It also calls for \$500,000 for our wayfinding system on Ocean Blvd; also \$400,000 for our new annex; a 3% COLA to our employees even though our neighboring communities are giving up to 8%, we decided 3% is more than fair; 15% increase in our non-windstorm policies to our insurance line; \$400,000 growth to our reserves; also included \$850,000 that the State of Florida has generously decided to give us for the Wellness Center project. It is a very healthy budget. We now have 90 employees to serve you; 30 of them are in our police department. The most exciting part about this year's budget, which is something the residents have been asking for years, is that we will be starting our Park Ranger program in this budget. It means our parks will finally be patrolled and ensuring the residents have the right to use the parks as they have done so through the ordinances we pass.

**F. MOTION TO SET THE AGENDA**

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

**Councilmember Lusskin** is removing the discussion item regarding South gate.

**Mayor Singer** Recessed the Council Meeting at 6:21 pm to move into the Local Planning Agency hearing.

## **G. GOOD AND WELFARE**

**Stanley Fineman** I'm in awe of the progress that the Council has achieved. I've noticed the great changes that have taken place on my drive here. Kudos to that. My feeling about the assessment was real simple. I noticed that the assessment was on non ad valorem section of the bill and I was a bit upset because I noticed that we're being billed about a thousand dollars a year and I was informed that the contract has already been signed. I believe that assessment should be dropped completely, and the town should pick it up and pay for it as a service that's performed for the town.

**Jeff Sonn** I'm raising the issue of Hotwire. I think what Dr. Fineman was talking about was the assessment on the bill for Hotwire, and I understand his concern. What I'm raising is what another resident raised about the Hotwire services for our internet, and that is, I believe we were given an initial 2-year charge introductory plan for 2 years at a certain rate, where you got at least 1 GB, and you could get up to 2 GB. But when that 2 years is up, one of the residents was asking on Whatsapp, is the town going to negotiate another promotional rate for all residents? That's a favorable rate going forward because we have 350 homes, over a thousand residents. We have the ability to negotiate when that introductory rate is up, even though we negotiated with them to put in the fiber optic and provide that service. And we're paying for that. We're paying for that installation through our assessments. And frankly, I'm very happy to have fiber optic. But I would encourage our town manager to negotiate with them to see if we can get another promotional rate for Hotwire for another couple of years when the initial rate is up.

**Andrew Rabin** (via Zoom) With the recent hurricane, we've had a significant amount of beach erosion in our section of the beach, probably affecting at least a half dozen houses. We have a private beach raking company that typically supplements what the town does to maintain the beach, and we spoke with them about coming out to take down some of the escarpments that have formed, and they said that because it is still turtle season, they have to get a special permit from the DEP to get permission to do the work. They requested an emergency permit, but they said it could take days, weeks, or they may never hear back on that. I don't know if the town is aware, it's almost a dangerous condition for some of the houses down here and if there's anything the town could do to help out.

## **H. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Hurricane Helene was a good lesson for the town of Golden Beach. It was a horrific storm, but did not affect Golden Beach as much as it could have. But it puts us at a good thought process. What we learned from that storm is 1) we always need to be prepared because that storm came out of nowhere and in 3 days went up the Gulf coast. So, you have to be proactive and be prepared; 2) it's imperative that all our seawalls are up to code. If your seawall is not up to code, we're going to pursue it. But you should take the proactive stance and bring your seawall up to code, because that would definitely help during tidal surge, even though if this storm hit, it would not have made a difference; 3) when they say to evacuate, you need to evacuate. The surge over on the west coast in certain areas was 20 feet tall. That's over 2 buildings, meaning that

the surge from the ocean would be over this building or the top of this building to the intercoastal. It is imperative that we learn from this storm.

The security cameras due to the storm, the poles on the beach were affected. But we're making progress reinstalling them, and the camera project is almost complete. All the intercoastal cameras are on, and majority of them are connected. The project is making progress and hopefully within the next 30 days all the cameras will be working.

