



# **GOLDEN GATE M.S.T.U. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**8300 Radio Road  
Naples, FL 34104**

**February 10, 2026**

## **MINUTES**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 P.M. by Chair Spencer. Attendance was called and a quorum of three was established.

### **II. ATTENDANCE**

<b>Advisory Committee</b>	Patricia Spencer – Chair Florence “Dusty” Holmes Ron Jefferson Open Seat Open Seat
<b>Staff</b>	Ellen Sheffey – Interim Director, PTNE (Excused) Jeffrey Felger – Project Manager, PTNE Rosio Garcia - Operations Analyst, PTNE
<b>Landscape</b>	Mike McGee – Landscape Architect, McGee & Associates (Excused) Joan Cruz – Superior Landscaping & Lawn Services (Excused)
<b>Others</b>	Wendy Warren – Transcription, Premier Tamara Gubala – Resident, Advisory Committee Applicant

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Chair Spencer motioned to approve the Agenda of the Golden Gate MSTU Advisory Committee as presented. Second by Ms. Holmes. Carried unanimously 3 - 0.*

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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2026

*Ms. Holmes moved to approve January 20, 2026, minutes of the Golden Gate Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee meeting. Second by Chair Spencer. Carried unanimously 3 – 0.*

VI. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE REPORT – Superior Landscaping (Excused)

Mr. Felger reported:

- The Coronado Parkway, Hunter Boulevard and Tropicana Boulevard landscaping is in good condition.

VII. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT’S REPORT – McGee & Associates

McGee & Associates Summary Reports will commence upon resolution of contract modifications.

VIII. PROJECT MANAGER’S REPORT

Mr. Felger reported:

A. Budget Report

*(The full report is included in the distributed Agenda meeting packet, which is accessible at the link shown at the end of these Minutes).*

Golden Gate MSTU Fund 1621 Budget for February 10, 2026, prepared February 5, 2026.

Purchase Orders

1. Agriculture Services International – irrigation services.
2. Contemporary Controls & Communications Inc – Motorola™ irrigation controllers.
3. FPL – electricity.
4. Hannula Landscaping – Beautification project.
5. McGee & Associates – landscape architectural services.
6. Naples Christmas Lighting, dba Sight N Sound – Holiday decorations.
7. Naples Electric motor Works (NEMW) – pump station maintenance.
8. Premier Staffing – transcription services.
9. Simmonds Electrical – electrical maintenance and repairs.
10. SiteOne Landscape Supply – irrigation parts & components.
11. Southeast Spreading Company – mulch.
12. Superior Landscaping & Maintenance
  - a. Incidentals – landscape plants, materials, and refurbishment.
  - b. Maintenance – regular landscape & irrigation maintenance.
13. Tree Scaping of Naples, Inc. – tree pruning and removal.

Budget Summary

1. Line 1, Revenues and Interest – Of the \$781,500 Millage and Interest assessed, \$703,903 has been collected, leaving an outstanding balance of \$77,596.
2. Line 2, Carry Forward – Unexpended Prior Year (2025) Funds Total \$2,938,738.
3. All Revenues – A total of \$3,320,438 (Millage Assessed, Interest, and FY-25 Carry Forward Funds).
4. Line 21, Operating Expense – Of the \$520,800 budgeted, \$338,116 is committed to existing Purchase Orders and \$76,111 is expended, leaving the remainder of \$106,571 available within budget for additional operating expenses as needed.
5. Line 25, County Overhead – Of the \$90,700 budgeted, \$16,670 has been transferred, and a balance of \$74,029 remains for transfer (PTNE Staff & support, Property Appraiser, & Tax Collector).

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6. Line 28, Capital Projects – Of the \$2,808,938 budgeted, a commitment balance of \$1,022 remains; \$30,715 has been expended for irrigation repairs, and \$2,777,200 is available for future improvement projects.
7. Line 28, All Expenses – Of \$3,420,438 budgeted, \$339,139 is committed, \$123,498 has been expended, leaving a remainder of \$2,957,801 available for MSTU expenditures.

### General

1. The Fiscal Year 2026 budget is effective October 1, 2025.
2. Unspent Fiscal Year 2025 funds were carried forward to 2026.
3. The Ad Valorem taxable value increased 8.94% for fiscal year 2025 over 2024 generating additional revenue of \$38,300.
4. The MSTU Tax Rate for 2026 is 0.5000 Mills.
5. The Office of Budget Management assumes 5% of the millage assessed will be delinquent and factors the assumption into the budget.
6. The *Asset Management Plan* which estimates life expectancies of MSTU assets and corresponding expenditure projections to fund maintenance and repairs of these assets through 2028 will be updated.
7. Tax millage collected by the Golden Gate Beautification MSTU for beautification improvements and maintenance may only be utilized by the MSTU and within the MSTU district boundary.

### **Mr. Felger noted:**

1. A Purchase Order was issued to Simmonds Electrical, Inc. for the purchase and installation of the damaged light pole on Tropicana Boulevard and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.
2. The Capital Projects category will be utilized to fund the proposed irrigation and landscape project(s) on Golden Gate Parkway.
3. Uncommitted funds available within budget are eligible for transfer to other categories upon approval by the Committee.
4. An inquiry will be made to the Office of Budget Management (OMB) for addition of a line item in the FY-26 budget to allocate \$150,000 for each of the four MSTU roadways in the Capital Improvements category dedicated to funding expenses incurred disaster/catastrophic events.

