

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

December 17th, 1957

The regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town Of Golden Beach, Florida, was held on Tuesday, December 17th, 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 all of the Members of the Council.

Mayor
Council President
Councilmen

-Mr. Burt Hengeveld
-Mr. Joseph R. Missett
-Mr. Anthony J. Gocking
-Mr. Ralph E. Hough
-Mr. N. B. Ornitz
-Mr. Fred Zollner

Also present: Town Attorney

-Mr. Francis W. Miller

The following Residents attended the Meeting as Visitors:

Mr. B. Elkind, Mr. W. A. Mittelman, Mr. Ed Warger, Mr & Mrs. R. A. Selby,
Mr. J. Mayer, Mr. I. Abrons, Mr. M. Calig, Mr. B. R. Paulsen, Mr. J.
Finkelman, Mr. M. A. Kuryla, Mr. Herbert E. Paul, Mr. R. E. Bernson,
Mr. N. Nobil, Mr. J. Manne, Mr. I. Vernarelli, Mr. A. Bergmann, and
Mr. E. B. Epstein.

An announcement was made by the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, that word had just been received from the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, who is being unavoidably detained but will be present shortly and he requested that the meeting should not be delayed due to his short absence. Thereupon nominations were open for the election of a President Pro-Tem. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking nominated the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld and Councilman Fred Zollner nominated Councilman Anthony J. Gocking and since the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis W. Miller, stated that it would not be advisable for the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld to act in the capacity of the Council President as he has no vote in the passage of bills, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, upon motion by Councilman Fred Zollner, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough and unanimously carried, was elected President Pro-Tem.

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Pro-Tem, Mr. Anthony J. Gocking, who acted as Chairman of this Meeting and Mrs. Laurita Chapman acted as Secretary.

The President, Mr. Anthony J. Gocking, 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 November 17th, 1957, and of the Special Meeting of the Town Council held on November 30th, 1957. Upon the review of these Minutes, the Members of the Council, upon motion by Councilman N.B. Ornitz, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough, decided that the reading of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting be waived and accepted as is. The Secretary read the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Town

Council held on November 30th, 1957 and Ordinance No. 77 entitled: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PORTIONS OF ORDINANCE No. 52 concerning the Building and Zoning Code of the Town Of Golden Beach". Upon the readings of these Minutes and Ordinance No. 77, the Council President, Mr. Anthony J. Gocking stated that considerable study had been made of the Town's present building code to which Councilman N. B. Ornitz, particularly, had given quite a lot of time, whereupon it was discovered that quite a few building objectives had been eliminated and that Ordinance No. 77 was prepared and adopted to take care of these problems which would not only be a benefit to the Town with regards to the type of new buildings that would be erected but would also benefit those who would occupy these new buildings as he himself had experienced quite a lot of difficulty with regards to the structure of his home which difficulty would have been eliminated if this new amendment had been in effect at the time that his house was built. When no further comments were offered these Minutes were ordered approved by the President, Mr. Anthony J. Gocking.

The Secretary presented the cash report of the General Fund and a Cash Analysis of the other funds of the Town Of Golden Beach for the month of November, 1957. These cash reports upon motion by Councilman Fred Zollner, seconded by Councilman Ralph E. Hough were approved and ordered attached to these Minutes and made a part hereof.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, who had entered the meeting during the readings of the cash reports expressed his regret for being delayed and thanked Councilman Anthony J. Gocking for assuming the duties of President and Chairman of this Meeting during his absence.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, called on the Commissioner of Police And Fire, Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, who reported that Two New Ford Cars had been ordered for the Police Department which are due to arrive shortly, the delay being that proper tax exemption papers had to be filed with the factory before these cars could be released to the Town. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, further stated that the appearance of the walls of the Town Hall would be greatly enhanced if pictures of the former Mayors were placed there. He therefore suggested that the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken be authorized to contact the former Mayors who are still available and request that they send to the office of the Town Hall an 8 x 10 photograph of themselves to be placed on the walls of the Town Hall. This suggestion met with the full approval of the Members of the Council and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken was given such authorization.

The Commissioner of Health And Sanitation, Councilman Fred Zollner, reported that the operation of the maintenance department is going along very satisfactory and that plans are now complete for renovating the wash rooms at the Loggia which will be a wonderful improvement and that this work will proceed as soon as funds are available in the general fund for this expenditure. A resident, Mr. R. E. Bernson inquired as to the cost of this work and he was advised by Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner that it would cost approximately \$8,500.00. Mr. Bernson, then stated that it was his opinion that such expenditure was not warranted as too few people avail themselves of the washroom facilities at the Loggia. The Council

President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, detailed to Mr. Bernson the number of people that frequent the Loggia daily and Sundays stating that the present condition of the washrooms is such that it could almost be termed a health menace and that Mr. Zollner had spent considerable time and his own money on the preparation of these plans; the materials called for being of such quality that they would last at least forty years and be very attractive after twenty years. Several Members of the visiting audience joined in this discussion and when plans on this proposed new work was passed amongst them for their review, the majority offered their approval of this work upon which the Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, stated that when it can be determined that funds are available in the General Fund to cover this expenditure, this work will be started. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, stated that several times at the past Council Meetings some of the Residents had requested that the Town make arrangements to have a pool installed for the use of all the Residents which work would cost much more both in installation and maintenance than the cost of improving the bathhouses at the Loggia. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated, that in the past when the Residents wanted some major improvements in the Town and no funds were available in the Town Treasury for this work, social functions were given and sponsored by the Residents, the proceeds of which went towards the cost of the new improvement work. Councilman Mr. Fred Zollner stated that it was his opinion that capital improvements in the Town should be paid out of the Town's funds and not from contributions provided by the Residents, therefore no further action was taken on this matter.

