

# CITY of GULFPORT

1958 - 1959

## Third Annual Report



## INTRODUCTION

### TO: THE HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL AND CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF GULFPORT

This is the third annual report requested by City Council and prepared by the Administrative Services of the City of Gulfport.

The purpose of this report is to bring to you, as official representatives of the citizens of this City, general information on the status of the City our accomplishments, and our aspirations for the future.

This year's report is a departure from the former reports in that we are concentrating on problems we have overcome and many we still face. It is not intended this year to cover activities of each department separately. We have done this for the past two years. We will detail the net costs and results of our Capital Improvement Program now underway and due for completion by early 1960.

The record of your City Council and of all public employees during the past year has been exemplary. The turmoil of a massive sanitary sewer construction program has strained every City resource to cope with adverse weather conditions, restoration of streets, alleys and re-beautification and the problem of maintaining basic municipal services such as garbage and trash service.

We of the City's Administration are grateful for the many kind, understanding words and efforts on the part of City Council and citizens of the City who have adapted themselves to the adverse conditions and contributed their efforts in healing the scars of our improvement program.

This year the Annual Report is divided into four sections: 1. Who do you have working for you? 2. What is the City doing? 3. How much does it cost and where does the money come from? 4. What are the plans for meeting the needs of our citizens now and in the future?

We sincerely feel that if each resident of Gulfport would read this report, many questions of the City's operation will be answered and this will serve to assist us in bringing the best possible municipal government to the Citizens of Gulfport.

Respectfully submitted,

C. JOSEPH BABINEAU  
City Manager

## SECTION I

### INTRODUCING YOUR CITY OFFICIALS

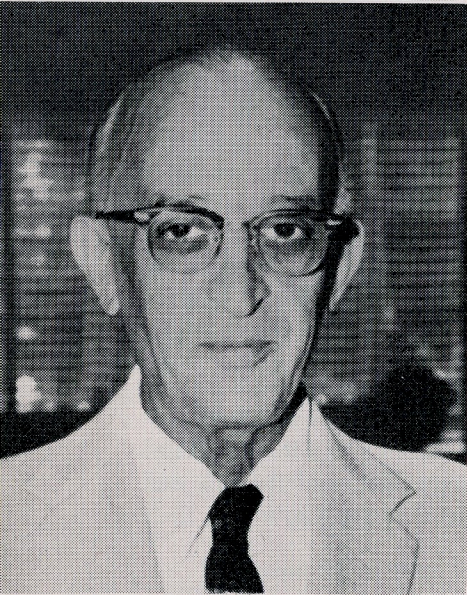
Immediately following this section of your Annual Report is a table or chart showing the Legislative and Administrative Chain of Command and responsibility. It places you, as voters and citizens, at the top of this organization. It is by your selection of a Mayor and City Council and holding them responsible for the entire City Government that you, the voter and citizen of this City, provide for Municipal Government.

We believe that as voters and citizens you want to know more about the officials you have selected and, in turn, the employees the City Council and Manager have selected to serve you.

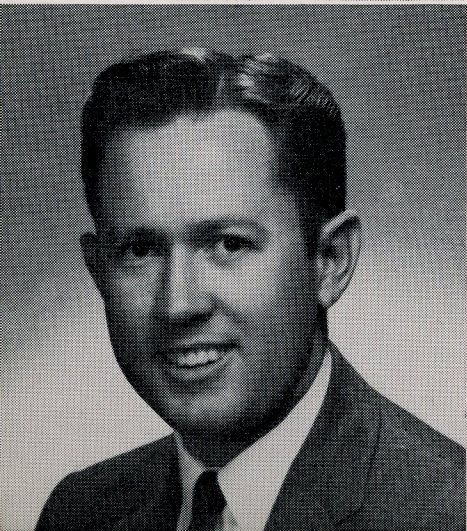
Under a Council-Manager type of Municipal Government many people feel the office of Mayor has been reduced in stature, but contrary to general beliefs, this is not true. Your Mayor is a delegate of all the citizens of the City. He must assume leadership in Legislative Affairs of the City and must actively participate in advancing the progress of the City.



MAYOR JOHN ROBINSON is 29 years of age. He is an aggressive leader; married; three children; a graduate of St. Petersburg High School. He operates two leased shoe departments. He is active in the Gulfport Community Baptist Church and a member of the Gulfport Lions Club.

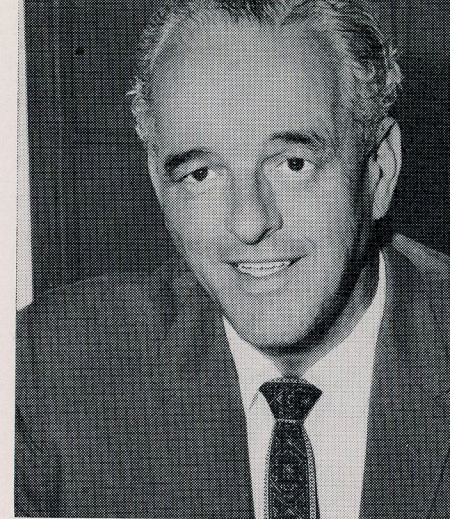


*Councilman from Ward 1:* Willard C. Norton age 61, actively operates a motel at 2802 Beach Boulevard. A Veteran of World War I.

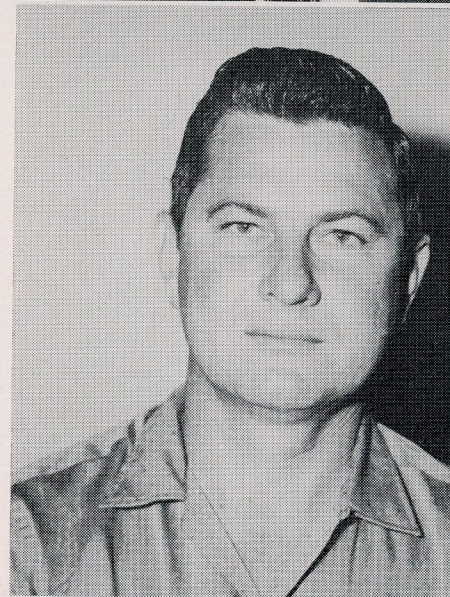


*Councilman from Ward 2:* F. Leslie McEwen, Jr., age 31, resides at 2637 Miriam Street South, married, two children. Mr. McEwen is a graduate of Roosevelt High School, Honolulu, Hawaii and St. Petersburg Junior College. A Veteran of the U. S. Coast Guard and is District Manager of the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. In addition to being City Councilman, Mr. McEwen is a member of the Lions Club, First Methodist Church, and numerous insurance underwriters' associations.

*Councilman from Ward 3:* Thomas S. Rice, Council President, age 54. The senior member of City Council, is now serving his second term. Mr. Rice is an Architectural Administrator for Rader Associates and member of the Pasadena Community Church.



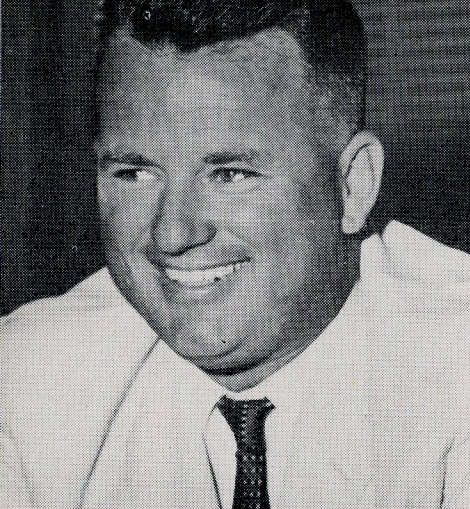
*Councilman from Ward 4:* Jack Clark, age 36, married, three children, is a graduate of the University of Florida and an attorney. Mr. Clark is a Veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific. A member of Christ Methodist Church, Sertoma Club, St. Petersburg Yacht Club and a Scout Leader of Sea Scout Ship No. 33. Mr. Clark is a candidate for Councilman from the Fourth Ward. He was originally appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Mayor Robinson who relinquished his Council seat to successfully run for Mayor.



City Council makes four appointments to fill key positions in the operation of your Municipal Government:

*City Manager:* C. Joseph Babineau, age 38, married, one child. Graduate Wentworth Institute, Boston, Mass., University of New Hampshire, B. A. Public Administration, Veteran World War II ETO. Previously Assistant Manager of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Manager of Randolph, Vermont. Member Vermont Society and American Society Civil Engineers. Member Florida Managers and International Association of City Managers.

