

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

May 1st, 1956

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, May 1st, 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.

Mayer	-Mr. Robert H. George
Councilmen	-Mr. Edward F. Guenther
	-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
	-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
	-Mr. Ralph E. Hough

Also present: Town Attorney -Mr. Francis M. Miller
Building Inspector -Mr. Clarence A. Vecharelli

The following Residents attended the meeting as Visitors:-
Mr. R. E. Bernson, Mr. Carl E. Douglass, Mr. J. W. Schippmann, Mr. M. H. Kuryla, Colonel S. W. Winfree, Mr. B. Elkind.

Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, being out of Town, was not able to be present at this Meeting.

Since Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, was not present at this Meeting, a motion was made by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther and unanimously carried, that Councilman Joseph R. Missett be appointed to act as President pro-tem.

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 April 17th, 1956 and upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther and unanimously carried, it was decided that the reading of these Minutes be waived and accepted as is.

The Secretary stated that due to this regular Meeting of the Town Council being held early in the Month, an accurate cash report for the Month of April, 1956 could not be prepared as the bank statements for this Month had not as yet been received, therefore a cash report for the Month of April, 1956 could not be presented as this Meeting.

The Secretary was called upon to read a letter from Mr. I. S. Milgrim, a property owner, requesting that a building variance be granted to allow him to have a residence constructed on his property located on North Island, the lots being 5 and 6, of Block "MM", with a square foot area of 2340.5 feet.

Mr. Milgrim's Letter stated that plans on this construction work had been in progress since January, 1956 when the minimum requirement for new residences was 2000 square feet of livable floor area space and that after submitting these plans to various contractors for bids he was informed that the Town's Building code had been changed whereby all new residences constructed within the limits of the Town Of Golden Beach must have a minimum floor area space of 2500 square feet. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett stated that since the purpose of the new building regulation was to prevent houses from being constructed on fifty foot lots by speculative builders and inasmuch as this proposed new building was to be a residence for the Owner, Mr. Milgrim, and to be located on 100 feet, it was his opinion that this variance be granted. Councilman Edward F. Guenther inquired if a precedent would be set by the granting of this variance and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the Members of the Council that the granting of a variance to the Town's Building and Zoning Ordinances is based on the existing conditions of each individual case, therefore no precedent would be set and that it has been the policy of most municipalities, when confronted with a case similar to Mr. Milgrim's, to grant such variance as the Owner in question, through no fault of his own may have to undergo considerable hardship and expense if such a request be denied. The Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli, reported that he had discussed this problem with Mr. Milgrim and although no plans had been submitted for his approval, it was his opinion that the square foot area of this proposed new building could be increased to meet the present requirements of the Town's Building and Zoning Code without causing any hardship to Mr. Milgrim and at very little expense. Thereupon it was decided that plans should be secured and examined by the Members of the Council before any action be taken on this matter and the Secretary was requested to secure such plans.

A Resident, Mr. J. W. Schippmann inquired as to what action had been taken to prevent trespassing on privately owned property and Mr. Schippmann was advised that the Owner of such property would have to submit a request in writing that no one be allowed on their property before the Town could take any action on this matter. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that posts had been ordered which are to be placed at the North end of the Town on the beach which would prevent strangers from entering the Town on the Ocean front and that "No Parking" signs had been placed on all vacant ocean front property, thus eliminating the possibility of strangers using the beaches in front of vacant properties.

The Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, reported that since a new patrolman had been engaged, speeding on Ocean Boulevard by the travelling public had been reduced to a minimum.

The matter of recalling some of the outstanding securities of the Town before their date of maturity was brought up for discussion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, who reported that by an unanimous decision of the Council at a prior meeting, \$5,000 was to be withdrawn from the Fine And Forfeiture Fund to be used to recall some of the outstanding securities before their maturity date, on June 1st, 1956 and he recommended that if funds were available by December 1st, 1956 in the Fine and Forfeiture Fund, an additional \$5,000 be recalled. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken

reported that from all indications, providing no emergencies arise, funds should be available by December 1st, 1956 in the Fine and Forfeiture fund to recall \$5,000 of unexpired securities. Thereupon it was decided by unanimous vote of the Town Council that if such funds are available in the Fine And Forfeiture Fund, providing no emergencies arise, unexpired securities in the amount of \$5,000 be recalled on December 1st, 1956.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, further reported that funds are available in the Municipal Improvement Lien Certificate of Indebtedness account and in the Municipal Improvement Lien Sea Wall Bond Account to recall additional securities before their maturity date and he ask the Council's permission to make such recall on June 1st, 1956. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Anthony J. Gecking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther and unanimously carried that since such funds are available in these accounts, additional securities should be recalled on June 1st, 1956. It was further recommended that a word of praise be extended the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken for his splendid work in the management of the Town's affairs, whereby such recalls were made possible.

