

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN
OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

March 17th, 1959

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, March 17th, 1959 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present constituting all of the Members of the Council.

Mayor	-Mr. Larry O. Turner
Council President	-Mr. N. B. Ornitz
Councilmen	-Mr. Philip H. Cummings
	-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
	-Mr. F. Waldo Roth
	-Mr. Edward M. Stuart

Also present: Town Attorney -Mr. Francis M. Miller

The following Residents attended the Meeting As Visitors:
Mr. P. C. Riley, Mrs. Mae Coyas, Mr. E. M. Curtis, Mr. Roger Creel, Mr. N. Salez, Mr. James T. Hennegan, Colonel S. W. Winfree, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., Mr. R. SanVernaro, Mr. Jack Manne, Mr. Peter Freund, Mrs. J. A. Hackney, Mrs. Joan Archer, Mr. B. Elkind, Mr. N. Nobil, Mr. Louis Abrons, Dr. & Mrs. D. B. Shulman, Mr. Roy Bazelon, Mr. Joseph Douglass, Mr. A. Bergmann, Mr. L. Vernarelli, Mr. A. Brill, Mr. Frank Streuber, Mr. Joseph N. Shure, Mr. R. E. Hough, Mr. R. E. Bernson, Mr. Ben Cohen, Mr. Morris Calig, Mr. T. G. Markley.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, who acted as Chairman of this Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman, acted as Secretary.

The President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, called upon the Secretary who presented to each Member of the Council, copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on February 18th, 1959 and of the Recessed Meeting held on February 25, 1959 and upon motion by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, it was agreed that the reading of these minutes be waived and accepted as is.

The Secretary presented the cash report of the General Fund and a Cash Analysis of the other Funds of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, for the month of February, 1959. These cash reports, upon motion by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth were approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that an application for a Franchise had been received from the Peoples Gas Company and that he had consulted the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, with regards to the legal proceedings in the granting of such franchise. He thereupon called upon the Town Attorney,

ler, who reported that in order to grant such franchise an
e had prepared would have to be adopted by the Members of the
inance could have its first and second readings at this
and final reading to take place at the April Meeting of
this Ordinance has been passed and adopted, A Resolution
ssed fixing the time and date of a Special Election which
ding to Law as the registered voters of the Town determine
a franchise is to be granted. Notices of such election must
local newspaper, also posted in three conspicuous places in
se matters will be taken care of by him and that the Peoples
reed to pay all costs in connection with this Special Election.
Mr. Francis M. Miller, was then requested to read Ordinance
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PEOPLES GAS SYSTEM, INC., A FLORIDA
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Councilmen: Mr. Philip H. Cummings - aye
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Mr. F. Waldo Roth - aye
Mr. Edward M. Stuart - aye

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pany are present at this meeting and will be very glad to
questions concerning this Franchise after the matters of
ght up at this meeting for discussion have been taken care
of the Council.

sident, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that according to the Town
nce No. 52, a provision is made for the appointment of a
for the Town and since he has been acting in this capacity
of a competent person could be secured, such a person,
ho is a registered architect with fine qualifications for
agreed to undertake the duties of the Town's Building

Inspector. He therefore recommended that Mr. Claus Moberg be appointed as Building Inspector of the Town of Golden Beach, which recommendation upon a voiced vote was unanimously approved.

The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, stated that he would like to advise everyone that Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, had been appointed by him to act as Municipal Judge of the Town. Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett expressed his appreciation of the confidence placed in him by the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner in this regard and stated that for the convenience of all those who have to participate in the functions of the Municipal Court, he would like to recommend that the time of the Court Hearings be changed from Monday Night at 6:30 P.M. to Saturday Morning at 9:30 a.m. as it was his opinion that the Members of the Police Department were greatly in favor of this change and he as Judge would welcome it, and he would like to suggest that this change be in effect as of April 4th, 1959. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Edward M. Stuart, seconded by Councilman Philip H. Cummings and unanimously carried that the time of the Court Hearings be changed from Monday Night at 6:30 P.M. to Saturday Morning at 9:30 a.m. effective April 4th, 1959.

