

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

June 1st, 1955

A recess of the regular meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday May 3rd, 1955, was held on Wednesday, June 1st, 1955 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	- Mr. Robert H. George
Council President	- Mr. Burt Hengeveld
Councilmen	- Mr. Edward F. Guenther
	- Mr. Joseph R. Missett

Also President: Town Attorney - Mr. Francis M. Miller

Two Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors: Mrs. Grace Coffin and Mrs. Gertrude K. Boutiette.

Councilmen Anthony J. Gocking and Clemens B. Sheronas, being out of Town were not able to be present at this Meeting.

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

The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that the Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, had received a letter from Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas, which the Secretary read, submitting his resignation as Councilman for the Town of Golden Beach, Florida. Upon the reading of this letter a motion was made by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Edward F. Guenther and unanimously carried that this resignation be accepted. The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, further stated that since important matters concerning the Town's welfare would have to be decided in the near future, it was his opinion that this vacancy on the Town Council should be filled at once. He therefore nominated Mr. Ralph E. Hough as Councilman to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Clemens B. Sheronas, resigned. When no other nominations were offered and upon a voiced vote, it was agreed unanimously that Mr. Ralph E. Hough be appointed as Councilman and Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, was excused from the Meeting to call on Mr. Ralph E. Hough and advise him of the Council's decision and request his presence at this Meeting.

The Secretary was requested to read two letters one from the Office of Jack Justice, Real Estate, voicing a complaint about the actions of one of the Officers of the Miami Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association as to his unfavorable remarks concerning property in Golden Beach, Florida and a letter of reply from the Bank apologizing for this incident.

Mr. Ralph E. Hough entered the Meeting and was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties by Mayor Robert H. George.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Joseph R. Missett, reported that he had received two letters, which the Secretary read, from Property Owners regarding the repairs of their defective seawalls. One letter requesting that additional time be granted on Mr. Robert E. Berenson's property as plans were being drafted for the building of a home and it was this desire to have all the construction work on this particular property done at the same time, and the other letter was from Mr. Milford F. Dilks requesting information as to the condition of his wall as he was not aware that it had become defective. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that Mr. S. A. Zink, a property owner, had contacted him by phone inquiring as to the cost of having his defective seawall replaced and he was advised that the Town had received a price of \$22.00 per lineal foot for this work. Councilman Joseph R. Missett further reported that the thirty day period which was granted to the Property Owners to have their defective seawalls replaced, had expired and he ask that the Council take some action to proceed with this work. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised the Members of the Council that before any action could be taken on this matter invitation for bids on this work must be advertised once each week for three consecutive weeks in a local newspaper, stating the work that is to be done and the time and place that the Council would receive such bids which must be sealed and that the lowest responsible bidder would be awarded the contract. He further stated that if the Council approves he would prepare such advertisement and make arrangements to have same published in the Miami Herald on June 6th, 13th and 20th, 1955 and that bids on this work would be received on June 21st, 1955 by the Town Council. Councilman Edward F. Guenther inquired as to the financing of this cost of this work and when it was reported that funds were available in the Municipal Lien Improvement Seawall Bond Fund to take care of this cost, it was agreed that work on this matter should start as soon as possible and that adequate time be granted to Mr. Berenson and Mr. Dilks as per their requests. Councilman Joseph R. Missett further reported that he was unable to contact Mr. Sucher to discuss with him the matter of having the rocks removed from the waterway near his home on Centre Island, therefore no action was taken on this matter. Mrs. Grace Coffin, a Resident, stated that she was very happy and relieved to know that the seawall next to her property would be repaired shortly as this condition was causing damage to her yard and the Members of the Council assured her that the damaged wall near her property would be repaired first.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, reported, that Mr. Clarence A. Vecharelli, a Builder, Contractor and Engineer of some years standing, who had recently purchased and moved into a home in Golden Beach, upon being approached by him had consented to assume the duties of Building Inspector for the Town of Golden Beach, Florida, and it was agreeable that he receive the same fee as the former building Inspector, Mr. William E. Viton, resigned. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, suggested that Mr. Vecharelli be engaged temporarily as Building Inspector, which suggestion met with the full approval of the Council Members.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, further reported that a letter had been received objecting to trash being deposited on the west side of Ocean Boulevard and it was the opinion of the Council Members that the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken take necessary steps to prevent this condition.