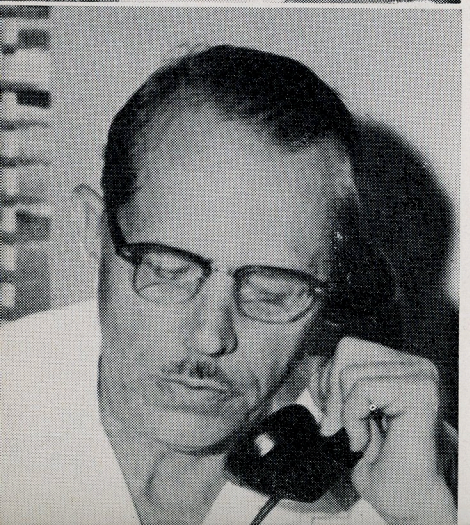




*City Judge of Municipal Court:* Allen C. Anderson, age 34, married, three children. Veteran U. S. Coast Guard, 1942-45. Graduate of the University of Florida. A practicing attorney, affiliated with Christ Methodist Church and the St. Petersburg Lions Club.



*City Attorney:* Noble C. Doss, married, three children, graduate of Stetson University Law School. A practicing attorney. Veteran of the U. S. Air Force as a pilot World War II and in the Judge Advocates Generals Department, Korean Conflict. Mr. Doss has served the City of Gulfport a total of six years as City Attorney. Church affiliation Baptist and a member of the Gulfport Lions Club.



*City Clerk and Clerk of Municipal Court:* John F. Holsapple, age 58, married, resides at 1842 - 60th Street South, has served the Town, now City of Gulfport 28 years, a member of the Gulfport Presbyterian Church.

The following Department Heads are appointed by the City Manager and serve you by administration of the numerous housekeeping services of the City:

*Director of Public Works:* Laurence T. McCarthy, age 44, resides at 5217 - 21st Avenue South. Education, High School. Veteran World War II four years, member of Pasadena Community Church, has served the City of Gulfport 12 years. Duties: Supervision streets, Water and Sewer Department, Trash and Garbage Collection Service.



*Director of Finance, Personnel and Purchasing:* Stanley Cornell, age 63, resides at 1011 Pelican Drive South. Mr. Cornell is a Veteran of World War I, formerly a Senior Bank Examiner for 15 years, State of New York, and 12 years as Executive Officer of First National Bank, Middleburg, New York. He has served the City of Gulfport in his present capacity for 7 years.



*Chief of Police:* William G. Jopson, age 53, resides at 5418 - 20th Avenue South. Has served the City for 9 years, the past 6 years as Chief. Previous experience 10 years with the State of Mass., Department of Mental Health.





*Chief of Volunteer Fire Department:* Mack O. Brooks, age 55, resides at 2644 - 49th Street South. Educated in St. Petersburg, is regularly employed as General Supt. in charge of Construction for Mills and Jones, Inc. Chief Brooks has been a member of the City Department for 27 years.



*City Building Inspector:* G. M. Netling, age 63, resides at 4814 Coronado Way South. A Veteran of the Mexican War, World War I and World War II. Has served the City since March of 1952. A Presbyterian, a Mason, and a member of the Chicago Yacht Club. He is in charge of the Building and Plumbing Departments and serves as the City's Zoning Administrator.



*City Plumbing Inspector:* Walter A. Raven, age 34, resides at 1710 - 7th Street North. A Veteran of three years U.S. Navy. Mr. Raven is responsible for inspecting plumbing and sewer service installations. This position was created as a result of City-wide sanitary sewer installations. Mr. Raven also teaches Apprenticeship Plumbing for night classes at Dixie Hollins High School.

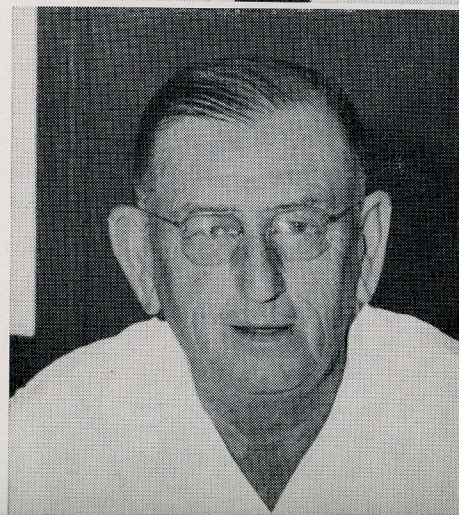
*Librarian:* Mrs. Marie E. Bryan, age 65, resides at 2616 - 48th Street South. Has served the City of Gulfport for 24 years. A graduate of Smith College and is a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, American Association of University Women, and St. Petersburg Symphony Organization.



*Recreation and Parks Director:* Forrest Riley, age 45, resides at 6020 - 17th Avenue South. A graduate of Dartmouth. Mr. Riley is responsible for City recreation for all ages, Casino, Community Hall, Yacht Basin and the maintenance and development of all City Parks and Playgrounds.



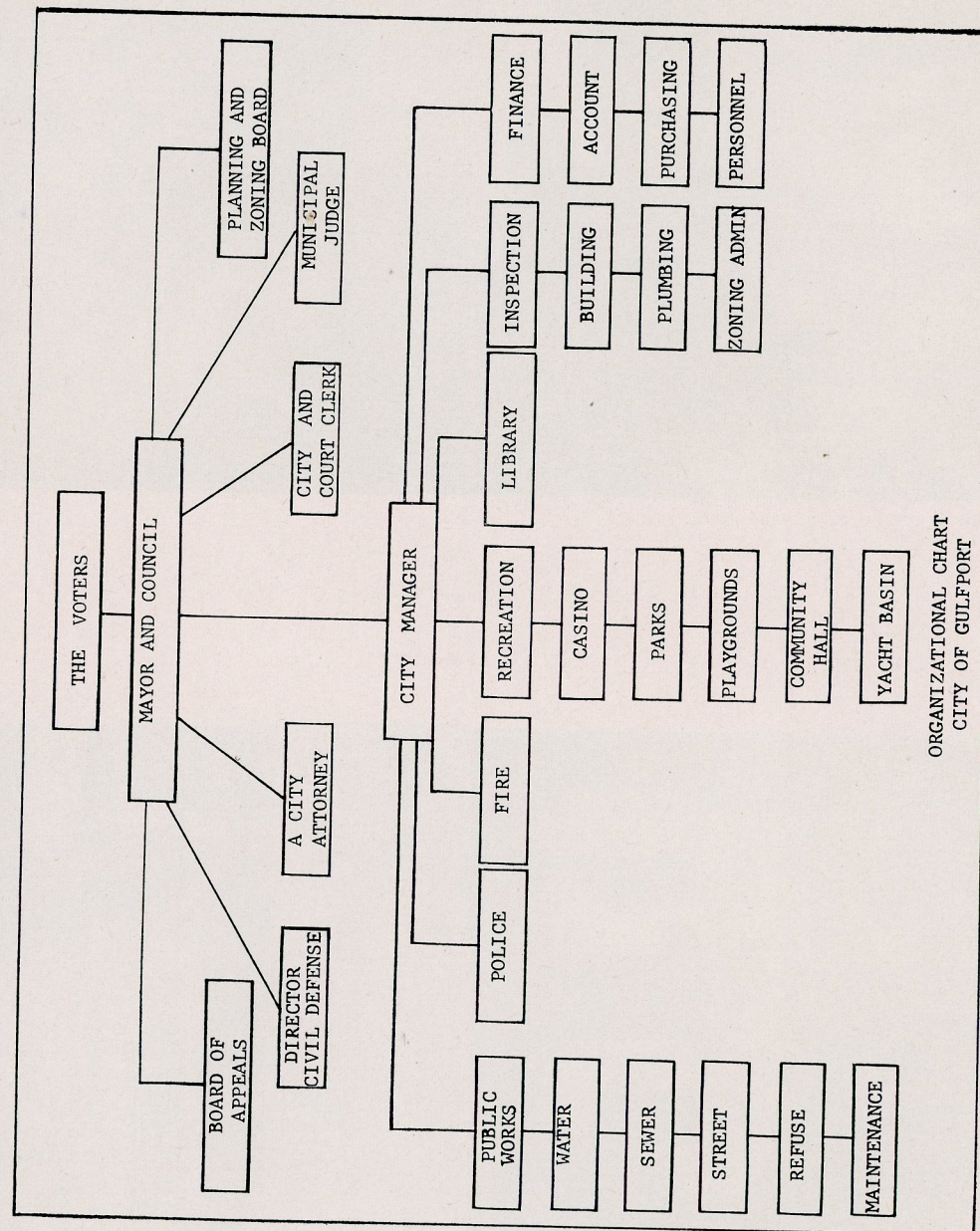
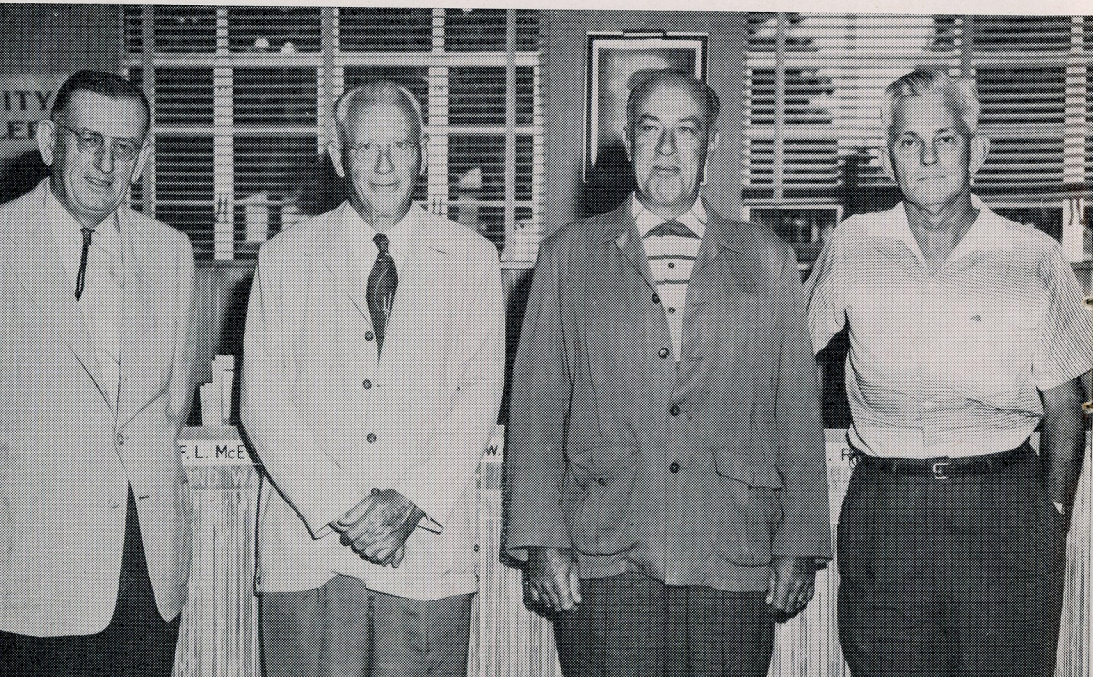
*City Fire Inspector:* James O'Connor, age 62, resides at 1835 - 58th Street South. Serves the City on a volunteer basis. Mr. O'Connor has spent his lifetime as a Fireman and a Police Officer. A retired citizen of our City who is unselfishly contributing his time and experience in promoting Fire Prevention.



