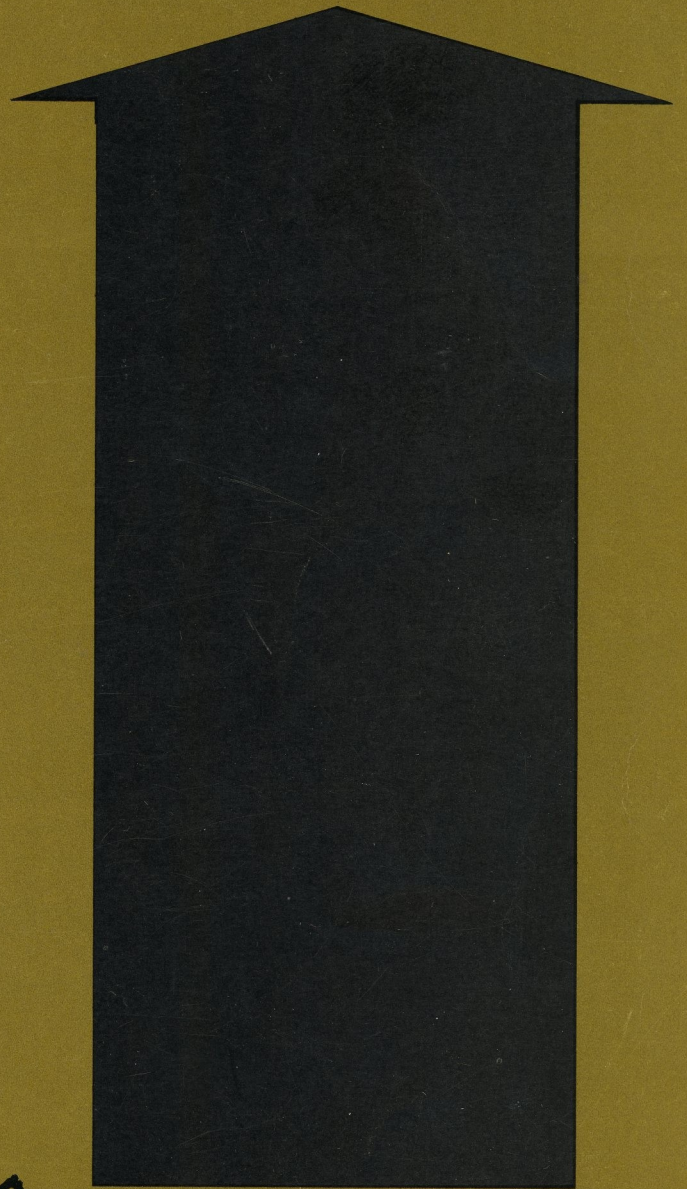
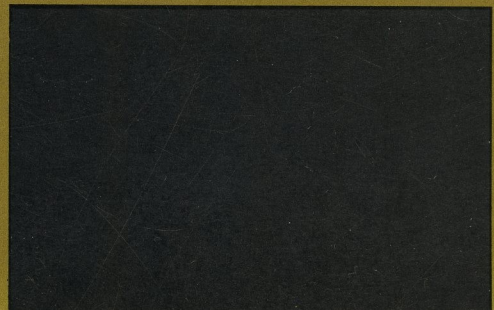


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## a message from the city manager

To the Honorable Mayor, City Council  
and Citizens of Gulfport

The year just completed was a most eventful one for Gulfport and its citizens. Progress was made in all phases of municipal activity. Several projects which had been in the planning and talking stages became realities. The most important of these was the issuance of \$425,000 in revenue bonds for the construction of storm drainage facilities along 15th Avenue South and 49th Street South. City Hall was expanded to almost twice its former size and remodeled, sidewalks were constructed, and facilities at the Marina were enlarged to mention only a few items.

In addition to the Capital Improvements the City acquired many items of new equipment to better serve the public. These include a new fire truck, breathalyzer, and two oxygen resuscitators, sewer cleaning equipment and several pieces of office equipment.

Several organizational changes were made. The most notable of these was the establishment of a Parks and Recreation Department under the supervision of a full time Recreation Director. A well rounded recreational program is being developed for all age groups from elementary school children to senior citizens.

The City Council, administrative staff, and employees of the City have worked together to make these improvements possible. In our efforts we have had the assistance and encouragement of civic groups and individual citizens. Little could have been accomplished without their friendly cooperation.