A letter from Mrs. Catherine Galbraith, a Resident, was read by the Secretary, requesting permission to erect a guest house on her property at 198 South Island as per plans attached. The Members of the Council examined this proposed drawing and when advised by the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, that such construction is not in violation of the Building and Zoning Ordinances of the Town Of Golden Beach, it was decided that such permission be granted.

A bill in the amount of \$1,100.00 was presented to the members of the Council for approval by the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, from the Pan American Construction Company for additional work done on the streets in the Town Of Golden Beach in excess of the contractual obligation and upon being advised that the work done was satisfactory, such bill was approved by the Council. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, also stated that arrangements were being made to install an adequate drainage system which costs would approximately be \$2,000.00. Since funds were available in the securities account for this purpose, it was agreed that such work should be done.

It was reported by the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, that since money had been taken out of the general fund to pay for the cost of improving the center strip on Ocean Boulevard, the amount remaining in this fund was insufficient to meet the general obligations of the Town Of Golden Beach, until revenue from taxes would be available after November 1st, 1955 and ask that the Council make some arrangements to provide this fund with the necessary money to meet these expenses. The Commissioner of Finance And Law, Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, inquired as to what funds are available at the present time and when advised that the remaining balance would take care of the Town's expenses for the next two months and that an additional \$10,000 would be needed, he suggested that some arrangements should be made to secure this money. Ways and means of borrowing this money was then discussed and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, suggested that a Municipal Certificate of Indebtedness be prepared to be issued August 15th, 1955, which would mature on or before ninety (90) days from date of issuance; such note to be purchased by the lender submitting the lowest rate of interest. This suggestion met with the full approval of the Members of the Council. Thereupon the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, presented Resolution No. 70, which upon motion by Councilman Edward F. Guenther, seconded by Councilman Joseph R. Missett and unanimously carried was passed and adopted, namely: "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH APPROVING THE BORROWING OF THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 BY THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AND THE ISSUING OF A CERTIFICATE OF INDEBTEDNESS FOR SUCH AMOUNT AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND THE TOWN CLERK TO NEGOTIATE FOR THE SALE OF SAID CERTIFICATE AND PLEDGING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE TOWN FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE SAME."

The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, stated that he wished to inform the Members of the Council of his activity in preventing tankers from discharging oily water ballasts near the coast of Florida. He described in detail the work that he had done in the past and the interest that was created all over the world, of the meetings that were held both in this Country and abroad and of the one that he and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller had attended in Washington, D. C., whereby at his suggestion, Mr. Francis M. Miller had prepared a bill to be presented to Congress by Senator George M. Smathers which bill was tabled at the request of the oil company representatives with the promise that arrangements would be made to stop this nuisance. Shortly after this condition seem to improve but recently it has re-occurred and it

has caused bathers to be most annoyed constantly getting tar on their persons and that fishermen are complaining as it is threatening the life of the fish. The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, further stated, that during the summer months he is again going to start a strong campaign against this matter and that he would again report to the Council at its meeting in the Fall. The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, ask that the Council give some consideration to having large plaques installed on Ocean Boulevard at the north and south ends of Town to indicate to the travelling public that they are entering the Town Of Golden Beach. Several persons had suggested this to him and it was his opinion that approaches to the Town would be most attractive if so adorned. He realized that funds were not available at the present time for this improvement and that he would like to discuss this matter when the Council meets again in the Fall.

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

R H George
Mayor

Laurita Chapman
Deputy Town Clerk

CLEMENS BURTON SHERONAS

2173 Coral Gardens Drive
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

23 May 1955

Honorable Robert George,
Mayor, Golden Beach,
115 Ocean Blvd.
Golden Beach, Fla.

Dear Mayor George:

It is with extreme reluctance and regret that I tender my resignation as Councilman for the Town of Golden Beach. Unfortunately because of business reasons I find it necessary to live in Ft. Lauderdale.

During my seven years of residence in Golden Beach I've enjoyed the friendship of it's many fine residents and I don't believe there is a finer place in the world to live.

I'm confident that any one selected to fill the vacancy on the Council will continue to work harmoniously with the other Councilmen who are so sincerely striving towards the betterment and improvement of Golden Beach.

Respectfully yours,

Clemens B. Sherman

**MIAMI BEACH FEDERAL
SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION**

MEMBER FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK SYSTEM

LINCOLN ROAD AT WASHINGTON AVENUE

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

May
9
1955

Mr. Jack Justice
9513 Harding Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Jack:

I was shocked when I received your letter and cannot help but feel that there has been some misunderstanding, as it has been the policy and will always be the policy of this Association to work with and for the real estate brokers of this community.