The Wellness Center presentation on the final plans will be presented today. Once that's approved, then we'll go and ask for final permitted plans. Once that's attained, we'll be able to go out to bid to get 3 bids at minimum and do that by the year end.

Halloween this year is going to be at Tweddle Park and the old Town Hall is going to be converted into a haunted house and they have some great things planned for the children

The high holidays are around the corner. I sent an email out last week and the town is being proactive. All the emergency call buttons are working; we're having additional patrol on A1A by the Temple. There will be extra visibility by the Golden Beach police department, and I thank the Chief for putting that plan together. I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy new year.

Regarding the Good and Welfare comments, I don't want it to go unaddressed. Hotwire replaced our old internet service and it is a 10-year non-negotiable contract and they provided all the infrastructure for the high speed network. We have very few complaints regarding the internet. Regarding the beach issue with the high tide and the storm surge, it did take a tremendous amount of the beach away. It happens at every storm. After the storm settles, and a month later the beach renourishes itself, and the beach comes back to life. So, before anyone jumps to any renourishment programs, I would suggest that you let Mother Nature take its course.

## **I. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Councilmember Mendal** Happy New Year to all who celebrate. Halloween is typically our biggest event here so hopefully we see everyone there. Thank you to the Town Manager and Administration, and to Maria for the work they put in for the last few months on the budget.

**Councilmember Lusskin** Over the past couple of weeks we've had some really windy days and some rainstorms. Kirk and the Public Works team were picking up all the debris by 6:00 in the morning. The town was cleaned so fast and I thank you for that. Special condolences to Officer Edsel Carrasco and his family. They lost a son. Edsel has been with us for so many years and like family, our hearts are really with the family. Right after Halloween is Veterans Day. We're planning a very special Veterans Day this year. We hope to see you all come. Thank you to Alex and the staff. The budget each year gets better and better.

**Councilmember Bernstein** Before Hotwire, we didn't have fiber, and when we negotiated with Hotwire, we became the first city to ever bring fiber to all its residents. So, part of what we negotiated with them was to get a discounted rate for everybody for getting 1 gig of speed with fiber. This was a dramatic reduction from what the majority

of people were paying to what we're paying now. I also wanted to address Ms. Addison who was talking about the south gate. I wanted to bring forth something that I'm not sure has been discussed. When we were planning out everything that was being done in the city, when we were planning out the City Hall, when we were planning out how the parks were going to be. We spent a lot of time talking about this road and what I'm not sure if everyone realizes, hopefully they do by now, because I saw it on the chat, is that by contract we gave up rights to that road 20 plus years ago. And not only that, but once we started to use it, and we got into litigation, and we had a settlement where we ended up paying over \$300,000, and this all took place more than 20 something years ago. I had probably 4 or 5 conversations with Steve, our attorney, over the years about it. Is there a way we could get around it legally and we really didn't. And the only thing that we could do is try to work with our neighbors, and we went to them. We were only supposed to use it for emergency purposes. They ended up letting us use it during the construction. They ended up letting us use it beyond what we were supposed to be doing, but when it came to a permanent use and talking to them, the only way that we were able to actually continue the use is if we were going to give up the rights to our parks, our wellness center, our tennis courts, our basketball courts, and given that security has been such an issue in this city, and it's permeated the city when we were going through actually doing the plans. I just want everyone to remember that when we looked at the idea of giving this up to Golden Gate it just didn't make any sense to us, and it was a nonstarter from the beginning. So, I just want everyone to know we did spend a lot of time talking about this. We did try to figure it out. And after we realized we couldn't use the roads, we tried to figure out how to activate that space as much as possible. So, what you've seen in the plans that have taken place over the last 3 years is trying to figure out how to activate and use the space best for the residents.

