

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

November 20th, 1956

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, November 20th, 1956 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. Joseph R. Missett
	-Mr. Ralph E. Hough

Also present: Town Attorney	-Mr. Francis W. Miller
Building Inspector	-Mr. Clarence A. Veckarelli

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors: Mr. W. H. Kuryla, Mr. C. S. Richardson, Mr. R. E. Bernson, Mr. Norman Nobil, Mr. Jerome Mayer, Mr. N. Ornitz, Mr. W. Goldtherpe, Mr. Stephen Wenczel, Mrs. S. Rubin, Mrs. M. P. Furman, Mrs. Charles Coyas and Property Owners, Mr. and Mrs. Kless E. Dillard.

Councilmen Anthony J. Gocking and Edward F. Guenther, 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, called upon the Secretary who presented to each member of the Council, a copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Town Council held on May 1st, 1956, and at the request of the Members of the Council, these Minutes were read by the Secretary. Upon the reading of these Minutes, the President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that since he was not able to be present at this Meeting when a decision was made that \$5,000 be withdrawn on December 1st, 1956 from the Fine And Forfeiture Fund to recall some of the unexpired outstanding securities of the Town, he would like to voice his approval on this matter as it was his understanding that an unanimous vote of the Council is necessary in order that such action be taken. Councilman Joseph R. Missett stated that if such a ruling was made it should be upheld and suggested that it should be noted that this action has the approval of all of the Members of the Council. A motion to this effect was made by Councilman Ralph E. Hough and seconded by Councilman Joseph R. Missett and when no further suggestions were offered these Minutes were ordered approved by the President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld.

The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that the books of the Town Of Golden Beach were in the process of being audited for the fiscal year ending October 31st, 1956 and since these books were in the hands of the Auditors, a cash report could not be prepared for presentation at this Meeting but that a complete financial statement would be forthcoming shortly. He further added that this was the first time in many years that the October bills could be paid without causing a deficit in the general fund and that from all indications a little surplus is in evidence.

The President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, further reported that the Auditor had presented him with a report of the amounts of the unsold Lien securities with a recommendation that the Council take some action to have these securities destroyed as it was his understanding that they would not be needed for any future uses. This report showed that there were \$16,400 of unsold Municipal Improvement Lien Seawall bonds and \$14,600 of unsold Municipal Improvement Lien Certificates of Indebtedness and he asked the Members of the Council to voice an opinion on this matter. Councilman Ralph E. Hough and Councilman Joseph R. Nissett both stated that it was their opinion that if these securities were not needed they should be destroyed. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called on the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, who advised the Members of the Council that these securities could be destroyed but that an itemized list should be made showing the number date and amount of each security destroyed and that this should be undertaken by the Town Manager in the presence of two witnesses after which such action should be reported to the Members of the Council at the next regular meeting. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Joseph R. Nissett, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough that these securities be destroyed in the manner as outlined by the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, further reported that the Accountant had recommended that the present assessed valuation of Town Property be increased as no valuation had been placed on the Loggia property which is 150 feet on the Ocean front and since Municipalities are tax exempt, this increase would not cause any expense to the Town, therefore he had given his approval to this increase which would be noted in the financial statement of the Town now being prepared. He further stated that the beach had been improved with posts being installed at the north and south ends of the Town.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that since so many people are interested in the Home Rule Bill which was just voted on and approved by the majority of voters in the recent general election held in Dade County, he asked the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller to explain if this bill would have any effect on the Town of Golden Beach. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that the Home Rule Bill as it now stands is just a constitutional permission for the County of Dade to draft a Home Rule Bill which the people of Dade County will have the opportunity to vote on in an election and if carried this bill will allow the Officials of Dade County to make laws pertaining to the County which will not have to be presented to the Florida State Legislature for action, and since it is not known just what this new proposed Home Rule Bill will contain, no further opinions could be offered on this matter at the present time.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman Joseph R. Missett, reported that on several occasions in the past the Commissioners of Dade County had been approached by certain Members of the Council with a request that the County make arrangements to install a curbing along the parkway on Ocean Boulevard and that little or no satisfaction had been received, but that he had recently talked with one of the newly elected Commissioners who offered lots of encouragement so he would like to inform the Members of the Council and the visiting audience that some action on this matter may be taken when the newly elected Commissioners of Dade County, take office.

The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, reported that the parkway on Ocean Boulevard was in need of improvements and that the purchase of trees to be planted there had been under discussion for some time and he would like to see this improvement made as soon as possible. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that he was endeavoring to secure prices and as soon as he receives some firm bids on this work, same would be presented to the Members of the Council for consideration and approval.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that the Dade County Citizens Safety Council had prepared a model traffic ordinance which they have asked all the Florida Municipalities to adopt as it covers every traffic problem and that several of the Florida Cities and Towns have already adopted this Ordinance and it would be for the betterment of the Town of Golden Beach to have a Traffic Ordinance that would conform to the one that is in effect over the rest of the County. He further reported that he had read this Ordinance over very carefully, that changes could be made that would most adequately meet the needs of the Town and he recommended that a committee be appointed to study this Ordinance for consideration as to its possible passage and adoption. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that since the Commissioner of Police and Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, was not able to be present at this meeting, no action should be taken on this matter at this time, and that a committee consisting of Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, Councilman Joseph R. Missett and Councilman Ralph E. Hough is hereby appointed to study this proposed new ordinance and report on it at the next regular meeting of the Town Council and the Secretary was instructed to advise Councilman Anthony J. Gocking of the Council's decision.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, reported that a violation to the Town's Building & Zoning Ordinances had been cited on the new construction work at 317 Ocean Boulevard in that the height of the cabana was above the Town's requirements. To ascertain this, engineers were called in to take measurements and their report which the Secretary read from Arthur C. Boggs, registered land surveyor, determined that this cabana in question was 4.38 feet above Town requirements. He thereupon had contacted the persons in charge of this construction work and ordered that the height of this cabana must be reduced to meet the requirements of the Town or work would be stopped on the whole building job and he had every intention of carrying out this order.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken further reported that Radio Service for the Police Cars is to be reduced \$10.00 per month and that a reduction in insurance rates had been received in the amount of approximately \$200.00.

