

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

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, November 17th, 1959 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	Mr. Larry O. Turner
Council President	-Mr. N. B. Ornitz
Councilmen	-Mr. Philip 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:-

Mrs. Sonia Lewis, Mr. Ben Elkind, Mr. Nelson Salez, Mr. Michael Kuryla,
Mr. Clyde DiPrima, Mr. Albert Ebstein, Mr. Harry J. Zegers, Mr. A. Bergmann,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ernst, Mr. N. Nobil, Mr. Robert H. George, Mr. Carl
Douglass, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, Mr. A. J. Gocking, Mr. & Mrs. Lester A. Hamburg,
Mr. Lester A. Hamburg, Jr., Mr. Roger Creel, Colonel S. W. Winfree, Mrs. Mae
Coyas, Mrs. Joseph A. Hackney, Mrs. Max Schwarz, Mr. A. Brill, Mr. Louis
Arnoff, Mrs. Lillian Fairfield, Mr. Bob Bernson, Mr. L. Vernarelli, Mr. Anthony
J. Brande, Mr. Herbert E. Paul, Mr. Samuel Buckman.

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 President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that since all the Members of the Council had received copies of the Minutes of the previous Meetings, he asked that same upon motion, be accepted as mailed. Councilman Mr. Philip H. Cummings, stated that he would like to have one correction made in the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 19th, 1959 with regards to the assessment for beach cleaning inasmuch as he was opposed to the fee of \$32.50 per fifty foot lot to be charged for this service and in these Minutes it is stated that this action was unanimously carried for which he did not cast his vote. This correction being made, and when no other corrections or objections were offered, these Minutes, upon motion by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, were ordered approved by the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz.

The Secretary presented a financial statement showing a list of appropriations as set up in the budget for the period November 1st, 1958 thru October 31st, 1959; copies of which were passed to the visiting audience and members of the Council. This Financial Statement was read by the Secretary and upon the reading of this Financial Statement, a motion was made by Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, seconded by Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth, to accept this statement, whereupon the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz ordered this statement approved which statement is attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that before hearing the reports of the various Commissioners and Members of the Council he would like to voice a word of thanks to the Members of the Council, particularly the Mayor, Mr. Larry O. Turner, who is also Town Manager, as he has spent many hours daily, working hard to fulfill his duties in these capacities; also the other members of the Council have done a splendid job in the functions of their departments, their cooperation has at all times been 100% and he wish to commend each and everyone for their wonderful efforts on behalf of the Town.

The Commissioner of Police and Fire, Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, reported that the Police Department consisted of the Chief and Four other Members including One Lieutenant, that an increase in salary was given to them effective November 1st, 1959, which increase will bring their wages up to the same level that other Municipalities in the surrounding area are paying the Members of their Police Department; that these salary increases total about \$5,000 which was pro-rated among the Members of the Police Department according to the length of time that they have been on the force. Last week due to negligence in the line of duty it became necessary to dismiss one of the Patrolman, John S. Riley, who was found sleeping on the job instead of backing up the Patrolman who was doing a routine check-up of the ocean front properties during the 6: P.M. to 2: A.M. watch. Since his dismissal an experiment was made to determine if the Police Department could function properly without a replacement, whereby it was discovered that each Member of the Police Department would have to work 56 hours a week instead of the present 48. Since all of the men on the Police Force are married with families, it was his opinion that they should be allowed sufficient time off to spend with their families, therefore this plan was abandoned and a new man is to hired on the 23rd of November, who is the son of Lieutenant Neff of the Coral Gables Police Department, is 32 years old, married with a family and from all appearances will be an asset to the Police Department. The present members of the Police Department have been most loyal and very conscientious in the performance of their duties. They appear to have a dedicated attitude to their job.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. F. Waldo Roth reported that throughout the summer, the money expended in his department was for labor only, that no materials were purchased, and that Charlie, our Supp. of Maintenance has done an excellent job handling the crew of laborers under him in getting the work done so that we have a beautiful Town. A few of the Residents, also helped, namely Mr. Anthony J. Brando, who voluntarily trimmed a lot of the shrubs around the Town, all that the maintenance crew had to do was to remove the trimmings, that he would like to extend to Mr. Brando, a word of thanks for his wonderful work on behalf of the Town. Also another Resident, Mr. Frank Ernst, who gave us some beautiful plantings for the North end of Town which beautified this section considerably. A word of thanks is hereby extended to Mr. Ernst for this wonderful donation to the Town. Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, stated that he would like to tell everybody present that Mr. Brando for 40 years operated a large landscaping establishment outside of Boston, Mass. and since his retirement from active business, his love of flowers and gardening work is so great that he is not satisfied unless

he is working around same; that in doing this work for the Town, he not only was a tremendous help but he thoroughly enjoyed same, and on behalf of the Members of the Council, a great voice of thanks is hereby extended to Mr. Brando who was present at this meeting and stood up to receive the applause from the visiting audience.

The Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner, reported that seven new street light standards had been installed and that six more are to be installed shortly. Two thousand feet of drain pipe had been installed in certain sections of the Town and that a new contract had been made with the Town of Surfside for the disposal of the Town's garbage, the cost of which is a considerable saving to the Town. A contract for the purchase of gasoline for the Town equipment had been made, also at a reduction in cost and that the bookkeeping system had been changed which is more simplified and will be a great aid to the Deputy Town Clerk in the performance of her duties; also the eight bank accounts that the Town had is now reduced to three. The cleaning of the beach had been neglected due to the breakdown of the equipment; also because the maintenance men had been very busy installing the drainage system. A thorough study of man hours required to clean the beach and the depreciation of the equipment used for this service had been made, whereby it was determined that if the beach is cleaned 12 times a year it will require ^{for cleaning} 95 man hours at a cost in excess of \$1,000. The Residents pay a total of \$1,095 for this service, therefore the balance will be used for maintenance of the equipment and depreciation of same. The Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner, stated that he wished to voice his appreciation for the wonderful cooperation of all the Members of the Council.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, in calling on Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that he is not only Commissioner of Health and Sanitation but also Judge of the Town's Municipal Court of which he does a splendid job in this capacity. Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reported that the Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner, had covered the beach cleaning problem; also had made the arrangements for the new contract for the disposal of garbage which was working out very satisfactory at a savings to the Town. He too, would like to give a word of praise to little Charlie the Supt of Maintenance, for the wonderful job that he is doing in keeping the Town free of debris and attractive in appearance. Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, stated that although Metro is now hearing all traffic cases he asked Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett to explain the type of cases that are now tried in the Town's Municipal Court. Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett stated that the Town has jurisdiction over any offense except a moving or a traffic violation, that sometimes there is a combination of both, for recently a driver of a car was given a ticket for speeding which will be tried in the Metro court and the occupants of the car, two teenagers, were given tickets for possession and disbursing of fireworks, which violation was tried in the Town's Municipal Court. One of the teenagers pleaded guilty to this charge and the other pleaded not guilty because the fireworks that he was throwing from the car did not explode. However such cases as Breach of Peace, damage to Town property, public intoxication and various other non-moving charges are tried in the Town's Municipal Court.

The Commissioner of Law And Finance, Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings reported that on the 27th of June of this Year, he left the Country and he wished to thank the Mayor and Town Manager, Mr. Larry O. Turner for the work that he did on his behalf during his absence from the Town. The reason why he was opposed to the charge of \$32.50 per fifty foot lot for beach cleaning was due to the fact that it was originally agreed that the beach would be cleaned 24 times a year and it was his opinion that this charge of \$32.50 was insufficient for this work, but since it was decided to clean the beach 12 times a year, he was satisfied with this charge, even though it was difficult to figure the cost of this work after he first took office, as no record had been kept of the man hours used and the cost of the repairs to the equipment for this work, that he did make a study of this matter and it was his opinion that \$32.50 charged was not sufficient if the beach were cleaned 24 times a year. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, explained that the actual cost of this work is very difficult to determine inasmuch as the beach can only be cleaned if the weather permits, then too one can figure on the manhours involved but overhead should be considered which is undeterminable, then depreciation of equipment should be considered. However an endeavor will be made to clean the beach more often during the season when most of the Residents are in Town so that they can enjoy same.

The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, stated that an election for the issuance of bonds is to be held so that the cost of the new bridges can be paid, one bridge already having been paid for from the fines and forfeiture fund and the cost of the other two bridges total \$45,000 which bonds can be paid off over a 15 year period. Also listed in this bond issue is Improvements to the parkway on Ocean Boulevard by installing a sprinkler system on same, the cost of which is \$10,000, the lighting and drainage system to be improved at a cost \$5,000 and remodeling the Town Hall at a cost of \$30,000. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz explained that although a Resolution covering this matter had previously been adopted by the Town Council, it was reduced due to the fact that curbing on the Parkway on Ocean Boulevard had to be eliminated and that the cost of improving the Lighting System had been reduced. He therefore called upon the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller who presented Resolution No. 86 entitled: "A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TO THE TOWN AND CALLING AN ELECTION OF THE FREEHOLDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON SUCH PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS." This Resolution was read by the Town Attorney, and upon the reading of this Resolution, a motion was made by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Wissett that the former Resolution No. 81 be rescinded and that Resolution No. 86 be adopted, which motion was seconded by Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings and upon a voiced vote by roll call was unanimously carried. Thereupon the Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, declared that Resolution No. 86 is hereby adopted. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz further explained that the electors are to be allowed to vote on each item separately, thus allowing them the privilege of choosing the improvements that they would like to have, as set forth in this Resolution. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller advised the Members of the Council that he would take care of the publication of this election; also that the Inspectors and Clerk of this Special Election can be appointed at the next meeting of the Town Council.