The Commissioner of Public Streets and Lighting, Councilman N. B. Ornitz reported that 95% of the new drainage system installation has been completed and that the street near Center Island Bridge had been raised without any hardship. Mr. R. E. Bernson, Resident, stated that he wished to praise both Mr. N. B. Ornitz and the Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, for their wonderful efforts in processing this work so satisfactorily. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, thanked Mr. Bernson for his very favorable comments.

The Commissioner Of Parks And Public Buildings, Councilman Mr. Ralph E. Hough, reported that work of improving the parkway on Ocean Boulevard with plantings, etc. is now completed and that the other parks throughout the Town are to be improved and each Island is to be beautified; that the parking area at the Loggia had been improved, a fence in the front having been installed and the street re-paved. The question arose as to the cost of this work by Mr. R. E. Bernson, Resident, who was advised that funds were available in the current budget for this expenditure and that when this money is expended, this work will have to stop. A Resident, Mr. J. Manne, stated that he was in favor of the improvements being made that such work should continue even though it may necessitate a raise in taxes and that the bathhouses at the Loggia should definitely be improved. Several of the Members of the visiting audience joined in this discussion all favoring Mr. Manne's comments, whereupon Councilman Ralph E. Hough stated that work of beautifying the Town will continue until all monies appropriated for this work are expended.

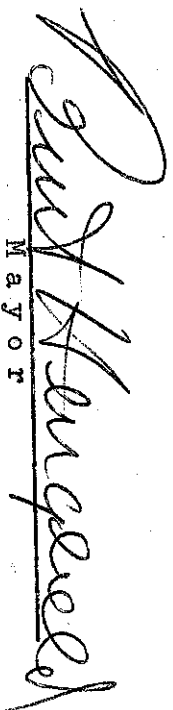
The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, reported that proceedings in the Municipal Court of the Town are going along very well and that the case of the Town Of Golden Beach vs. Dr. George Menninger has been postponed until February 20th, 1958. A new Building Code is now in effect in Dade County, copy of which can be purchased for \$6.00. The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kulken, advised the Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, that the Town has already purchased such book, copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Hall. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, further stated that since the new Home Rule Act went into effect in Dade County, several Ordinances had been prepared for adoption which are threatening the autonomy of all of the Cities in Dade County and that the Cities in question, opposing these Ordinances, had prepared an amendment which is to be voted on shortly in Dade County, which if approved would safeguard the autonomy of all the Cities. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, further stated that he had discussed this matter with Mr. Ed. Marger, Resident, who was present at this Meeting and he asked that Mr. Marger be given the floor to explain this situation to all those present. Mr. Marger stated that the original charter of the Home Rule Act was a very good one in that it allowed Dade County to pass laws without going through the State Legislature in Tallahassee, but since it went into effect, the Dade County Commissioners have endeavored to make it a Metropolitan Charter fashioned after that of Los Angeles, California, which if allowed to remain would eventually take over the powers of all the Cities in Dade County, the result being that Golden Beach would not have any jurisdiction over its building regulations, traffic laws, etc. The proposed new amendment which is to be voted on shortly in Dade County, if approved, would guarantee the autonomy of the Cities as the wording of the original charter of the Home Rule Act failed to make clear this matter and if the Residents of Golden Beach wanted to keep their City as is, an all out effort should be made by everyone to see that the Autonomy Amendment to the Metropolitan Charter is approved. The Mayor, Mr. Burt Hengeveld, called on the Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller to voice his opinions on this matter. The Town Attorney, Mr. Francis M. Miller, stated that he was in favor of the Home Rule Law for it gave Dade County the privilege of making and passing laws without having to wait to get the approval of the State Legislature when it was in Session at Tallahassee and since the majority of the State Legislators are from the middle and farming sections of Florida, they have the controlling vote of the House and Senate, which made it very difficult at times to have a bill passed which would be of benefit to Dade County. Since the Home Rule Law went into effect in Dade County, several mistakes have been made by the County Commissioners in carrying out the provisions of the original Home Rule Charter, but it was his opinion that if the proposed new amendment to this Charter is approved, the Home Rule Act will become void, therefore he was not in favor of it. Mr. Ed. Marger, Resident, stated that the purpose of this proposed new amendment is to safeguard the autonomy of all the Cities in Dade County; it would not affect the Home Rule Law and that everyone in Golden Beach should be advised to vote for it when the Special Election is held in Dade County for this purpose. The Members of the Council, thereupon decided that when the date of this election is known, a bulletin is to be sent to all the Residents of Golden Beach appraising them of this matter and requesting that they give this their full support.


