

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

April 17th, 1956

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida was held on Tuesday, April 17th, 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.

Mayer  
President  
Councilmen

-Mr. Robert H. George  
-Mr. Burt Hengeveld  
-Mr. Edward F. Guenther  
-Mr. Anthony J. Gecking  
-Mr. Joseph R. Missett  
-Mr. Ralph E. Hough

Also present: Town Attorney  
Building Inspector

-Mr. Francis M. Miller  
-Mr. Clarence A. Veckarelli

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:-  
Mr. N. Ornitz, Mr. H. G. McIlvried, Mr. S. Wenczel, Mr. R. E. Berenson,  
Mr. J. W. Schippmann, Mr. M. Calig, Mr. L. Abrons, Mr. B. Elkind, Mr. A.  
Starck, Mrs. E. Leon, Mr. C. DiPrima, Mr. P. Freund, Mrs. A. Reiter.

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 Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called upon the Secretary who presented to each Council Member, copies of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on March 20th, 1956 and of the Special Meetings of the Town Council held on March 27th, 1956 and April 10th, 1956. Upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gecking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, it was decided that the readings of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and of the Special Meeting held on March 27th, 1956 be waived and accepted as is and that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on April 10th, 1956 be read. These Minutes were read by the Secretary together with the details of Ordinance No. 74, which Ordinance was passed and adopted at this Meeting, and upon the reading of these Minutes, when no corrections or suggestions were offered, were ordered approved by the Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld.

The Secretary presented the cash report of the General Fund and the Cash Analysis of the other funds of the Town Of Golden Beach for the Month of March, 1956. These cash reports, upon motion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, were approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld stated that he wished to advise all these present that the total amount deposited to date in the Fine And Forfeiture Fund is approximately \$9,000; the amount specified on the cash report of \$7,057.22, covers the deposits made through March 31st, 1956. The Members of the Council agreed at a Special Meeting that \$5,000 is to be withdrawn from this fund on June 1st, 1956 to recall some of the outstanding securities before their date of maturity, thus decreasing the Town's bonded indebtedness. He further stated that a new budget for the fiscal Year November 1st, 1956 through October 31st, 1957 had been prepared and discussed in detail by all the Members of the Council at two previous meetings. He called upon the Secretary to read this Budget which is in words and figures as follows:

PROPOSED ESTIMATE OF BUDGET FOR PERIOD NOVEMBER 1, 1956 THRU OCTOBER 31, 1957

Salaries Of Police - - - - -	\$ 16,960.00
Police Radio Service - - - - -	960.00
New Police Equipment - - - - -	1,600.00
Maintenance of Police Equipment - - - - -	750.00
Gas And Oil - - - - -	2,500.00
Labor For Maintenance Work for all Departments - - - - -	17,160.00
Maintenance and New Equipment - - - - -	5,000.00
Water - - - - -	700.00
Building Maintenance - - - - -	1,000.00
Bridge Repair - - - - -	1,000.00
Maintenance of Streets - - - - -	500.00
Street Lighting Repair - - - - -	250.00
Street Lighting - - - - -	2,500.00
Garbage Collection - - - - -	100.00
Rat Extermination & Mosquite Control - - - - -	350.00
Insurance - - - - -	2,200.00
Telephone - - - - -	300.00
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 - - - - -	5,740.00
Interest - - - - -	3,014.00
Social Security - - - - -	1,000.00
Christmas Bonus For Employees - - - - -	750.00
Reserve For Contingencies - - - - -	3,672.89

TOTAL

\$ 83,508.54

PROPOSED ESTIMATE OF BUDGET RECEIPTS

Taxes	\$78,058.54
Beach Cleaning	3,150.00
Rent For Post Office	300.00
Florida Power & Light Co. Franchise	<u>2,000.00</u>

TOTAL - - - - -

\$ 83,508.54

Upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gecking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther and unanimously carried, this budget was declared adopted by the Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, who stated that provisions had been made in this budget so that all employees will receive an increase in salary and a new man be engaged for the Police Department and that there will not be any increase in taxes. A Resident, Mr. A. M. Starck, inquired if consideration had ever been given to the adoption of a pension fund for the Town employees. Mr. Starck was advised that this matter had been looked into very thoroughly and due to lack of funds no further action was taken and since such an undertaking would have to first be approved by vote of the Residents of the Town no action could be taken on this at the present time.

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 1956, showing the net valuation of taxable property on that basis of \$1,733,376.00. 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 - - - - -	-11.5 Mills
Debt Service Expense - - - - -	5.0 Mills
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Total	<u>40 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 1956 -	4%
During December 1956 -	3%
During January 1957 -	2%
During February 1957 -	1%

The Secretary asked the Council's permission to advertise the Meeting of the Board of Equalization. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried the Secretary was authorized to advertise in the Miami Beach Times, the Meeting of the Board of Equalization, said Board to meet for three (3) consecutive days beginning, July 5th, 1956, said Meeting to be advertised in the Miami Beach Times in the issues of June 15th, 22nd, and 29th. It was recommended that the Members of the Town Council sit as the Board Of Equalization, which recommendation had the full approval of the Members of the Council, in order that they may study the tax roll, review complaints and make suggestions.