The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, stated that a provision in the Town Charter calls for the appointment of a Town Clerk who is also Town Auditor, Town Tax Collector, Town Tax Assessor, and Clerk of Court, and since Mrs. Marjorie Mayer has only been acting Town Clerk for the past several weeks, he would like to recommend that the Commissioner of Law And Finance, Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings, be appointed as Town Clerk, effective April 1st, 1959. This recommendation had the full approval of the Members of the Council and Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings stated that he would do his utmost to fulfill these duties. The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, stated that a word of thanks be extended to Mrs. Marjorie Mayer for her wonderful services as Acting Town Clerk as she has been most helpful and very conscientious and upon the suggestion of Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, a Resolution was made, which resolution upon motion duly made seconded and unanimously carried was passed and adopted as Follows:

" A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

"Be it resolved by the Members of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida:

That for her wonderful services as acting Town Clerk, of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, a note of appreciation is hereby extended to Mrs. Marjorie Mayer.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 17th DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1959

(Signed) N. B. Ornitz
President: Town Council

Approved: (Signed) Larry O. Turner
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Attest:

Signed: Laurita Chapman

A Resident, Dr. D. B. Shulman, asked that the Members of the Council intensify their efforts to have the speed rate reduced on Ocean Boulevard. He stated that another test is to be made shortly and that representatives from the State Road Department are going to make a visit at the Town Hall in this regard and that some preparations should be made to have some definite requests ready to be presented when this meeting occurs. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, advised Dr. Shulman that this matter will be discussed in detail later after other business matters have been brought up at this meeting.

The Commissioner of Law & Finance, Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings, reported that he would like to advise all those present that during his first month in office he became aware that some of the Residents were allowed to purchase landscaping supplies from the Town and that this practice has been discontinued; that no one is to be allowed to purchase such material from the Town. Progress is being made on the study of securing health and accident insurance for the Town employees and that the budget for the Year 1959-1960 is being considered and in this regard he would like to make some suggestions. The tax structure of the Town should be changed, our 40 mill policy is the highest in the County and our land and house valuations are the lowest, especially the houses as the Town only receives \$4.80 in taxes from each house which is a deficit to the Town to begin with as the cost to the Town of the services it renders when a new house is erected greatly exceeds this amount. Therefore it was his opinion that our present form of taxation is wrong and he would like to recommend that we have the same assessments as Dade County on all the properties in Golden Beach, thereby reducing our millage considerably. Another matter that he would like to bring up is that increases in salaries have been made in the Police, Maintenance and Clerical departments and since the salary of a Town Manager has been eliminated, no extra revenue will be needed to take care of this additional expense. A new system of purchasing has been installed, whereby the Members of the Council will be aware at all times of what purchases have been made for their departments and the costs of same, thus each Commissioner will have the knowledge of what it will cost to operate his department. Study of the present budget indicates that monies are not available for any major improvements in the Town, however, it does indicate that there may be an additional \$5,000 in revenue which might be used for improvements and when asked what he was referring to, he replied the Fine & Forfeiture Fund, and that this matter will be taken up at a later meeting. The Miami Beach First National Bank has been handling the monies deposited in the General Fund Account and he would like to recommend that this account be changed to the Bank Of Hollywood as this bank is more conveniently located to the Town Hall. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed that the General Fund Account be changed from the Miami Beach First National Bank to the Bank Of Hollywood, effective April 1st, 1959 and the Secretary was instructed to make all the necessary arrangements for such change.

The Commissioner of Parks & Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, reported that he is following out the recommendations made by the former Commissioner and Councilman, Mr. R. E. Hough, that landscaping improvements have been made at the North End of Town, which has greatly enhanced its appearance and that palms have been planted at the south end of Town. These improvements were made at very reasonable costs as there is little money available in the current budget for such expenditures. However his one desire is to beautify the Town and he would welcome any suggestions in this regard. A survey had been made of the Town's equipment and the possibility that better equipment may be needed is to be studied. More chairs are to be purchased for use at the Loggia and Town Hall as the present supply is most inadequate.

The Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reported that his department is operating in a most satisfactory manner. A Resident, Mr. R. E. Bernson, stated that a word of praise should be given to the Department of Cleaning as he never saw the Town look better, for which Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, thanked him very much. The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, stated that another Resident, Mr. Frank Ernst, stated that he was very very happy over the appearance of the Town, particularly at the North End. Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, stated that Mr. Charles Hilgert, Supt. of Maintenance, should also be given a word of praise for his efforts in this regard, as he takes such pride in his work and is so conscientious and cooperative at all times.