We can confidently look forward to a continuation of the progress that has been made in our City's development. The past is but a prologue to the future, and the future belongs to those who prepare for it.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Nicholas M. Meiszer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "M" and "S".

Nicholas M. Meiszer  
City Manager



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## city council city clerk

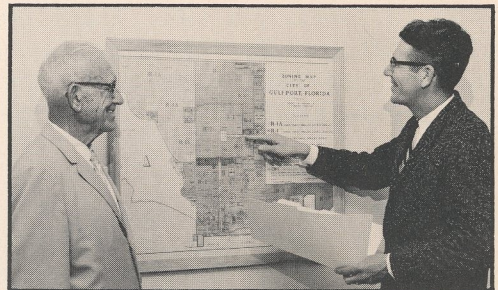
The City Council consists of four Councilmen and Mayor who are elected from the City-at-large for two year overlapping terms. All powers of the City, and the determination of all matters of policy are vested in the Council. The present members are:

William N. MacNeill, Mayor  
Elmer O. Dean, Ward I  
Lewis D. Williams, Ward II  
E. S. Markham, Ward III  
T. R. Fussell, Ward IV

The City Clerk is appointed by the Council. The duties of this office include the keeping of a journal of Council proceedings, announcing its meetings, recording all ordinances, resolutions, and proclamations. The Clerk is also custodian of the City's Seal, public documents and records. The Clerk receives petitions on behalf of the City and is responsible for the conduct of municipal elections.



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## legal

The Legal Department consists of the City Attorney and the Municipal Court. The City Attorney is appointed by City Council and is the legal advisor to the City and its officers on matters related to its official duties. The City Attorney attends council meetings, represents the City in all suits and controversies, prepares ordinances and resolutions, and gives opinions on legal questions.

The Judge of the Municipal Court is also appointed by the City Council. The Court has power to try cases for the violation of a City Ordinance, or upon affidavit filed by a complaining witness. There is an alternate judge who acts in the event of the judge's absence from the City or his inability to try a case for any reason. Court sessions are conducted every Monday evening at 7 o'clock.

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The Public Library completed its 28th year by setting new records in its program of service to the citizens. More than 112,000 books were circulated, nearly 700 new cards were issued, and more than 1,000 new volumes were added to the shelves.

The summer reading program for elementary school children continues to grow each year. Last summer 180 children were registered.

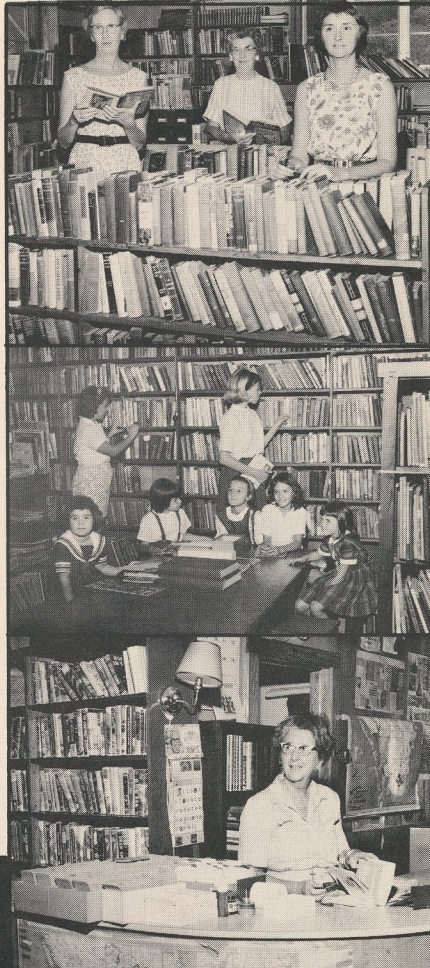
There are now approximately 30,000 volumes in the Library.

The Library is open six days a week and is staffed by seven librarians.

Library privileges are extended to every resident free of charge. There is an annual fee of \$2.00 for non-residents.

## library

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## finance

The Finance Department through the Accounting and Control Division maintains all of the City's financial records, prepares reports and receives and disperses all City funds. This Department is also responsible for purchasing all of the City's supplies and equipment.

More than 4,300 bills are sent out each month for water, sewer and garbage collection.