The Secretary was requested to read a letter from Mr. Alfred B. Parker, Architect, addressed to Mr. C. A. Veckarelli, Golden Beach, Florida, confirming certain facts relative to a large residence that he had been working on for Mr. Albert Andreas, to be located on Lots 15, 16, 17 Block A, the address being 175 Ocean Boulevard. Mr. Parker stated that before starting this work he made a thorough study of the Town's Building And Zoning Ordinance No. 52 after which he made some preliminary sketches of this Residence and a plot plan showing all of the set-backs and submitted them for approval, and when they were deemed acceptable by the Town, he proceeded with the working drawings and specifications which are now complete and he would like the Council's opinion as to their acceptability since certain actions by the Council recently may deem otherwise. The Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli, stated that Mr. Parker was referring to the overhangs on this house which extend a few feet beyond the required set-back restrictions, and since considerable time and money had been spent in the preparation of these plans and due to the fact that the preliminary drawings had been approved, he suggested that the Members of the Council grant a building variance, so that this house can be erected as per the plans that Mr. Parker had prepared. Upon an inquiry offered by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, it was noted that no other such preliminary drawings had been submitted for the Town's approval. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough and unanimously carried that such building variance be granted.

A letter was read by the Secretary from Mrs. L. Swede Steinfeldt, addressed to Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, stating that a proposed residence is to be erected on the South 60 feet of Lot 1, Block A, Oceanfront, and requesting that the Council approve a five foot easement on the south line of this property. Since this is the first lot in Golden Beach at the south entrance to the Town, this easement in no way would effect or interfere with any Resident in the Town Of Golden Beach. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Anthony J. Gecking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther and unanimously carried that Mrs. Steinfeldt's request be granted, but that the overhangs on this proposed new residence are not to extend beyond the required set-back restrictions as called for in the Town's Building and Zoning Ordinances.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, reported that he had been in communication with Mr. Leen and his Attorney, regarding the wall that Mr. Leen had installed on Town property in the front of his residence at 200 Ocean Boulevard and that he had been advised that Mr. Leen is going to have this wall removed back to his property line. Since Mrs. Leen was present at this meeting, the Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, offered an expression of appreciation for their cooperation in this matter.

The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, stated that he wished to advise all those present that a meeting had been held recently of the executive heads of all the major oil companies in the United States to discuss the oil pollution of our beaches and in determining ways and means to correct this condition, he was named to head a Committee of Three to prepare a bill to be submitted to Congress in order to enforce the law which prohibits tankers from discharging oily ballasts near the shore lines and that the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, had offered his help in the preparation of such bill.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that the Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, has been working on this matter for the past several years, that it was through his efforts that a tanker was caught discharging oily ballast near the coast of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, that an arrest was made and a trial held wherein the shipping Company was ordered to pay the fine, and that he with Mr. George had made a trip to Washington at which time they had requested that a bill which they had prepared be presented to Congress for passage. At the meeting that was held with the various heads of the oil companies, they were requested not to present this bill at this time as the oil companies were going to make every effort to have this nuisance stopped. Councilman Joseph R. Missett made a motion which was seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough that a vote of thanks be extended Mayor Robert H. George for his wonderful work on this behalf.

Councilman Edward F. Guenther stated that some arrangements should be made so that all contractors, architects, builders, etc., would be aware of the amendment to the Town's Building And Zoning Ordinance. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, advised Councilman Edward F. Guenther, that all contractors, architects real estate agents and builders had been notified, that copies of the new Building Ordinance No. 74 had been made which is to be attached to the Town's present Building And Zoning Ordinance No. 52.

A Resident, Mr. R. E. Berenson, stated that he wished to call the Council's attention to the numerous advertising signs that are displayed around the Town, that such a display is a deterrent to the general appearance of the Town and that something should be done to correct this condition. Councilman Joseph R. Missett stated that he was aware of this condition, that this problem should be handled by the Management and he would see to it that this condition ceases to exist. The Ordinance governing Signs and Advertising within the limits of the Town Of Golden Beach was then discussed and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, was called on to read this Ordinance, after which it was decided by all the members of the Council that this Ordinance in the future should be rigidly enforced.

Mr. L. Abrens, Resident, ask the Council to consider passing an Ordinance requiring that all telephone and power lines on new construction work be placed underground. He stated that this would certainly improve the appearance of the Town in general and be a benefit to all the Residents. The added expense involved in such work was then discussed. The Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli, reported that he had discussed this matter with an Official of the Florida Power And Light Company and he was informed that the added cost for such work on new construction would be approximately \$300.00. It was decided by all the Members of the Council that before taking any action, the Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli is to secure all the necessary information as to costs, installation, soil conditions, etc., and report on it at the next meeting of the Town Council.

