

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260
ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FL. JULY 11, 2007, 7:30 PM

Mayor Manny Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Present: Mayor Manuel Fernandez; Vice Mayor Fred Furtado, Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley, Treasurer Michael Dahlgren, Councilmember Frank Austino, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Trela White, City Clerk Joan Cannata-Fox, Police Chief Robert Mangold and Utilities Director, Steve Mazuk.

Vice Mayor Fred Furtado moved to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held June 20, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley. Mayor Manny Fernandez requested the minutes be amended to reflect Congressman Ron Klein and not Senator Ron Klein in Paragraph two. Vice Mayor Furtado amended his motion to reflect the change, and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to add a number three to the Agenda under "Miscellaneous Business" to discuss Water Rate Schedule, which was seconded by Councilmember Frank Austino. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only for second and final reading, Ordinance No. 397, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Licenses and Business Regulations to Provide for a New Beginning Sale Date in Accordance with Recent Amendments to Florida Statutes. Councilmember Frank Austino made a motion to accept the Ordinance, which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only for second and final reading, Ordinance No. 398, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions with Regard to Loitering. Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley made a motion to accept the Ordinance, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only for second and final reading, Ordinance No. 399, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9, Licenses and Business Regulations, Creating a New Division 1 and 2 - to Reflect an Increase in the Communications Tax. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the Ordinance, which was seconded by Councilmember Frank Austino. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolution No.07-20 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Phillips & Jordan, Inc. for hurricane/disaster debris removal. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business: After a lengthy discussion, Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to set a meeting of Council for July 18, 2007 at 5 PM to set the millage rate for the City of Atlantis. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley.

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to set Wednesday, September 12, 2007, in Council Chambers, at 5:01 PM as the date, place and time for the First Budget Hearing, which was seconded by Councilmember Frank Austino. Motion carried 5-0.

The County assessed the City of Atlantis an increase of 15 cents per 1,000 gallons of water. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to send a notice in the July water bills regarding a proposed increase of 15 cents per 1,000 of gallons of water, which would translate to approximately 75 cents per month per household. This matter will be discussed at a Public Hearing in the next council meeting on August 15, 2007, at which time a possible sewer increase will be discussed. This motion was seconded by

Councilmember Frank Austino. Motion carried 5-0. It was recommended that the newsletter explain the reason for the increase to residents.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public.

Claudine Siebert of 519 Pine Tree Court asked about a rumor she heard that one of the golf courses was selling 9 holes for a possible residential development. This is a rumor that has been circulating for years and as far as Council knows is totally unfounded. Pat Thorne of 540 Woodland Circle stated that she felt that the watering restrictions should not be lifted in Atlantis. One day per week should be sufficient for watering with the rain that we have experienced lately. The county is back to Phase II restrictions as of today.

Greg Kerr of Weiser Security introduced himself and presented Mr. Lonnie Plank, the Senior Account Manager. He informed Council that he was looking into the recent concerns, some of which have been rectified and some that are being addressed. Mayor Fernandez stated that hopefully the efforts expended would be noticed soon or the City would go out for bid for a new security service. We want the level of service that we have been guaranteed by contract. Mr. Kerr stated that he would continue to monitor the situation.

League of Cities Report, City Manager Thornton reported that there was no Board Meeting so far this month. The next meeting is a General membership Meeting and is scheduled for July 25, 2007. Regarding the Shoppes of Atlantis, City Staff met with the Property Owner and their engineer regarding the lighting plan. This matter is due for hearing on July 19, 2007 at which time the City will request a daily fine until compliance. The City Manager has been in touch with the Spivey Group regarding the temporary construction easement for Congress Avenue. She has also talked with representatives of Miller Legg regarding this. The City Manager has been in touch with the County regarding reimbursement for landscaping along Congress. The City Manager will go ahead and obtain bids, possibly in the spring. The City Manager has obtained a Variance from the South Florida Water Management District regarding the splash pad. It will now be open from 11am-12 Noon on Tuesday and Thursday and from 12-2 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Since the County has reverted back to Phase II water restrictions, the City Manager will check to see if these hours of operation can be extended. A reverse 911 will go out to residents when the hours are determined and the information will be in the August 2007 newsletter. The Atlantis Inn property will be seeded within the next ten days. A Committee has been formed to firm up the details for the Bike-A-Thon in September and they will be meeting shortly.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month. City Attorney Trela White informed Council that the Mayor of Weston, Florida has filed a property tax lawsuit disputing the verbiage that will be on the January 2008 ballot which is confusing and misleading. They welcome any other cities that would like to join the suit.

City Council Members - Councilmember Frank Austino – no comments. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado mentioned the trash situation and the debris left behind in the City on Mondays and Thursdays. The City Manager will contact our representative from Waste Management to discuss the situation and the hours of operation in the City. Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley had no comments. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren mentioned that he has seen pets running loose in the early morning hours - perhaps the source of some of the garbage debris. Mr. Dahlgren said that the numbers still look pretty good. Mayor Manny Fernandez reminded the public that the City does not plan any cutbacks. Rollback is what rollback is ... and we will make it work without cutting the services our residents have come to expect.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

City Clerk

Mayor Manny Fernandez

Note: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing procedures of which these minutes are a part, and is on files in the office of the City Clerk.