



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

I WANT TO WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS HISTORIC GOLDEN BEACH DAY.

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF OUR NEW CIVIC CENTER.

WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU COMING OUT HERE TODAY AND BEING OUR GUEST TO SHARE THIS SPECIAL HISTORIC DAY WITH US.

THIS DAY WOULD NOT HAVE COME TO FRUITION IF NOT FOR THE HARD WORK, ENDLESS HOURS AND TRUE DEDICATION OF MY FELLOW COUNCIL MEMBERS, TOWN MANAGER AND OUR TOWN STAFF

I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ONCE SAID

“WITHOUT CONTINUAL GROWTH AND PROGRESS, SUCH WORDS AS IMPROVEMENT, ACHIEVEMENT AND SUCCESS HAVE NO MEANING.”

THIS HAS BEEN A LONG AND TEDIOUS PROCESS: **THIS PROJECT STARTED WITH A VISION.**

A VISION TO BUILD AN ALL-INCLUSIVE ARCHITECTURAL PHENOMENON. A BUILDING WHICH EXPRESSES AND DEFINES WHO GOLDEN BEACH IS.

A BUILDING WHICH IN 25 YEARS FROM TODAY WILL REMAIN SPECIAL AND REMAIN THE ENVY OF MANY OTHER CITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

OUR NEW CIVIC CENTER WILL BE A STATE OF THE ART, ENVIROMENTALLY FRIENDLY FACILITY

ONE OF THE UNIQUE FEATURES OF THIS BUILDING WILL BE THAT IT IS ELEVATED OVER 30 FEET OFF THE GROUND.

WE ARE CONSTRUCTING THIS BUILDING IN PREPARATION AND ANTICIPATION OF THE CLIMATE AND ENVIROMENTAL CHALLENGES WE SHALL SEE IN OUR FUTURE.

OUR NEW FACILITY WILL HOUSE THE ENTIRE TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, THE GOLDEN BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT, ALONG WITH OUR TOWN BUILDING DEPT.



OUR NEW FACILITY WILL INCLUDE A BEAUTIFUL TOWN CHAMBERS AND AN ENTERTAINMENT ROOM FOR BOTH THE TOWN AND THE RESIDENTS TO CONDUCT SOCIAL EVENTS.

IT WILL HOUSE AN EMERGENCY HURRICANE COMMAND CENTER.

THIS COMMAND CENTER WILL BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND A CATEGORY 5 STORM.

THIS WILL BE THE 1ST AND ONLY LANDFALL TEAM BUNKER IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THIS BUNKER WILL ALLOW US TO RIDE OUT ANY STORM.

AFTER A STORM OCCURS HAVING THIS BUNKER WILL ENABLE US TO IMMEDIATELY RENDER IMMEDIATE AID TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES.

THE ENTIRE FACILITY WILL BE A SAFE & SECURE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL OF OUR EMPLOYEES.

TO EMBARK ON SUCH PROJECT, WE FIRST HAD TO SELECT A DEVELOPMENT TEAM. A DEVELOPMENT TEAM WHICH HAS HELPED US DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT OUR NEW TOWN CIVIC CENTER.

THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM WAS SELECTED WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE OF OUR SELECTION COMMITTEE. THIS SELECTION COMMITTEE INTERVIEWED AND EVALUATED MANY ARCHITECTURAL AND CONSTRUCTION FIRMS.

THEN, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OUR TOWN MANAGER, BUILDING DEPT STAFF AND THE TOWN COUNCIL, WE SELECTED THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM.

THIS SELECTION COMMITTEE WAS COMPRISED OF GOLDEN BEACH RESIDENTS. I MUST THANK THESE RESIDENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK & DEDICATION: JESSE MANDELL, JUDY MAMOON, PETER MANNERS, CHRIS MASSIANI, ERIC COHEN AND JEROME HOLLOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO YOUR TOWN.

THE SELECTED DEVELOPMENT TEAM NOW CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AND COMPANIES:

ARCHITECTURAL CONSULTANT: LACETT ROVIRA (?)

