

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

March 15th, 1955

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, March 15th, 1955 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. Robert H. George
Council President	-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
Councilmen	-Mr. Edward F. Guenther
	-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
	-Mr. Clemens B. Sheronas
	-Mr. Joseph R. Missett

Also present: Town Attorney	-Mr. Francis M. Miller
Building Inspector	-Mr. William E. Viton

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:-
Dr. A. J. Strikol, Mr. M. Kuryla, Mr. B. Elkind, Mr. F. P. Sheronas,
Mr. H. G. McIlvried, Mr. H. R. Hathaway, Mr. C. DiPrima, Colonel S. W. Winfree,
Mr. W. E. Murawska, Mr. Samuel Halper, Mrs. Gertrude K. Boutiette, Mr. George
H. Draper, Jr., Mr. C. B. Berkey, Mr. M. Winger, Mr. M. Lefkovich, Mr. M. A.
Mittelman, Mrs. H. R. Hathaway, Mr. C. Durling, Mr. P. Goldsmith.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, who acted as Chairman of the Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called upon the Secretary for the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council, held on February 16th, 1955 and the reading of the Minutes of the recessed Meeting of the Town Council held on February 21st, 1955. These Minutes were read by the Secretary and upon the reading of these Minutes, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that he wished to make a correction in the statement that the Town Of Golden Beach would pay for certificates of Indebtedness, if it became necessary to issue same to pay for the cost of improvements to the center strip on Ocean Boulevard, from unexpended fund in the other security accounts. He explained that it should be stated that in the event that Certificates Of Indebtedness are issued to pay for this cost, the Town Of Golden Beach has the authority to purchase such certificates with unexpended funds in the other security accounts. Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas also stated that \$300.00 had been received from motorists damaging the newly laid sod on Ocean Boulevard instead of the reported \$1,300.00. These corrections being made and when no further objections or corrections were offered these Minutes were ordered approved by the President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld.

The Secretary presented the cash report of the General Fund and a Cash Analysis of other funds of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, for the month of February, 1955. These reports, upon motion by Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, were approved and ordered attached to these minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called upon the Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, Councilman Edward F. Guenther, who reported that no bids to date have been received for the removal of garbage in the Town of Golden Beach and that he and the Town Manager were working on a plan whereby Town equipment and labor would be used for this purpose and that they were awaiting a decision from the City of Hallandale to allow the Town Of Golden Beach to use the Hallandale City dump for disposing of this refuse, before taking any definite action on this matter.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Joseph R. Missett, reported that an Engineer had been engaged to examine the defective seawalls to determine what caused these defects and that a report in writing of his findings is forthcoming. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that he had nothing to report on this matter since he had not been requested to render any further legal assistance in an endeavor to correct this condition, since the last regular meeting of the Town Council.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas, reported that he with Councilmen Edward F. Guenther and Joseph R. Missett called on Dade County Commissioners Hugh Peters and Grant Stockdale to voice a request that the County install a curbing on the center strip on Ocean Boulevard and give some financial assistance to the upkeep of the bridges that lead into the three islands in the Town Of Golden Beach. He stated that he explained to the Commissioners that since the County had repaved and widen A-1-A or Ocean Boulevard in the Town Of Golden Beach, the Town had spent considerable money filling and resodding the center strip on Ocean Boulevard and that the motorists were constantly running over this newly laid sod, causing damage to this property and that the only remedy to stop this nuisance was the installation of a curbing along this parkway. He further stated that he told the County Commissioners that the County, at one time, had given financial assistance to the costs of maintaining and repairing the bridges in the Town Of Golden Beach and he would like to know why this practice had been stopped. The County Commissioners told the Members of the Council present at this Meeting that they would be very happy to give whatever assistance they could to these matters but that before any action could be taken these grievances and requests should be stated in a letter which would be presented to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration and approval. Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas further reported that such a letter had been prepared and mailed to the Commissioners of Dade County but that a reply had not as yet been received and in order to get some action on this matter, he suggested that another letter be sent. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller advised the Members of the Council that the County Commissioners are extremely busy and it would be wise to contact them at least once a week. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, suggested that the State Road Department in Fort Lauderdale be contacted to discuss this matter which might help to process these requests. Thereupon it was decided that the Committee appointed to take care of these matters make such contacts and report on it at the next regular meeting of the Town Council.

The Commissioner of Parks And Public Buildings, Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas further reported that since the Town Maintenance Crew were devoting all their working hours to improve the center strip on Ocean Boulevard, the parks had been neglected and that their appearance had become unsightly and he asked if additional help could not be engaged to correct this condition. The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, advised the Members of the Council that no money was available in the current budget for this expenditure and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that work on the Boulevard would be completed shortly, after which the Town Maintenance Men would attend to this matter immediately.

Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas stated that a Resident, Mr. P. C. Riley, would like to discuss with the Members of the Council, the matter of fire insurance rates in the Town Of Golden Beach and called on Mr. Riley, who stated that fire insurance rates on homes in the Town Of Golden Beach was approximately twice as much as that charged for houses located in Golden Shores and Hallandale and he would like to know why Golden Beach had such a high rate, when Golden Shores which is located just south of Golden Beach and which was not a Township, but part of Dade County, had a much lower rate. Councilman Edward F. Guenther, stated that he with the Town Manager, had worked on this several years ago and at that time, he was advised by the Rating Bureau of the South Eastern Association of Insurance Companies, that in order for the Town Of Golden Beach to have such rates reduced, an adequate fire department must be installed to take care of all fires that may occur within the limits of the Town. Mr. P. C. Riley stated that Golden Shores had no such fire department, yet they enjoyed a much lower rate for fire protection than the Residents of Golden Beach and he asked that the Members of the Council take such action in an endeavor to get the rates in Golden Beach reduced. Thereupon a committee consisting of Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, Councilman Edward F. Guenther, Councilman Joseph R. Missett and Mr. P. C. Riley, was appointed to look into this matter and report on it at the next regular meeting of the Town Council.

The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that he wished to advise the Members of the Council and the visiting audience that Patrolman Francis X. Crawley had been engaged to replace Patrolman Stephen E. DiCiacco, who had left the Golden Beach Police Department, the first week of March, 1955.

The Commissioner Of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld stated that the items listed under "Non-Budgeted Disbursements" in the cash report covered expenses for improving the center strip on Ocean Boulevard and that although Certificates Of Indebtedness had been prepared for issuance to pay for the costs of this improvement, money from the General Fund had been used, the source of which coming from unanticipated revenue and in the event that money would not be available in the General Fund to pay for the Town's expenses, these Certificates Of Indebtedness would be issued to cover such costs.

The adoption of a budget for the period November 1st, 1955 thru October 31st, 1956 was brought up for discussion by the Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, who presented to the Members of the Council and the visiting audience copies of the appropriations that were made for the current budget and those that are being proposed for the new budget. The Members of the Council thereupon proceeded to examine these appropriations item by item, The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, explaining the need for increasing some of the appropriations of these items in the proposed new budget. The Members of the Council

and the visiting audience were called upon to voice an opinion on these matters. Dr. A. J. Strikol, a Resident, complained about the services rendered by the Police Department, stating that the Patrol Car is seen too much out of Town and that the Residents are not protected when they arrive home late in the evening. The Chief Of Police, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that one of the Patrolman had been replaced due to this condition which is not likely to exist in the future. The matter of securing additional help in the Police and Maintenance departments was then discussed by the Members of the Council with the visiting audience participating. The Chief of Police, Mr. R. H. Kuiken stated that it was his opinion that an additional Patrolman was not needed at this time. It was then suggested that an additional maintenance man be engaged to oversee this work as complaints had been received about rubbish not being picked up, the beach not being cleaned, the public parks being neglected and Town equipment being left out at night. A Resident, Mr. P. C. Riley asked that the chairs be replaced on the beach at the Loggia and the Council President Mr. Burt Hengeveld advised Mr. Riley that they were removed because the Residents using these chairs failed to move them away from the water when they left the Beach, causing them to be washed away and that if this condition could be remedied, chairs would be placed there. Mr. P. C. Riley also stated that the rest rooms at the Loggia were not being kept clean and he would like to have this matter attended to. A Resident, Mr. Phillip Goldsmith, stated that sending Notices of Time of Council Meetings was an excellent idea and he was advised that this practice would be continued in the future. Mr. Goldsmith also stated that since Ocean Boulevard had been improved, it was very difficult at night finding the entrances to the three Islands from the Boulevard and he asked if signs indicating the entrances to these Islands could not be installed. The costs of having such signs installed was then discussed and upon the opinion of the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, that it would not cost too much to secure such signs, it was decided that such signs be purchased. A Resident, Mr. M. A. Mittelman ask the Council to look into the matter of having a telephone installed at the Loggia and he would also like to have the chairs replaced there.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, thanked the Residents for being present at this meeting and stated that these matters would be given every consideration.

There being no other business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting, upon motion by Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas, seconded by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, the meeting adjourned.

TPH George
Mayor

Laurita Chapman
Deputy Town Clerk