

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

May 20th, 1958

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida was held on Tuesday, May 20th, 1958 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. W. E. Kuryla, Mr. J. Finkelman, Mr. L. Vernarelli, Mr. R. E. Bernson,
Mr. George H. Draper, Jr., Mr. N. Nobil, Mr. Herbert E. Paul and Colonel
S. W. Winfree.

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, copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on April 15th, 1958. The Members of the Council proceeded to examine these Minutes page by page, after which it was decided, upon motion by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, 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 April, 1958. Councilman N. B. Ornitz questioned a non-budget disbursement item of \$1,098.00 for construction of New Bridges. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, advised Councilman N. B. Ornitz that this was the cost of the paving work that was done at the approaches to the bridges. Councilman N. B. Ornitz, thereupon suggested that this item be termed "Paving Approaches to Bridges" which suggestion met with the full approval of the Members of the Council. When no further comments were offered, these cash reports, upon motion by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman N. B. Ornitz, were approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, stated that he would like to take care of the matters left open from the previous meeting before any new business is discussed, such matters, being:-

1. Due to the fact that the Metropolitan Charter calls for a county wide reassessment, which is to begin shortly in Dade County, the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, had appointed him as President of the Town Council and Commissioner of Law And Finance to serve on the County's Reassessment Advisory Board and since his appointment to this Board, he had received one piece of communication from the County apprising him of what work the County is planning to do in this regard.

2. Arrangements are to be made to widen the streets at the extreme north and south ends of the Town which lead into Ocean Boulevard after the work is completed of having a drainage system installed at the north end of the Town. A Survey is being made of the road on Centre Island so that water can be properly drained from this road during and after a heavy rain and high tide.

3. Since funds were not available in the General Fund for awarding the contract to Ocean Air Homes Inc. for the work of improving the wash-rooms at the Loggia according to the plans and specifications submitted by the Commissioner of Health And Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kulken, with Town Labor, had undertaken to do some of this work and from favorable comments received, it was very satisfactory and the cost modest. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, stated that it was his understanding that this contract would be awarded to the lowest bidder and that the Town would make arrangements to pay for same either by floating a bond or increasing taxes and he was definitely opposed to this work being done not in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted by him. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, advised Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, that since such funds were not available in the General Fund for this work, he being Commissioner of Law And Finance, could not approve of the Town assuming any more debt at the present time or could he give his approval for an increase in taxes to pay for this work. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner inquired if an investigation could be made of the financial condition of the Town and the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, replied that such an investigation would be most welcome, from the cash reports, though, investigation would be presented at this meeting, certainly indicated that which had just been presented for this purpose. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner then requested that the other members of the Council voice their opinions on this matter. Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking stated that he from the very beginning had been opposed to an increase in taxes and due to the fact that the County as a whole is now in the process of a recession, the future being doubtful as to its general financial condition and money at the present time not being freely spent, it would not be wise for the Town to assume any more debt at the present time and because only eighteen people

voiced their approval on this matter which is a small percentage of the entire population of the Town Of Golden Beach, on this basis, he certainly could not approve of a tax increase to pay for this work. Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz declined to comment and Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough stated that he agreed wholeheartedly with Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking's opinions on this matter. Colonel S. W. Winfree and Mr. R. E. Bernson, Residents, stated that the improvements at the Loggia to date were very adequate and very very satisfactory. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner stated that he would like to go on record as opposing to having this matter tabled and the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett stated that this matter was not tabled but held in abeyance until funds could be made available to pay for same. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner stated that since the majority of the Members of the Council were not in favor of having this work done at the present time according to the plans submitted by him, he would decline to take any further action on this matter. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he too would like to point out that he was in agreement with Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking's opinion that at the present time the Town should not assume any more debt nor should taxes be increased to pay for such work.

4. Since water remains on certain lots in the Town during and after a heavy rain which causes a breeding place for mosquitoes, the Commissioner of Health and Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, is going to notify owners of such lots that they must be filled or the Town will take action against them and that the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, is to see that Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner is given a list of the names and addresses of the owners of such property.