The department also issues all occupational licenses and permits. These numbered more than 2,990 last year.



## revenue

|                                     |  |             |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------|
| AD VALOREM TAXES<br>\$110,000       | SERVICE CHARGES<br>\$136,900                     |             |
| PERMITS, LICENSES, FEES<br>\$39,150 | APPROPRIATED SURPLUS<br>\$115,870                |             |
| COURT FINES AND COSTS<br>\$9,750    | TOTAL—OPERATING REVENUE AND SURPLUS<br>\$534,950 | \$1,029,600 |
| FROM MONEY AND PROPERTY<br>\$70,280 | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND<br>\$183,000            |             |
| FROM OTHER SOURCES<br>\$53,000      | WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM<br>\$311,650              |             |

## expenditures

\$1,029,600

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| CITY COUNCIL AND CITY CLERK<br>\$20,270 | POLICE<br>\$72,380                    |
| MUNICIPAL COURT AND LEGAL<br>\$11,110   | PUBLIC WORKS<br>\$180,100             |
| OFFICE OF CITY MANAGER<br>\$14,910      | RECREATION<br>\$71,990                |
| GENERAL ADMINISTRATION<br>\$9,340       | NON-DEPARTMENTAL<br>\$58,100          |
| FINANCE<br>\$24,460                     | RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES<br>\$20,900 |
| BUILDING<br>\$16,600                    | TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET<br>\$534,950   |
| LIBRARY<br>\$13,700                     | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS<br>\$183,000     |
| FIRE<br>\$21,090                        | WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM<br>\$311,650   |

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VOTERS OF  
GULFPORT

MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

PLANNING &  
ZONING  
BOARD

APPEALS  
BOARD

CITY  
CLERK

CITY  
ATTORNEY

CITY  
MANAGER

CITY  
JUDGE

PUBLIC  
WORKS

POLICE

FIRE

FINANCE

LIBRARY

BUILDING

RECREATION

GENERAL  
ADMIN.

The City operates under the Council-Manager form of government. The City Manager is responsible to the Council for all administrative affairs of the City. He has the power to appoint and remove all officers and employees of the City except those appointed by Council, to prepare and administer the budget, recommend capital improvements and to keep the Council informed on various matters affecting the City.



# public works

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The Department of Public Works is the largest of the City's Departments in personnel and in budget. It consists of the Street Maintenance Division, Sanitation Division and Water and Sewer Divisions. The photographs on this page indicate three of the year's most important projects (above left: construction of 15th Avenue Drainage Project; above right: Dredging and filling of the beach; and below: the enlarged and remodeled City Hall)

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# recreation

This is the newest of the City's Departments having been created in May of 1963. This department operates the Casino, Community Hall, Marina Hall, Yacht Basin, Chase Park and Hoyt Field as well as the bathing beach and playground on Boca Ciega Bay.

A recreational program is being established for all age groups. These include athletic activities for boys and girls, teenage dances, and such adult activities as bridge lessons, sewing instructions, hobbies and crafts.



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# police

Through the efforts of the Traffic Safety Program, Gulfport completed another year without a pedestrian traffic fatality. Some of the Department's new equipment such as the breathalyzer and oxygen resuscitator are shown on this page. During the year just completed the patrol cars traveled some 108,925 miles. Members of the Department spent over 500 man hours in various training programs to improve their efficiency and increase their knowledge in crime prevention. There were 96 motor vehicle accidents and over 200 complaints of various types were investigated. Special emphasis is placed on working with teenagers to prevent delinquency. The Department has 12 men, one Police Woman and one School Crossing Guard.