A Resident, Mr. N. Salez, inquired if this bond issue is necessary since the taxes have been raised. Councilman Mr. Edward M. Stuart, explained that the increase in taxes will only take care of the current expenses of the Town since the costs have risen for the operation of the Police and Maintenance Departments, also the Town indebtedness had increased, plus insurance rates and that if the bond issue is rejected, particularly the provision covering the payment of the bridges, taxes will have to be increased next year. Mr. N. Salez, stated that a rumor is going around that Residents on the Ocean Front are not concerned over the problems of the other Residents. A Resident, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that it has always been his understanding that this was our Town, it belongs to everyone, that east and west are one and the same, and that they have always been thus so. A Resident, Mr. Carl Douglass stated that he agreed with Mr. Hengeveld 100%, that east and west are one and the same. A Resident, Mr. J. Manne, stated that the Members of the Council have done a wonderful job and he fully agreed with the new tax structure that the Council had adopted for their 1959 Tax Roll. A Resident, Mr. E. B. Ebsstein, stated that it was his opinion that this new method of taxation by the Town was most unfair, that even though the new budget to meet the Town expenses had been increased 37% over the previous year, some of the Townspeople taxes had been increased as much as 200%, that another method of taxation should have been used by the Council to meet the 37% increase of the new budget. Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, explained that before the Council had adopted the new method of taxation, a thorough study of the method of taxation that the Town had previously used was made and when it was called to their attention that this method was not legal, ways and means to change same was discussed at length by all the Members of the Council and since no one was duly qualified to make an assessment of the properties in the Town, it was decided to use the method that had been prepared by experts in this field namely the valuations that the County of Dade places against all the properties in the Town which had been prepared by qualified persons. That when this change was contemplated, a Notice was sent to all the Residents to attend this meeting in order to voice their opinions on this matter. This Notice was read by Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett, also the list of residents as noted in the Minutes of this Meeting, in which there was no indication that Mr. Ebsstein was present at this Meeting. Mr. Ebsstein inquired who proposed the adoption and use of the County Assessments for the Town's Tax Roll, whereupon Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett read that portion of the Minutes in which it was stated that he proposed this matter, whereupon Mr. Ebsstein still stated that this method was unfair as some people under this new system had their taxes reduced, whereupon Councilman Mr. Joseph R. Missett advised Mr. Ebsstein that such complaints should be taken up with the Dade County Tax Assessor's office, that the Council has no control over their assessed valuations. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz stated that he wants everyone to be aware that contrary to rumors he had no idea what any individual's taxes would be when this method was adopted. A Resident, Mrs. Mae Coyas stated that she had visited the Dade County Tax Assessor's office with a request that her taxes were too high and she not only received no satisfaction whatsoever but the following year her taxes were increased and a Resident, Mrs. Joseph Hackney stated that it would be to everyone benefit to leave this matter stand. A Resident, Mr. Jack Manne, stated that all the Members of the Council have done a wonderful job in the operation of the Town's affairs and he would like to extend a warm word of thanks to all of them for doing such a marvelous job, for which nearly all those present gave a warm applause. The Council President, Mr. N. B. Ornitz, thanked Mr. Manne for such nice remarks on behalf of the Council Members.

A Resident, Mr. Clyde DiPrima inquired if a provision had been made in the new budget to take care of the Town's indebtedness and he was advised that such a provision had been made.

Councilman Mr. Phillip H. Cummings ask the Members of the Council to consider changing Ordinance No. 74 which requires that all newly erected residences in the Town must have 2500 sqft of livable floor area space and since no newhouses have been constructed for quite some time, he was wondering if this requirement was not too rigid as more houses would mean more taxes for the Town treasury. In order to make a study of this issue, it was decided that this matter be deferred to a later meeting.

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. Phillip H. Cummings, the meeting adjourned.