The matter of maintaining adequate washrooms for the use of the colored gardeners who work in the Town was brought up for discussion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, who stated that it had been brought to his attention that the washrooms at the old police station which these gardeners had been allowed to use, had been locked and he asked if some arrangements could not be made so that these washrooms could be in use again. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that after the Town had spent considerable money making the necessary repairs so that these washrooms would be in good operative condition, the gardeners had become so destructive in their use of these washrooms that he had them locked and that it was his intention not to reopen them unless the Council so desired. Councilman Edward F. Guenther, thereupon recommended that these washrooms be repaired and locked and that keys to them should be given to two gardeners who are to be held responsible for any damages that may occur. The Members of the Council, after discussing this matter, decided that the method recommended by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, would not be practical and since the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, had informed the members of the Council that a washroom was available in the back of the Town Hall for the colored help, it was decided upon motion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough that the washrooms located at the old police station be demolished.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, brought up for discussion the matter of improving the appearance of the southern boundary line of the Town along Terricinni Avenue by having some mallow plants placed there and he asked the Council's permission to do such planting as it would enhance the beauty of the Town. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman Anthony J. Gecking that the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, proceed with this work.

A Resident, Mr. J. W. Schippmann, reported that he had looked into the matter of having groins installed in the Ocean at the north end of the Town and that after a lengthy discussion with a competent engineer experienced in this type of construction work, he had secured figures on the cost of such construction, which costs are based on the spacing of these groins and the type of groin that is to be installed. Upon recommendations made by this Engineer as to the type of groin to install that would be most adequate for the needs of the Town, it was estimated that the cost of such construction work would be approximately \$35,350, which could be paid over a period of years by the Owners whose properties abut the ocean where these groins are installed. Since it had not been determined if the property owners in question were in favor of this construction work, it was suggested that Mr. J. W. Schippmann, prepare a letter, to be sent to all the property owners involved, asking them to voice their opinions on this matter and if their replies would be favorable, the Council then would proceed to take further action on this matter.

Mr. Carl A. Douglass, a Resident, stated that the parkway on Ocean Boulevard would be greatly improved if a curbing were installed and he asked if the County had been approached to do this work. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, advised Mr. Douglass that such a request had been made to the Commissioners of Dade County and that their reply was very negligible. Mr. Douglass was further advised that the State Road Department had also been approached on this matter but that since this was a non-budgeted item, they could not take any action on this matter.

A Resident, Colonel S. W. Winfree, inquired if the Home Rule Amendment which is now in preparation in Dade County, if passed, would have any effect on the Town Of Golden Beach. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that information as to the contents of this rule, is not available at the present time, therefore an opinion could not be offered on this matter.

The Secretary was called on to present plans which she had secured on the proposed new residence for Mr. I. S. Milgrim. The Members of the Council proceeded to examine these plans in detail and upon the suggestion of the Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli that the size of the Florida Room of this proposed new building could be increased very easily to meet the square foot area requirements of the Town's Building And Zoning Ordinances, it was decided upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther that Mr. Milgrim's request for a building variance be denied and that the Building Inspector, Mr. C. A. Veckarelli, advise Mr. Milgrim of the Council's decision.

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

Mayor

Deputy Town Clerk

MILGRIM

738 LINCOLN ROAD, MIAMI BEACH 69, FLA.

April 21, 1956

Town of Golden Beach
Florida.

Gentlemen:

On January 4th 1956 I purchased lots # 5 and # 6, Section M, at Golden Beach with the full intention of building a house for our personal use.

I engaged the services of Mr. Donald Reiff, Architect, to design the house the later part of January 1956. At that time we checked the building code and the minimum required for living space was 2000 square feet. Therefore we proceeded with that in mind. The plans were completed a month ago and given out for bids with the living area being 2340.5 square feet.

It just so happens I gave a set of plans for another bid on Tuesday, April 17, 1956, to a builder by name of Carroway. He asked if the plans were for 2500 square feet of living area, That was the first I knew that the building code had been changed. I do feel that the house when completed, will be very beautiful and will be a credit to the town of Golden Beach. I therefore respectfully request that I be given a variance so that we may be able to secure a permit to build.

Very respectfully yours,