### **B. Committee Application**

Tamara Gubala's application for Advisory Committee membership, as recommended by the Committee, has been submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.

## **IX. ONGOING BUSINESS**

**Mr. Felger reported:**

### **A. Irrigation**

#### Sunshine Irrigation Pump Station

- The pump is functioning. A "tune up" is scheduled.
- Setpoint Automation, LLC will supply the components required to program the Rain Bird VFD and Controller to communicate.

### **B. Light Pole Replacement**

- A vehicular accident downed a decorative light pole on Tropicana Boulevard and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW.
- Simmonds Electrical will replace the pole and order it on receipt of a Purchase Order.

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- Estimated time for pole delivery is ten to fourteen weeks.
- An insurance claim will be filed with the Risk Management Division if an accident report is available from the Sheriff's Office.
- The MSTU will fund the replacement of the pole and be reimbursed by the County. A \$500.00 deductible may apply.

### C. Light Pole

- Another light pole was damaged by a vehicle on Sunshine Boulevard.
- A quote is being solicited from Simmond's Electrical.

### D. Motorola™ Irrigation Controllers

- Contemporary Controls proposal to purchase and install Motorola™ irrigation controller(s) on the Golden Gate MSTU medians was approved by the Committee on November 24, 2025.
- Upon receipt of the components, the Motorola™ equipment will be installed on Hunter Boulevard, Coronado Parkway, Tropicana Boulevard and Sunshine Boulevard.

### E. Parkway Landscape and Irrigation Median Improvements

- Restoration of the irrigation and landscaping on Golden Gate Parkway, west of the welcome sign at the intersection of Santa Barbara Boulevard, and east toward the bridge over the canal, is underway.
- A request will be sent to Pamela Lulich, Manager Landscape Operations, to remove string lights from the trees and stones in the area.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Felger reported:

### A. Fertilizing

Superior Landscaping applied fertilizer to the median landscaping on December 19, 2025, in accordance with McGee & Associates schedule.

### B. Median Design

McGee & Associates will submit plans to refurbish the medians upon reissue of their work order.

### C. Fertilizing

Superior Landscape will fertilize in accordance with McGee & Associates schedule the beginning of March.

### D. Motorola™ Irrigation Controllers

This was addressed under IX – D.

### E. Decorative Light Pole Project

- Consideration should be given to the installation of twenty-two new light poles – eleven each for Sunshine and Tropicana Boulevards.
- The count does not include poles damaged by vehicular accidents.
- Current pole finishes are aging and bases are rusted.
- Poles would be solid green or green with white trim. Trim color would be painted on the pole.
- The project could be slated for 2027 or over two years – 2027 and 2028.

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**F. Quotes**

1. Setpoint Automation, Inc. submitted Quote No. 2026001, dated January 30, 2026, in the amount of \$2,790.00, for components to repair the Rain Bird Irrigation Pump Station on Sunshine Boulevard. Sunshine Boulevard Irrigation Pump Station.

*Ms. Holmes motioned to approve Setpoint Automation, Inc.'s Quote No. 2026001, dated January 30, 2026, in the amount of \$2,790.00. for components and labor to repair the Rain Bird Irrigation Pump Station on Sunset Boulevard. Second by Mr. Jefferson. Carried unanimously 3 – 0.*

2. Superior Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc. submitted a proposal dated February 5, 2026, in the amount of \$179.76, to install twelve Liriope plants in the bridge area on Coronado Parkway.

*Chair Spencer motioned to approve Superior Landscaping & Lawn Service, Inc. proposal dated February 5, 2026, in the amount of \$179.76, to install twelve Liriope plants in the bridge area on Coronado Parkway. Second by Ms. Holmes. Carried unanimously 3 – 0.*

**G. Millage**

The Committee discussed the Millage Rate for FY-27 with consideration for current and future expenses. Options are:

- o Revenue Neutral: Lower the current millage rate to maintain the FY-26 income level.
- o Millage Neutral: Maintain the current millage rate of 0.5000 mills per \$1,000 of assessed value, increasing revenue equal to the Ad Valorem property value increase assessed by the County appraiser.

*Chair Spencer motioned to maintain the Fiscal Year 2026 millage rate of 0.5000 for Fiscal Year 2027. Second by Dusty Holmes. Carried unanimously 3 – 0.*

**XI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

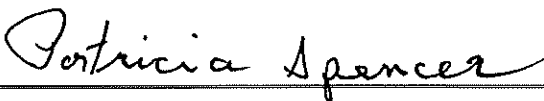
Welcome to Golden Gate Sign Area

Mr. Felger reported that the Traffic Operations Division declined the request for a camera installation to monitor activities in the Right-of-Way (ROW) on Golden Gate Parkway.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 4:54 P.M.*

**GOLDEN GATE MSTU ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

  
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Patricia Spencer, Chair

The Minutes were approved by the Committee on 3-17, 2026 as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended \_\_\_\_\_.

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**GoldenGateBeautificationMSTU/CollierPTNE**

**NEXT MEETING:**

**MARCH 17, 2026 – 4:30 PM  
GOLDEN GATE COMMUNITY CENTER  
4701 GOLDEN GATE PARKWAY  
NAPLES, FL 34116**