

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

March 20th, 1956

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, March 20th, 1956 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall. Upon roll call the following members were found to be present, constituting a quorum of the Members of the Council.

Mayor	-Mr. Robert H. George
Council President	-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
Councilmen	-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
	-Mr. Ralph E. Hough

Also present: Town Attorney	-Mr. Francis M. Miller
Building Inspector	-Mr. C. A. Veckarelli

Councilman Edward F. Guenther, due to urgent business and Councilman Joseph R. Missett, due to illness, were not able to be present at this meeting.

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:
Mr. H. A. Lundy, Mr. I. Abrons, Mr. M. A. Mittleman, Mr. R. E. Berenson, Mr. M. Kuryla, Mr. H. G. McIlvried, Mr. B. R. Paulsen, Mr. B. Elkind, Mr. T. L. O'Neill, Mr. R. H. Higginson, Mr. P. C. Riley, Mr. H. F. Herschbach and property Owner, Mr. M. Bauer who arrived during the latter part of the Meeting.

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 who presented to each Member of the Council, a copy of the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Town Council held on February 21st, 1956 and upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, 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 the Cash analysis of the other funds for the month of February, 1956. These cash reports, upon motion by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, were approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Secretary was requested to read a letter from Harbert C. Gregor, President of the Florida City Managers Association, addressed to Hon. Robert H. George, Mayor, Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, requesting that every effort be made to send our Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken to Panama City, Florida to attend an annual Short Course Meeting. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, thanked the Members of the Council for their consideration in this regard but stated that he did not see where much benefit could be derived by his attendance and due to important business matters that would need his attention at the time that this Meeting is to be held, he would not like to be absent from the Town, therefore the Members of the Council decided that no action be taken on this matter.

A letter addressed to Mr. Richard Kuiken, Town Manager, Golden Beach, Florida from Mr. William W. Fitzhugh, a Resident, was read by the Secretary, requesting that a building permit be granted to erect a two-car garage at his residence, 310 North Bay Drive, thus eliminating the awning-covered carport which was now in use, and since this proposed new building would extend a few feet in the front beyond the required set-back restrictions as called for in the Town's building code, a variance would have to be issued in order to do this work. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he with the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, had called on Mr. Fitzhugh to discuss this matter at which time they had examined these premises and since no encroachments could be cited, if such structure should be erected; also it would eliminate a car-port which is not allowed to be erected in the Town at the present time, it was his opinion that Mr. Fitzhugh be granted this variance. The possibility that a precedent may be set if such a variance should be granted was discussed and since the conditions involving the granting of a building variance are based on the merits of each individual case and that sketches are being prepared showing the layout of this proposed new building, it was decided, upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, that if such drawings, when received, had the approval of the President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, the Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, such variance should be granted.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called upon the Residents who were present to bring up before the Council any matters that they would like to have discussed. Mr. P. C. Riley stated that he being a Member of a Committee appointed by the Council to seek a reduction in fire insurance rates for the Residents of the Town Of Golden Beach, had been notified recently that such a reduction is forthcoming. He would also like to comment on the general appearance of the Town, that it was his opinion that the Town never looked more lovely. He further stated that he was preparing to construct a residence at 390 North Bay Drive and after having his plot plan and drawings completed, a further study of these premises was made whereby he discovered that the residence located south of his property line had the old set-back restrictions of three feet from the side line, whereas the house on the north side of his property was about twelve feet from the side line and he ask if a building variance could not be granted so that this building could be moved over to give an appearance of being in the center of the two existing houses on each side of his property, which move would result in the proposed new building extending beyond the required ten foot side-line set-back on the North side. Mr. Riley was advised that if a drawing would be submitted, showing this proposed change, the Members of the Council would be very pleased to discuss this matter and pass a decision on same.

