

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

April 16th, 1957

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The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, April 16th, 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. B. Elkind, Mr. N. Nobil, Mr. M. E. Kuryla, Mr. George H. Draper, Jr.,  
Mr. R. H. George, Mr. Peter Freund, Mr. H. E. Paul, Mr. J. Manne, Mr. J. W.  
Schipmann, Mrs. Mae P. Coyas, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Stuart.

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, 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 March 19th, 1957 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 a Cash Analysis of the other funds of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida for the month of March, 1957. These reports upon motion by Councilman N. B. Ornitz, seconded by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking were approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that before taking up the matter of the adoption of the new budget, he would like to have the Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting report on the construction of new bridges for the Town and called on Councilman N. B. Ornitz who stated that before discussing the bridge situation in the Town an apology is due the Commissioner Of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, regarding his receiving a copy of the proposed new budget, as he did receive such copy. Councilman N. B. Ornitz, thereupon reported that the bridge situation in the Town is such that all are in need of repairs and that the bridge leading into Centre Island is in extremely bad condition. This bridge was not only examined by himself but by the Members of the Bridge committee consisting of Councilman Ralph E. Hough

and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, who had the Town Foreman go under this bridge with a crowbar to test the beams whereupon it was discovered that most of these beams were rotting and should be replaced immediately. He thereupon proceeded to secure prices on the cost of this repair and after taking into consideration the amount of material and other necessities needed to adequately repair this bridge the cost would be approximately \$16,000. Councilman N. B. Ornitz, further reported that he also had secured prices on the cost of new bridges for the Town and the best price offered was \$66,000 for three new bridges, thus to install one new bridge would cost approximately \$22,000. The proposed new bridge would be constructed of pre-stressed concrete with sidewalk on one side, curbing on both sides and proper approaches. The design of this bridge is such that it would be most attractive in appearance, would need little or no maintenance after completion and would most adequately meet the needs of the Town. A drawing of this proposed new bridge was then presented to the Members of the Council and the visiting audience and upon review of same very favorable comments were offered. Councilman N.B. Ornitz thereupon stated that the matter to be decided upon is whether to make the necessary repairs to the existing bridge over Centre Island, this being of an emergency nature and should be done immediately or to install a complete new bridge as described on the plan. The Commissioner of Law & Finance, Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, stated that he wished to commend Councilman N. B. Ornitz for his very fine work in this regard but that he would like a decision made on this matter after the discussion of the adoption of the proposed new budget.

The proposed new budget for the period November 1st, 1957 through October 31st, 1958 was then brought up for discussion by the Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, who presented to each Member of the Council and the visiting audience an itemized list of expenditures covering appropriations for each department as set up in the current budget and what is proposed for the new budget. The Members of the Council proceeded to examine these appropriations, item by item each item being discussed in detail as to the needs and the best interests of the Town. The amount of \$3,000 appropriated for maintenance of streets would cover the cost of the new drainage system that is being installed and since the amount of \$1,500 appropriated for bridge repairs was entirely inadequate to take care of major repairs or new bridge construction work, it was agreed that this amount would be used for minor improvements only. The amount of \$1,000 appropriated for Street Lighting Repair was questioned by the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, who stated that since he has been serving as Judge in the Town's Municipal Court, damages to street light standards resulting from automobile accidents on the highway are paid for from the fines levied against such violators, therefore no appropriation is needed for this purpose. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken stated that this amount was appropriated for the purpose of installing new street light standards on North Bay Drive, thereupon it was agreed that this amount remain as is. The Commissioner of Health And Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, stated that he is satisfied with the amount provided for his department and that he would like to advise all those concerned that rat poison is available at the Town Hall for all those residents who are bothered with this nuisance. He also stated that it had been called to his attention that the washrooms at the Loggia are very badly in need of repairs, the plumbing being antiquated and most inadequate and with the Council's approval, he would like to have plans drawn, at his own expense, showing the improvements that he would like to have made there after which same would be presented to the Members of the Council for their decision, which approval was granted. The Commissioner of Parks And Public Buildings, Councilman Ralph E. Hough, stated that the amount of \$1,500

appropriated for Parks And ~~Parkways~~ was to be used for minor repairs only as this amount was not sufficient to take care of any major improvements, particularly work of improving the parkway on Ocean Boulevard.