\$5,000 of the Town's unexpired securities and \$11,600 of Lien unexpired securities had been recalled and that a note in the amount of \$10,000 had been paid out of the General Fund which was a non-budgeted item. He further stated that bids had been received on the purchase of new cars for the Police Department which he presented to the Members of the Council as follows:

Tropical Chevrolet Inc.	\$2,159.36
Don Allen Chevrolet Inc.	\$1,759.06
Sherron Motor Co.	\$1,583.82.

These bids were discussed by the Members of the Council and upon recommendation by the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken that the bid submitted by Don Allen Chevrolet Inc. be accepted as it offered the best value as to the needs of the Police Department, a motion was made by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, that this bid be accepted.

The Mayor, Mr. Robert H. George, stated that he was in favor of purchasing a car for the Town Manager, as a car is not available for his use when both police cars are in service which necessitates the Town Manager using his own car on Town business. The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that no provision was made in the current budget for this expenditure and it was agreed by the Members of the Council that this matter be tabled at the present time.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, stated that \$10,000 was available in the Fine & Forfeiture Fund and he asks the Council's authorization to recall \$10,000 of the Town's unexpired securities on December 1st, 1956, instead of the proposed \$5,000 which the Members of the Council had so authorized. Since the majority of the Members of the Council were not able to be present at this meeting to vote on this matter, it was decided that a Special Meeting be held on November 30th, 1956, when the majority of the Members of the Council would be present, whereby a decision would be made.

In order to facilitate the collection of garbage and trash within the Town, the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, asked the Council's permission to have a dump body placed on the new truck, the cost of which is \$695.00. Since it was noted that this would definitely be an asset to the maintenance department, a motion was made by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Joseph R. Missett that such work be done.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, reported that the condition of the old tractor is such that it is almost useless and he asks the council's permission to purchase a tractor from the Llewellyn Machinery Corporation, the cost of which is \$4,011.73. He pointed out that this tractor would most adequately meet the needs of the Town and that a provision was made for this purchase in the current budget. Thereupon a motion was made by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough that such purchase be made.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, requested that rates for the use of water in the Town of Golden Beach be brought up for discussion at the Special Meeting which is to be held on November 30th, 1956 and that the Town Attorney Mr. Francis W. Miller be present with all the available data pertaining to the agreement that was made with the company supplying water to the Town. This request was granted and the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller was asked to be present at such time.

The Council President, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that property owners, Mr. and Mrs. Dillard, were present to discuss the possibility of securing a variance to the Town's Building and Zoning Ordinance and called on Mr. Dillard to present his case. Mr. Dillard stated that he owns 100 feet on the west side of Ocean Boulevard and is very desirous of erecting a house which would be a residence for his wife and himself and since they have no children, he would like the Members of the Council to consider granting him a building variance so that a house could be constructed on his property having less than the required 2500 sqft of livable floor area space. Mr. Dillard explained it was not a question of finances, that he was in favor of the Town's present Building Ordinances, but that he and his wife had discussed this matter over very thoroughly and they both were of the opinion that a house containing 2500 sqft was much too large for their needs and in the event of his demise it would be a hardship for his wife to take care of a house of this size alone. He thereupon presented a sketch of the proposed house that he would like to be permitted to build and upon examination of this sketch by all the Members of the Council and the Building Inspector, Mr. Clarence A. Veckarelli, it was noted that no plot plan was shown, thereupon Mr. Dillard was instructed to secure a plan showing the complete lay-out of this proposed new building whereupon the members of the Council would take this matter up at the Special Meeting which is to be held on November 30th, 1956.

A Resident, Mrs. Rubin, asked the Members of the Council if any consideration had been given to the Town installing sidewalks as it would be a safety precaution for the children at play. Mrs Rubin was advised that a playground for children is maintained by the Town and that at the present time it was financially impossible for the Town to consider undertaking such a project.

The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis N. Miller, advised the Members of the Council that all the Residents should be encouraged to patronize the Town's Post Office since the sale of stamps determines its status and in order to keep the Post Office in the Town Of Golden Beach an increase in the sale of stamps must be noted.

A Property Owner, Mr. Dillard inquired as to why water remains in certain lots after a heavy rain and he was advised that this condition would be corrected when a drainage system is installed.

There being no further business to be brought up before the Members of the Council at this meeting, upon motion by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, seconded by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, the meeting adjourned.

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Deputy Town Clerk