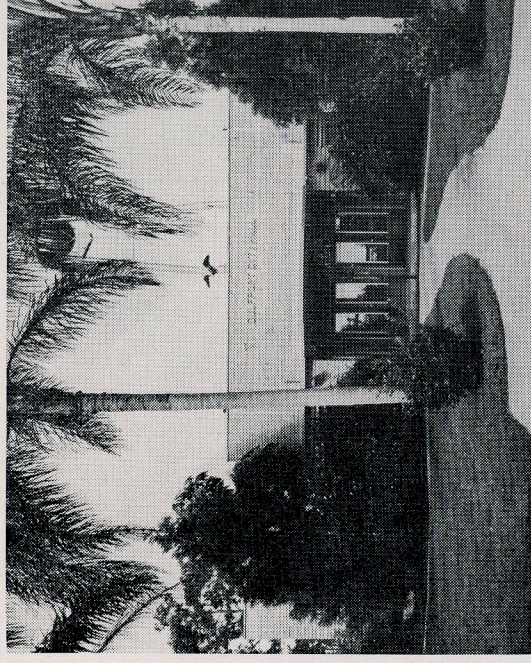
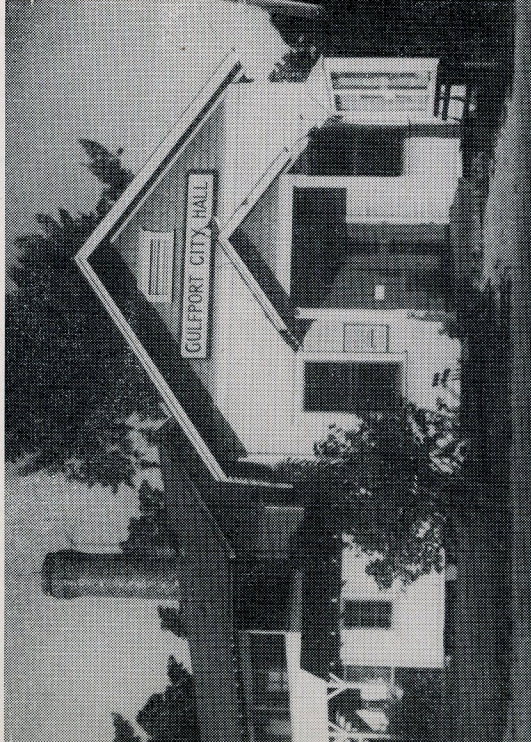


Planning and Zoning Board: (left to right) Elmer Dean, Richard Grafe, R. E. Dwight (Chrm.); George Dixon and Leon Case.

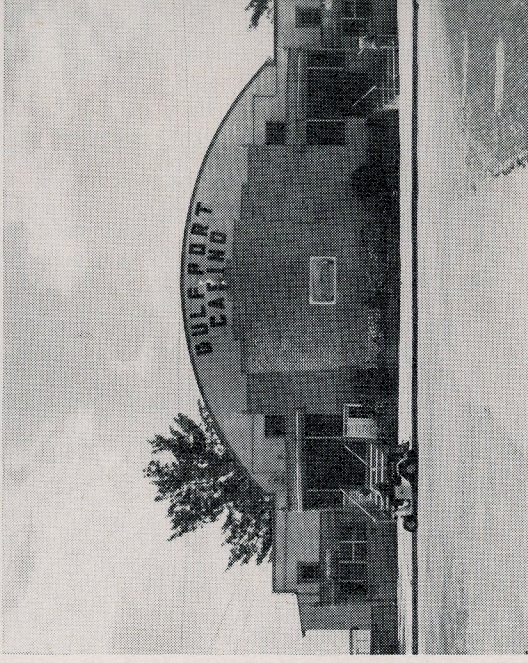
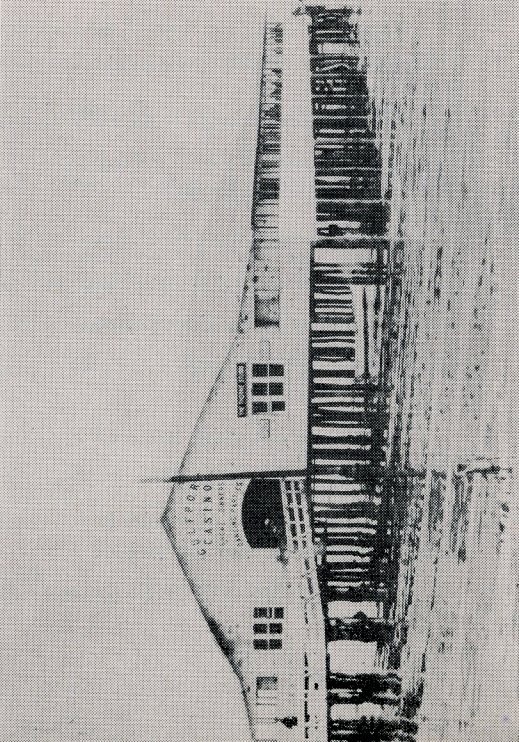
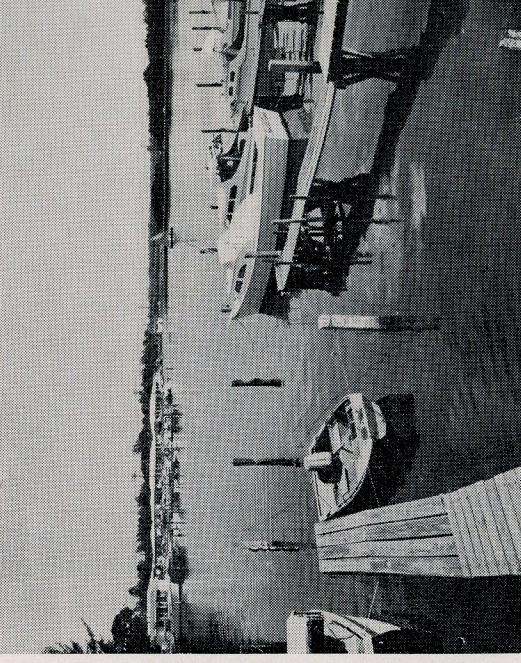
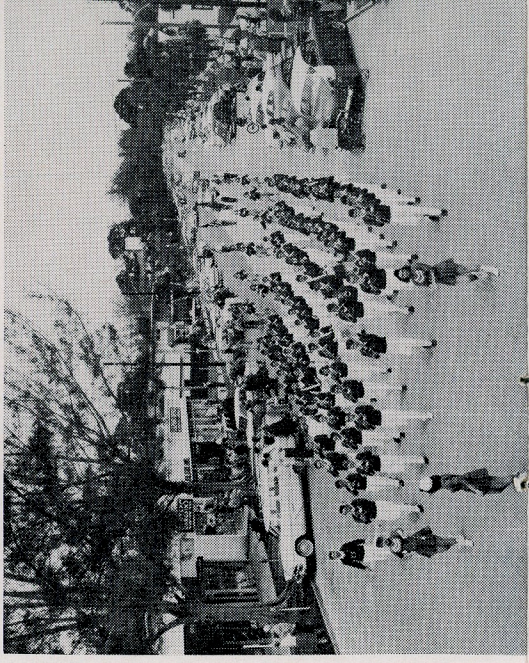
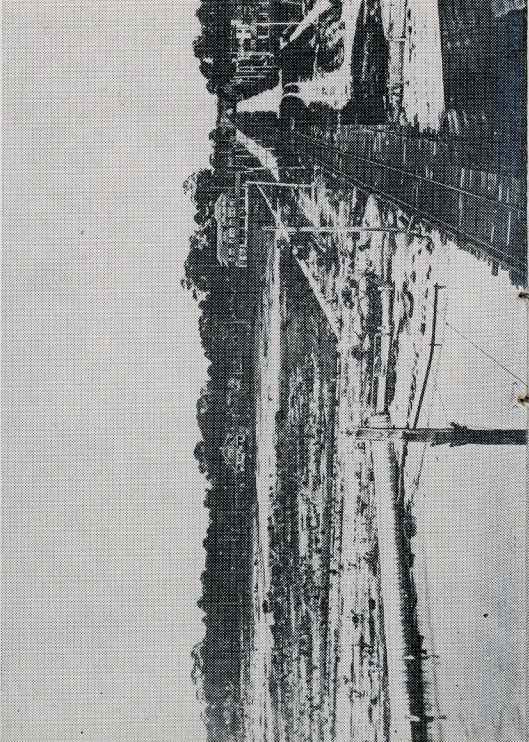
Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals: (left to right) James O'Connor (Chairman); Charles Sinning, G. M. Netling (Building Inspector); and William Herne. Missing from picture: John Eveland and Ralph Aylesworth.



