



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

Office of the Town Manager

To: Honorable Mayor Glenn Singer &
Town Council Members

From: Alexander Diaz, 
Town Manager

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Subject: **FY 24/25-Significant Accomplishments and Performance Review**

The coming 2025-2026 Fiscal Year will usher in continued growth and accomplishments for the Town of Golden Beach. The Town has for years been the premier community to live and raise a family in the South Florida area, but with the completion of the Town's Civic Center Building, it has been catapulted to a new level of excellence. And as the look of the community is drastically changing, so is the way we navigate through the day-to-day Administration of the Town.

Now that the Town has broken ground on a state-of-the-art Wellness Center facility, the framework has been set for the vision of overlapping and intertwining services, that together will form the future Civic Center Complex. The Complex will be the hub of all of the Town's amenities from Municipal Services, Recreational Offerings, and Law Enforcement/Security Services to provide residents with a one-stop location for all of their Town Administrative needs. To accomplish this, the Town has put several initiatives in motion to position itself as a full-service concierge community, providing security, recreation, waste management and clerical services to all who live here.

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

In Fiscal Year 2024-2025 we continued our commitment to make enhancements to create the blueprint for what the future of Golden Beach will look like – a future of investments. Investments by the community, as more and more people now call Golden Beach home; investments in infrastructure, with improvements and enhancements made to the Town's stormwater systems, completion of new tennis

courts and the addition of pickleball courts (part of the ongoing Reimagined Tweddle Park project), the completion of the highly anticipated Civic Center Complex; investments in technology, with the purchase of software suites to improve the transparency, availability and efficiency of information online; investments in the growth and financial stability of the individuals who work day in and day out to secure our Town is at the forefront of luxury living in South Florida; and most importantly investments in YOU – the resident.

This year, the Town's assessed values grew to a very healthy \$2.070 billion; the Town broke ground on the new, state of the art Wellness Center building; continued to make progress on the highly anticipated Re-imagined Tweddle Park project; and increased recreational offerings such as adding a Bocce Court and Putting Green in North and South Park, respectively.

As we move forward, FY 2024/2025 provided the foundation and framework for the Town to continue to grow and meet the demands of tomorrow. Here is more of what FY 2024/2025 looked like:

- ✓ The Town broke ground on the new state-of-the-art Wellness Center building, holding a Grand Opening Ceremony, partnered with the celebration of the Town's 96th Anniversary of Incorporation. The Town Council, via Resolution 2998.25, awarded the Wellness Center Construction project to John Bell Construction, Inc. The issued a Request for Proposals for the project, and working alongside the Resident Selection Committee determined that John Bell Construction, Inc. was the most qualified firm to complete the project. Groundwork is well underway on the project, with the installation of piling's and framework. The expected completion date is the end of 2026.
- ✓ Council approved, via Resolution 3022.25, the construction and installation of the Ocean Boulevard Wayfinding System. By repurposing the Town's existing entry and exit features on Ocean Boulevard, the Administration was able to provide considerable savings to the project by no longer needing to provide construction drawings and new permits for the installation. The new features will be in-line with the current aesthetics of the Town and give an understated elegance to visitors and residents alike, as they both enter and exit the Town's boundary lines.
- ✓ The end of an era officially took place with the demolition of the Town Hall building. The building was an icon of the Town's, spanning more than 70 years. It once housed the Town's onsite jail and was the meeting place for a number of Council's and Town elections throughout the years.
- ✓ Mayor Singer was re-elected (unopposed) for another two-year term as the Mayor of Golden Beach. Also unopposed and re-elected for another four-year term was Vice Mayor Judy Lusskin. Newcomer, Councilmember Jessie

Mendal, was also elected unopposed for her first four-year term on Council. The Town held a beautiful Swearing-In Ceremony at the beach pavilion for all three members of the Council. Judge Robert Luck officiated the ceremony – his third time officiating a swearing-in ceremony for the Town. The Town also paid tribute to outgoing Councilmember Jaime Mendal, for his dedicated eight years of service to the Town Council.