5. The Florida Power And Light Company is to make arrangements to install an additional circuit in the Town so that all the lights will not go out in the Town when one light becomes defective or damaged.

6. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, reported that he had one of his office employees purchase life saving equipment which was placed by him at the Loggia, which equipment consisted of two life saving tubes and several hundred feet of nylon cord and before the Town had received and paid the bill for same, this equipment had been removed from the Loggia and if anyone present has any information concerning its whereabouts, the Town Officials would appreciate being advised of same.

Matters from the previous meeting being taken care of, the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, called upon the Secretary who asked the Council's permission to advertise the meeting of the Board of Equalization and the sale of Delinquent Taxes for the Year 1957. Upon motion by Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz, seconded by Councilman Mr. Anthony J. Gocking, 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 3rd, 1958, said Meeting to be advertised in the Miami Beach Times in the issues of June 13th, 20th and 27th and the sale of 1957 Delinquent Taxes to be advertised in the Miami

Beach Times in the issues of June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, said tax sale to be held on Monday, July 7th, 1958. 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 Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, asked the Council's permission to engage the accounting services of Severy & Parry, Certified Public Accountants, to do the work of auditing the Town's books for the fiscal year November 1st, 1957 thru October 31st, 1958, since they had rendered such services for the past several years. Upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, it was agreed that the work of auditing the books of the Town be given to the Accounting Firm of Severy & Parry for the period November 1st, 1957 thru October 31st, 1958.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that Memorial Day which is a National Holiday falls on Friday, the 30th of May 1958 and he asked that the Council give their approval to have the office of the Town Hall remain closed on the Saturday following so that the employees of the Town could enjoy a long holiday week-end. Upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, such approval was granted.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that the colored help employed in the Maintenance Department is so careless in using Town equipment when performing their duties that he would like the Council's authorization to employ white help at \$1.25 an hour when a replacement is needed. The question arose if this could be handled in a satisfactory manner with regards to the problem of race and when advised by the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, that it could, the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken was granted such authorization.

A Resident, Mr. B. Elkind, stated that the new landscaping at the south end of Town on the parkway on Ocean Boulevard is indeed a wonderful improvement and looks very beautiful. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he wished to commend the Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, for doing such a wonderful job of installing curbing on the parkway on Ocean Boulevard; that it greatly enhances the appearance of the parkway, the effect most beautiful.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that the status of all Post Offices is based on the sale of stamps, therefore, he would like to suggest that the Residents of the Town Of Golden Beach be urged to patronize the post office located in the Town Hall.

A Resident, Colonel S. W. Winfree, inquired why that portion of **ALA** just north of Golden Beach and south of Hallandale Beach Boulevard has not as yet been repaired. Councilman Anthony J. Cocking advised Colonel Winfree that certain motel owners along this strip will not give the State Road Department the right of way because the State Road Department in its improvement plan did not allow a cross road in front of their properties, therefore the State Road Department temporarily abandoned its plan to do this improvement work but that certain very prominent citizens with the assistance of the Officials of the City Of Hallandale are endeavoring to secure this required right of way from these property owners in question so that the State Road Department will reconsider and improve this portion of **ALA**, and that these same citizens in question with the City of Hallandale are arranging to have a new bridge installed on Hallandale Beach Boulevard, which work is scheduled to begin shortly, thus eliminating the long delays in traffic tie-ups in the future, which are now being caused by the slow operation of the present bridge.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Wissett, inquired if any new developments had occurred with regards to the oil pollution of the beaches, that for sometime now he has received no report from Mr. R. H. George, our former Mayor, who was appointed Chairman of the Committee on this matter, and he would welcome any information in this regard. Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz stated that he was recently informed that a new method to get rid of sludge ~~is now~~ being tested and if these experiments prove satisfactory, ~~it would~~ greatly help to eliminate this nuisance.

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.


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Deputy Town Clerk