Secretary

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH
DADE COUNTY
FLORIDA

November 17th, 1959

The Residents
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Residents:

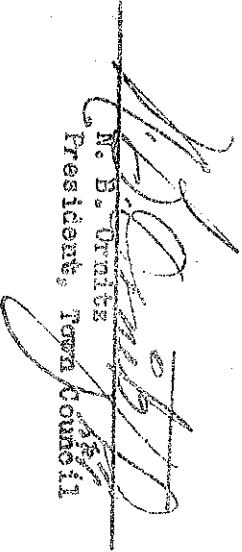
The First Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, will be held on Tuesday, November 17th, 1959 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall and you are all cordially invited to attend.

Meetings will be held thereafter on the Third Tuesday of each Month through the Month of May, 1960.

Since the last regularly scheduled Council Meeting and throughout the Summer, the Mayor, (who by law acts in place of an absent Councilman) and usually at least Three Councilmen have been in residence. Such matters as have needed attention have been dealt with promptly.

Yours very truly,

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH


N. B. Orville
President, Town Council

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ESTIMATE OF BUDGET FOR PERIOD
 NOVEMBER 1st, 1958 THRU October 31st, 1959
 AS AMENDED

	APPROPRIATIONS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
Salaries Of Police	\$ 19,517.77	\$19,503.77	\$14.00
Police Radio Service	720.00	720.00	None
New Police Equipment	2,194.40	2,194.40	None
Maintenance of Police Equipment	2,948.40	2,945.58	2.82
Maintenance of Building	3,173.80	3,172.52	1.28
Maintenance of Parks & Parkways	3,791.07	3,780.65	10.42
Maintenance of Streets & Drainage	1,883.11	1,883.11	None
Street Lighting Repair	198.81	105.91	92.90
Street Lighting	3,926.35	3,904.08	22.27
Garbage Collection	1,157.00	1,151.22	5.78
Extermination & Mosquito Control	1,110.85	1,110.85	None
Maintenance of Beach Equipment & Repairs to Seawalls	\$1.60	51.60	None
Insurance	3,312.19	3,076.09	\$236.10
Telephone	705.72	694.23	11.49
Tax Discount	2,934.92	2,934.92	None
Legal & Audit	2,220.00	2,220.00	None
Office Supplies	725.98	718.18	7.80
Town Clerk's Office (Salaries)	4,135.00	4,135.00	None
Debt Service - Interest	3,135.00	2,805.20	329.80
Debt Service - Maturity Of Bonds	10,740.00	10,740.00	None
Social Security	1,177.04	1,035.78	143.26
Christmas Bonus For Employees	533.60	533.60	None
Office Expense - Misc. Fund	493.50	113.50	40.00
Gas & Oil	3,071.72	3,044.72	27.00
Labor For Maintenance Work	20,539.09	20,453.36	85.73
Maintenance of Equipment	2,072.36	2,013.36	59.00
New Equipment - Purchases	1,211.43	1,211.43	None
Water	114.84	107.48	7.36
Town Manager - Salary	1,210.00	1,210.00	None

TOTAL

\$99,345.55

\$98,268.54

\$ 1,077.01

May 13th, 1959

The Residents
Golden Beach, Florida

Dear Resident:

The Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida is to be held on Tuesday, May 19th, 1959 at 9:30 o'clock in the morning at the Town Hall, with the following items of interest to all on the agenda.

1. Results of election on the Franchise for the Peoples Gas Company.
2. Receive recommendations on reassessments for the Town Of Golden Beach.
3. Discuss and vote on Recommendations for Improvements in the Town.
4. Discussion of a Bond Issue for:-
 - (a) Payments of Bridges
 - (b) New Improvements for the Town
5. Discussion and Recommendations for:-
6. Adoption of New Budget
7. Reports from the Mayor and Commissioners
8. Adoption of New Ordinances.

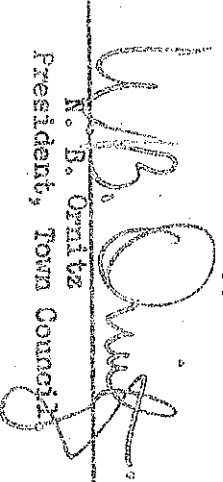
For your information the Police Car is now equipped with a complete Resuscitator Kit and Two (2) Fire Extinguishers.

Please vote on Monday, May 18th, 1959 for the Franchise to the Peoples Gas Company Inc. The polls will be open from 7:00 o'clock in the morning to 7:00 o'clock in the evening at the Town Hall.

PLEASE ATTEND the Meeting of the Town Council on the following morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Town Hall.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


N. B. Orlitz
President, Town Council