ARCHITECTURAL FIRM: MARRIN ARCHITECT GROUP

CONSTRUCTION COMPANY: GERRITS CONSTRUCTION



THIS DEVELOPMENT TEAM HAS BEEN WORKING NONSTOP THE DAY WE AWARDED THIS CONTRACT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM AND WELCOME THEM HERE TODAY.

THE RALSTON BROTHERS INCORPORATED THE TOWN OF GOLDEN BEACH IN 1929. AT THAT TIME THERE WAS NOTHING HERE BUT A BEAUTIFUL ATLANTIC OCEAN TO THE EAST, SEPARATED BY A SMALL PIECE OF LAND AND THE INTERCOSTAL TO THE WEST.

THE ENTIRE AREA WAS COMPRISED OF MARSHLAND AND TREES.

BACK IN 1929 THE TWO RALSTON BROTHERS HAD AN AMAZING VISION AND A DREAM. THEIR DREAM WAS TO DEVELOP THIS BEAUTIFUL AREA INTO A VERY SPECIAL TOWN.

THEY KNEW OVER 91 YEARS AGO THAT "IF THEY BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME." THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT TOOK PLACE.

ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO WE TOOK THEIR VISION AND DREAM AND EXPANDED ON IT. WE BEGAN WITH OUR \$ 50 MILLION DOLLAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

THIS PROJECT INCLUDED THE UNDERGROUNDING OF ALL THE TOWN'S UTILITIES

THEN WE PROCEEDED TO ENGINEER, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT OUR STORM WATER PROJECT. THIS STORM WATER PROJECT WAS DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE TOWN AGAINST THE RISING SEAS TIDES.

WE PROCEEDED TO ADD STREET CURBS, STREET GUTTERS, SIDEWALKS AND STREETLIGHTS THROUGHOUT OUR TOWN. WE INCLUDED MAILBOXES AND LANDSCAPING, AND ADDED THE A1-A BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.

WE COMPLETELY REFITED THE TOWN'S BEACH PAVILION KEEPING ITS HISTORIC HERITAGE, AND UPDATED AND MODERNIZED OUR SECURITY GATE HOUSE.

WE REPAVED THE STREETS OF THE ENTIRE TOWN AND ADDED OVER 90 SECURITY CAMERAS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN.

AND NOW WE ARE PREPARED TO EMBARK ON OUR NEW CIVIC CENTER.

PART OF OUR PROJECT INCLUDES CONVERTING OUR EXISTING TOWN HALL INTO A "STATE OF THE ART" WELLNESS CENTER. A WELLNESS CENTER FOR ALL OUR RESIDENTS TO USE TO STAY HEALTHY AND FIT.



WE ARE EXPANDING OUR GREEN SPACE TO INCLUDE A NEW BASKETBALL COURT, THREE NEW TENNIS COURTS, ONE BEING A CLAY COURT, AND ADDING A PICKEL BOARD COURT

OUR PARKS PLAN WILL INCLUDE A KIDS TOT LOT AND A DOG PARK.

THIS IS AN ALL-INCLUSIVE TOWN PROJECT. A PROJECT THAT THE RALSTON BROTHERS WOULD BE SO PROUD OF, KNOWING THAT THEIR VISION AND DREAMS LIVE ON.

I AM SO PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON. THIS WILL BE A TREMENDOUS ADDITION TO OUR GREAT TOWN.

WHAT A GREAT CITY WE LIVE IN. WHAT GREAT RESIDENTS WE HAVE, WHO HAVE SUPPORTED US THROUGH OUR JOURNEYS.

I CANNOT THANK THE RESIDENTS ENOUGH FOR BELIEVING AND TRUSTING US.

THERE ARE 2 RULES FOR ACHIEVING SUCCESS

- 1) GET STARTED
- 2) KEEP GOING

GOLDEN BEACH WILL KEEP IT GOING.

THANK YOU AGAIN AND LET'S START DIGGING!