The Commissioner of Police & Fire, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, reported that the Members of the Police Department are performing their duties in a very satisfactory manner, that their main concern is for the safety and protection of the Residents of the Town. Two requisitions that he would like the Council's approval, namely : 1. Dues for Membership for Chief Charles A. Crum in the Florida Police Chiefs Association. 2. Dues for Membership for Chief Charles A. Crum in the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police. Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that he was very much in favor of the Town assuming these costs, and he would like to further recommend that the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Edward M. Stuart likewise be allowed to join under these same arrangements, as from his personal experience great benefits can be derived at these meetings by all law enforcement officers. This recommendation had the full approval of all the members of the Council, therefore these two requisitions were approved. The matter of placing lights on the beach is being studied and since this matter also involves the departments of Lighting and Sanitation, he would like to turn this matter over to the Commissioners of these departments for their study and opinions. Litter on the parkway placed there by the travelling public is becoming a nuisance and since the Town has an ordinance prohibiting such actions, this ordinance is to be enforced and that signs will be placed warning violators that they will be arrested and fined.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, reported that the paving of the roads at the north and south ends of Town is completed and that the light standards are going to be painted which will greatly enhance their appearance. He would like everyone to know that the present council is a hard working group of men, particularly

the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, who devotes many hours daily on behalf of the Town.

A Resident, Mr. R. E. Bernson, inquired if the Town has insurance to amply take care of the members of the Police Department in the event that they become injured or disabled in performing their duties. The Commissioner of Police and Fire, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, stated that the Town does have them protected in this regard to what extent, he does not know but this matter will be looked into.

A Resident, Mr. Frank Strueber, inquired if the Council could not hold meetings during the summer months and the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz advised Mr. Strueber that this matter is being considered by the Members of the Council but as in the past, if the Council was not in session and an emergency matter came up, there was always a quorum of the Council on hand to act on such a matter.

A Resident, Mr. P. C. Riley, stated that he quite agreed with the Commissioner of Law & Finance, Councilman Mr. P. H. Cummings on his views regarding the tax system of the Town, as it was always his opinion that the Town Taxes were too low but the County too high. Therefore the assessments of the Town should be increased but the County should certainly be lowered. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, advised Mr. Riley that according to the State Law of Florida, properties in the State can be assessed as high as 100% of the current market value, and since the County has never done this, it would not be advisable to make a request of the County that they reduce their assessments on the properties located in the Town Of Golden Beach.

Mr. P. C. Riley, further inquired if the Town Of Golden Beach could not become a part of Broward County, as it was his understanding that their taxes are much lower and Mr. Riley was informed that this matter will be looked into.

A Resident, Mr. Joseph N. Shure, stated that he was in accord with the changing of the Town's tax system but what he would like to know if the Police Department had made any change in the services that they render to the Residents. One instance that he was concerned about was that formerly when the Residents arrived home late at night, the Police Car would follow them to their house to make sure that they would arrive safely. Recently when arriving home late at night the car would follow him for a short distance up North Bay Drive and when he turned into North Island, the Police car would continue north not making the turn. He was wondering if this one service had been discontinued, otherwise the Police Department was perfect as far as he was concerned. The Commissioner of Police and Fire, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, stated that when he became Commissioner of Police And Fire, he instructed the members of the Police Department that they should by all means continue to render all the services that they did in the past, that no change in this policy had been made, but in the case of Mr. Shure's it was a possibility that the Police Car received a radio message, which made it necessary to go somewhere else in the Town, at the same time that he normally would have followed a car of a resident. However, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, assured Mr. Shure that he would look into this matter.

A Resident, Mr. Frank Strueber, inquired if it would not be better protection for the Residents if two cars were in service at night instead of one car with two patrolmen. The Commissioner of Police & Fire, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, stated that he had made a study of this matter by contacting other Towns and Cities and the consensus of opinion was that it was better to have two men in the one car at night for the better protection of the Police on patrol.