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## SECTION II

### WHAT IS YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT DOING?

Your City Council is concerned with all phases of the operation of your City affairs. They are charged with the duty of passage of City Ordinances (your laws), and are responsible to you for what is to be accomplished and the operation of all the housekeeping services which are performed by the Administrator Services of the City.

The City Council meets regularly on the first and third Tuesday of each month at City Hall and, in addition, meets on each Thursday evening in open meeting prior to each formal meeting to discuss City affairs and prepare the agenda for formal Council action.

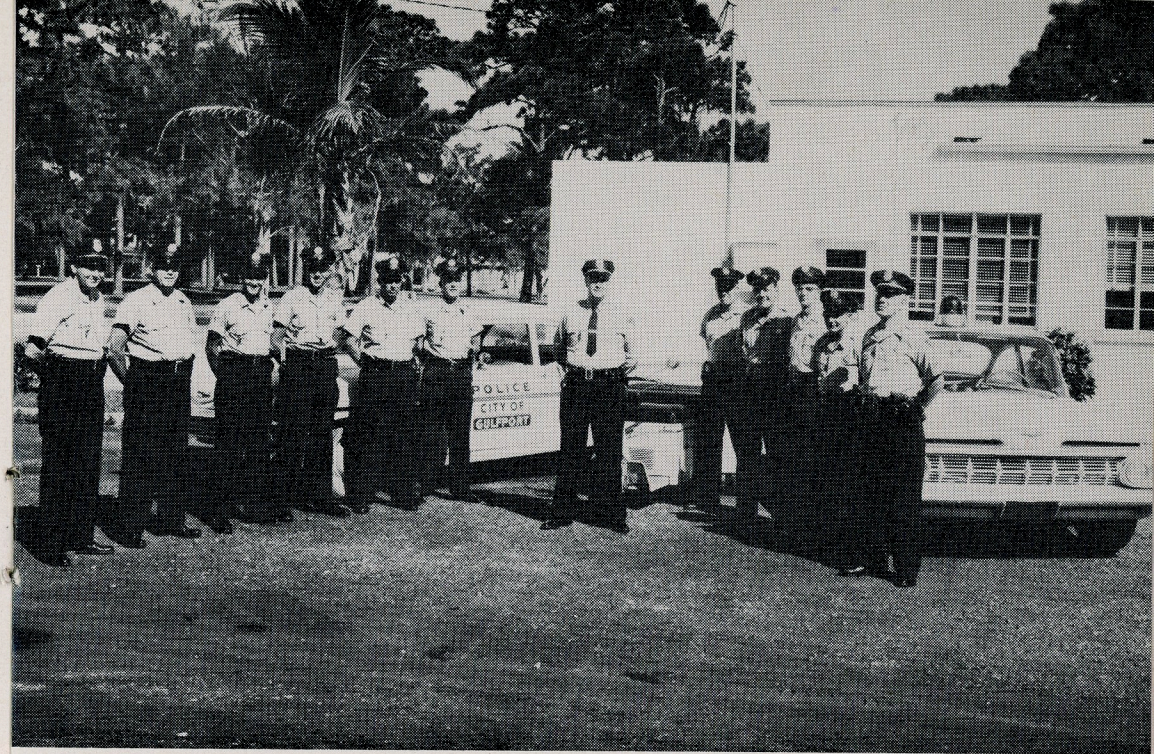
Your Council serves without pay and gives freely and conscientiously of its time and energy to serve you as citizens of this City. Their task is not easy, for City Business is Big Business and municipal services are vital to modern day living. We have all learned to rely upon them and accept the benefits of public facilities as part of our daily lives without much thought or concern regarding what efforts must be expended to supply our needs. Your City Council plays a vital role in meeting your demands for urban living.

The following is a list of major accomplishments of your City Council, performed during the past year:

- An Ordinance regulating closing hours at the Municipal Beach
- Amendment to Zoning Ordinance creating new type Business Zone on Gulfport Boulevard
- An Ordinance adopting Southern Standard Building Code
- Ordinance establishing Sewer Service and Tapping-in Fees
- Ordinance increasing Garbage & Trash Rates to meet increased costs
- Ordinance permitting monthly billing of Water and Sewer Service Charges
- Ordinance adopting State of Florida Plumbing Code
- Ordinance adopting The 1959-60 Budget.

In addition to Laws which were passed, City Council was required to make decision on the following:

- Sale of \$2,200,000 of Revenue Bonds



Award contracts for Sanitary Sewer Construction

Consider bids and award all contracts for paving and purchase of City materials

Consider and pass all resolutions necessary to initiate street construction and drainage projects

Appoint a Planning Consultant to prepare a new Zoning Ordinance

Authorize a preliminary study for our drainage and street improvement needs

Authorize and approve the City's Bulkhead Line, now finalized by State and County action.

The actions of City Council to promote needed laws and protect the City's and citizens interests are all designed to effectuate more suitable housekeeping services performed by your City's Administration. The following is a list of services you received in the interest of serving your urban needs:

- Police and Fire Protection
- Garbage and Trash Service
- Street and Storm Sewer Maintenance & Repair
- Alley Maintenance & Repair
- Park and Playground Maintenance



Owens and operates a Public Beach and Municipal Pier

Owens and operates a Public Casino for Recreation

Owens and operates a Yacht Basin

Maintains a Community Hall

Maintains all public buildings

Contracts for street lighting with Florida Power Corporation

Owens and operates its own Municipal Water System

Owens and operates its own Municipal Sanitary Sewer System

Provides for Building, Plumbing and Electrical Inspections under modern Codes

Administers a Zoning Ordinance to protect property

Operates a Public Library

Maintains public records and a modern bookkeeping system

Contracts for new street, sewer and water improvements

Purchases materials and equipment and contracts for public improvements by competitive bidding.