- ✓ The Town is in the final implementation stages of the Town-Wide Closed Circuit Television System installation. The council approved, via Resolution 2992.25, installing and activating additional cameras, in places where it was determined that there were deficiencies in monitoring, such as the pedestrian entry gate from the Civic Center garage area and the northeast corner of the tennis courts. Council also approved, via Resolution 3017.25, a job order contract with several vendors to finalize the camera installation on Ocean Boulevard that had been delayed due to statutory and permitting needs from the State for over three years. A major accomplishment in completing the Town’s security infrastructure on A1A.
- ✓ The Townwide Park’s Masterplan continues to grow and expand. This past fiscal year Council approved, via Resolution 3011.25, the construction of a privacy wall at Tweddle Park and at the West Lot on The Strand Avenue to enhance security measures and maintain aesthetic consistency throughout the Town. In addition, via Resolution 3018.25, Council approved the addition of a Bocce Court in North Park and Two Putting Greens in South Park. The Re-Imagined Tweddle Park already houses three full size tennis courts, and two pickle ball courts, with work already started on adding a junior basketball court, a padel court, expanded dog parks, and a new “wow” children’s park that will now include recreational offerings for older children as well as a “tot” lot area.
- ✓ The Town’s historic beach pavilion saw some added amenities and upgrades this fiscal year, with the addition of turf and a number of stand-alone offerings for children such as splash pads and life-size boardgames.
- ✓ Security efforts were also heightened in the Town’s beach area. Council approved, via Resolution 3005.25, the establishment of hours of operation for the Town’s beach. All beaches within the Town are closed to the public daily between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. To assist with these measures and enhance public safety, the Town installed retractable fencing systems on the seaside of Ocean Boulevard at both the north and south ends of Town.
- ✓ After more than 25 years with the same outdated accounting software system, the Town Council approved, via Resolution 3015.25, the purchase and implementation of a new Finance Department software system, Aclarian, a Florida based company founded by former members of the

Florida Government Finance Officers Association (FCFOA). The software will modernize the department's functions, enhancing internal controls, efficiency and compliance with current financial standards.

- ✓ The Town Manager, along with Mayor Singer, successfully negotiated the three-year renewal of the Town's current FOP contract with our Union Police Officer employees. The contract brings the Town's police department in line with current employment standards of our neighboring communities and makes the Golden Beach Police Department a competitive employer in the South Florida law enforcement market. The contract, will run from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028.
- ✓ The Town received an \$850,000 grant for our Civic Center Stormwater Drainage/Retaining Wall Project. These funds will assist the Town in it's effort to construct and install a retaining for the management of stormwater and tidal flooding.
- ✓ The Town Council approved mutual aid agreements with several other local police departments, allowing the Town's law enforcement personnel to receive assistance from other agencies and to aid those agencies when they request it.
- ✓ The Town renewed the contract with the Department of Health to Monitor and Test the Water Quality of our beach waters on a weekly basis.
- ✓ The council approved, via Resolution 2931.24, the purchase of new access control barrier gates for the Town and parking areas to enhance the Town's outdated security system.
- ✓ Council approved, via Resolution 3021.25, the General-Purpose Financial Statement for Fiscal year 2023-2024 – after more than 18 years with Keefe, McCullough & Co., LLP this year the Town's annual audit was conducted by Caballero, Fierman, Llerena & Garcia, LLP.
- ✓ The Town Council approved, via Resolution 2995.25, approved change orders to the Tweddle Park Pump Station Retrofit Project. These necessary project change orders addressed uncertainties of the site conditions that were encountered after the bid submittal. to Southeastern Engineering, Inc. Part of the costs for the project have come from a \$500,000 state grant the Town was awarded as well as an additional \$320,000 from code enforcement fee collections.
- ✓ The Town Council approved a number of code revisions as well as comprehensive plan amendments to clean up the rules governing the Town to be consistent with current standards and state mandated requirements.

- ✓ The Town Council approved the purchase of a new Marine Patrol Vessel to replace the Town's current aging and weathered marine patrol boat. The new vessel will enhance our marine response capabilities, reduce maintenance and operational strain, and allow our officers safely and efficiently navigate in all local waterways.
- ✓ The Town Council approved, Via Resolution 3023.25, the Mayor and Town Manager to take corrective measures to rectify stormwater system energizing capabilities in Town during emergency events in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per occurrence.
- ✓ The Town was awarded the Distinguished Budget Award for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget. The Town has received this designation for over 15 years in a row.

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

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

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

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

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

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