

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

October 15th, 1960

A Special Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Saturday, October 15th, 1960 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall with the following Members present, constituting all the Members of the Council.

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| Mayor | -Mr. Larry O. Turner |
| Council President | -Mr. N. B. Ornitz |
| Councilmen | -Mr. Phillip H. Cummings |
| | -Mr. Joseph R. Missett |
| | -Mr. F. Waldo Roth |
| | -Mr. Edward M. Stuart |

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

The President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that the purpose of this Special Meeting was to clarify certain matters namely:-

1. The duties of the Town Manager and the functioning of the work that is to be done in the various departments under the jurisdiction of the Commissioners in charge of such departments. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that prior to October 1st, 1960 the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner had assumed the duties of Town Manager, and since Mr. Charles A. Crum had been appointed and accepted this office, upon the resignation of Mr. Turner as Town Manager, effective September 30th, 1960, He would like the Members of the Council to brief Mr. Crum on what his duties are, his responsibilities on the functions of the work that the Commissioners expect him to do in their departments and the manner in which he is to make his reports on the progress of such work and the expending of funds that is allocated for such work. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, further pointed out the fact that a new Council will take office in February, 1961 and he would like to have on hand at that time a well organized staff who will be able to carry on the operation of the Town's affairs until the new Council becomes familiar with same. A general discussion followed as to what duties was assumed by Mr. Larry O. Turner, as Mayor and also as Town Manager, Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, explaining such duties in detail, wherein it was agreed that Mr. Charles A. Crum, should abide by the Code Of the Town Of Golden Beach, defining the duties of the Town Manager, and that he is to report to the Town Council through the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz and in his absence to the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, and not as previously stated in the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 21th, 1960 that he is to report to the Town Council through the Mayor and/or the Council President.

The expending of funds for the operation of the Town as provided for in the current budget was then discussed and it was agreed that a major item of expense must have the approval of the Council and that minor items are to be left to the discretion of the Town Manager, and that a monthly report is to be made showing in detail all the expenditures and receipts, copy of which is to be given to each Member of the Council so that all will be aware of just what has been expended and what has been received.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, called upon the Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, to report on what work had been done since he took office. The Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, stated that a major item is being done which is to get the Town properly cleaned up after the recent hurricane, that a chipper machine has been rented to expedite this work which should be completed shortly, that arrangements are being made to have the area in front of the Town Hall landscaped. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that the original plan to have a circular drive-way installed in this area has been changed as it was the consensus of opinion that such plan would not conform with the architectural design of the new Town Hall, therefore this area is to be completely sodded with a six foot walkway in the center leading to North Bay Drive; parking spaces are to be provided on the south side and rear of the Town Hall, and it was his opinion that funds so allocated for this work will cover the cost of same. The Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, stated that prices have been received on these costs but that sufficient funds were not on hand to have a flag pole installed in the center of this walkway, since such work requires piling. However, if stepping stones or flag stones are used for the walkway, no piling would be needed for this, as these stones can easily be maintained. Thereupon it was agreed that a flag pole be purchased to extend from the building of the Town Hall and that flag stones be used for the walkway, ample funds being on hand to take care of this expense. As authorized by the Town Council, furniture for the Town Hall has been ordered in the amount of \$1,500, venetian blinds have been installed and prices have been received on the placing of plantings at the north end of the Town, in lieu of a fence, as such plantings will be most adequate and very attractive in appearance. These expenditures are to be charged against the Reserve For Contingency Account.

Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, inquired if the appearance of the Loggia could not be improved and the Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, stated that 3 bids have been received on this work and as soon as proper arrangements can be made, this work will be done.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that he, being Commissioner of Streets and Lighting, would like to call the Council's attention to the condition of the street at the Strand leading into Centre Island, also the Strand on Centre Island, that at extreme high tides, this portion is flooded and something should be done to relieve this condition, which can be done by raising and paving this area. A price of \$2,800 had been received on the cost of this work and he ask the Council's opinion of same. The Commissioner of Law & Finance, Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings inquired as to where such funds for this work are available since no provision had been made in the current budget for same. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that appropriations for certain items in the current budget will not be expended and if these appropriations were eliminated, ample funds will be on hand to take care of this expense. Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, brought up the question that other sections of the Town may also be in need of street repairs; also he did not think it wise to deplete these budgeted items when the fiscal year was just beginning.

Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that he agreed with Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth and the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, stated that since such a condition only exists during the hurricane season, which is almost ended, he suggested that such work be postponed until next summer and if, at that time, funds are on hand in the budget to do this work, then it should be considered, and if funds are not available, an appropriation could be made in the next budget for same. He further suggested that the budget for next year be prepared about a month before the tax bills are to be sent, thereby the Council would have a better knowledge of just what funds are needed to meet the Town's expenses. The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, further reported that from the report submitted to him by the Deputy Town Clerk, sufficient funds will be on hand in the 1959-60 budget to cover the cost of enlarging the Town Garage, therefore no funds will be needed from the current budget to meet this expenditure. These suggestions being received by the Council Members it was agreed that the matter of street repairs and re-paving be tabled for the present time.

The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, further reported that a contract for three years had been signed by Mrs. Laurita Chapman for the operation of the Post Office in the Town Hall and although he had no knowledge of same, he would like the Members of the Council to know that this contract calls for a payment of \$1,000 yearly and since the Post Office has been improved, an endeavor is to be made to secure more money for its operation. He was informed by the Post Office Authorities that the present contract can be broken on a 30 day notice and that after November 1st, 1960, a representative from the Post Office is to call on him to discuss this matter. Since the present contract was made which was not approved by the Council, a motion was made by Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings, seconded by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, approving this contract.

The Commissioner of Law & Finance, Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings, stated that since Federal money to aid Donna-hit Florida communities in recouping from storm losses is to be made available through the Federal-State Disaster Assistance Agreement, he was wondering if the Town Of Golden Beach could not apply for such aid, as numerous electric light globes were destroyed; also it was a major job to clean up the debris caused by the Storm. The Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum reported that application forms for such aid have been requested and same will be filled out as soon as received.

The Commissioner of Fire & Police, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, reported that the matter of dogs running at large is being pursued with success, however he ask the Council what action should be taken by the Police Department if certain persons persist in letting their dogs out wiff a leash. He further stated that the Police are reporting on their daily report sheets the dogs that are seen running at large in the Town. This matter being of a delicate nature, it was agreed that action in this regard be left to the discretion of the Commissioner of Police and the Police Department.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this meeting, upon motion by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, seconded by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, the meeting adjourned.


Deputy Town Clerk


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