Passes City Ordinances and regulations to protect interests of citizens.

The following list submits, in detail, specific accomplishments of the past year:

#### **New Street Construction in City, or contracts now awarded:**

64th Street from 7th Avenue South to Gulfport Blvd. (5 blocks)

58th Street from 28th Avenue South to Shore Blvd. (4 blocks)

Shore Blvd. from 58th Street to 57th Street (2 blocks)

7th Avenue from 58th Street South to 60th Street South (4 blocks)

Freemont Street from 7th Avenue South to 9th Avenue South (2 blocks)

27th Avenue from 45th to 44th Street South (1 block)

29th Avenue from 46th Street South to 45th Street South (2 blocks)

Miriam Street from 27th Avenue South to 29th Avenue South (2 blocks)

Three miles of streets resurfaced with asphalt and stone or sand

Ten miles of unimproved streets graded, ditched and calcium chloride applied twice during the past year for dust control.

#### **Storm Drain and Ditch Maintenance — New Construction:**

1. 9th Avenue and Freemont Street drainage.

2. 58th Street South from bay to 30th Avenue and west to Dupont Street. Cost shared with Pasadena Golf Club, Inc.

3. 26th Avenue South from 47th Street to 46th Street. Cost shared with owner of property and City of St. Petersburg.



#### Sanitary Sewer Construction:

Contracts awarded of \$1,663,372 for Sanitary Sewer Construction. Now approximately 80% completed.

For additional information, see table of Individual Contracts.

#### Improvements to Public Buildings and other facilities:

New paving around Casino

Contract awarded for repairs to Municipal Pier

New boat pier, additional launching facilities, new extension of sea walling and clean up of east side of Gulfport Yacht Basin

New recreation and picnic area south of Yacht Basin

Night lighting for Hoyt Field, jointly improved by City of Gulfport and American Legion.

Extensive clean up and maintenance of City Parks and Parkways

Continued program of mowing private lots throughout City

These service, performed by your City Administration, all cost money your money. The following section covers in detail the City's income and expenditures in your behalf. We have also provided details of the City's financial position and a general accounting of our Capital Improvement Funds.

### SECTION III

How Much Does It Cost and Where Does It Come From?

## CITY OF GULFPORT GENERAL FUND — BALANCE SHEET

July 31, 1959

#### Assets

|  |             |              |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| Cash in Bank and on Hand                           |             |              |
| General Purpose Funds, Unrestricted .....          | \$71,280.67 |              |
| General Purpose Funds, Time Deposits .....         | 75,000.00   |              |
| Restricted Funds, Capital Improvements .....       | 44,369.04   |              |
| Total Cash .....                                   |             | \$190,649.71 |
| Accounts Receivable:                               |             |              |
| Garbage Collection Fees Receivable .....           | 1,579.40    |              |
| Other Accounts Receivable .....                    | 2,664.07    |              |
| Total Accounts Receivable .....                    | 4,243.47    |              |
| Less: Reserve for Slow Collections .....           | 1,134.00    |              |
| Net Accounts Receivable .....                      |             | 3,109.47     |
| Liens Receivable .....                             |             | 21,072.86    |
| Assigned Liens Receivable .....                    | 467.85      |              |
| Less: Reserve for Assignments .....                | 467.85      | —            |
| Receivable from Water and Sewer Revenue Fund ..... |             | 49,337.32    |
| Receivable from Construction Trust Fund .....      |             | 191.10       |
| Inventories:                                       |             |              |
| Public Works Department Materials .....            | 880.08      |              |
| Gas and Oil at Yacht Basin .....                   | 130.73      |              |
| Total Inventories .....                            |             | 1,010.81     |
| Prepaid Expense, Vacation Payroll .....            |             | 464.33       |
| Total Assets .....                                 |             | \$265,835.60 |

### SINKING FUND

Trial Balance — July 31, 1959

#### ASSETS

|                           |           |             |
|---------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Cash in Banks:            |           |             |
| Gulf Beach Bank .....     | \$ 280.87 |             |
| Union Trust Company ..... | 1,658.44  |             |
| Total Cash in Banks ..... |           | \$ 1,939.31 |
| Total Assets .....        |           | \$ 1,939.31 |

## 1959-60 BUDGET

### Summary by Departments

|                                    | 1957-58   |           | 1958-59   |               | 1959-60   |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
|                                    | Budget    | Actual    | Budget    | Actual & Est. | Proposed  | Council Adopted |
| 110 Legislative and City Clerk     | \$ 10,210 | \$ 9,714  | \$ 17,165 | \$ 12,825     | \$ 18,533 | \$ 18,533       |
| 210 Municipal Court                | 6,780     | 5,881     | 7,715     | 7,711         | 7,789     | 8,635           |
| 310 Executive                      | 9,086     | 9,032     | 11,350    | 11,001        | 11,675    | 11,675          |
| 320 General Admin.                 | 7,147     | 6,980     | 8,856     | 8,506         | 10,073    | 10,073          |
| 400 Finance Department             | 13,997    | 13,690    | 16,669    | 16,634        | 20,470    | 20,470          |
| 900 Police Department              | 36,471    | 35,146    | 41,983    | 40,252        | 60,253    | 60,031          |
| 911 Parking Meter Div.             | 15,761    | 2,684     | 550       | 468           | 2,200     | 2,200           |
| 920 Fire Department                | 6,150     | 5,039     | 6,850     | 5,486         | 7,007     | 6,507           |
| 930 Inspection Dept.               | 5,275     | 5,274     | 5,987     | 5,987         | 12,554    | 12,554          |
| 1000 Engineering Serv.             | 4,262     | 4,262     | 4,000     | 4,000         | 4,000     | 4,000           |
| 1011 Public Works Adm.             | 57,758    | 56,479    | 107,784   | 91,637        | 102,805   | 101,715         |
| 1012 Garbage & Trash               | 64,131    | 62,233    | 88,930    | 78,639        | 61,112    | 60,238          |
| 1014 Div. of Traffic Signs—Signs   | 1,398     | 1,227     | 2,050     | 1,100         | 1,750     | 1,750           |
| 1015 Material Costs—Other Services | 3,500     | 2,716     | 15,000    | 7,500         | 15,000    | 15,000          |
| 1101 Clam Bayou                    | 5,871     | 5,190     | 5,298     | 5,058         | 5,213     | 4,849           |
| 1102 Community Hall                | 1,376     | 1,173     | 2,051     | 1,811         | 2,789     | 2,789           |
| 1103 Beaches, Parks                | 6,419     | 5,381     | 10,295    | 8,632         | 13,271    | 13,271          |
| 1105 Casino                        | 23,400    | 22,743    | 25,634    | 24,616        | 25,980    | 25,980          |
| 1106 Library                       | 8,867     | 8,816     | 10,333    | 10,115        | 11,031    | 10,927          |
| 1310 Elections                     | 1,339     | 623       | 2,125     | 1,640         | 2,050     | 2,050           |
| 1400 Fixed Charges                 | 18,900    | 18,292    | 25,330    | 23,517        | 26,200    | 26,200          |
| 2500 Capital Improv.               | 77,250    | 76,870    | 154,445   | 96,025        | 152,000   | 152,000         |
| Sub-Total                          | \$385,348 | \$359,445 | \$570,400 | \$463,160     | \$573,755 | \$571,447       |
| Reserve for Contingencies          | 3         |           | 5,449     |               | 17,213    | 17,141          |
| TOTAL                              | \$385,351 | \$359,445 | \$575,849 | \$463,160     | \$590,968 | \$588,588       |

### FUNDED DEBT

#### Refunding Bonds Due 1975

|  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Balance Outstanding July 1, 1959 .....                 | \$159,250.00 |
| Less Bonds Called for Payment 8/1/59 .....             | 92,500.00    |
| NET AMOUNT OF REFUNDING BONDS OUTSTANDING 8/1/59 ..... | \$ 66,750.00 |

## SINKING FUND — TRIAL BALANCE

### LIABILITIES & SURPLUS

|  |              |            |
|--|--------------|------------|
| Liabilities:                                 |              |            |
| Bonds Called for Redemption                  |              |            |
| August 1, 1959 and Prior .....               | \$ 97,511.25 |            |
| Less: Funds Deposited with Paying Agent      | 97,511.25    |            |
| Net Liability for Called Bonds ....          |              | \$ —       |
| Interest Coupons Including                   |              |            |
| August 1, 1959 Maturity .....                | 5,584.55     |            |
| Less: Funds Deposited with Paying Agent      | 5,584.55     |            |
| Net Liability for Interest .....             |              | —          |
| Certificates of Indebtedness Matured .....   | 119.00       |            |
| Less: Funds Deposited with Paying Agent .... | 119.00       |            |
| Net Liability for Certificates .....         |              | —          |
| Accrued Tax Assessing Expense .....          |              | 284.28     |
| Total Liabilities .....                      |              | 284.28     |
| Surplus .....                                |              | 1,655.03   |
| Total Liabilities and Surplus                |              | \$1,939.31 |

