

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

February 18th, 1959

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Wednesday, February 18th, 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
Council President
Councilmen

-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
-Mr. Ralph E. Hough
-Mr. N. B. Ornitz
-Mr. Fred Zollner

Also present: Town Attorney

-Mr. Francis M. Miller

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:

Mr. L. O. Turner, Mr. P. H. Cummings, Mr. F. Waldo Roth, Mr. R. H. George,
Mr. R. E. Bernson, Mr. N. Salez, Mr. J. Manne, Mr. E. M. Stuart,
Mr. James T. Hennegan, Colonel S.W. Winfree, Mr. N. Nobil, Mr. Charles Koch,
Dr. D. B. Shulman, Mrs. D. B. Shulman, Mr. N. Berkos, Mr. E. Delia,
Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, who acted as Chairman of this Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that the Minutes of the last regular meeting of the Town Council had been recorded by a Court Reporter who was engaged for this purpose and since these minutes are very lengthy in detail, copies of same are to be mailed to the Members of the Council when they have been copied by the Secretary and since most of the Members of the Council have already read these minutes, he ask that a motion be made that these minutes be adopted as is. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz, seconded by Councilman Mr. A. J. Gocking and unanimously carried that these Minutes be accepted as is.

The President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reported that due to the death of Mrs. Chapman's father and the late arrival of the bank statements, a cash report could not be prepared for presentation at this meeting and he would like a motion made that the reading of this cash report be waived which motion was made by Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz and seconded by Councilman Mr. R. E. Hough and was so carried.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that a letter had been received by the Police Department from a Mr. Howard complaining that certain items had been removed from a residence located at 416 North Bay Drive and that two automobiles stationed on these premises had been used without his knowledge. This complaint had been sent, according to Mr. Howard's letter, to the former Chief, Mr. R. H. Kuiken several weeks previous, to no avail, and since Mr. Kuiken is no longer associated with the Town Of Golden Beach, he was wondering if any member of the Council had any information regarding this matter as it was his understanding that this residence in question was owned by the sister of the Writer who had every authority, legally, to control same. The Members of the Council in a voiced decision stated that they had no knowledge whatsoever of this matter and that a letter stating same should be sent to the Writer.

The Commissioner of Health And Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, reported that after making several tours of the Town, he found that the work in his department was being done in a very satisfactory manner; the cleaning of the Beach, the collection of trash and garbage had been taken care of according to schedule and that the low lots were without water and that on his leaving the office of Councilman and Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, to his knowledge, his department was in very good shape. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, thanked Mr. Zollner for his very kind remarks.

The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking, reported that the State Road Department had installed 40 mile speed signs on ALA or Ocean Boulevard in the Town recently and that since these signs had been installed many complaints had been received from the Residents of the Town stating from those living on the Boulevard, that it was very difficult to drive their cars in and out of their driveways and from those not residing on this road that it was almost impossible to cross over the Boulevard at the Strand in going to the public beach. A letter containing these complaints had been sent to the State Road Department in Tallahassee, afterwhich two Engineers from this department had visited the Town and made a second check of the traffic going north and south on this Road, the first check having been made in the summer of last year, and that although the traffic at the present time appeared to be more heavy, the results were the same that the average speed of the motorist travelling this Boulevard was 40 miles per hour, therefore it was their decision that these speed signs remain as is. Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking further reported that in order to safeguard the people walking to the beach at the Strand and Ocean Boulevard, signs could be placed warning motorist that pedestrians are crossing which signs would also have a tendency to slow up traffic and since it was indefinite as to when these signs would be placed by the State Road Department at this area, he had signs installed at the north and south ends of the Loggia on Ocean Boulevard bearing the words "Caution Bathers Crossing" and that yellow lines indicating a crosswalk had been painted on Ocean Boulevard in front of the Loggia. Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking

further reported that the Police Department is now up to its normal quota of five men, that their moral is 100% and that he would like to give a word of praise to Acting Chief Charles A. Crum, Officers James W. Bryant, Donald R. Gwynn and John S. Riley for their wonderful cooperation in combating the recent threats of burglarly that the Town was forced to face due to unfavorable publicity in the local press; also a word of thanks should be given to a resident, Mr. R. E. Bernson who so generously gave his services on behalf of the Town during this critical period. He further stated that since he is leaving office, he would like to state his six yeras as a Councilman has been most enjoyable and that in the future he would be most happy to render any assistance he can offer. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner stated that it was his opinion, after making a study of the traffic on Ocean Boulevard, that 40 miles per hour was too fast and that 30 miles an hour appeared to be too slow, therefore he would like to recommend that the Members of the Council make every endeavor to have the speed limit on Ocean Boulevard be reduced from 40 miles per hour to 35 miles an hour, which recommendation had the full approval of the members of the Council.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz, reported that he had two matters of bysiness to be brought up for discussion which he would like to have deferred until after the newly elected members of the Council take office, such matters being:-

1. Application for a franchise from the Peoples Gas System
2. Health insurance plan for the Town Employees

Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz further stated that some anonymous letters were sent out during the campaign which could be termed "poison pen" letters and he would like the Members of the Council to instruct the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller to check into the authorship of same as the contents were such as to make it liable for suit. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner stated that he was opposed to the Council taking any such action as it was his opinion that when an issue is made of such matters the results are more likely to be unfavorable than favorable and that he personally was not aware of any such letters. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that if Mr. Zollner had read such letters, he would more than likely approve of the Council taking such action. Thereupon the Secretary was requested to call the roll with the following results:-

Council President:	Mr. Joseph R. Missett - aye
Councilmen:	Mr. Anthony J. Gocking - aye
	Mr. Ralph E. Hough - aye
	Mr. N. B. Ornitz - aye
	Mr. Fred Zollner - nay

Thereupon it was decided that the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller check into the authorship of these "poison pen" letters and report on it at the next regular meeting of the Town Council.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough reported that this was his swan song as he was leaving office after four years of service as a member of the Council, and he was very happy and proud of the mem that were elected to serve on the Council as it shows the confidence that the majority of the Townspeople have in their Council which fact also makes him very proud. When he first took office and was

placed in charge of the Department of Parks and Public Buildings, lots of improvements needed to be made but he was told by the former Town Manager that no money was available in the current budget for any major improvements, in fact, very little money was on hand for work in his department at that time. However with the money that was available he set out to do the best he could via of improving the parkway on Ocean Boulevard and the other parks throughout the Town. When new budgets went into effect, he found that there never was enough money appropriated to do the work the way he wanted it done but with the funds that were on hand some of this work was finished and it would have been done sooner if the former Town Manager had given him his full cooperation as Town Labor had to be used due to lack of funds. However, most of this work is now finished, new offices had been installed in the Town Hall, the washrooms at the Loggia had been greatly improved, planting in the Parks and Parkways is almost finished, in fact more work has been accomplished in the last six weeks since the Town Manager resigned, than in the prior six months and it was his opinion that a Town Manager is not needed to operate and oversee the functions of the Town; that the Town has very competent employees who do excellent jobs in their respective departments and if the Members of the Council work with these employees, there will not be any need for the services of a Town Manager. Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough further stated that a little work as yet had to be done particularly at the north end of Town; some landscaping is needed and a barricade should be installed there to prevent people from running their cars into the water and he knows that the new Council as the vote shows must do a good job. On leaving office he is most happy to have served on the Council for four years and to have been associated with the men who have served with him and he wants everyone to feel free to call on him at anytime for whatever assistance he may be able to give.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that his association with the Members of the Council over the past years has been most pleasant and that although some criticism has been made about the Charter of the Town, thirty years ago he compiled this charter and since then it has been reviewed by experts on this matter and their report was that it was an excellent charter for the Town Of Golden Beach. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, inquired if aliens could vote in the Town elections and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett that since aliens cannot take the oath to defend the constitution of the United States, they cannot vote and if their names are on the registration books of the Town, they should be withdrawn. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, further reported that at the present time, the Town has no suits, pending or otherwise.

At his request, Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking, was allowed to take the floor and stated that since the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld is leaving office, he would like to give a word of praise for his arduous work for the past ten years as a Member of the Council. Never did he fail to help with whatever problems the Town had to face, that he wholeheartedly endorsed every improvement that the Town made, including the repaving of the streets and the construction of the new bridges and for his time and efforts which he gave so unselfishly on behalf of the welfare of the Town and its people, he had a scroll prepared which he would like to present at this time, which reads as follows:

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"THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA
PRESENTS THIS
CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

TO

HONORABLE BURT HENGEVELD

MAYOR FEBRUARY 20, 1957 - FEBRUARY 18, 1959

This Certificate is given that all men may know this
Town has honored him with this high office and as
evidence of its appreciation of his faithful and
unselfish efforts in its interest.

