

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

November 15th, 1960

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The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, November 15th, 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 all 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  
-Mr. Edward M. Stuart

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

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:-

Mr. Norman Nobil, Mr. Max Schlossberg, Mr & Mrs. Frank Ernst, Mr & Mrs. S. Nasher,  
Mr. & Mrs. B. D. Friedman, Mr. & Mrs. S. Buchman, Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Salez,  
Mr. A. Brill, Mr. James T. Hennegan, Mr. Jack Manne, Mr. N. Berkos, Mr. H. E. Paul,  
Mr. A. J. Gocking, Colonel S. W. Winfree, Mr. Carl T. Douglass, Mr. A. Bergmann,  
Mr. Charles C. Koch, Mr. M. H. Kuryla, Mr. Roger Creel, Mr. Joseph N. Shure,  
Mr. R. K. Lackey, Mr. Conrad Sebolt, Mr. Ralph E. Hough, Mr. Bob Bernson,  
Mr. Louis Vernarelli, Dr. & Mrs. Morton Arnold, Mr. B. Elkind.

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 Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that the last regular meeting of the Town Council was held on May 17th, 1960, copies of these Minutes have been reviewed by all the Members of the Council and that a Bulletin was sent out on May 24th, 1960 to all the Residents of the Town apprising them of the actions taken by the Council at this Meeting. He thereupon called upon the Members of the Council to voice their opinion on having these Minutes read, whereupon a motion was made by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, seconded by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, and unanimously carried that the reading of these Minutes be waived and accepted as is.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, further stated that since the May 17th Regular Meeting, Six Special Meetings have been held by the Council in which urgent business had been discussed and action taken and since it would take considerable time to have these Minutes read, he ask the Council's permission to brief all those present on the actions taken by the Council at these Special Meetings which permission was granted.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, thereupon reported that at the Special Meeting held on May 28th, 1960, the Council Members, after reviewing bids received on the work of the improvements to the Town Hall, awarded the contract for such work to the lowest bidder and that the closing of the streets as authorized by the Council at its May 17th Meeting was postponed upon advice received in a letter from Mr. Donald L. Smith, Division Head, Traffic Operations Division, Metropolitan Dade County, Florida which letter, read by the Secretary, stated that the closing of the streets, for a trial period, should take place during the Winter Months, when the traffic is most heavy, thereupon the Council decided to postpone this action. At the Special Meeting held on June 25th, 1960, the Council decided to have the City Garage enlarged as funds would be available to take care of this cost and at the Special Meeting held on September 24th, 1960, a building variance was granted to Mrs. Imogene Strikol for the erection of a utility room on her premises at 260 North Bay Drive, the adjoining property owner offering no objection to having a portion of this building go beyond the set back restrictions of the Town. A contract to purchase gasoline for One Year had been awarded to the lowest bidder, six bids having been received on this matter and that a lease had been prepared for renting the apartment over the Town Hall, by the Town Attorney, which the Council approved. A Resolution was passed and adopted at this meeting authorizing that the unexpended funds in the Municipal Improvement Bond Fund Account for improvements to the Town Hall be used to pay on the cost of enlarging the Municipal Garage, provided that the Bond Holder of these Bonds approve of the use of same and that such approval had been obtained, therefore making such funds available for this purpose and that the 1959-60 Budget had been amended to adequately meet the needs of the Town after which it was decided to make arrangements to invest \$35,000 of the surplus in this budget in interest bearing securities. Certain appropriated items in the 1960-61 budget had been changed to coincide with current operating costs and to provide for the purchase of furniture and other items for the new Town Hall, improving the area at the north end of Town and the ground surrounding the Town Hall. Also at this meeting, the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, presented a letter of resignation as Town Manager, which the Council accepted with regret and all voiced their praise of the wonderful services rendered by the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, in this capacity. The assistant to the Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, was appointed Town Manager, effective October 1st, 1960, the date of Mr. Turner's resignation as Town Manager being September 30th, 1960. At the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on September 29th, 1960, the Council approved the investment of \$35,000 of the Town's funds in a Certificate of Deposit Note with the Bank Of Hollywood, Hollywood, Florida which will yield 3% per year interest if held for six months and an order for furniture for the Town Hall in the amount of \$1,500.00. The appointment by the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner of Lieut James Bryant to be Chief Of Police was unanimously approved by the Council and the functions of his department were so outlined. The matter of how to handle information regarding properties that are "For Sale" or "For Rent" after all the signs are oblISHED was discussed and action tabled on this matter until further study is made of same. The matter of dogs running at large was also discussed and the Council President Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that this matter is to be further discussed at this meeting. The Special Meeting held on October 15th, 1960, the newly appointed Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, was briefed on his duties and how the various departments of the Town should function. Arrangements to have the appearance of the Loggia improved was also discussed and a contract for three years to operate the Post Office in the Town Hall was approved and it was also agreed that the Town should apply for federal money to compensate for damages done by hurricane "Donna" which applications have been properly filled out and mailed to the Federal-State Disaster Assistance Bureau. The matter of dogs running at large was also discussed.

At the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on November 5th, 1960 a Resolution was passed and adopted authorizing the work of improving the appearance of the Loggia at the Town's public Beach, the cost not to exceed \$800.00 and that salary increases for the Police Department were approved to conform with the promotions that were recently made in same. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz further stated that it is the Council's endeavor to have a well organized staff operating in all departments before a newly elected Council takes office which is to take place next February when a Mayor and Three Councilmen will be elected to office.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, called upon the Secretary who presented the cash report for the Month of October, 1960. This cash report was read by the Secretary and when no corrections or objections were offered, this report upon motion by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings, was approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that the surplus as indicated in this cash report is the cash receipts that were not needed to meet the operating expenses of the Town during the 1959-60 Fiscal Year.