## GENERAL FUND

### Summary of 1959-60 Revenue Budget

|                                | 1957-58   |           | 1958-59   |                    | 1959-60 Budget |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                | Budget    | Actual    | Budget    | Actual & Est. Rev. | Pro- posed     | Council Adopted |
| 100 Gen. Property Taxes        | \$ 46,500 | \$ 54,612 | \$ 61,750 | \$ 60,500          | \$101,528      | \$ 90,100       |
| 200 Permits, Licenses and Fees | 50,860    | 42,136    | 34,460    | 43,535             | 58,400         | 58,400          |
| 300 Police Court               | 5,000     | 5,654     | 5,550     | 4,000              | 4,500          | 4,500           |
| 400 Rev. fm Money & Prop.      | 52,580    | 53,950    | 56,067    | 55,400             | 49,467         | 49,467          |
| 500 Rev. fm Other Agencies     | 48,500    | 84,416    | 138,500   | 142,000            | 102,500        | 104,500         |
| 600 Service Charges            | 72,850    | 84,421    | 114,600   | 79,270             | 203,300        | 208,300         |
| Total                          | \$276,290 | \$325,189 | \$410,927 | \$384,705          | \$519,695      | \$515,267       |
| 900 APPROPRIATED SURPLUS       |           |           |           |                    |                |                 |
| General Fund Surplus           | 47,908    |           | 136,922   | 27,880             | 53,273         | 55,321          |
| General Improvement Fund       |           |           | 28,000    | 10,000             | 18,000         | 18,000          |
| 500 Trans. fm Water Dept.      | 61,153    | 62,158    |           | 40,575             |                |                 |
| GRAND TOTAL                    | \$385,351 | \$387,347 | \$575,849 | \$463,160          | \$590,968      | \$588,588       |

**CITY OF GULFPORT, FLORIDA**  
**Construction Trust Fund**  
**BALANCE SHEET AND APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT**  
**July 31, 1959**

Assets

|  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| Cash in Bank, Gulf Beach Bank .....  | \$ 231,268.37         |
| U. S. Treasury Bills Due in September, 1959,<br>Face Value \$900,000.00, at Cost ..... | 892,661.86            |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS .....</b>  | <b>\$1,123,930.23</b> |

Liabilities, Reserves and Appropriations

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Accounts Payable, Trade .....                                   | 4,806.25              |
| Payable to General Fund .....                                   | 191.10                |
| Reserve for Encumbrances,<br>Contracts in Progress .....        | 878,698.22            |
| <b>Appropriations:</b>  |                       |
| Total Appropriations for Sewer Project....                      | \$2,232,673.66        |
| Less: Expenditures and Encumbrances ....                        | 1,992,439.00          |
| <b>Net Balance of Appropriations .....</b>                      | <b>240,234.66</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES<br/>AND APPROPRIATIONS .....</b> | <b>\$1,123,930.23</b> |

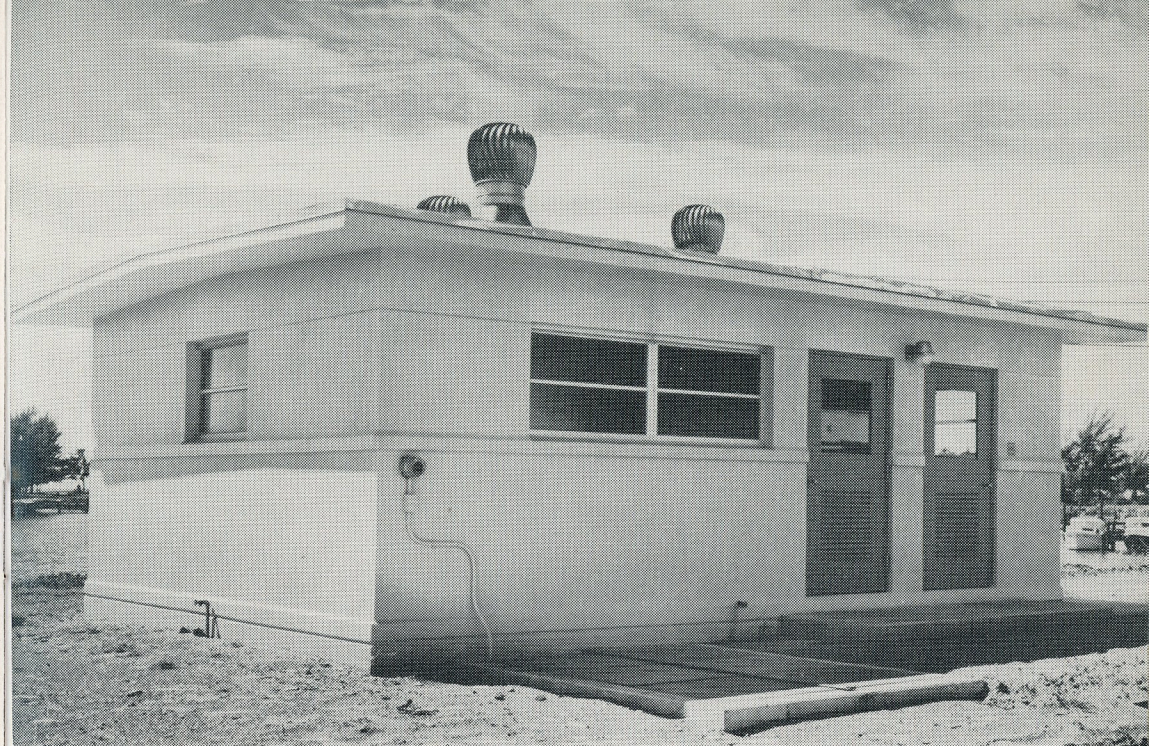
APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT

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| Bonds Authorized and Issued .....                              | \$2,200,000.00 |
| Interest Earned on U. S. Treasury Obligations .....            | 27,903.92      |
| Credit Received on Contract for Engineering Fees .....         | 4,000.00       |
| Income Received on Lateral Connections and Miscellaneous ..... | 769.74         |

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| <b>Total Appropriations for Sewer Project.....</b> | <b>2,232,673.66</b> |
| <b>Costs of Sewer Project:</b>                     |                     |

|  | <u>Expenditures</u>   | <u>Encumbrances</u> |                       |
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| Construction, Bumby and Stimpson .....     | \$ 389,400.98         | \$745,415.52        |                       |
| Construction, Cone Brothers .....          | 195,345.59            | 42,820.46           |                       |
| Construction, Giuliani Construction Co. .. | 122,873.63            | 55,305.43           |                       |
| Construction, Widell Associates .....      | 100,410.57            | 16,250.43           |                       |
| Construction, Misener and McEvoy .....     | —                     | 1,458.00            |                       |
| Engineering Fees, Smith and Gillespie .... | 82,620.91             | 17,448.44           |                       |
| Supervision and Inspection Fees .....      | 28,568.16             | 4,631.25            |                       |
| Bond Interest During Construction .....    | 90,217.50             | —                   |                       |
| Discount on Sale of Bonds .....            | 42,658.00             | —                   |                       |
| Legal Fees .....                           | 28,155.00             | —                   |                       |
| Fiscal Agent Fees .....                    | 22,000.00             | —                   |                       |
| Capital Equipment Purchases .....          | 4,645.14              | —                   |                       |
| Other Expenditures .....                   | 2,039.05              | 175.00              |                       |
| <b>TOTAL COSTS OF SEWER PROJECT</b>        | <b>\$1,108,934.53</b> | <b>\$883,504.47</b> | <b>\$1,992,439.00</b> |

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| <b>NET BALANCE OF APPROPRIATIONS</b> | <b>\$ 240,234.66</b> |
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**SECTION IV**

**WHAT IS IN THE FUTURE?**

This report has been devoted to the expression of who is serving you, what have we been doing and, last but not least, what is it costing. It would not be complete unless we gave you an inkling of what Gulfport Officials are planning for the future, our needs and aspirations. Many of the projects are now under way, others in the process of study for formal activation.

To plan for future projects one must first analyze our needs and our ambitions for a better and more responsive City Government. Even more important, we must recognize our capabilities to finance capital improvements, set up a time table and establish a priority.