**Vice Mayor** I want to wish everybody a happy and healthy new year to those who celebrate it. I also want to give my condolences to the families who are awaiting hostages to return back to them. Regarding the budget, once again there's been a lot of hard work. We have met individually with the town manager on several occasions, went through this budget item per item. I think we have an extremely unbelievable budget, one that can be understood, and it's totally transparent and given to the community, and I welcome everyone in the community to review that budget. Regarding hurricane preparedness, I want to take my hats off and challenge any other community in Florida and South Florida as to what Golden Beach does. Our town manager was out all night the night before the hurricane trying to get the town in order. I want to take my hat off to Kirk and his crew that are out there. I don't know if the people in Golden Beach are totally aware of what kind of team and what kind of family that we have, who have our backs, our police, our maintenance, our administration. I just want to say thank you on behalf of the Council and on behalf of the community. Our condolences to Officer Carrasco for the tragedy that has affected your family; your son will be remembered.

## **J. TOWN MANAGER REPORT/MAJOR PROJECTS UPDATE**

Regarding Hotwire assessment, which is a Public Works infrastructure assessment because that's the only category available through the county, was approved by unanimous consent of the Council, and is a perpetual assessment that does not change. It is a fixed rate for the next 10 years, even though the values of your home may go up, it is a fixed rate. It does not adjust, based on the fixed rate. As it relates to promotional discounts or professional rates, here's what was negotiated. If we met a penetration rate, our promotional rates would stay which they are, and they're only

adjusted by inflationary rates. And we did meet the penetration rate, and therefore our promotional rates are fixed. They're not promotional. They become part of our rates. When you compare our rates compared to the rates that the general public is offered, not through other bulk contracts, you will see that they are deeply discounted compared to other communities.

I want to recognize Amber who is now part of our in-town staff. She is our new Office Manager/Receptionist; she'll be the one who greets all our residents. She replaces Ms. Talley who retired. She works under Michael Glidden and Resident Services and Lissette Perez.

We are excited that Halloween will be here on the south side of town. Think big, think different. It's not going to be what we're used to in North Park, but it's going to be exciting. We are going to be following the same rules as last year. If you're going to have friends come and join us at our Halloween event, they must be inside of the gates prior to 5 pm. They need to be parked inside prior to 5 pm. There will be no guests allowed to drive into Golden Beach at all past 5 pm. Uber deliveries and all that stuff will be at the guardhouse, and then we will drive them over to you. So, it is going to be a closed event for Golden Beach residents and their accompanied invited guests like we did last year. South Gate will only be available for residents who live on Terracina because the Golden Gate arm that goes to Terracina will be full of rides and all kinds of cool creative things. So that's the only reason we're going to clear the gate to let people out that day who live on that side of town, and it's going to be super exciting. Ms. Mendal recommended adding a toddler area for Halloween. We will have an area designated just for toddlers at this year's Halloween. It is a great idea. We think it's exciting when residents come up with those ideas and we try to implement it.

- Civic Center  
We've taken possession of the Civic Center. We are doing some final touches. Just today, we commenced the project of installing the BDA, which is the equipment needed for the fire department to be able to communicate for their radios to be communicating. Ms. Epperson, our Assistant Town Manager, is working diligently with Lissett Rovira, and Paul Abbott to make sure that we can get the rest of the permits closed, and that we can take final possession of the building in terms of the paperwork.
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)  
There are some minor setbacks on the final installation of CCTV which will bring an additional 219 camera lenses to our community throughout the town. We are working with FDOT. There is a State law that prohibits the installation of the cameras on Ocean Blvd. We have installed them anyway, and we're working to get a waiver, and we're working to get the governor to maybe introduce a rule that will allow that to go into effect.
- Re-Imagined Tweddle Park  
It is on hold because of the weather. In order for tennis courts to be properly installed, we need to have five consecutive days of dry weather in order to finish the courts. It is not a vendor or budget issue; it is a Mother Nature issue. You cannot go on the courts and I want to briefly talk about the rules for the courts. Once we go live, which is very soon, you will need your resident ID key fob to open the gate to get into the gates. It's important that you understand that this is your card. If you decide to give your card to a friend to use our courts, you will be barred from using our courts for a period of time, because our courts are for