The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, asked the Council's authorization on the payment of a Christmas Bonus to the Town employees. Since an appropriation had been made in the current budget for this expenditure, it was agreed unanimously that the same amount of a Christmas Bonus as paid in 1956 be given to each employee of the Town.

The Town Manager, Mr. R. H. Kuiken, asked the Council's permission to transfer the funds in the Fine & Forfeiture Account and Building Fund Account from the American National Bank to the Peoples Bank, stating that the Peoples Bank is located closer to the Town Hall, thus expediting the handling of these funds. Upon motion by Councilman Joseph R. Missett, seconded by Councilman Fred Zollner, such permission was granted.

The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, called on the Members of the visiting audience to voice their suggestions and complaints, whereupon Mr. M. A. Wittelman, Resident, stated that water still remains near his home during and after a rain storm, even though a drainage system had been installed close by. This condition, he ascertained, came from the pitch of the road which should be corrected. Councilman N. B. Ornitz advised Mr. Wittelman that if his property were raised, the water would flow onto the street which would be carried away by the drainage system installed there. A Resident, Mr. M. Galig, stated that he was very much in favor of the schedule of improvements to beautify the Town, that this work should be carried out and fully completed even though it may necessitate an increase in taxes, to which several of the other Members of the visiting audience voiced their approval. Councilman Anthony J. Gocking, stated that taxes in Golden Beach are very low compared to that of other Towns and if all the improvements are to be made in Golden Beach, an increase in taxes will be necessary. A Resident, Mr. I. Abrons stated that the beauty of the parkway on Ocean Boulevard would be greatly enhanced if a curbing were installed there. The Council President, Mr. Joseph R. Missett, advised Mr. Abrons that this matter had been discussed at a recent council meeting, but due to the fact that funds were not available in the current budget for this expenditure, no further action had been taken on this matter.

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


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Deputy Town Clerk

TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH, FLORIDA

CASH REPORT OF DEPUTY TOWN CLERK - FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 31st, 1957

Cash Balance December 1st, 1957 - GENERAL FUND \$ 61,388.86
 In the Miami Beach First National Bank

Budget Receipts
 1957 Taxes Collected \$ 4,584.68
 Less Tax Discount Allowed 136.09 \$ 4,448.59

Other Receipts
 Refund: On Material For Landscaping \$ 30.00
 Income Taxes Withheld 224.10
 Social Security Collected 67.53
\$ 321.63

TOTAL \$ 66,159.08

Cash Disbursements \$14,720.91
Budget Disbursements None
Non-Budget Disbursements
 Total Disbursements \$ 14,720.91

Cash Balance December 31st, 1957 \$ 51,438.17
 On Hand in the Miami Beach First National Bank

Percent to
 Total

Total 1957 Tax Roll 100.00%
 Taxes collected thru December 31st, 1957 88.84%
 Unpaid Taxes at December 31st, 1957 11.16%

FINE AND FORTIFURE FUND
 Deposits thru December 31st, 1957 \$ 7,453.66
 In the American National Bank

BUILDING FUND - RESIDENCES
 Deposits thru December 31st, 1957 \$ 1,050.00
 In the American National Bank

Cash Disbursements
 Refund: Road Damage Bond Deposits \$700.00
 Clean-Up Bond Deposits \$350.00
 Total Disbursements \$ 1,050.00
 Cash Balance, December 31st, 1957 Nil

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ANALYSIS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1957

<u>Budget Disbursements</u>	
Landscaping Upkeep - Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,607.60
Landscaping Upkeep - Other Expense	1,536.10
<u>Police Services</u>	
Salaries	\$ 1,380.00
Radio Service	60.00
Equipment Repairs	157.45
<u>Equipment - Other</u>	
Repairs	242.53
Purchases	\$ 1,550.00
<u>Repairs And Maintenance</u>	
Beach	\$ 82.36
Public Buildings	533.00
Debt Service - Interest	\$ 1,092.40
New Bridge Construction Work	3,323.56
New Drainage Installation	252.30
Gasoline And Oil	395.31
Insurance	494.63
Lighting	219.14
Legal Fees	255.00
Office Expenses	25.00
Office Supplies	10.40
Telephone Service	47.20
Town Clerk's Office	310.00
Town Manager's Salary	484.00
Water	8.38
Christmas Bonus For Employees	<u>654.55</u>
Total Budget Disbursements	\$14,720.91
Non-Budget Disbursements	None
<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>\$14,720.91</u>

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CASH ANALYSIS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR DECEMBER, 1957

Cash Balance, December 1st, 1957 - Municipal Improvement Lien	
Certificate Of Indebtedness Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 5,321.39
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	
Interest Paid On Securities	300.00
Cash Balance, December 31st, 1957 - - - - -	<u>\$ 5,021.39</u>

Cash Balance, December 1st, 1957 - Municipal Improvement Lien	
Sea Wall Bond Fund	
In the Miami Beach First National Bank	\$ 5,886.54
<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	
Interest Paid On Securities	296.00
Cash Balance, December 31st, 1957 - - - - -	<u>\$ 5,590.54</u>