Your City Council has, for the past few years, placed first things first. They have been and are concerned with meeting basic service needs ahead of important, but nevertheless non priority, projects. What has been done to give proof of this Council activity?

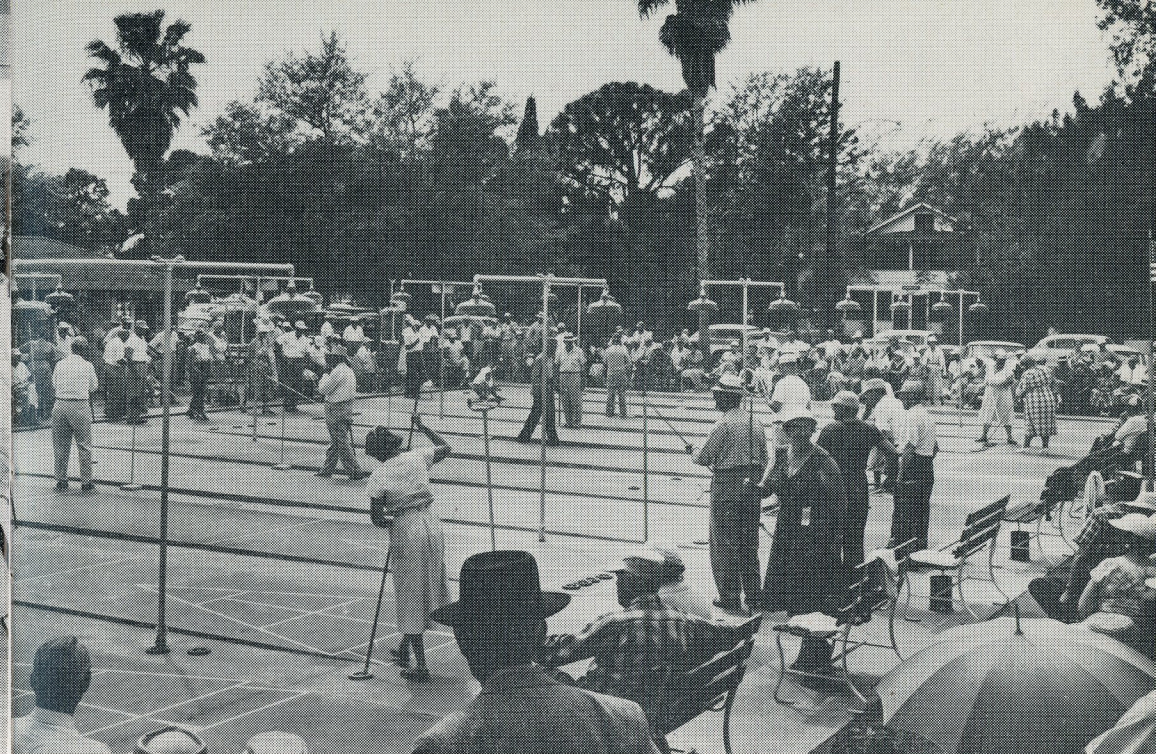
First, the Sanitary Sewer and Water Improvement Project now in process and due for completion by early 1960. This project, at a cost of \$2,200,000, will provide sanitary sewers to every improved property and service adjacent to every unimproved lot within the existing City limits of Gulfport.



What has this done for you, Mr. and Mrs. Gulfport? It has given you assurance that a proper sanitation condition exists in the entire City. A modern sanitation system to protect your health and the generations to follow you. Likewise, the investment you have made has added real value to every home and vacant lot in the City. Your City's expenditure of \$2,200,000 has added over Five Million in real property values. This is progress no one can scoff at.

The water improvements, included in the project, have been designed to insure you a continued supply of water to your homes. How many have experienced the hopeless feeling of turning on the household faucet with no flow? Your City is concerned, and has taken steps to insure water pressures are maintained and, as a side effect, reduce your fire insurance rate. These things are in your future, Mr. and Mrs. Gulfport. We believe you will agree that your City Government is concerned with your personal well-being and welfare.

There are four basic necessities recognized by municipal officials which are required for modern urban living. Three of them are "put out of sight and out of mind" too often by citizens who want to be able to see tangible evidence of their tax dollar expenditures. The fourth is before them and citizens are more prone to accept it. The three out-of-sight expenditures are sanitary sewers, water service and storm drainage, all buried out of sight under our soil, but nevertheless necessary. The fourth is streets and sidewalks which must come after the former three as they are built on top. What is your Council doing about the two necessities you still lack?



*Streets and Drainage:* Your City Council has entered into a contract with Smith and Gillespie, our present engineers, to perform a study to provide Storm Drainage and a Street Improvement Program for the entire City.

This program is designed to provide adequate storm drainage, pave and curb all presently unimproved streets, curb our existing asphalt streets and, finally, resurface approximately twenty miles of existing brick streets with durable asphalt concrete.

This project, expected to exceed  $1\frac{1}{4}$  million in cost, undoubtedly will be financed by a square foot assessment within drainage districts and a front foot assessment for street improvements, payable over a ten year assessment period.

*Street Lighting:* The 1959-60 Budget provides for new, improved street lighting on Beach Boulevard (55th Street) from Gulfport Boulevard to Boca Ciega Bay. These lights, already authorized, are the mercury vapor type now being utilized and installed on Gulfport Boulevard and 49th Street South during the past two years. In addition, all existing fixtures and twenty new lights of regular design have been authorized for 15th Avenue from 49th Street South west to Gulfport Boulevard.

*Yacht Basin:* The Yacht Basin, owned and operated by the City, has been experiencing rapid yearly improvements. The clean up of the east area adjacent to the boat basin is now completed. Seawall installed and additional boat facilities constructed, all with net income derived from



rent of boat slips, sale of gasoline etc. We anticipate a continuation of this progress if funds derived from the basin are permitted to be used for further improvements. The process is slow, but steady and most certainly in the correct direction. Existing plans call for complete seawalling, extension of slip and berth facilities and ever increasing activity. A profitable and worthwhile City project.

*Gulfport Pier and Beach:* At this writing of your Annual Report, a private contractor is busily engaged in restoring and making vitally needed repairs to your Municipal Pier. Another example of your City Council's interest in not only providing for your present and future needs, but protecting your City's capital assets. During the past two and one half years, more than \$50,000 has been expended in restoration of the Beach, the Gulfport Casino and now the Pier. The future? Who knows? We can all visualize magnificent improvements along our waterfront. A park, an Olympic Swimming Pool, an auditorium, hotels, etc. The citizens of this City will make the decision on what will be done. Your City Council has aided you in providing five acres of filled waterfront property. You own it. Your City Council, by vision and cooperative effort have built 58th Street from 28th Avenue South to the Bay, providing a north - south traffic artery from the heart of St. Petersburg to Boca Ciega Bay.

*Parks and Playgrounds:* Hoyt Field, lighted with modern mercury vapor lighting, can now be used by our youth more extensively than ever before. Continued cooperation between the City and The Andy Anderson Post

No. 125, American Legion can and will provide stands for adequate seating. Recreation to be enjoyed by a large segment of our citizens.

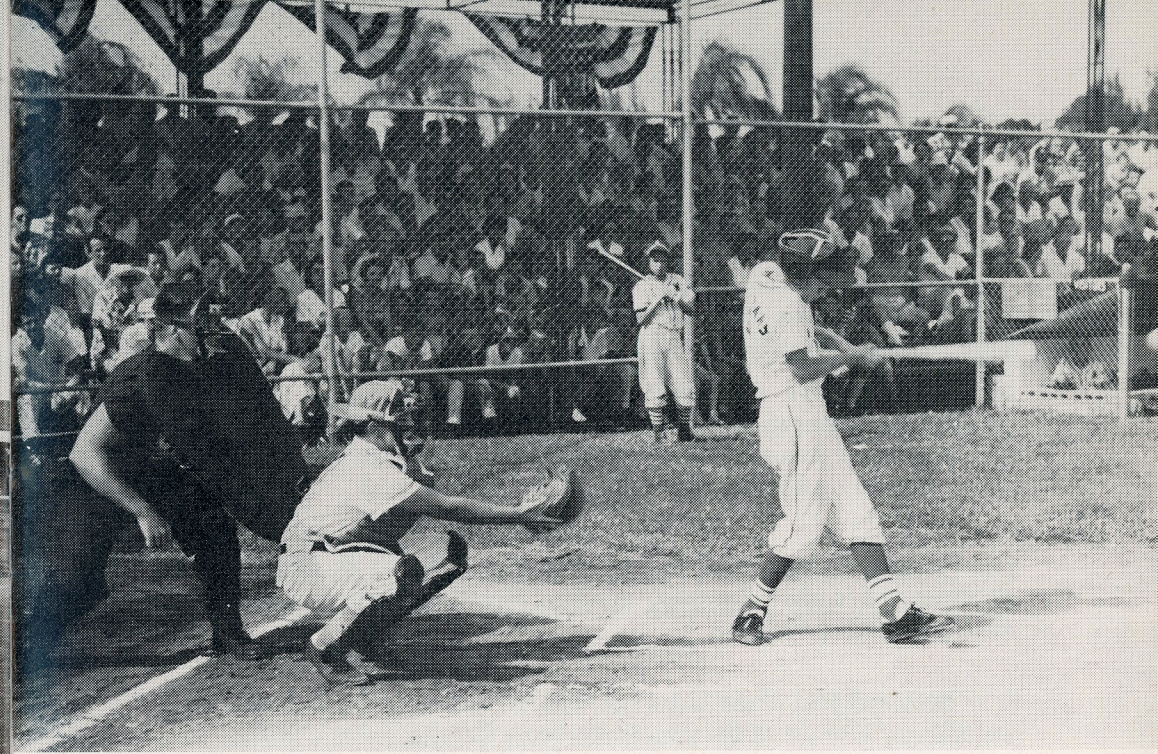
The new picnic area recently developed at the Yacht Basin will be expanded to provide additional recreational facilities and will include a sheltered, magnificent beach.

