

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

March 5th, 1957

A recess of the regular meeting of the Town Council held on February 20th, 1957 was called for Tuesday, March 5th, 1957 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. Robert H. George, Mr. Michael H. Kuryla, Mr. Norman Nobil

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 Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that the regular meeting of the Town Council held on February 20th, 1957 was recessed until today in order to allow the newly elected Commissioners to become familiar with the operations of their departments. He thereupon called upon the Secretary who reported that a petition signed by eighteen junior residents of the Town had been received requesting that a basket ball court or a regulation backboard with single basket be made available to them at the playground.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Ralph E. Hough stated that it was his opinion that a regulation backboard with single basket could be installed at the playground which would not be too costly but that he would like an opinion from Councilman Fred Zollner who was known to be experienced in basketball teams and courts. Councilman Fred Zollner stated that a regulation basketball court with adequate backboards and pavement would be of considerable expense to install and if just a backboard was installed the cost of a proper pavement would also have to be considered. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken stated that he could have a single backboard with net and basket installed at little expense but that he could not agree on undertaking a project that would run into considerable money as the Town several years ago installed a tennis court which was quite costly and which was little used and eventually demolished. Since it was the opinion of all the Members of the Council that some recreational facilities should be made available for the children in the Town, it was decided upon

a suggestion by Councilman Fred Zollner that a committee be appointed consisting of Councilman Ralph E. Hough, Councilman Fred Zollner and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken to make a study of this matter and report on same at the next meeting of the Town Council and that the signers of this petition are to be notified of the Council's action on their behalf.

The Commissioner of Health And Sanitation, Councilman Fred Zollner reported that water is remaining on several of the vacant lots in the Town after the recent heavy rains, which will create a breeding place for mosquitoes and he would like to know what arrangements could be made to remedy this condition. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken advised Councilman Fred Zollner that he would give him all the details as to the Town's procedure in notifying the owners of such properties to have their lots filled in order that this nuisance may be eliminated.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz, reported that he with the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, had made a thorough inspection of the streets in the Town during and after the recent heavy rains, whereupon it was noted that where a drainage system had been installed some of the openings had become stopped up but when opened they would be adequate to take care of the excess water from the streets. In certain other localities where no drainage system had been installed, some of the spots were flooded with water and he asked the Council's consideration on having a complete drainage system installed. He presented a map which he had prepared showing the most vulnerable spots and the Members of the Council after reviewing this map, decided that some arrangements should be made to have an adequate drainage system installed and the question arose if funds were available in the general fund for this expenditure. Councilman N. B. Ornitz further reported that he had discussed the cost of this work with the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken and it was determined that it would cost approximately \$14,000 to complete this work. Since no appropriation had been made in the current budget for this expenditure, the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that an analysis of the expenditures to date made from the current budget had been prepared and it appears from this report, providing that no other emergencies arise, moneys would be available in the general fund for this work. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the Members of the Council that Certificates of Indebtedness could be issued to take care of this expense and the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, suggested that if such certificates are issued, he would like to have included in this issuance the costs of improvements to the parkway on Ocean Boulevard. The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, stated that he was opposed to the Town assuming any more debt at this time unless it was a necessity and the question arose of using money from the Fine And Forfeiture Fund for this purpose, since adequate funds were available in this account. The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that he was opposed to using money from the Fine & Forfeiture Fund for this expenditure but that he would approve of a loan. He, thereupon, made a motion that the amount of \$5,000 be withdrawn from the Fine And Forfeiture Fund to be loaned to the General Fund for the explicit emergency purpose of installing an adequate drainage system in the Town Of Golden Beach and that if any unused

Funds are available from this loan when this work is completed, such unused funds are to be returned immediately to the Fine And Forfeiture Fund and that an appropriation to cover the cost of the amount of money used from this loan for this work be made in the new budget for the coming year so that same can be repaid to the Fine And Forfeiture Fund. Councilman N. B. Ornitz inquired of the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller if the Council has the legal right to authorize expenditures that exceed budget appropriations and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the Members of the Council that they have the authority to borrow and spend money for emergency purposes. Upon a vote of the Members of the Council this motion was approved unanimously as follows:--

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

It was further agreed that such loan will only be made when funds are no longer available in the General Fund. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, asked the Council's permission to secure prices on the purchase of pipe for this work, which permission was granted.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, commented Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken for their arrangement of a parking area for cars at the loggia. He further stated that the pavement at the loggia was in need of repairs and Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz stated that arrangements are being made to have this work done.