The matter of preventing speculative builders from erecting houses on fifty foot lots was brought up for discussion by Mr. R. E. Berenson, a Resident, who stated that the appearance of such houses was so unattractive that it was a menace to the majority of the Residents of the Town who had invested considerably so that their houses would be most attractive and conform with the general beauty of the Town. Mr. L. Abrons, A Resident, stated that he agreed with Mr. Berenson and suggested that arrangements be made to change the Town's Building and Zoning Ordinance so that such houses could not be erected. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that the Owner of a fifty foot lot cannot be prevented from building on his property, that it is stated so in his deed, and that on several occasions, this matter had

been brought before the Court and in each case the Court had decided in favor of the property owner. Ways and means to prevent building on fifty foot lots was then discussed and it was suggested by Mr. P. C. Riley that houses should only be allowed to be erected on seventy-five feet, particularly where land is available on either side of an Owner's property and in the event that no land is available, then the Owner should be allowed to build on his lot. Upon the suggestion of the Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, that a further study of this matter should be made before the Council takes any action, it was decided that a committee be appointed consisting of Mr. Ralph E. Hough, as Chairman, Three Residents, Mr. R. E. Berensen, Mr. Louis Abrons and Mr. P. C. Riley, Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli, Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken and Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld with the assistance of the Mayor, Mr. R. H. George, to make a thorough study of this matter and report on it at the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. M. A. Mittleman ask the Members of the Council if something could not be done to remedy the condition that has existed in the front of his home for some time now, namely, that after a rain, water lays in the street for days and since he had been told that a drainage system was to be installed, he has received no relief whatsoever. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that he was aware of the condition that existed in the street near Mr. Mittleman's home, that part of the program of installing a drainage system in the Town was in progress and before it could be entirely completed the Residents started to arrive in the Town and so many complaints were received on the streets being torn up that he had to stop but this work is to continue just as soon as the Season is over and most of the Residents will be away from the Town. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that this matter should be turned over to the Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Joseph R. Missett, and since he was not able to be present at this Meeting, he would see to it that this matter is brought to his attention in order that Mr. Mittleman be given some relief.

An inquiry was made by Mr. L. Abrons, Resident, if consideration had ever been given to having a curbing installed on the parkway on Ocean Boulevard in which Mr. Abrons was advised that every consideration had been given to this matter when the improvements were made on Ocean Boulevard and it was the consensus of opinion that such a curbing would detract from the appearance of the Town, that it would be very impractical and very difficult to install.

The Mayor Mr. Robert H. George, reported that the Residents living on the beach are constantly bothered by strangers trespassing on their property and he ask the Council to authorize the purchase of 12 concrete piles to be erected at the extreme north and south ends of the beach. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he had been advised that a Resident was contemplating building a wall on her property which is located at the extreme south end of Ocean Boulevard, on the beach side, in which event, it would not be necessary to install these piles, and since it was reported that the cost of these piles would not be excessive, it was decided that such piles be purchased to be installed at the North end of the Beach for the time being.

A report on the financial condition of the Town was made by the Commissioner Of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, who stated that the amount of cash that was in the General Fund at the present time and the additional revenue that the Town would receive from taxes and other sources and the amounts that would have to be paid out to cover the general expenses of the Town for the remaining months of this fiscal year, indicated that there would be a surplus in the General Fund, even though the monies received from Fines and Forfeitures were not included as this money was being placed in a separate account in a different bank to be used to reduce the debt of the Town by recalling some of the outstanding securities. He further stated that he would like to call the Council's attention to the matter of the adoption of a new budget for the Year November 1st, 1956 through October 31st, 1957, that he had spent considerable time compiling a budget which he would like to present to the Members of the Council for discussion. He thereupon presented to each Member of the Council a copy of the current budget for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1956 and proceeded to review and compare each item listed thereon, calling on the Heads of the Departments to explain the changes that were made in their respective categories. The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that the reason for the change in the Salaries Of Police and New Police Equipment is due to the fact that the Patrolmen are to receive an increase in salary of \$25.00 per month; that a new man is to be engaged for the Police Department which would necessitate additional new police equipment. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, explained that the maintenance men were to receive a ten cent an hour increase in salary and that no change was made in this category as the amount provided was adequate to meet this need and that the purchase of a new tractor increased the amount provided for Maintenance and New Equipment. No change was made in the amount provided for Town Clerk's Office although a salary increase was in order for the Deputy Town Clerk, the reason being that Mrs. Kuiken was desirous of relinquishing her duties as Clerk-In-Charge of Post Office, which duties would be turned over to the Deputy Town Clerk together with the compensation that Mrs. Kuiken receives from the United States Government for this service which amount would adequately take care of this salary increase and in the event that the operation of a Post Office is discontinued, the amount needed to meet this increase could be withdrawn from the Reserve For Contingencies Account. The Commissioner Of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that since two of the Members of the Council were absent from this Meeting, this matter would again be discussed at a Meeting when all the Members of the Council could be present in order that they may voice their opinions on this proposed new budget.