These appropriations being discussed the question arose as to how funds could be made available in this proposed new budget for replacing or repairing Centre Island bridge since a hazardous condition existed there. The possibility that the County may give some financial assistance was discussed with the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reporting on the recent visit that he with Councilman N. B. Ornitz, had with Commissioner Hall of Dade County, who was most pleasant and cordial and listened attentively to their requests for financial assistance in making improvements to the bridges and the parkway on Ocean Boulevard and although no definite commitment was made, Commissioner Hall did promise to pay a visit to Golden Beach on the 24th or 26th of April to look into these matters and if in his opinion these conditions warranted aid, he would recommend that an appropriation be made in the County budget for this expenditure. Councilman N. B. Ornitz stated that one of the issues that was to be stressed in this discussion was the amount of taxes that the Residents of Golden Beach pay to the County and after finding out that the County receives \$157,675.00 from Golden Beach which was much less than anticipated, their plan of action had to be changed to the little benefits that the Town does ~~receive~~ from the County for the amount of taxes that it pays, and it was his opinion that when Commissioner Hall does see the condition of the bridges, he would recommend that the County give some financial aid for this improvement work. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that similar requests were made of the County in the past with former Commissioner Grant Stockdale with little or no satisfaction and at that time they were told that improvements to the parkway on Ocean Boulevard is a matter that had to be taken up with the State Road Department. The question arose as to who owned this property and the former Mayor, Mr. R. H. George, who was a visitor at this meeting stated that during his reign, the State had requested the right of way to use this property which was granted to them by the Town in order to widen Ocean Boulevard when they repaved same. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the Members of the Council that this property in question has never been deeded to the County or State, therefore the Town Of Golden Beach is the owner. He further stated that he personally knows Commissioner Hall who is known to be a "go-getter" and that some help may be forthcoming in this regard. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller further advised the Members of the Council that they have the authority to issue Certificates Of Indebtedness to cover the cost of improving Centre Island Bridge and the question arose as to the possibility of issuing Certificates of Indebtedness so that improvements could be made to all three bridges. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that he was opposed to the Town assuming any more debt at this time as he had made a promise to the Residents of Golden Beach that no more debt would be assumed by the Town until the present indebtedness is paid off. However, with the Council's approval, he would like to recommend that \$10,000 which is available in the Fine And Forfeiture Fund be used to pay toward the cost of replacing Centre Island Bridge and that Certificates of Indebtedness in the amount of \$15,000 be issued to pay for the balance of this work. Councilman Fred Zollner and Councilman N.B. Ornitz stated that they were in favor of making arrangements to have all three bridges replaced at the same time.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the Members of the Council that it would have to be put up to a referendum if they agreed to issue Certificates of Indebtedness to pay for the cost of installing three new bridges in the Town as the Council only has the authority to issue Certificates of Indebtedness when an emergency exists and funds are not available in the Town Treasury to take care of such expenditure. He further pointed out that the Home Rule which is to be voted on shortly in Dade County, if approved, may have some effect on the Town with regards to its governmental functions and financial condition, therefore it was his opinion that such indebtedness should not be assumed at this time by the Town. The Commissioner Of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett stated that he was opposed to long range deficit financing by the Town but since an emergency does exist with regards to the condition of Centre Island bridge, he was very much in favor of Councilman Anthony J. Gocking's recommendation. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking that since an emergency exists with regards to the condition of Centre Island bridge, a new bridge as outlined on the plan submitted by Councilman N. B. Ornitz, is to be installed there, the cost of which is not to exceed \$25,000 and that \$10,000 which is available in the Fine & Forfeiture Fund be transferred to the General Fund to help pay for this work and that Certificates of Indebtedness in the amount of \$15,000 be issued to pay the balance and that future deposits in the Fine & Forfeiture Fund are to be used to pay off this indebtedness. This motion, upon a roll call was unanimously approved as follows:\*

- 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 - aye

Thereupon the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, presented the following Resolution, which upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried was passed and adopted; entitled:--

RESOLUTION NO. 75

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH APPROVING THE BORROWING OF THE SUM OF \$15,000.00 BY THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COST OF A NEW CONCRETE BRIDGE TO CENTRE ISLAND IN THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH AND THE ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR SUCH AMOUNT AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND THE TOWN CLERK TO SIGN SAID CERTIFICATES AND PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE TOWN FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAME."

It was further agreed that the rate of interest to be paid on this loan is not to exceed 4% per annum, and that the date of these securities is to be July 1, 1957, with maturity dates of \$5,000 on or before one year from date; \$5,000 on or before two years from date and \$5,000 on or before three years from date and that interest at the rate of 4% per annum is to be paid semi-annually.

Funds now being made available to take care of the immediate improvements to Centre Island Bridge, it was agreed that the amount of \$5,740. appropriated for Debt Service in the proposed new budget be increased to \$10,740. and the amount of \$2,414. appropriated for Interest be increased to \$3,014. and that an item titled Miscellaneous Receipts in the amount of \$5,600 be included in the Proposed Estimate of Budget Receipts. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Fred Zollner and unanimously carried, this proposed new budget was declared adopted by the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, which budget is in words and figures as follows:-

PROPOSED ESTIMATE OF BUDGET FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 1957 THRU OCTOBER 31, 1958

Salaries Of Police	\$ 16,500.00
Police Radio Service	720.00
New Police Equipment	2,000.00
Maintenance of Police Equipment	1,000.00
Gas And Oil	2,800.00
Labor for Maintenance Work for All Departments	16,640.00
Maintenance & New Equipment	2,000.00
Water	400.00
Building Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridge Repairs	1,500.00
Maintenance of Streets	3,000.00
Street Lighting Repair	1,000.00
Street Lighting	2,750.00
Garbage Collection	100.00
Rat Extermination & Mosquito Control	500.00
Insurance	2,200.00
Telephone	500.00
Tax Discount	3,231.65
Legal & Audit	2,000.00
Office Supplies	700.00
Town Clerk's Office	3,720.00
Town Manager & Chief Of Police Salary	5,850.00
Debt Service	10,740.00
Interest	3,014.00
Social Security	1,000.00
Christmas Bonus for Employees	655.00
Reserve for Contingencies	2,739.69
Parks and Parkways	1,500.00
Office Expense - Miscellaneous Fund	500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 90,260.34</b>