Golden Beach residents and their accompanied guests while playing together. Our residents have asked that we have a closed community. This card is also what you will need to access the pedestrian gates, except for, of course, on the Sabbath, which will be the one downstairs underneath, this building will be open from sunrise Friday to sunset Saturday. But this is the card that will also need. You'll need to get into the bathrooms at the beach pavilion, both the men and women's bathroom. This is the card that you need to go through the pedestrian gates, tennis courts, pickleball courts, and of course, eventually the Wellness center. It's important that our residents know that, and please keep that in mind. As I mentioned earlier, we will have a Park Ranger program. The Park Ranger program has been designed to ensure compliance with the rules as it relates to our facilities.

## K. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT

None

## L. ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

### 3. An Ordinance of the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach Amending the Town's Code or Ordinances, Chapter 46 "Waterways", Article VI, Section 46-81 to Allow for Repairs, Reconstruction or Replacement of Legal Non-Conforming Seawalls.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TOWN'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY REVISING ARTICLE VI "SEAWALLS AND DOCKS", SECTION 46-81, "EXTENSION OF SEAWALL INTO WATERWAYS", WITHIN CHAPTER 46 "WATERWAYS", TO ALLOW FOR THE REPAIRS, RECONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT OF LEGAL NON-CONFORMING SEAWALLS WHICH ENCROACH INTO WATERWAY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 3  
Ordinance No. 605.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 605.24

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 Attorney** This allows people whose sea walls currently extend beyond their rear property line, and historically were built with permits that way to replace them to that same location without coming to the town for a variance. This is a public hearing. If anybody wishes to come forward and speak to this item, now's that opportunity.

**M. ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

None

**N. QUASI JUDICIAL RESOLUTIONS**

**4. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Variance Request for the Property Located at 605 Golden Beach Drive for the Finished Grade Elevation to Exceed the Crown of the Road.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 605 GOLDEN BEACH DR., GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA 33160. TO PERMIT THE FINISHED GRADE OF THE LOT, (AT THE REAR AND NORTH SIDE YARD), TO BE AT 7.23' NGVD, AND EXTERIOR SLABS, DECKS, AND WALKWAYS TO EXCEED THE CROWN OF THE ROAD, WITH AN ELEVATION NOT TO EXCEED 9.23' NGVD.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 4  
Resolution No. 2970.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2970.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Councilmember Mendal, 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 residents are here and waive in support.

**O. WELLNESS CENTER PROJECT UPDATE/COUNCIL ACCEPTANCE**

- Floor plans and site plans will be presented for your review and acceptance

At your last council meeting we were able to provide to you a discussion on a workshop to discuss in terms of site and location and the size. In our original proposal, we had called for an enclosed venue space on the first floor, and we had called for a disc on the second floor, with approximately 7,700 square feet of programmable space. And what we learned over the summer was that there was a lot of pushback for having the enclosed party space, and that the disc size may be a little bit too big. In working with our Council, in trying to make some final decisions, because we do need to make final decisions so we can actually get construction ready documents to bring to the Council for its consideration for bidding. Here's what we're presenting to you tonight.