A Resident, Mr. M. A. Mittleman, again requested that the Council make arrangements to see that some relief is given him regarding the water that remains in the street near his house and he was assured that some relief would be forthcoming that materials for this work are in the storage room connected to the Town Hall. A Resident, Mr. H. G. McIlvried, inquired if the materials available for this drainage system installation, were adequate as it was his opinion that the drainage system recently installed on Centre Island was not working properly. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, advised Mr. McIlvried that some of the gardeners had been making use of this as a refuse for their debris which resulted in a clogging up of the pipes during a heavy rain and that arrangements were being made to prevent this occurrence.

A Property Owner, Mr. M. E. Bauer, who recently entered the Meeting, requested that the Members of the Council give some consideration to his plea to be allowed to construct residences in the Town Of Golden Beach without having the services of a licensed contractor to supervise his work. He cited on the houses that he had erected both by himself and with his late father before his passing, stating that they were all constructed on not less than seventy-five feet and that their style and beauty enhanced the appearance of the Town; that he had always abided by the requirements of the Town's building code and that all the Residents that were living in the houses that he had built were more than satisfied with their purchases. He further added that considerable money had been invested recently in the purchase of several lots on South Island upon which he was preparing to erect houses when suddenly he was informed that he could not do so because he was not a licensed contractor. He stated on his educational background, his ability to build homes and his endeavor to secure a contractor's license in Dade County, which was almost impossible to get as he had no political influence. He therefore ask the Council to amend Ordinance No. 73 which requires that all building have the supervision of a licensed contractor so that he be allowed to continue to build in the Town Of Golden Beach. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised Mr. Bauer that four-fifths majority of the Council is required to vote on the change of an Ordinance and since this required majority was not present at this meeting, no such action could be taken. Mr. Bauer was further advised that such request should be in writing and if he would submit a letter stating his requests, the Members of the Council would take this matter into consideration and pass a decision on same.

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 Ralph E. Hough, the meeting adjourned.

T. H. George
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Laurita Chapman
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 31, 1956

Cash Balance March 1, 1956 - GENERAL FUND

In the Miami Beach First National Bank \$41,093.38

Budget Receipts

1955 Taxes Collected	\$2,122.17	
Less Discount Allowed	1.66	
		2,120.51
Florida Power & Light Company Franchise Payment		1,985.11

Other Receipts

Building Permits	\$ 395.00	
Clean Up Bond Deposits	200.00	
Road Damage Bond Deposits	400.00	
Printing (Sale Of Booklet)	1.00	
Income Taxes Withheld	185.50	
Social Security Collected	62.25	
Miscellaneous Income:- Pay Phone Commissions	10.34	
		1,254.09

TOTAL

\$46,453.09

Cash Disbursements

Budget Disbursements	\$4,162.72	
Non-Budget Disbursements	85.00	
		\$ 4,247.72

Cash Balance March 31st, 1956

On Hand in the Miami Beach First National Bank \$42,205.37

Percent to
Total

Total 1955 Tax Roll	\$80,791.34	100.00%
Taxes Collected thru March 31st, 1956	\$79,002.00	97.89%
Unpaid Taxes at March 31st, 1956	\$ 1,789.34	2.21%

FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND

Deposits thru March, 31st, 1956 In The American National Bank		\$ 7,057.22
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TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1956

<u>Budget Disbursements</u>	
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,469.50
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense	14.80
<u>Police Services</u>	
Salaries	925.00
Radio Service	80.00
Police Equipment - Repairs	171.21
<u>Equipment Other</u>	
Repairs	27.40
<u>Repairs And Maintenance</u>	
Beach	78.80
Public Buildings	125.64
Streets	20.00
Gasoline And Oil	212.59
Lighting	199.97
Telephone Service	43.35
Town Clerk's Office	310.00
Town Manager's Salary	458.00
Water	24.06
Miscellaneous Expense: Washroom Supplies	2.40
Total Budget Disbursements	<u>\$ 4,162.72</u>
<u>Non-Budget Disbursements</u>	
Inspection Fees	<u>85.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u><u>\$ 4,247.72</u></u>

