

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

APRIL 20th, 1957

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A Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Saturday, April 20th, 1957 at 9:00 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. Burt Hengeveld
Council President	- Mr. Joseph R. Wissett
Councilmen	- Mr. Anthony J. Gooking
	- Mr. Ralph E. Hough
	- Mr. N. B. Ornitz

Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, being out of Town was not able to be present at this Meeting.

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:-

Mr. P. H. Cummings, Mr. Charles C. Koch, Mr. M. E. Kuryla, Mr. F. A. Struober,  
Mr. R. M. Mylie, Mr. Charles Gilsten, Mr. A. Brill, Mr. J. Mayer, Dr. George C.  
Menninger, Colonel S. W. Winfree, Mr. Peter Freund, Mr. M. P. Furman,  
Mr. S. J. Wallach, Mr. M. Calig, Mr. Harry J. Zegers, Mr. George M. Draper, Jr.,  
Mr. J. Manne, Mr. W. E. Johnson, Mr. I. Wilgrim, Mr. Claude Pierce, Mr. J. M.  
Wheeler, Mr. Charles A. Durling.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, who acted as Chairman of this meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The Secretary stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to further discuss the construction of new bridges for the Town.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, stated that he did not think it necessary for the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, to attend this Meeting, therefore no request was made that he be present at this Meeting.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, reported that additional information had been received concerning the construction of new bridges for the Town since the regular meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday, April 16th, 1957, in that the Contractor who had submitted the lowest price to date for this new construction work had proposed to the Commissioner of Public Streets And Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz, that if a contract

were awarded to install three new bridges at the same time, instead of one bridge at a time, he would be willing to wait for one year from date of completion of this work for payment of installing the second and third bridge. Since it had been agreed at the last regular meeting of the Town Council that funds were available to take care of the cost of installing a new bridge over Centre Island as this bridge was in a hazardous condition and needed immediate improvements, the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, called on the Members of the Council to voice their opinions on the matter of financing this work as proposed by the Contractor i.e., make arrangements to have three new bridges installed, the first bridge to be paid for when completed and the other two one year from date of the completion of this work.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz, reported that he would like to enlighten all those present on the existing conditions of the bridges. Centre Island Bridge is in very bad condition and must either be repaired or replaced immediately. The cost of material alone to repair this bridge is \$10,000 plus the labor and other necessities that may be needed to make it adequate. North Island bridge would have to be repaired in one year and South Island bridge in two years. The Contractor in question had offered to install three new pre-stressed concrete bridges for the sum of \$66,000 and it was his opinion that the contractor would take an option to do this work at this price if given the contract for this work within one year. Since funds had been made available to take care of the cost of having one new bridge installed, he would like the Members of the Council to make arrangements to accept the terms as offered by the Contractor by accepting his offer to install three new bridges at one time, the first bridge to be paid for upon completion, the other two one year from their completion date. Councilman N. B. Ornitz cited on the trend of price increases in construction work and the expense involved in having heavy equipment moved, stating that it would be to the Town's advantage to have all three bridges installed at one time, and to this the majority of the visiting audience voiced their approval.

The question arose as to what funds could be made available to take care of the cost of this work when payment for same would be due. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking stated that although funds would be available in the Fine & Forfeiture Fund to pay for the cost of installing one new bridge, it was very uncertain if sufficient funds would be available in this account to pay for the other two bridges and since he had made a promise to the Residents of the Town that no more debt would be assumed by the Town until its present indebtedness was paid off, therefore he was opposed to the Town assuming any more debt and in order to pay for the other two bridges an increase in taxes would have to be made. Councilman Ralph E. Hough stated that he was in favor of having one bridge installed at a time as agreed upon at the last regular meeting of the Town Council, since funds were available in the Town Treasury to take care of this work. Considerable discussion followed with the visiting audience participating offering suggestions as to the possibility of securing financial aid from the County, issuing certificates of indebtedness or increasing taxes to pay for this work as all were in favor of having three new bridges installed. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that such a request had been made of the County with the result that Commissioner Hall of Dade County is to pay a visit shortly to the Town to look into the matter of the County helping to pay for improvements to the bridges and the parkway on Ocean Boulevard. The Mayor,

Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that at the last regular meeting of the Town Council, the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller, had advised the Members of the Council that if they decided to issue Certificates of Indebtedness to pay for the cost of having three new bridges installed in the Town, a referendum would have to be made as the Residents of the Town Of Golden Beach would have to voice their approval on this expenditure by voting on same at a special election to be held for this purpose. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking stated that sufficient funds would be available in the Town Treasury to take care of this new construction work if the tax millage would be increased four mills and the question arose as to what effect the new Home Rule which is to be voted on shortly in Dade County, if approved, would have on the governmental functions of the Town with regards to its tax situation. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that very little is known as to the actual contents of this proposed new Home Rule Act but it is his opinion that if this new home rule law is approved taxes in Golden Beach will be increased and when the twenty-two visitors present raised their hands at the request of the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, voicing their approval of having three new bridges installed at the same time, The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, asked to be excused from the meeting in order to get some further legal advice from the Town Attorney Mr. Francis W. Miller, by telephone, on this matter. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, being excused contacted the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller by telephone, who requested that he speak with the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, who likewise was excused from the Meeting, upon the return of the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett returned to the Meeting and reported that the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller had advised him by telephone that if the Home Rule goes into effect in Dade County a Board of Deputies will be appointed to visit the Town Of Golden Beach to make a thorough study of its financial condition and if the indebtedness of the Town is increased a raise in taxes will be made and another fact to be considered is that it may be very difficult for the Town to issue bonds and certificates of indebtedness to pay for major improvements in the Town if this Home Rule is approved. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, thereupon stated that since the budget for the year November 1, 1957 thru October 31st, 1958 had already been approved and adopted and that funds were made available in this budget to pay for the cost of installing one new bridge, he would like to make a motion that the Bridge Committee be authorized to make arrangements to have three bridges installed as per plans and specifications on file in the Town Hall by securing bids on this work and that an endeavor should be made of the Contractor whose bid is accepted to extend to the Town the best possible terms for paying for this work and that if funds are not available in the Town Treasury to pay for this work when the budget for the year November 1st, 1958 thru October 31st, 1959 is prepared for adoption, a provision will be made in this budget for this expenditure. This motion upon 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.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this meeting, upon motion by Councilman N. B. Ornitz, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, the meeting adjourned.

*Paul H. Burgess*  
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*Laurita Chapman*  
Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 30th, 1957

Cash Balance April 1st, 1957	-	GENERAL FUND	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank			\$ 41,774.97

<u>Budget Receipts</u>			
1956 Taxes Collected			\$ 602.10
Florida Power And Light Company - Franchise			\$ 2,539.32

<u>Other Receipts</u>			
Income Taxes Withheld	\$ 232.60		\$ 309.18
Social Security Taxes Collected	76.58		

TOTAL			\$ 45,225.57
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<u>Cash Disbursements</u>			
Budget Disbursements	\$ 4,712.58		
Non-Budget Disbursements	2,854.27		
Total Disbursements			\$ 7,566.85

Cash Balance April 30th, 1957			\$ 37,658.72
On Hand in the Miami Beach First National Bank			

Percent to Total

Total 1956 Tax Roll	\$ 81,208.54	100.00%
Taxes collected thru April 30th, 1957	\$ 79,420.20	97.80%
Unpaid Taxes at April 30th, 1957	\$ 1,788.34	2.20%

<u>FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND</u>		
Deposits thru April 30th, 1957		\$ 11,246.55
In the American National Bank		

<u>BUILDING FUND - RESIDENCES</u>		
Deposits thru April 30th, 1957		\$ 25.00
In the American National Bank		