Roll call vote on the acceptance of the Wellness Center Project presentation

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

#### **P. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. Official Minutes of the August 27, 2024 Special Town Council Meeting**
- 6. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving the Payment of \$5,000 to the Women's Breast and Heart Initiative.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF \$5,000.00 TO THE WOMEN'S BREAST AND HEART INITIATIVE FOR THE 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BREAST CANCER GOLF TOURNAMENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 6  
Resolution No. 2971.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2971.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Luskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Einstein, 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>Out of chambers</u>
Councilmember Judy Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Out of chambers</u>

The motion passed

**7. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the South Florida Financial Crime Strike Force 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 SOUTH FLORIDA FINANCIAL CRIME STRIKE FORCE AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 7  
Resolution No. 2972.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2972.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Einstein, 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>Out of chambers</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Out of chambers</u>

The motion passed

**8. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving a Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Sunny Isles Beach 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 CITY OF SUNNY ISLES BEACH AND THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 8  
Resolution No. 2973.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2973.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Einstein, 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>Out of chambers</u>
Councilmember Judy Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Out of chambers</u>

The motion passed

**9. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving An Agreement with David T. Caserta Government Relations, Inc.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DAVID T. CASERTA GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, INC. FOR CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2025; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 9  
Resolution No. 2974.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2974.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Luskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Einstein, 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>Out of chambers</u>
Councilmember Judy Luskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Out of chambers</u>

The motion passed

**10. A Resolution of the Town Council Providing for Modified Eligibility Requirements for Current and Retired Town Councilmember's and Their Eligible Dependents Under the Town's Group Health Insurance Plan.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE PROVISION OF HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR CURRENT AND RETIRED TOWN COUNCILMEMBERS AND THEIR ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS UNDER THE TOWN'S GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR MODIFIED ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING CRITERIA FOR VESTED RIGHTS IN CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN TOWN INSURANCE PLAN AT THE EXPENSE OF THE

TOWN; SUPERCEDING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS;  
PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 10  
Resolution No. 2975.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2975.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Einstein, 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>Out of chambers</u>
Councilmember Judy Lusskin	<u>Aye</u>
Councilmember Jaime Mendal	<u>Out of chambers</u>

The motion passed

## Q. TOWN RESOLUTIONS

### 11. A Resolution of the Town Council Selecting Caballero, Fierman, Llerena & Garcia, LLP for Auditing Services for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2024.

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, SELECTING CABALLERO FIERMAN LLERENA & GARCIA, LLP FOR INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 11  
Resolution No. 2976.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2976.24

A motion to approve was made by Councilmember Lusskin, seconded by Vice Mayor Einstein, 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** Our firm was purchased by a bigger organization and has dropped us. This firm currently represent the City of Homestead and Indian Creek so we're piggybacking off the selection process that was used by those cities.

**12. A Resolution of the Town Council Authorizing the Sole Source Purchase of Sound Seal VIVID Sound Blankets for Noise Abatement at Tweddle Park.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF VIVID SOUND BLANKETS FROM SOUND SEAL IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$34,200; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 12  
Resolution No. 2977.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2977.24

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 basically sound abatement curtains installed on the pickleball courts.

**13. A Resolution of the Town Council Approving Amendment #1 to the Fiscal Year Operating Budget to Award Employee Bonuses.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROVING AMENDMENT #1 TO THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF AWARDING EMPLOYEE BONUSES AND AMENDING THE ORIGINALLY ADOPTED BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Exhibit:** Agenda Report No. 13

Resolution No. 2978.24

**Sponsor:** Town Administration

**Recommendation:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2978.24

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

**Mayor Singer** I think these bonuses are well-deserved by the employees. They work hard throughout the year.

**R. DISCUSSION & DIRECTION TO TOWN MANAGER**

Mayor Glenn Singer:  
None Requested

Vice Mayor Bernard Einstein:  
None Requested

Councilmember Kenneth Bernstein:  
None Requested

Councilmember Judy Lusskin:  
• South Gate

Councilmember Jaime Mendal:  
None Requested

Town Manager Alexander Diaz  
None Requested

Next council meeting is on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**S. ADJOURNMENT:**

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A motion to adjourn the Council Meeting was made by Mayor Singer and seconded by Councilmember Lusskin.

Consensus vote 5 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion passes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisette Perez*

Lisette Perez  
Town Clerk