The Commissioner of Parks & Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth reported that the work of improving the parks and parkways was done with the money that was available for this purpose, however there is still more landscaping work on schedule which was curtailed because every available man had to be used to clean up the debris caused by the recent hurricane, which involved many man-power hours of labor.

The Commissioner of Law & Finance, Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings reported that although the taxes were reduced this year due to the surplus that was on hand from the previous year, he would like everyone to be aware that next year such a surplus would not be on hand, and it was his opinion that in order to meet the needs of the Town the millage rate would be around twenty plus, an increase of twelve mills over the present rate. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, replied that if careful management is exercised with regards to the expending of money, it was his opinion that the millage for the coming year should be around twelve plus.

The Commissioner of Health & Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reported that the health of the community appears to be in very good condition, the mosquito situation is under control, excluding sandflies, which are impossible to eliminate and that the Maintenance Department worked ardously to clean up the debris caused by Hurricane "Donna".

The Commissioner Of Police and Fire, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, reported that the Police Department is operating very good; Lieut James Bryant having been made Chief Of Police and Patrolman Donald Gwynn, Lieutenant. Altogether there are four Members of the Police Department which appears most adequate for proper protection of the Town.

The Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, reported that since he has been asked on several occasions the cost of the improvements to the Town Hall, that they are as follows: -

Contract for the Building	\$26,000.00
Architect's Fees	1,300.00
Fixtures, hardware, etc.	100.00
	<u>\$27,700.00</u>

Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, stated that although a fee was paid for the services of an Architect, he would like everyone to be aware that the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, worked very very hard, spending considerable time and effort with the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, on the plans and the building during the construction of same and he would like to see that they receive due credit for their efforts.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, reported that new street lights have been installed on North Bay Drive, North and South Islands and at intersections and that the drainage system has also been improved.

The Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum, reported that the work that the Council authorized is being done, however it was an arduous task to clean up the Town after the recent hurricane, and he would like to express his thanks for the wonderful cooperation of the Maintenance Department in this regard.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, reported that he has been the Town Attorney ever since 1927 when the Town was first incorporated. He prepared the original Charter which is still in force and that the present Council has faithfully abided by the provisions as set forth in this Charter and that no Council has worked as ardously as the present Council for the welfare of the Town and it was his opinion that the present Council has done a wonderful job and it has been a great pleasure for him to be associated with them.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, thanked Mr. Francis M. Miller, Town Attorney, for his kind remarks, adding that Mr. Miller has been most cooperative at all times in extending legal services to all the Members of the Council. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, also requested the Residents of the Town that in the future if they had any complaints or suggestions to make, if they would kindly direct same to the Town Manager, Mr. Charles A. Crum at the Town Hall, he will be very happy to help them.

The matter of how to handle information regarding properties that are "For Sale" or "For Rent" within the limits of the Town, such signs having been abolished, the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that this matter had been discussed by the Members of the Council and he would like to hear from the visiting audience in this regard and called upon Mr. Carl Douglass, Resident, who stated that although he is in the real estate business and such action by the Council is of no help, he very much was in favor of having all signs abolished because numerous such signs on display have a tendency to detract from the Town's prestige and that persons who desire to sell or rent their property could enlist same with a reliable realtor or advertise same in the local newspaper and if possible it could be enrolled in a multiple listing. Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett stated that


such recommendations have been discussed by the Council and are still being considered. Limiting the size of signs that are placed on windows inside of houses was also discussed and it was decided that before taking any action on this matter, a further study should be made of same.

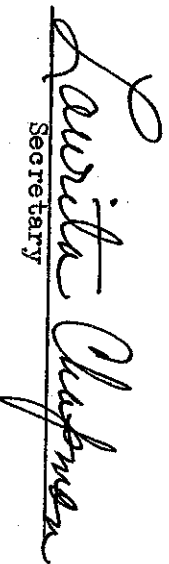
The matter of enforcing the Ordinance prohibiting the running of dogs at large was brought up for discussion, the Secretary reading the excerpts of the Minutes of the Special Council Meetings, in which action by the Council had been taken on this matter. Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, stated that such action taken by the Police Department in this regard was at the authorization of the Council who determined such action and the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, explained that due to complaints received by the Council from the Residents, it was the Council's opinion to enforce the Ordinance prohibiting the running of dogs at large and since this enforcement was under the jurisdiction of the Police Commissioner and the Police Department, action was taken accordingly. A Resident, Mr. N. Berkos, questioned the provisions stated in these Ordinances and Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, read the Ordinance governing this matter, thereupon Mr. N. Berkos stated that this Ordinance does not provide that a dog has to be on a leash but must be under the command of his owner. A general discussion followed with the visiting audience participating, after which it was agreed that dogs will be allowed to run off a leash providing that they are under the command of their owner and will give no cause to be a nuisance to the Residents of the Town.

Because the Winter Season is still several months away when the traffic will be most heavy, it was agreed upon the suggestion of the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, that the matter of the closing of the streets be postponed until a later meeting, which suggestion had the full approval of the Members of the Council.

A Resident, Mr. R. K. Lackey, inquired if the Town has an Ordinance governing the construction of seawalls on the Ocean in front of residences. He cited on a certain seawall constructed in front of a residence on the ocean, the material used is of such a nature that a storm could easily make it collapse, the debris from same being strewn all over the Town causing considerable damage. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, advised Mr. Lackey that the Town has no such Ordinance, however the Town does have an Ordinance providing setback restrictions of such walls and that this wall if it is in violation of the setback requirements, must be removed and that if it is not in violation of the setback requirements, the Building Inspector can condemn same as being in a hazardous and dangerous condition and that this matter will be investigated immediately by the Council and the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, will advise him on the Council's action in this regard.

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

  
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Secretary