

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

November 19th, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, November 19th, 1957 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.

Mayer	-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
Council President	-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
Councilmen	-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
	-Mr. Ralph E. Hough
	-Mr. N. B. Ornitz

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

Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner, being out of Town was not able to be present at this Meeting.

The following Residents attended the Meeting As Visitors:

Mr. J. Mamee, Mr. Carl E. Douglass, Mr. Joseph Douglass, Mr. I. Vernarelli,
Mr. H. G. McIlvried, Mr. N. B. Nobil, Mr. C. Rader, Mr. B. Elkind, Mr. W.
Goldthorp, Mr. M. E. Kuryla, Mr. R. E. Bernsen, Mrs. Mae P. Coyas, Mrs.
Sara Nasher, Mrs. Steven Rubin, Mrs. C. A. Veckarelli, Property Owners,
Mr. and Mrs. A. Mindes.

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

The President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, called upon the Secretary who presented to each Member of the Council, copies of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on May 17th, 1957 and upon motion by Councilman N. B. Ornitz, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, it was agreed that the reading of these Minutes be waived and accepted as is.

The Secretary stated that the books of the Town Of Golden Beach are in the process of being audited for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1957 and since these books were in the hands of the Auditors a cash report could not be prepared for presentation at this Meeting.

The Commissioner of Police and Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, reported that it had been brought to his attention that a trust fund is being set up for the family of Police Lieut. Robert Staab of the Bal Harbour Police Department who was recently killed in line of duty and since other surrounding communities are known to have contributed to this fund, he would like the Council's authorization to have withdrawn from the Fine And Forfeiture

Fund \$100.00 to be donated to this cause. A motion to this effect was made by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking which was seconded by Councilman N. B. Ornitz and upon a voiced vote it was unanimously agreed that the sum of \$100.00 be withdrawn from the Fine and Forfeiture Fund to be donated to the benefit fund of Police Lieut. Robert Staab. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking further commented on the excellent performance of the Police Department during the summer months when most of the Residents are out of Town stating that they were not one bit laxed in performing their duties, that they did a fine job and that although the amount collected from fines and forfeitures to date surpasses that of last year, Golden Beach is not a speed trap that the Patrolmen have all been found to be most courteous and efficient in making arrests and that when a summons was issued the cause was justified. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he being Judge of the Municipal Court would like to advise the Members of the Council that a new traffic law has been passed in the State of Florida, whereby any person found guilty of driving while under the influence of intoxicants must not only be fined but given a jail sentence of at least ten days and that this law will have to be carried out in the Town's Municipal Court since such cases are presented for hearing. The Chief Of Police And Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kikken, reported that of the twenty-three robberies in the Town, there have been nineteen convictions and although it was known who the other guilty parties were, sufficient evidence could not be obtained in order to convict them.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Mr. N. B. Ornitz reported that during the summer months a drainage system had been installed and three new bridges erected and he wished to thank the men of the Maintenance Department and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kikken, for their wonderful assistance and cooperation in making this possible even though work in other departments had to be postponed, and that everything had been done to cause as little inconvenience as possible to the Residents on the Islands during the new bridge construction work

A letter from the Commissioner of Health And Sanitation, Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner was read by the President of the Council, Mr. Joseph R. Massett stating his regrets at not being able to be present at this meeting and requesting that the Members of the Council be advised that plans have been completed on remodeling the rest rooms at the Loggia which work will proceed as soon as funds are available in the current budget and that after making a thorough study of beach cleaning costs, a schedule has been set up whereby the beach will be cleaned every other Wednesday providing that no emergency occurs which would require the work force elsewhere thus the beach work would be deferred a day or two until the work force is available and that the Residents of the Town would be notified by bulletin of this work schedule with the assurance that all monies received on special assessment for beach cleaning will be used for this purpose. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Massett, stated that he would like to inform all those present that Mr. Zollner personally assumed the expense of having plans prepared for remodeling the bath houses, which are indeed a very beautiful set of plans and would make a great improvement at the Loggia and that these plans are being submitted to Contractors for bids and when such bids are received it can then be determined by the Members of the Council if the financial condition of the Town will warrant such an expenditure.

A Resident, Mr. Carl E. Douglass, stated that the beach at the north end of Town is slowly being washed away due to the changes in the current of the ocean and the high tides, that the septic tank to his cabana is exposed and that there is a great big cut in the beach just south of his property and he was wondering if the Town could not use its equipment to fill in these vulnerable spots as he was sure the Residents in question would pay for this work. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that at the present time the Town does not have such equipment to do this work and he would like to suggest to Mr. Douglass that he with other property owners who want to have their beach filled, make arrangements to engage the services of a local firm who does this work.

The Commissioner of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Ralph E. Hough, reported that although work of improving the parkway on Ocean Boulevard was delayed due to the fact that the maintenance department during the summer months was busily engaged elsewhere, work is now being started on this project. He cited on the various types of plants and shrubbery that would be most suitable for the parkway, reading from several clippings of magazines and newspapers on this subject and that after making a thorough study of this matter, contacting local nurseries to see what is available and costs of same, it has been determined that what is planned for improving the parkway on Ocean Boulevard is the most economical and practical and would come within the limits of the amount appropriated in the current budget for this expenditure, and that when this work is completed the Town Of Golden Beach will have a very beautiful parkway on Ocean Boulevard. Councilman Ralph E. Hough further stated that he is endeavoring to secure attractive signs bearing the name of the Town to be placed at the north and south ends of the Town to further enhance the beauty of Ocean Boulevard. A Resident, Mrs. G. A. Veckarelli, stated that debris thrown by motorists travelling on Ocean Boulevard greatly detracts from the appearance of the parkway and she was wondering if something could not be done to stop this nuisance. The Members of the Council informed Mrs. Veckarelli that this is one nuisance that is very difficult to stop but that the Town does have an Ordinance prohibiting such occurrences which warrants an arrest if anyone is found committing this offence and that everything possible is being done by the Town to keep Ocean Boulevard free of this debris.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller, reported that there is no litigation against the Town at the present time, however there was one case which came up for hearing in the Dade County Court House this past summer which involved an appeal of a sentence levied against a person who was found guilty of a traffic violation of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and that when this case was heard in the Town's Municipal Court, proper identification of this case was not made, therefore on this basis, the Judge at the re-hearing of this trial dismissed the case and that the Town's traffic Ordinance had been amended to conform with the Florida State Laws.