The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that several residents in the Town had approached him with a request that Golden Beach have its own cancellation stamp at the main Post Office and he asked that the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, be given permission to make a call on the Officials of the Post Office Department to make such request and also to voice a complaint against the substitute mail carrier who is always late in delivering the mail and most discourteous. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, being given such permission, stated that he would be very glad to make such call and would give a report on this matter at the next Council Meeting.

The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he too wished to praise Councilman N. B. Ornitz and the Town Manager Mr. R. H. Kuiken for making available adequate parking facilities at the loggia. He further stated that the former Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George had spent considerable time and money in an endeavor to abate the oil pollution of our beach and he would like to suggest that Mr. George be appointed to continue this work on behalf of the Town. Thereupon it was unanimously decided by the Members of the Council that Mr. Robert H. George be made Chairman of the standing Committee of the Town Of Golden Beach on oil pollution and that the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett write a letter to Mr. Robert H. George, advising him of the Council's action on this matter.

The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, reported that since the Town receives no compensation from the Southern Bell Telephone Company for its franchise and it is his understanding that other Towns having such franchise receive considerable amounts, he asked the Council's permission to call on the Officials of the Southern Bell Telephone Company in an endeavor to secure some compensation, which permission was granted.

The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, further reported that at a recent court hearing held in the Town Hall, an incident occurred which he would like the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett to explain to the Members of the Council in detail. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that one case in particular was represented by Council who had prepared his brief in detail and in presenting same avowed that the Ordinances of the Town Of Golden Beach were in direct violation of the Florida Statues and the Judge presiding on this case, not knowing the State Laws was very much confused. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett further stated that he, being familiar with the Florida State Laws, on his hearing of this case, discovered a loop-hole which greatly weakened the defense with the result that the offender was found guilty and he was wondering that in the future to avoid such similar occurrences, if a qualified Attorney should not be present at all Court Hearings held in the Town. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller, stated that it was his opinion that there is no need for the Town to undergo the expense of engaging an Attorney to be present at such hearings since the Ordinances of the Town Of Golden Beach are not in violation of the Florida State Laws and that the Municipal Judge of the Town has full legal authority to hear and pass sentence on all cases held in the Town Court.

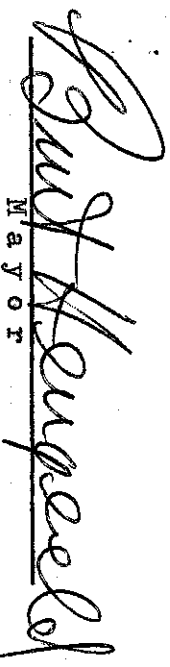
The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that one of the duties of the Mayor in the past has been to approve all bills of the Town for payment. Since this is strictly a financial matter, it was his opinion that this duty should be assumed by the Commissioner of Law And Finance. Thereupon it was agreed by all the Members of the Council that in the future all the Town's bills are to be approved by the Commissioner of Law And Finance for payment.

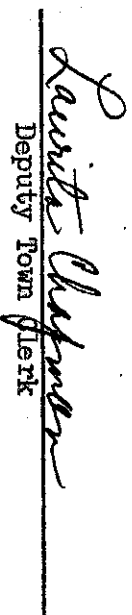
The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, brought up for discussion the matter of improving the parkway on Ocean Boulevard and the problem of cleaning the beach by the Town. The Commissioner of Public Parks and Buildings, Councilman Ralph E. Hough, stated that he is still endeavoring to secure bids on the cost of improving the parkway and when such bids are received same would be presented to the Members of the Council for approval. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that numerous complaints have been received about the condition of the beach and since the Beach Residents pay a tax to the Town for Beach Cleaning, he would like some arrangements made to facilitate this work, otherwise the Residents in question should be relieved of this lien from their tax bill. The Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, Councilman Fred Zollner, stated that he agreed that more attention should be given to keeping the beach clean in order that this item remain on the tax bill and that some definite arrangements should be made by the Town to see that the beach is cleaned at regular intervals. Councilman Fred Zollner further stated that since it was his understanding that the Residents on the beach pay about two-thirds of the Town's taxes, some consideration should be given to their needs. Councilman N. B. Ornitz disputed the amount of taxes that the Beach Residents pay in comparison to what is paid by the other property owners and it was decided that the Secretary look this matter up and report on it at the next meeting of the Council. It was further agreed that the Town is to make definite arrangements to have the beach cleaned more often and at regular intervals.

