

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

March 27th, 1956

A Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida was held on Tuesday, March 27th, 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 all of the Members of the Council.

Mayor	-Mr. Robert H. George
President	-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
Councilmen	-Mr. Edward F. Guenther
	-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
	-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
	-Mr. Ralph E. Hough

Also present: Building Inspector - Mr. Clarence A. Veckarelli

The Secretary stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to discuss the budget for the coming Fiscal Year and other important matters.

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

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called upon the Secretary to read a letter from a property Owner, Mr. M. E. Bauer, requesting that he be allowed to construct homes in the Town Of Golden Beach without having the services of a licensed contractor to supervise his work. For the past several years he had been allowed to do this work and due to the fact that a considerable investment had been made recently to purchase several lots on South Island on which he would like to erect homes, he ask that the Council make some arrangements so that he could be allowed to do this work. The Members of the Council, realizing Mr. Bauer's problem, decided that the provision, as called for in Ordinance No. 73 requiring that all construction work in the Town Of Golden Beach have the supervision of a licensed contractor, be upheld, thereupon Mr. Bauer's request was denied, and that a letter be sent to Mr. Bauer advising him of the Council's decision on this matter.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that a Resident, Mr. P. C. Riley was contemplating building a home at 390 North Bay Drive and requested that a building variance be granted so that this proposed new home could be placed approximately in the center of the two existing houses on each side of his property line, which move would make this building go beyond the ten foot side line restriction on the north side. Mr. Riley had submitted drawings showing this proposed layout, which were now presented to the Members of the Council by the Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, who stated that he with Mr. George, the Mayor, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken and the Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli, had made a study of these premises, and it was the consensus of opinion that an encroachment would exist if this proposed new building would be allowed to be placed on this property as indicated by these drawings,

thereupon, it was decided by the Members of the Council that Mr. Riley's request be denied and that he be notified in writing of the Council's decision on this matter.

The Secretary was requested to read a letter that the Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, had written to the Commissioners of Dade County, voicing several grievances on nuisances that are existing in Dade County south of Golden Beach and the letter of reply from the Commissioners of Dade County to Hon Robert H. George, Mayor, promising immediately that arrangements would be made to correct these conditions.

The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President Burt Hengeveld, stated that he had made an analysis of the financial condition of the Town and from all indications there should be a surplus in the General Fund Account of approximately \$3,800.00. He further stated that a budget had been prepared for the Year November 1st, 1956 through October 31st, 1957, which had been discussed at the regular meeting of the Council held on March 20th, 1956, and due to the fact that two of the Members of the Council were absent at this regular meeting, he would like to present this budget again for their consideration. He therefore presented to each Member of the Council a copy of the current budget and a copy of the proposed new budget and proceeded to compare each item listed thereon, calling on the heads of the various departments to voice their opinions as to their needs for the general welfare of the Town. The Commissioner of Fire and Police, Councilman Anthony J. Gecking, stated that an increase in 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 and that a new man is to be engaged for the Police Department which necessitates an increase in new police equipment. He further stated that a provision had been made in the current budget to cover the services of a new patrolman but that one as yet had not been engaged. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that although the maintenance men were to receive a ten cent an hour increase in salary no change was made as the amount appropriated, is adequate to take care of this additional cost. An additional \$1,500.00 was proposed for Maintenance and New Equipment to take care of the cost of a new tractor which would be needed. Councilman Edward F. Guenther inquired as to the need of \$5,000 for this expenditure and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, explained what the approximate cost of a new tractor would be and the expenses in connection with the operation of this department and it was agreed that in order to facilitate time that this item be left open. The amount appropriated for Maintenance Of Bridges was then discussed with Councilman Edward F. Guenther inquiring if \$1,000.00 would be adequate to take care of bridge improvements. The Commissioner of Public Streets And Lighting, Councilman Joseph R. Missett, stated that he had gone over this matter very carefully with the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken and they had decided, using Town labor, that necessary improvements to the bridges could be made for \$1,000.00. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that although a salary increase was due the Deputy Town Clerk, no change was made in this category as Mrs. Kuiken was turning over her duties as Clerk-In-Charge Of Post Office to the Deputy Town Clerk together with the compensation that she receives for this service, which compensation would take care of an increase in her salary. These items being discussed, a note was made as to the amount of revenue the Town would receive from taxes and other sources and since it was determined that the amount of revenue is sufficient to meet the total amount of expenditures, it was decided upon a suggestion offered by Councilman Edward F. Guenther that this proposed new budget be presented for adoption at the regular meeting of the Town Council to be held on April 17th, 1956.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken stated that he wished to call the Council's attention to the amount of deposits made to date in the Fine and Forfeiture Fund, that these amounts are increasing weekly and that ample funds are available at the present time to recall some of the outstanding securities of the Town and he ask that the Council authorize the withdrawal of \$5,000 from this fund to recall some of the outstanding securities on June 1st, 1956. The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he was opposed to taking any action on this matter at the present time as this money may be needed to take care of some emergency that may arise. Upon the advise of the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, that some funds would be left in this account at the time of this withdrawal, it was decided upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, that in the event that no emergency arises, \$5,000 is to be withdrawn from the Fine & Forfeiture Fund on June 1st, 1956 to recall some of the outstanding securities of the Town.

The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that he had made a thorough study of the traffic conditions on Ocean Boulevard and it was his opinion that such a condition warranted the services of another patrolman as it was becoming very hazardous and since funds were available in the General Fund to take care of this additional cost and also that a provision had been made in the current budget for this expenditure, he ask that a new man be immediately engaged for the Police Department so that Ocean Boulevard could be properly patrolled. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough that a new man be engaged immediately for the Police Department in order that Ocean Boulevard be continuously patrolled during the day when traffic is most heavy.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Accounting Firm of Everett W. Severy requesting that they be allowed to do the audit work of the Town's records for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1956. This request was unanimously approved and the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Severy advising him of the Council's decision.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, wished to advise the Members of the Council of the Work that Mr. Churchill did in painting the Town Hall for which he did not charge the Town for his services. The Members of the Council decided that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Churchill from the Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Ralph E. Hough.

The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, stated that for some time now, the Property Owners on the Beach have been assessed for beach cleaning and since it was his opinion that the Town is not doing a proper job of keeping the Beach clean, he would like to have this assessment removed from the Tax Roll. The condition of the beach was then discussed with the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stating that at least once each month the entire beach is cleaned by the Town and the portion of the beach in front of the Loggia is cleaned daily. It was also brought out that if this work was discontinued the portion of the beach in front of unimproved property would become unsightly, therefore it was decided that this assessment remain on the tax roll and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, is to make every effort to have the beach cleaned more often.

Councilman Edward F. Guenther, called attention to the condition of the playground equipment and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, replied that this matter is being attended to.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting upon motion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, the meeting adjourned.

Laurita Chapman
Secretary

R. H. George
Mayor