All City parkways and parks will continue to be improved. A system of lakes to be created in our Drainage Program will contribute immeasurably to City beautification.

These improvements in our City's future are all possible and involve real items we can visualize, tangible evidence of a City's progress. What about existing city services that we enjoy, or in some cases endure, from day to day—Police, Fire, Dust, Trash and numerous other city services?

Everything indicates that, as municipal services catch up with demands resulting from massive expansion of the City's population (3,000 in 1950. Estimated 10,000 in 1960), everyone will enjoy more prompt and responsive attention to meet their needs for urban living.

*Police:* The first important step was taken this year in expanding the City's Police Department from seven to twelve officers and providing our own vital radio communication system. No longer must we wait agonizing minutes to get a message through St. Petersburg's busy dispatcher to relay



information to our patrol cars; no longer must we leave the City without a single police officer on duty to protect you and your homes while the officer is escorting a law breaker to St. Petersburg's detention facilities. Your future in Gulfport has been made much safer with the services of a trained and adequate Police Force.

*Fire:* Your Fire Department will be equipped to meet your needs. As the City grows, so will the Department. If new equipment is needed and if full time Fire Department personnel is necessary to protect you and reduce your insurance, your City will respond, have no fear.

*Dust Control:* Unlike any other city in Pinellas County, your City has been waging a battle to control dust on unimproved streets. When will this end? When every street in the City is paved and dust free. Until that glorious day arrives, the battle against dust will continue. City Council has authorized oiling of all unimproved streets at the expense of the City's General Fund.

*Garbage and Trash:* The Garbage service providing for twice per week pick-ups was assumed by the City a bare year ago. This service will continue to maintain its excellent schedules.

Trash service will be improved as soon as we can provide more equipment and personnel, and even more important, a shorter haul for disposal.

New plans now under study are considering a bi-weekly pickup of trash, combined with household garbage, removing once and for all the ever present trash piles scattered along our City parkways and alleys. Our greatest contribution to this new and improved service will be your cooperation.

*Laws and Ordinances:* The codification of existing City Laws is now in process and is a process whereby each new law enacted is inserted into the code, providing more responsive action on the part of all City Officials in enforcing laws which are designed to protect all citizens from the abuses which can arise from urban living.

A new Zoning Ordinance now being prepared will modernize our private development with realistic use of land within our borders. At the same time, existing developments and private ownership will be protected from zoning changes now detrimental and "hodge podge" in magnitude.

We of the City's Administration and the City Council have faith and confidence in Gulfport and the people who live in it. If we appear enthused, it is because we see the opportunity, with your assistance, to make this a City we can all be proud to live, work and retire in.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

City Employees are desirous of rendering prompt, efficient and courteous service. They are loyal, hard working people who appreciate a pleasant word or smile the same as you do.

Do not be impatient with the clerk trying to help you. The employee had nothing to do with making the ordinances, rules or regulations with which you may not agree.

Do not ask for special favors or treatment. To do so places officers or employees in an embarrassing position, as partiality has no place in the administration of the City.

The employees of the Water and Sewer Department are not mind readers and can only act on the information given to them. Be sure to notify this department if you want the water service discontinued on a given date. The minimum charges continue if proper notification is not given. Be sure to notify by card or letter, allowing ample time for mail delivery, when you expect to return if water services was discontinued during your absence.

Remember City Hall is not open Saturdays or Sundays. Request turn-off or turn-on service so it can be done Monday through Friday, prior to 4 P.M. when the service men are through work for the day.

If your property is rented, be sure to inform the Water and Sewer Department of change of tenant. Correct billing cannot be made unless it is known when one party moves out and a new one moves in.

When renting your property, be sure to notify the Water and Sewer Department before the water is turned on so the usual \$10 deposit required from tenants can be obtained. This will protect you in part at least from the possibility of having to pay a delinquent Water and Sewer and Garbage bill incurred by your tenant.

If you sell your property, be sure to advise City Hall. Give name and address of new owner and date of title transfer; also ask for a reading of your water meter on the day you leave the property.

## WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE RATES

### Date of Billing:

Bills will be rendered monthly with the changeover from the present two months billing being made in November, 1959. The City is divided into sections for purposes of meter reading and billing so that each section has a different billing date.

### Minimum Water Bill:

Minimum water bill on all bills rendered on and after December 1, 1959  
\$2.00 for one month with water consumption of 2,000 gallons or less.

No water charge when water is turned off.

Consumption above the minimum is on a graduated scale, beginning at  
55.75c per 1,000 gallons above the minimum of 2,000 gallons.

15 to 31 days considered as a month.

### Sewer Service Charge:

\$2.50 per month for one living unit with kitchen facilities plus 15c per 1,000 gallons of water used in excess of 2,000 gallons.

\$1.25 per month for each additional living unit with kitchen facilities being served from one water meter.

\$1.25 per month "Sewer Service Standby Charge" for one living unit with kitchen facilities when the water is turned off for a period exceeding fifteen days and 60c for each additional living unit with kitchen facilities.

### Garbage Service Charge:

\$1.75 per month for one family unit.

88c per month for each additional living unit on same water meter.

88c per living unit when water is turned off.

## HOW TO DESTROY YOUR CITY!

In closing this 1958-59 Report, we would like you to read a quoted article from the Dawson (Ga.) News and was compiled by the Sedalia (Mo.) Democrat. An interesting observation is to figure how many of the ways apply to our own lives or to our fellow townman.

Don't pay taxes. Let the other fellow pay his. Vote against taxes. Then fuss because the streets are not kept up.

Never attend any of the meetings called for the good of the town. If you do, don't have anything to say. Wait until you get outside and then cuss those who made the suggestions. Find fault with everything that was done.

Get all the city will give you and don't give anything in return. Write unsigned letters to the editor demanding more for your tax money.

Talk cooperation, but don't do any work for your city unless you get paid for it. And by all means refuse to serve unless they make you chairman.

Never accept an office. It's easier to criticize than to do things. Accuse anybody who serves in an elected office of being a publicity seeker. (Or a crook.)

Don't do any more than you have to. When others willingly and unselfishly give their time to make a town better, howl because that town is run by a clique.

Don't back your fire department or your police department. If the firemen work to bring the insurance rates down, tell everybody that is what they are supposed to do. Don't thank them or the police for endangering their lives that you might have a safer town in which to live. Demand special treatment; raise Cain if anybody expects you to obey traffic and parking laws.

Look at every proposition in a selfish way. If you are not the one who gets the most good out of it, vote against it. Never consider what it will do for the town as a whole.

Don't do anything for the youth of the town. Criticize them as potential delinquents. Keep your feet on them. Encourage them to move away when they grow up.

If you have good town leaders, don't follow them. Take a jealous attitude and talk down every thing they do.

Don't work on any committee. Tell them, "I'm too busy."

Don't say anything good about your town. Be the first to point up its short-comings. Pretend that if trouble comes your way it will be residents of some other town who will visit you while you are ill; bring in their department if your home is burning; comfort you if you lose a dear one; stand back of you in disaster.

And don't support your local retail stores and industries. Claim the prices and services in stores of other towns are better. Claim industry and its payroll hurts the town. But if you need a donation, ask your local stores and industries for it. Expect them to back you, but don't back them.

If these 13 steps don't ruin your town, it isn't your fault.