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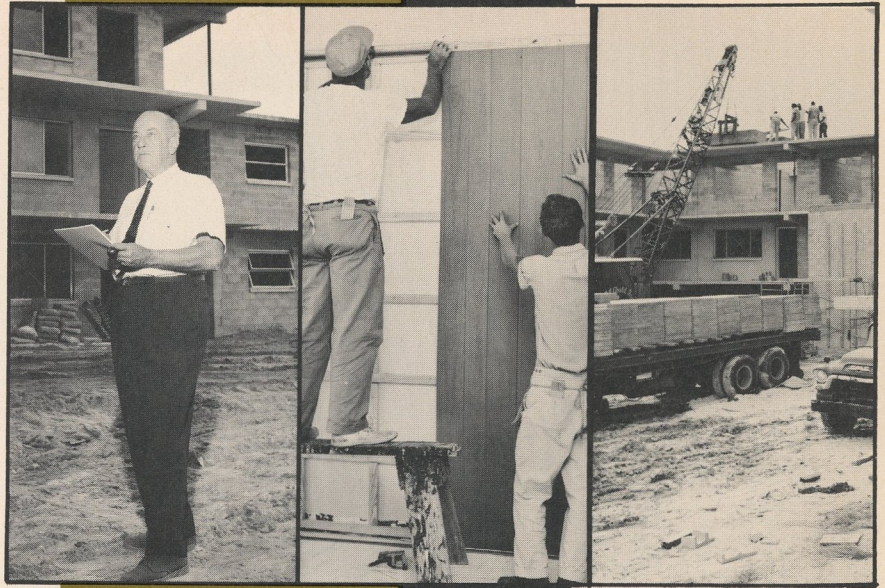


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## building

The Building Department made 2,000 inspections during the year and issued more than 1,150 permits of various kinds. This department also supervised several city construction projects such as seawalls, boat slips and City Hall remodeling.

## fire

The Fire Department's primary functions are the prevention and extinguishing of fires. There is a full-time Fire Inspector who made 470 inspections last year, issued 169 fire permits, conducted fire drills in the schools, and established the fire prevention program. The nineteen volunteer firemen responded to 21 fires during the year. A new fire truck was added to the Fire Department's equipment, with a pumping capacity of 300 gallons per minute. The City continues to enjoy the best fire insurance rating of any city in the County with a volunteer department.

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The *Board of Appeals* consists of five members appointed by the City Council. This Board has the power to permit exceptions to the zoning regulations and to grant variances when requested. It also hears appeals when building permits are refused or denied to an individual by the Building Department. The Building Director serves as advisor. The Board meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

The *Planning and Zoning Board* consists of five members appointed by the City Council. This Board has the power to make a master plan for the physical development of the City; to control subdividing and platting of land, to draft an official map of the City and to recommend changes in zoning. The City Manager serves as advisor. This Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

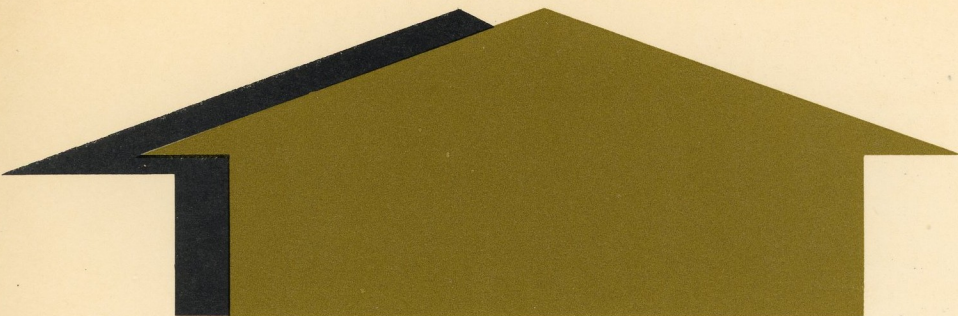
The *Personnel Board* consists of three members appointed by the City Council in accordance with the Personnel Rules of the City. This Board meets at the invitation of the City Manager to hear grievances and complaints from employees. Actions of this Board merely constitute recommendations to the City Manager and are not final.

The *Contractors Qualifying Board* consists of four members and four alternate members all of whom are appointed by the City Manager. The purpose of the Board is to examine building contractors before they are licensed by the City. The Board meets at the call of the Building Director who serves as its secretary.

The *Recreation Board* consists of five members. Two are appointed by the City Council and two are appointed by the City Manager and these four select a fifth member. The Board meets at the call of the Recreation Director and serves to advise and assist him in recreational matters.

## boards and commissions





In addition to the efforts of your city government, private development in Gulfport moved forward at a rapid pace. During the year four multiple-family apartment buildings were completed and future plans include a hotel, hospital, bank, and a high-rise apartment building. This will, of course, provide new jobs and will bring new people into our city. But most important it is an indication that we are continuing to grow and to move forward with our sister cities on Florida's suncoast.

Inevitably greater demands will be made upon the city for municipal services and these demands will be met by an active and energetic city administration.

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