A Resident, Mr. J. W. Schippmann, inquired as to what authority a Patrolman has in moving strangers off of private property. He stated that recently the patrolman on duty had to make several calls to some strangers who were using the beach in front of some private unimproved property near his home and he would like to know what law the Town has governing this matter. The Town Manager, Mr. R. Kuiken, stated that the Town does not have an Ordinance prohibiting strangers from entering private property. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that in this instance, an arrest could be made for trespassing. Thereupon the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, was requested to look into the matter of having an Ordinance prepared prohibiting trespassing on privately owned property and give a report on this at the next meeting of the Town Council.

Mr. J. W. Schippmann, Resident, further stated that the beach at the south end of Town was much wider than the beach at the North end of Town. This condition was due to the fact that groins were erected on the beach just south of the boundary line of the Town, whereas none had been erected at the North end and he ask the Council to make some arrangements to have such groins installed. The Members of the Council advised Mr. Schippmann that the Town has an Ordinance prohibiting the erection of groins or weirs within the limits of the Town Of Golden Beach and since it was the Council's understanding that certain Residents were opposed to having such groins erected near or on their property site, it was suggested that Mr. Schippmann form a committee of which he is to be the chairman, to investigate this matter and report on it at the next meeting of the Town Council.

Because of the possibility that certain of the Councilmen could not be present on May 15th, 1956, the regular date for the May Meeting of the Town Council, upon motion by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough and unanimously carried, it was agreed that the regular May Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, be held on Tuesday, May 1st, 1956 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall.

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

R. H. George  
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Lewita Chapman  
Deputy Town Clerk

April 12  
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2921 Southwest 27th Avenue : Miami 33, Florida

Mr. C. A. Veckarelli  
Golden Beach Town Hall  
Golden Beach, Florida

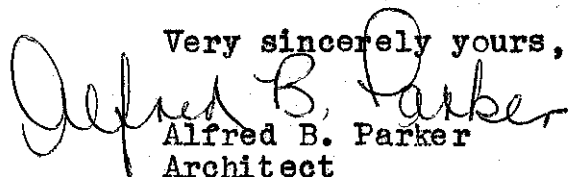
Dear Mr Veckarelli:

Following our discussion yesterday morning, I am writing you to confirm certain facts relative to a large residence I have been working on for Mr Albert Andreas, to be located on Lots 15,16,17, Block A (on Atlantic Ocean). I came to see you in January of this year, and obtained a copy of the Building and Zoning Ordinance No.52. After checking some details with you, I proceeded with the preliminary studies for this residence and upon their completion brought a copy of these for your perusal in February. At your request I further submitted a plot plan, showing all of the set-backs from the ocean, side lot lines and Ocean Boulevard. These preliminary studies were deemed acceptable, so that I could proceed with the working drawings, and specifications for this home. The working drawings and specifications are now completed, and I can assure you that this will be a very large and beautiful home, to be built at a cost in excess of \$200,000. In our plans alone we have invested approximately \$20,000, which includes the various fees for architectural and engineering services (air conditioning, structural and electrical).

I wish you to be cognizant of these facts because in our conversation yesterday, you discussed several actions of the Town Council just recently which might jeopardize the execution of this work. I am certain that the Town Council will find that my every desire, and also that of Mr Andreas, will be to enhance the beauty of Golden Beach, and to preserve the character and quality of the community.

I would appreciate the opportunity of answering any questions that you or the Town Council may have concerning the proposed residence. I have discussed this matter with Francis Miller, who has been my attorney for many years, and I am sure that we will have no difficulty in reconciling our interests, because I feel they are the same.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Alfred B. Parker  
Architect

AEP:c  
cc:Mr.Albert Andreas  
Mr.Francis Miller

# Golden Beach Properties, Golden Beach, Florida

• • • OCEAN FRONT -- BOULEVARDS -- INLAND WATERWAY PROPERTIES

Telephone  
North Dade  
6-3052

April 16, 1956.

City of Golden Beach,  
Golden Beach, Fla.

Gentlemen:

I am herewith submitting a preliminary plan for a proposed residence to be constructed on the South 60 feet of Lot 1 Block A. Oceanfront.

Would desire your approval for a 5 ft. easement on the south line of this property. This would enable us to build a more desirable residence at the entrance of Golden Beach. Since this is the first lot in Golden Beach, the granting of a 5 ft. easement would in no way interfere or effect any other home owner in Golden Beach.

Trusting to receive your approval for the above request, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Mrs. L. Swede Steinfeldt*

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OSJ - CFB

Roll call covering not to extend.