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR MARCH, 1956

Cash Balance - March 1st, 1956 - Municipal Improvement Lien Certificate of Indebtedness Fund		\$19,602.23
Liens collected thru March, 1956		<u>1,576.51</u>
Total Cash		\$21,178.74
Cash Disbursements		None
Cash Balance, March 31st, 1956 - - - - -		<u>\$21,178.74</u>

Cash Balance - March 1st, 1956 - Municipal Improvement Lien Sea Wall Bond Fund			
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$17,342.32		
In the Mercantile National Bank	<u>5,174.48</u>		
Total Cash			\$22,516.80
Liens collected thru March, 1956			
Miami Beach, First National Bank			<u>1,084.38</u>
Total Cash			\$23,601.18
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
<u>Mercantile National Bank:-</u>			
C.B.Smith - Sea Wall Construction	\$ 5,030.14		
C. A. Vecharelli - Inspection Fees	<u>114.34</u>		
	\$ 5,174.48		
Miami Beach First National Bank			
C. B. Smith - Sea Wall Construction	<u>\$ 2,186.86</u>		
Total Disbursements			\$ 7,361.34
Cash Balance, March 31st, 1956			
In the Mercantile National Bank		None	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	<u>\$16,239.84</u>		
Total Cash Balance, March 31st, 1956 - - - - -			<u>\$16,239.84</u>

H. C. GREGORY, CITY MANAGER
A. M. TOWLES, CITY ATTORNEY
W. E. FANNIN, CLERK-AUDITOR
E. O. HALL, TREASURER-COLLECTOR

W. D. LINES, MUNICIPAL JUDGE
G. O. COX, SUPT. W. & L. DEPT.
STEVE EDWARDS, FIRE CHIEF
J. W. HAIRE, CHIEF OF POLICE

CITY OF QUINCY
LEAF TOBACCO CENTER
QUINCY, FLORIDA

March 15, 1956

Hon. Robert H. George, Mayor
City of Golden Beach
Golden Beach, Florida

no action

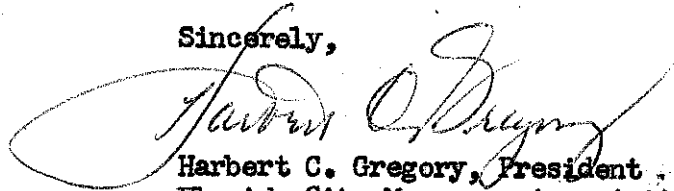
Dear Mr. George:

The Florida City Managers will hold their annual Short Course at Panama City, Florida, April 22-25. As President of the Florida City Managers Association, I am writing you asking that every effort please be made to send your city manager, Mr. Richard Kuiken, to this Short Course. It is felt that he will receive much good from the discussions and talks that are given by experts in their particular fields.

It may be that you and your Commission or Council would be interested in the program for the meeting in Panama City. If so, please advise and we will be glad to furnish you with same. Not only do we feel that Mr. Cunningham and your city will derive much benefit from this meeting, but we also feel that there are many ideas and suggestions that he could contribute for our benefit and that of our cities.

Thanking you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Herbert C. Gregory, President
Florida City Managers Association

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TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
PAYMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FRANCHISE ORDINANCE NO. 56
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 27, 1953

Residential Electric Revenues

February 1955	\$ 3,405.19
March "	4,020.23
April "	3,283.94
May "	3,001.40
June "	2,251.46
July "	2,051.13
August "	2,163.92
September "	2,327.90
October "	2,279.07
November "	2,115.65
December "	2,707.21
January 1956	<u>3,478.01</u>
Total	\$33,085.11

Total Franchise Payment @ 6% of Revenues

\$1,985.11

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310 N. Bay Drive,
Golden Beach, Florida
March 17, 1956

Mr. Richard Kuiken, Town Mgr.,
Golden Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Kuiken:

As explained to you and Mr. Hengeveld the other day, the garage accommodation at our house, 310 N. Bay Drive, are entirely inadequate. If a building permit can be granted, we are considering building a two-car garage, eliminating the awning-covered carport which we now use. This would improve the general appearance and increase the value of the house and property.

We are having a diagram prepared which will indicate how the addition will appear in relation to the house and this can be shown you later.

We would appreciate securing a variance so that arrangement can be made to proceed with the work.

Sincerely yours,