

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

May 28th, 1960

A Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Saturday, May 28th, 1960 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.

Mayor  
Council President  
Councilmen

-Mr. Larry O. Turner  
-Mr. N. B. Ornitz  
-Mr. Phillip H. Cummings  
-Mr. Joseph R. Missett  
-Mr. F. Waldo Roth

Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, being out of Town, was not able to be present at this meeting.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, who acted as Chairman of this Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting was for the following:-

1. To review and accept the bids received on the improvements to the Town Hall and to authorize the awarding of a contract for same.
2. To discuss the closing of the streets as authorized by the Members of the Council at its meeting held on May 17th, 1960, and other important matters of business.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that since the bids heretofore received on the improvements that are to be made to the Town Hall, were in excess of the amount appropriated in the bond issue for such work, the original plans have been revised and new bids have been secured from the three lowest bidders. He thereupon called upon the Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner, who reported that the lowest bid received on the revised plans was from Jake Van Hoek, General Contractor in the amount of \$28,800.00. The other bids received were from Frank Construction Company and Paul Godwin Construction Company, Inc., both bids being above the one offered by Jake Van Hoek. Since these bids do not include the cost of electrical fixtures and hardware, from prices received, an additional \$400.00 will have to be added to take care of this expenditure and considering the Architect's fee the total cost of same would exceed the \$30,000 appropriation. However a reduction can be made if the addition to the garage could be eliminated which was not considered in the original plan, also a further reduction in the cost could be made if the amount of grill work is reduced as it is not necessary to have the amount of grill work as called for on the plans, and if such reductions are made, the bid for doing this work will be approximately \$26,000, plus the cost of electric fixtures and hardware and the fees for the Architect, thereby sufficient funds are available in the bond issue to cover the cost of this work. Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings inquired if the specifications


included landscaping work as it was his understanding that the grounds surrounding the Town Hall would be improved with adequate parking spaces being provided for cars and when the Town Manager and Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, advised Councilman Mr. Philip H. Gummings, that the price submitted for this work does not include any landscaping, he asked if the cost of decorating the interior of the Town Hall could not be reduced so that money would be available to take care of the cost of landscaping. Considerable discussion followed on what work should be done for the best interest of the Town, whereupon it was decided that the landscaping work be tabled for the present time and upon motion by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, and upon a voiced vote by roll call, unanimously carried that the Town Manager, and Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, is hereby authorized to negotiate and contract with the lowest bidder to do this work in accordance with his recommendations to eliminate the addition to the garage and lessen the amount of grill work as called for in the present specifications, the total cost not to exceed the amount provided for in the bond issue for such work.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, reported that at the Council Meeting held in May, 1960, it was decided by the Members of the Council to have all the streets leading into the Town from A-1-A, except the street leading into the Strand closed for a trial period during the months of June and July, 1960, and since this decision was made a Mr. Donald L. Smith, Division Head of Traffic Operations of the Traffic and Transportation Department of Metropolitan Dade County, had called at the Town Hall to discuss this matter with regards to having a traffic light installed on A-1-A at the entrance to the Strand and it was his opinion, which was stated in a letter read by the Secretary, that the trial period for the closing of such streets in the Town be undertaken when the traffic is heaviest, during the winter months, not during the months of June and July, so that an accurate count could be made of the volume of traffic on A-1-A and the Strand, in order to determine if a traffic signal should be placed at this site. In view of the recommendations as set forth in this letter from Mr. Donald L. Smith, Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, moved that the motion made at the May Meeting of the Council to close such streets during the months of June and July, 1960, be amended; that the time of the closing of these streets shall be fixed by the Council at its meeting in November, 1960, the length of time that such streets shall be closed shall depend upon the time required to make a complete study of same. This motion was seconded by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth and upon a voiced vote by roll call unanimously carried. It was further decided that a letter be sent to all the Residents of the Town apprising them of the Council's action in this regard. Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, inquired as to what action had been taken with regards to having a fence or hedge installed at the north end of Town. The Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner, reported that prices had been secured on having a fence installed and after reviewing same, funds were not available in the general fund to take care of this work, therefore no action had been taken. Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, stated that trucks hauling materials to a new building being erected just north of the Town's boundary line are using the street at the north end of Town to make their deliveries to the site of this construction and he would like to recommend that some arrangements be made to prevent these trucks and other type vehicles from using the Town's property for such purposes; also it was his opinion that it was just as important to improve the appearance of this area of the Town as it was to make certain improvements to some of the Parks in the Town. A general discussion

followed, whereas it was decided that for the welfare of the Town, that that portion of the road at the north end of Town be immediately closed to prevent such vehicles from using same and that Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth is to look into the matter of having a hedge or fence installed at the north end of Town the cost of same not to exceed the amount appropriated in the current budget for such work.

Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth inquired why taxi-cabs from Hallandale are not allowed to pick up passengers in Golden Beach and he was advised that since Metro controls the actions of the taxi-cabs, a taxi-cab company that does not have a Metro license to operate in a City located in Dade County is not allowed to enter a City that is located in an area that comes under their jurisdiction for the purpose of picking up passengers.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting upon motion by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, seconded by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, the meeting adjourned.

  
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Secretary