The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, requested that a police blotter be made available for his daily inspection in order that he be aware of the daily occurrences in the Police Department. He cited on a recent accident on Ocean Boulevard in which a trailer-truck hitting a tree turned over causing a tie-up in traffic and when he was approached by several Residents on this matter, he knew nothing of it. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengewald, stated that he too would like to be able to inspect this blotter in order that he may be familiar with the cases that are to appear before him when the Town holds Court. The Town Manager and Chief Of Police, Mr. R. H. Kuiken stated that such a daily report would be prepared and made available for the Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz, reported that progress is being made in securing date on the construction of new bridges for the Town. He explained that there are two types of bridges to be considered, steel and concrete and from the information that he has received from very reliable sources the most practical and less expensive of the two is the one constructed of pre-stressed concrete. The possibility that this type of bridge may settle after a few years was questioned by Councilman Fred Zollner. Councilman N. B. Ornitz stated that the pre-stressed concrete type of bridge is so constructed that the possibility of settling is very remote as he had discussed this matter with a Mr. Dean, Engineer for the State of Florida as it was his understanding that the State favors using this type of bridge in their improvement work. Councilman N. B. Ornitz further stated that he is endeavoring to secure more details on this matter and that he hopes to be able to present some concrete information as to prices, etc., at the next meeting of the Town Council. Councilman Ralph E. Hough reported that he had contacted a branch of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in Atlanta, Georgia and was informed that the best possible delivery on steel is one year which would certainly cause a delay in the construction work if the Town decided to install steel bridges.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting, upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Fred Zollner, the meeting adjourned.


 Mayor


 Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 28, 1957

Cash Balance February 1, 1957	\$ 45,765.93
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	

GENERAL FUND

Budget Receipts		
1956 Taxes Collected	\$ 3,087.37	
Less Tax Discount Allowed	<u>48.93</u>	
Rent For Post Office		\$ 3,038.44
		83.33

Other Receipts

Building Permits	\$ 500.00	
Clean-up Bond Deposits	200.00	
Road Damage Bond Deposits	400.00	
Income Taxes Withheld	228.20	
Social Security Taxes Collected	<u>75.40</u>	
		\$ 1,403.60

TOTAL

\$ 50,291.30

Cash Disbursements

Budget Disbursements-	\$ 6,033.48	
Non-Budget Disbursements	<u>315.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$ 6,348.48

Cash Balance February 28th, 1957
On Hand in the Miami Beach First National Bank

\$ 43,942.82

Percent to
Total

Total 1956 Tax Roll	\$ 81,208.54	100.00%
Taxes collected thru February 28, 1957	\$ 77,102.01	94.95%
Unpaid Taxes at February 28th, 1957	<u>\$ 4,106.53</u>	<u>5.05%</u>

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND

Deposits thru February 28th, 1957		\$ 7,670.55
In The American National Bank		

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ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1957

<u>Budget Disbursements</u>		
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages		\$ 1,247.60
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense		363.67
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Police Services:		
Salaries		1,360.00
Radio Services		60.00
Equipment - Repairs		323.65
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Equipment - Other Repairs		98.36
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Repairs and Maintenance		
Beach		82.30
Bridges		826.00
Public Buildings		24.58
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Gasoline And Oil		302.35
Lighting		280.56
Office Supplies		26.75
Sanitation		61.56
Telephone Service		44.50
Water		29.00
Town Clerk's Office		310.00
Town Manager's Salary		484.00
Miscellaneous Expense: Election Costs		108.60
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Total Budget Disbursements		\$ 6,033.48
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<u>Non-Budget Disbursements</u>		
Refund: Clean-Up Bond Deposits		\$100.00
Road Damage Bond Deposits		200.00
Building Inspection Fees		15.00
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Total Non-Budget Disbursements		\$ 315.00
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ 6,348.48</u>

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR FEBRUARY, 1957

Cash Balance, February 1st, 1957 - Municipal Improvement	
Iten Certificate of Indebtedness Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 19,955.35
Cash Receipts - Iitens collected in February, 1957	5,656.55
Total Cash	<u>\$ 25,611.90</u>
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance - February 28th, 1957 - - - - -	<u><u>\$ 25,611.90</u></u>

Cash Balance, February 1st, 1957 - Municipal Improvement	
Iten Sea Wall Bond Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 18,209.18
Cash Receipts - Iitens collected in February, 1957	9,882.96
Total Cash	<u>\$ 28,092.14</u>
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance - February 28th, 1957 - - - - -	<u><u>\$ 28,092.14</u></u>