We do not run an advisory service in the purchase of real estate nor in any way endeavor to influence the buying or selling of real estate. Golden Beach has always been considered by us one of the finest sections in this area for a home, and we have for years made many real estate loans to the people of that community. What prompted our North Shore manager to make his remarks, I don't know, but you may be sure it will not be done again.

We do not know how to make amends to you in this unfortunate happening. Needless to say, we are sorry and will do all we can in the future to help you.

Sincerely yours,

MIAMI BEACH FEDERAL SAVINGS
AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

Sam R. Becker
Executive Vice President

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9513 Harding Avenue
Miami Beach 41, Fla.

May 5, 1955

Mr. Samuel Becker, President
Miami Beach Federal Savings & Loan Association
401 Lincoln Road
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Sam:

For a number of years, our office has enjoyed the best of relations with the Miami Beach Federal Savings and Loan Association.

As a matter of fact, we have been responsible, over the years, for recommending your company to numerous clients for the negotiation of loans.

A most distressing incident took place last week, which I feel that I must call to your attention. On Wednesday, April 20th, we presented a waterfront property in Golden Beach to a client by the name of Mr. Alfred Stock, said property legally described as Lot 23 and part of Lot 24, Block F, Section F, Golden Beach. The asking price of the property was \$12,000.00. We negotiated for the purchase of this lot for our client, and after two long distance calls, finally settled at a price of \$10,500.00.

Mr. Stock seemed very pleased at the manner in which we handled the negotiations. Upon having him execute the deposit receipts, we mailed them out to the seller in Charlotte, North Carolina that same day.

The following day, after we had received verbal acceptance by telephone from the seller, our client, Mr. Stock, called us and stated that he was terribly sorry but that he would appreciate if we would wire the seller immediately, withdrawing his offer.

When we inquired as to the reason for this withdrawal, he advised us that he had been in to the 71st Street Branch of your company and talked with your manager, Mr. Alfred H. Elgie, and that Mr. Elgie had stated to him that he would be unwise to purchase a lot in Golden Beach, because the area, particularly during the summer, was infested with mosquitos, sand fleas and land crabs.

Needless to say, our office was shocked to learn that one of the officials of the leading Savings and Loan Institution here would sabotage a sale already made by a broker.

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Unfortunately, the information given to Mr. Stock by Mr. Elgie was incorrect because, since the bulkheading and filling of the Golden Beach area, sand fleas, mosquitos and land crabs have been eliminated to the same degree as they have in Surfside and Bay Harbor Islands.

Regardless of this mis-information, however, so given by one of your officers, it still seems to me that this practice would be highly irregular and would certainly go a long way toward alienating the good will of Realtors and Brokers throughout the Miami Beach area, if it were generally known that your company would sanction the sabotaging of a broker's deal after he had received a check and signed contract for the purchase of a piece of property.

I am sure that the residents and city officials of Golden Beach would likewise look with displeasure upon such mis-information being given by your organization.

I talked with Mr. Elgie to verify if this was correct, and he frankly admits that he did so advise Mr. Stock, and that he would reserve the right at all times to advise any of his clients as to the desirability or undesirability of any property about which they had asked him.

Sam, I am frankly in the position of fearing to send one of my clients in to your company, with the thought that maybe a deal that I have already made might be wrecked by my doing so. The above action on the part of Mr. Elgie cost our office a substantial brokerage commission, and it is only natural that we do not feel very happy about it.

I am enclosing photostat of letter and check sent to Mr. Stock in returning his deposit.

I would certainly appreciate hearing from you advising me as to the policy of your organization in this regard, and if the above actions on the part of Mr. Elgie are contrary to your policy, it would be my suggestion that this be made known to your various officers.

Very truly yours,

Jack Justice

JJ:rw

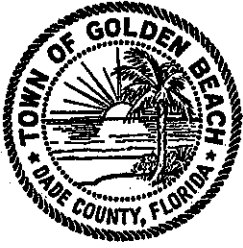
Encl.

cc: Baron de Hirsch Mayer

Milton Weiss

Alfred H. Elgie

Mayor R. H. George, Golden Beach



TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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"I, Ralph E. Hough, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the Government of the United States and of the State of Florida against all enemies, domestic or foreign, and that I will bear true faith, loyalty and allegiance to the same, and that I am entitled to hold office under the Constitution; that I will faithfully perform all the duties of the office of Councilman of the Town of Golden Beach on which I am about to enter, so help me God."