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL, 1957

<u>Budget Disbursements</u>		
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages		\$ 1,247.60
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense		34.31
Police Services:		
Salaries		1,380.00
Radio Services		60.00
Equipment - Repairs		134.20
Equipment - Other		
Repairs		28.40
Repairs and Maintenance		
Public Buildings		191.94
Streets		48.08
Gasoline And Oil		224.68
Lighting		226.64
Office Supplies		19.39
Social Security		244.89
Telephone Service		54.85
Town Clerk's Office		310.00
Town Manager's Salary		484.00
Water		23.60
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Total Budget Disbursements		\$ 4,712.58
<u>Non-Budget Disbursements</u>		
Quarterly Return:-		
Employees Withholding Taxes		\$687.00
Social Security Collected		235.50
Refund: - Clean-up Bond Deposits		100.00
Road Damage Bond Deposits		100.00
Pipe For Drainage		<u>1,731.77</u>
Total Non-Budget Disbursements		<hr/> \$ 2,854.27
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<hr/> <hr/> \$ 7,566.85

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR APRIL, 1957

Cash Balance, April 1st, 1957 - Municipal Improvement	
Lien Certificate of Indebtedness Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 26,447.75
Cash Receipts - Liens collected in April, 1957	45.10
Total Cash	<u>\$ 26,492.85</u>
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance - April 30th, 1957 - - - - -	<u>\$ 26,492.85</u>

Cash Balance, April 1st, 1957, - Municipal Improvement	
Lien Sea Wall Bond Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 28,602.54
Cash Receipts	None
Total Cash	<u>\$ 28,602.54</u>
Cash Disbursements	None
Cash Balance - April 30th, 1957 - - - - -	<u>\$ 28,602.54</u>

April 16th, 1957

Mr. Charles Hall  
Commissioner of Dade County  
Dade County Court House  
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Hall:

Thank you very much for the courteous manner in which you received Mr. Ornitz and myself yesterday afternoon.

We reported to the Council Members and the Towns-people who were present at our Town Meeting today and we are looking forward to your visit on the 24th or 26th of this month.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Yours very sincerely,

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Joseph R. Missett  
President, Town Council

JRM:c



April 16th, 1957

Mr. William S. Miller  
535 Ocean Boulevard  
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of the Citizens of the Town Of Golden Beach and the Members of its Council, I wish to extend to you our sincere thanks for having made available to the Town the basketball equipment which is installed at our playground.

I personally have noticed the great deal of pleasure that has been derived from its use and so fully enjoyed by the boys.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

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Joseph H. Missett  
President, Town Council

JHM:sc

# Miami Beach Times

PUBLISHED WEEKLY IN MIAMI BEACH, DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF DADE

Before the undersigned authority personally appear ELIZABETH J. P. WENDLER, who on oath says that she is the Publisher of the MIAMI BEACH TIMES, a weekly newspaper published at Miami Beach, in Dade County, Florida; that the attached copy of

advertisement, being a Invitation To Bid

in the matter of Town of Golden Beach invitation

on 3 prestressed Concrete Bridges

\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Court, was published in said newspaper in the issues of May 3 and 10, 1957

Affiant further says that the said MIAMI BEACH TIMES is a newspaper published at Miami Beach, in said Dade County, Florida, and that the said newspaper has heretofore been continuously published in said Dade County, Florida, each week and has been entered as second class matter at the post office in Miami, in said County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement; and affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this advertisement for publication in the said newspaper.

*E. J. P. Wendler*

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received and read at the Town Hall, Golden Beach up to two o'clock P. M., Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, May 15th, 1957, by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach for furnishing in place Three (3) prestressed concrete bridges as shown on preliminary plans and according to specifications now on file with the Town Clerk.

The prospective bidders will be furnished with proposal forms which will show the location and description of the work to be done, the time in which the work must be completed, the amount of bid security (which must accompany the proposal) the date, time and place of opening of the proposals.

Each bid must be accompanied by certified check or bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the amount of bid and the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Contract Surety Bond in the amount of 100 percentum of the contract price.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder and said work shall be subject to the general conditions as provided for by the Town Council, which general conditions are on file with the Town Clerk. The Town Council has the right to reject any and all bids.

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH  
By BURT HENGEBELD,

Mayor

Attest:

GLADYS P. KUIKEN,

Town Clerk

Publish: May 3 and 10, 1957