Councilman A. J. Gocking Council President J. R. Missett

Councilman Ralph E. Hough Councilman N. B. Ornitz

Councilman Fred Zollner

In witness whereof we have affixed our names and the
Town seal this 18th day of February, 1959".

Attest: Marjorie Mayor
Town Clerk

The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that all he could say was "Thank
You" as he was overwhelmed with such a tribute and will treasure this scroll
forever. During his tenure in office, he tried to do the best he could at
all times and wishes to give his thanks for everyone's cooperation, also he
wishes to congratulate the men who were elected to office at yesterday's
election and hopes that they have every success in their new offices and
that he will be ready to help at all times in the future if needed.

Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz stated that although the three retiring
men of the Council did a wonderful job, Resident of 25 years standing had
approached him recently and the words of praise that she gave to the
Members of the Council who had served during her residency was more than
gratifying, therefore those who had served on the Council in the past
should likewise be given a word of praise for their wonderful efforts and
fine work on behalf of the Town.

The Canvassing of the election results was then begun. Council
President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, unlocked the ballot box and read the
Certificate of the Inspectors and Clerk of the election and upon examination
of same by the Members of the Council, upon motion duly made, seconded and
unanimously carried, the Certificate of Inspectors and Clerk of Election
was accepted.

The Council then announced that the results of the election are found to be as follows:

Mr. Joseph C. Douglass received 43 votes for Mayor
Mr. Larry O. Turner received 228 votes for Mayor
Mr. Philip H. Cummings received 230 votes for Councilman
Mr. Malcolm P. Furman received 47 votes for Councilman
Mr. Edwin Marger received 32 votes for Councilman
Mr. F. Waldo Roth received 221 votes for Councilman
Mr. Edward M. Stuart received 232 votes for Councilman
Mr. Louis Vitale received 33 votes for Councilman

Thereupon Mr. Larry O. Turner was declared to be elected Mayor, Mr. Philip H. Cummings and Mr. Edward M. Stuart were declared to be elected as four year Councilmen and Mr. F. Waldo Roth was declared to be elected as two year Councilman.

The President of the Town Council, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, Councilman Mr. N.B. Ornitz and Mrs. Marjorie Mayor, Supervisor of Election thereupon executed in duplicate Certificate of Election, one copy of which was ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that he wished to give a word of thanks to the ladies that served so arduously as Clerk and Inspectors and suggested that they receive the same compensation as given in previous years, which suggestion had the full approval of the Members of the Council.

There being no further business to come before the outgoing Council, upon motion by Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz, seconded by Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking, the outgoing Council adjourned.

Thereupon the Members of the new Council proceeded to hold their organization meeting with the following members present:

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

constituting all of the Members of the new Town Council.

Upon motion made by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, seconded by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart and unanimously carried, Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz was appointed to act as President pro-tem. The President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz thereupon swore in the newly elected Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, and the Oath of Office properly subscribed to by Mr. Larry O. Turner, the newly elected Mayor, was ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, then proceeded to swear in the three newly elected Councilmen present at the meeting, Mr. Philip H. Cummings, Mr. F. Waldo Roth and Mr. Edward M. Stuart, who signed the Oath of Office, the originals of which are attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council then proceeded to the election of a President. Upon motion by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, seconded by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, it was agreed that the election of a President be postponed for about ten days.

The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, stated that he would like to present the following appointments for Town Officials, which upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, are as follows:

Charles A. Crum - Chief Of Police
Mrs. Laurita Chapman - Deputy Town Clerk

Other appointments for Town Officials, will be presented for approval in about ten days.

Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz suggested that in order that the newly elected Members of the Council be given time to become familiar with the functions of the Town and the operations of all the departments this meeting be recessed until Wednesday, March 25th, 1959 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall, which suggestion met with the full approval of all the Members of the Council. Thereupon the meeting was recessed.

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Deputy Town Clerk