PROPOSED ESTIMATE OF BUDGET RECEIPTS

Taxes	\$ 78,535.34
Beach Cleaning	3,150.00
Rent For Post Office	1,475.00
Florida Power & Light Franchise	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	5,600.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 90,260.34</b>

Upon motion duly made seconded and carried, the Secretary was instructed by the Town Council to continue the policy followed in former years and assess each house in the Town Of Golden Beach at the uniform assessed value of \$120.00 for the purpose of stimulating building in the Town and the Secretary thereupon presented the Assessment Roll for the year, 1957, showing the net valuation of taxable property on that basis of \$1,735,296.00. It was agreed that the millage for said roll be fixed as follows:

Operation of Police Department	- - - - -	10.8	Mills
Labor, Maintenance, etc.	- - - - -	12.4	Mills
Repairs (Streets, Bridges, etc.)	- - - - -	0.3	Mills
Sanitation & Health Department	- - - - -	0.2	Mills
General Operational Expense	- - - - -	11.3	Mills
Debt Service Expense	- - - - -	5.0	Mills
Total	- - - - -	<u>40</u>	<u>Mills</u>

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the Secretary was authorized and instructed to again allow the following discounts for prompt payment of taxes

During November 1957	-	4%
During December 1957	-	3%
During January 1958	-	2%
During February 1958	-	1%

The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reported that he had looked into the matter of placing the funds on hand in the Securities accounts into an account that would draw interest and after discussing this matter with the Officials of the Miami Beach First National Bank, he was informed that this money could be invested in interest bearing U. S. Government Bonds and that a safety deposit box would have to be available in the Bank Building for the holding of these bonds. He thereupon presented the following Resolution which upon motion by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking and unanimously carried was passed and adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Town Of Golden Beach is hereby authorized and empowered to rent a safety deposit box from the Miami Beach Safety Deposit Corporation located in the Miami Beach First National Bank Building, 1651 Alton Road, Miami Beach, Florida for the safe-keeping of such valuables to be placed there with the approval of the Town.  
Access to this box is to be afforded to any one of the following Members of the Town Council whose signatures appear opposite their names:--

- Mayor - Burt Hengeveld
- Councilman - Joseph R. Missett
- Councilman - Anthony J. Gocking
- Councilman - Ralph E. Hough
- Councilman - M. B. Ornitz
- Councilman - Fred Zollner

when accompanied by either one of the following Town Officials

Town Clerk - Gladys P. Kuiken  
Deputy Town Clerk - Laurita Chapman

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 16th day of April, 1957 "

ATTEST:

(Signed) Joseph R. Missett  
President, Town Council

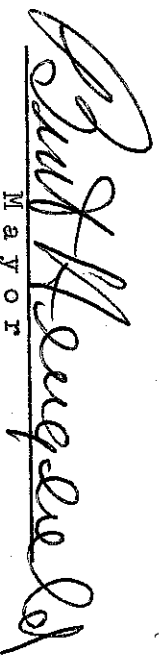
(Signed) Laurita Chapman  
Deputy Town Clerk

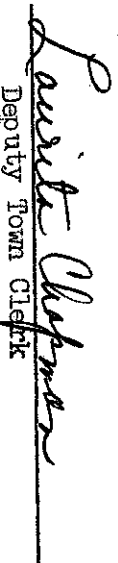
The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, reported that new "STOP" signs had been installed throughout the Town and that one drainage system had been completed with the material that was on hand at the Town Hall. He further requested that a letter be sent to Mr. William S. Miller, a Resident, thanking him for having made available to the Town the basket-ball equipment which is installed at the playground, and the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett stated that such a letter would be sent. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken asked the Council's authorization to open a new account in the American National Bank in order that moneys received from fees collected from Building Permits, road damage and cleanup bonds, be kept separate from the General Fund. This authorization being granted, the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, was instructed to secure from the American National Bank, the necessary papers that must be signed by the Officials of the Town, approving of this new account.

A Resident, Mr. Herbert E. Paul, requested that street signs indicating North Bay Drive be installed and the Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz advised Mr. Paul that such signs had been ordered and would be installed as soon as they are received.

Mr. J. W. Schippmann, Resident, stated that blasting is still continuing in the area adjacent to Golden Beach after requests had been made that the Council take action to have this nuisance stopped. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that the blasting that is now going on is not coming from Hal landale where it was originally but from the area southwest of Golden Beach and adjacent to it. Considerable work is going on there of improving this land which involves blasting and that it was his understanding that this land is part of the County and not incorporated in a Township or City.

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.

  
MAYOR

  
Deputy Town Clerk