Ralph E. Hough

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for your files

June 3, 1955

MEMO TO MIAMI HERALD

Please publish the enclosed in the
Miami Herald June 6th, 13th and 20th and send
Proof of Publication, together with your bill
to

TOWN CLERK
Golden Beach, Florida.

Very truly yours,

FMM:r
encl.

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, Tuesday, June 21st, 1955, by the Town Council of the Town of Golden Beach for furnishing in place approximately 477 lineal feet of concrete bulkhead and cap as shown on plans now on file with the Town Clerk, and the necessary rock or sand fill to bring the bulkheaded lands up to grade and the removal of present concrete bulkhead.

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.

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

BY

R. H. George
Mayor

Attest:

Gladys P. Kuiken
Town Clerk

May 27

Gentlemen:

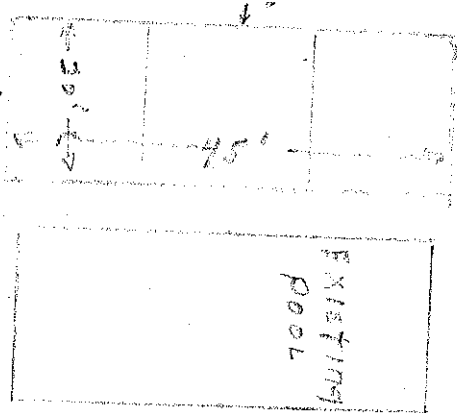
Submitted are the plans we would like to have permission to build on our ground. It is a guest house, which we can use as Mr Galbraith does a great deal of entertaining in his business. As you know having a pool, there is always wet people, and evidently grown-ups or children no one considers the inside of a house, when coming in all wet. We certainly hope you will see it our way and give us permission to build in the fall.

Thank you very much,

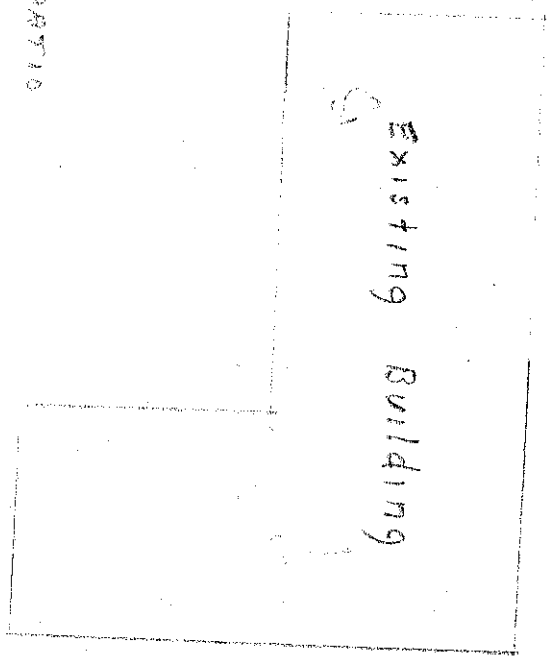
Catherine Galbraith.

150'

PROPOSED
GUEST HOUSE 20' X 45'



TO CONSIST OF
2 BED ROOMS - BATH AND A PATIO



GUEST HOUSE

MR & MRS.
N. CALBR

GOLDEN BEACH

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

LOTS 26, 27, 28

BLOCK J, SEC.

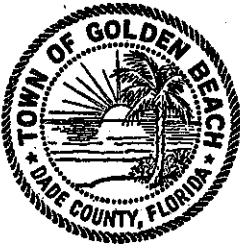
TOWN OF
GOLDEN BEACH

SOUTH ISLAND

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TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

July 13th, 1955

Mr. R. H. Kuiken, Town Manager
c/o Town Hall
Town Of Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Kuiken:

After consultation with Engineers, it has been determined that no more than twenty (20) feet of bulkhead on Lot 9, Block "E", Section "F", Golden Beach, Florida, has been pulled out of alignment by the adjoining wall collapsing.

The remaining installation of bulkhead on Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block "E", Section "F", meets the requirements of the Building Code of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH

Laurita Chapman
Laurita Chapman
Deputy Town Clerk

INVOICE
PAN AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION CO.

P. O. Box 618
Miami Springs, Florida
PHONE 88-2572

NO. 2178

DATE **MAY 27, 1955**

F. O. B.

**SOLD TO TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA**

YOUR ORDER

OUR ORDER

SHIPPED VIA

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT	TOTAL
	FOR WORK DONE ON THE STREETS OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH IN EXCESS OF OUR CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION.....		\$1100.00	