The Commissioner of Law and Finance, Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, reported that a violation to the Town's Building and Zoning Code had been committed by one of the Residents through a misunderstanding inasmuch as the Resident in question thought he had the right to enclose his swimming pool which is a building violation and since this enclosure still exists a hearing on this matter is to take place in the Circuit Court of Dade County to determine this case.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, reported that the three new bridges leading into the Islands were installed in less time than anticipated and that they are now complete with lights and side rails and that 8000 feet of drain pipe had been laid during the summer months and since a major improvement is to be made to the parkway on Ocean Boulevard, he asked the Council's permission to transfer \$1,000 from the amount provided for contingencies to the appropriation made for Parks and Parkways in the current budget so that ample funds would be available for this expenditure. Upon motion by Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, seconded by Councilman N. B. Ornitz, such permission was granted.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz, stated that since work of improving the parkway on Ocean Boulevard is now in progress, he asked the Members of the Council to give some consideration to having a curbing installed along this center strip as many of the Townspeople in the past had requested that the Town make such arrangements to have a curbing installed on Ocean Boulevard as it would greatly improve the appearance of the Town and be a safety precaution to the motorists. He stated that he had secured prices on this work and that if curbing were purchased outright it would cost approximately \$4,450. and that if the Town were to make this curbing it would cost approximately \$2,000 for materials alone plus labor that would be necessary to do this work. He further stated that while curbing is being installed a water line could be installed at the same time and in such a manner that the newly planted shrubbery could be sprinklered very easily and with the Council's permission he would like to work with the Commissioner Of Parks and Public Buildings, Councilman Ralph E. Hough on this matter to determine what could be done to perfect the appearance of the Parkway on Ocean Boulevard. Councilman N. B. Ornitz, further reported that the street on Centre Island is very badly in need of repairs, particularly that portion of the road near the Centre Island Bridge which is very low and should be raised and he asked the Council's permission to have this portion repaired immediately. Since funds are available in the current budget for this work, such permission was granted and that the matter of installing curbing on the parkway on Ocean Boulevard be deferred until it could be determined if funds would be available in the general fund for this work.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, reported that since an appropriation had been made in the current budget for the purchase of new cars for the Police Department he had secured several bids which he presented to the Members of the Council for their consideration, namely: cost of a new Plymouth, \$1,081 and a new Buick, \$1,475. Since no bids had been received on new Fords or Chevrolets, it was decided that before taking any action on this matter, the Commissioner of Fire And Police, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking and the Chief Of Police, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, secure bids on these cars.

The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that he had been informed that the new Metropolitan Government which is now in existence in Dade County will eventually take over the jurisdiction of the Town's Municipal Court and since very little information is known as to what new laws will be passed by this Government, he called on the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller who, in order to safeguard the powers of the Town's Municipal Court presented the following Resolution which upon motion duly made seconded and unanimously carried was passed and adopted:

"A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

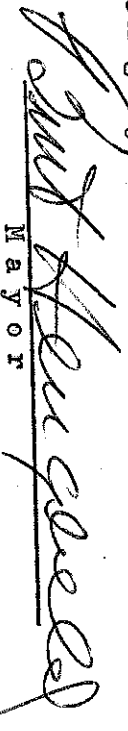
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA that the Commissioner of Police and Fire is hereby requested to instruct all Members of the Police Department to bring all law violators to trial in the Municipal Court of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida".

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz stated that this summer while the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kniken, was absent from the Town, he was requested to assume the duties of building inspector and while acting in this capacity he discovered several loop holes in the Town's present Building and Zoning Ordinance, namely that no provision was made for setbacks from the front property line of new residences erected on the waterways and that nothing was in the code to prevent the building of large structures on the premises such as houseboats, etc., and that complaints had been received on the parking of cars on the waterways. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, advised Councilman N. B. Ornitz that if a list of the proposed building and additions would be given to him an amendment to the Town's present building code could be prepared for the Council's approval and passage. Thereupon Councilman N. B. Ornitz was requested to prepare such a list to be presented to the Members of the Council for their consideration and approval.

A Resident, Mrs. G. A. Veckarelli, asked if the Council could not make some arrangements to lessen the smoke that arises from the Hallandale dump when that City is burning its debris as it is quite unbearable at times. She also cited on the blasting that took place there recently which was also very annoying. The Members of the Council advised Mrs. Veckarelli that very little could be done to lessen the smoke but that the blasting in Hallandale had stopped for some time that the more recent blasting was coming from work of developing property just south and west of Golden Beach.

A Resident, Mr. W. Goldthorpe, stated that he wished to thank the Members of the Council for their efforts in having a drainage system and three new bridges installed, that both were wonderful improvements to the Town.

There being no further business to come before the Members of the Council at this Meeting, upon motion by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman N. B. Ornitz, the meeting adjourned.


MAYOR


Deputy Town Clerk