A Resident, Colonel S. W. Winfree, inquired if persons desiring to vote in the election for a franchise to the Peoples Gas Company, have to register for same. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised Colonel Winfree, that all persons who are qualified electors in the Town and who are already registered in the books of the Town Of Golden Beach, will not have to register again to vote in this special election.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this meeting except for inquires about the Franchise to the Peoples Gas Company and election for same which the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, advised all those present that the representatives will be happy to answer all questions in this regard after this meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, the meeting adjourned.

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Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 31st, 1959

Cash Balance, March 1st, 1959 - - GENERAL FUND
 In the Miami Beach First National Bank \$38,222.57

Budget Receipts
 1958 Taxes Collected \$1,575.35
 Less Tax Discount Allowed .92 \$1,574.43
 Franchise: Florida Power & Light Co. 3,546.26 \$ 5,120.69

Other Receipts
 Tax Certificates Redeemed 1957 Nos 1 & 2 \$ 148.10
 Interest thereon 24.20
 Transfer Petty Cash Fund from Peoples Bank 500.00
 Income Taxes Withheld 181.80
 Social Security Collected 90.36
 Miscellaneous Income: Pay phone Commissions 7.04 \$ 951.50.
 Total \$ 44,294.76

Cash Disbursements
 Budget Disbursements \$8,363.60
 Non-Budget Disbursements \$1,350.00 13,500
 Total Disbursements \$ 21,863.60

Cash Balance, March 31st, 1959
 On Hand in the Miami Beach First National Bank \$ 22,431.16
 On Hand in the Bank Of Hollywood - General Fund \$10,000.00
 Special Acc't. 3,500.00 \$ 13,500.00
 Cash Balances, March 31st, 1959 - General Fund \$ 35,931.16

		Percent to
		Total
Total 1958 Tax Roll	\$82,013.14	100.00%
Tax Collected thru March 31st, 1959	\$80,189.14	97.80%
Unpaid Taxes at March 31st, 1959	\$ 1,824.00	2.20%

FINE & FORFEITURE FUND
 Deposits thru March 31st, 1959
 In the Peoples Bank - - - - - \$ 12,187.27

BUILDING FUND - RESIDENCES
 Deposits Thru March 31st, 1959
 In the Peoples Bank - - - - - \$ 510.00

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1959

<u>Budget Disbursements</u>	
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,640.00
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense	6.00
<u>Police Services</u>	
Salaries	\$ 1,670.00
Police Radio Service	60.00
Equipment Repairs	298.25
<u>Equipment - Other</u>	
Repairs	116.14
<u>Repairs & Maintenance</u>	
Street Lights	52.80
Streets	1,295.00
Public Buildings	112.82
Gas And Oil	438.12
Legal Fees	255.00
Lighting	232.59
Office Supplies	66.90
Misc. Office Expense	25.75
Postage	37.60
Printing And Stationery	14.00
Publication Charges	15.60
Parks & Parkways	913.80
Sanitation - Pest Control	438.55
Sanitation - Waste Disposal	119.06
Telephone Service	51.10
Town Clerk's Office	500.00
Water	4.52
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Total Budget Disbursements	\$ 8,363.60
<u>Non-Budget Disbursements</u>	
Bank Of Hollywood - Deposit to establish General Fund	\$10,000.00
- Deposit to establish Special Account	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total Non-Budget Disbursements	<hr/> \$13,500.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<hr/> <u>\$ 21,863.60</u>

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR MARCH, 1959

Cash Balance, March 1st, 1959 - Municipal Improvement Lien Certificate of Indebtedness Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 2,605.63
Liens collected thru March, 1959	87.46
Total Cash	<u>\$ 2,693.09</u>
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance, March 31st, 1959 - - - - -	<u>\$ 2,693.09</u>

Cash Balance, March 1st, 1959 - Municipal Improvement Lien Sea Wall Bond Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 3,367.06
Cash Receipts And Disbursements	None
Cash Balance, March 31st, 1959 - - - - -	<u>\$ 3,367.06</u>

March 21st, 1959

Mr. M. D. Winger
1411 Centre Island
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Winger:

Your wonderful donation of an electric
hammock for our Loggia was indeed a great asset for
the convenience of our Residence as well as a great en-
hancement to its beautification.

The Mayor and Members of the Town Council
of the Town of Golden Beach, Florida wish to extend to you
their utmost thanks for this contribution to our Town.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

N. B. Orville
President, Town Council