

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260
ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FL on DECEMBER 19, 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.

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren moved to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 14, 2007. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frank Austino. Motion carried 5-0.

Representative Shelley Vana spoke regarding the recent legislative session, the tax issue and other matters. She attempted to answer Council's questions but had no solutions. She also discussed the recent SBA crisis. She stated that her office was open to Council and residents alike for any questions they might have.

City Attorney White read by title only for second and final reading, Ordinance No.401, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, at Article VII - Minimum Property Standards. Mr. Paul Kintz of 208 Walton Heath Drive addressed Council and stated that he had issues with Paragraph #7 of this Ordinance. He discussed the property on Orange Tree Drive where the Atlantis Inn once stood and his plans for the property. After a lengthy discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Cantley stated that he would be in favor of eliminating paragraph 7. William Mitchell, 261 N. Country Club Drive made some comments about the property and the driveway situation. Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 401, eliminating Paragraph #7, which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. A further discussion followed and Mayor Pro Tem Cantley amended his motion to accept Ordinance No. 401, with the elimination of #7 and the re-numbering of Paragraphs #8 and 9 as Paragraphs #7 and 8. This was seconded by Michael Dahlgren and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public. Pat Thorne, 540 Woodland Circle told Council that her son (who grew up in Atlantis) returned for a visit and was very impressed by fact that Atlantis was very child friendly.

Miscellaneous Business: League of Cities/ City Manager's Report. City Manager Thornton reported on the tax amendment recently passed by the legislature and that the League of Cities came out against the amendment. The City Manager asked whether they wished to take a position on the issue. Council would like to provide information in the next newsletter and leave it up to each individual to vote. Council as to how to inform our residents of the developments. City Manager Thornton reported on the status of the State Board of Administration and she is interviewing banks for new services for the City. The Police Pension Fund has been touched by the same crisis as the SBA and City Manager has discussed the matter with Northern Trust and may be considering other options for administration of the account. There will be a Pension Board meeting as soon as possible after the first of the year. The Golf Cart Parade was a big success in spite of the rain and about 850 meals were served. In 18 months, Atlantis will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. City Manager Thornton suggested to Council that a committee be formed to make suggestions for some festivities to mark the occasion. There will be an announcement in the newsletter asking for committee members. City Manager Thornton suggested an ongoing meeting between the managers of the Golf Club and the Country Club, herself and perhaps the Mayor or another member of Council. After a lengthy discussion, Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to set up a meeting between the City Manager, the Managers of the two clubs and the Mayor, which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Another discussion followed and the Vice Mayor amended his motion to set up ongoing meeting between the City Manager, the Manager of the Country Club, the Manager of the Golf Club and the Mayor until the members feel that it is no longer necessary. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley casting the declining vote. The City Manager gave Council a status report on the paving. The north wall is under design at this time.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month. He also read a letter from a grateful resident regarding Sgt. Mahoney and Officer Ferrara. The bank robbery suspect from March 2007 has been arrested and will be extradited to Florida in the near future. Also, they have identified three suspects in the Rosalita armed robbery and are hopefully going to make arrests shortly. The Chief had Sgt. Bergeron model the new police uniform which the Chief believes will be more comfortable and more suitable to the job than the previous uniforms. All the officers have tried out the new uniform and agree. It is sticker time again and Councilmember Dahlgren suggested that a note be in the newsletter regarding the obtaining and placement of the 2008 stickers.

City Attorney White reported on the status of the Lake Worth case which just received an adverse ruling from Judge Fine. They did file an appeal and Ms. White will be filing a Motion on behalf of the League of Cities shortly. Councilmember Frank Austino wished the Council and resident a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado stated that he has lived in Atlantis since 1970 and he wished to thank Atlantis Enterprises for being an asset to the City. Vice Mayor Furtado thanked City Manager Mo Thornton and Utilities Director Steve Mazuk for making the City so beautiful and for their hard work in putting together the Golf Cart Parade. He wished all a Merry Christmas. Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley has been in touch with Warren Newell's replacement regarding funding for the drainage problems on North Country Club and Walton Heath Drive. He is hoping that a positive response regarding the promised funding would be forthcoming after the first of the year. He wished everyone Happy Holidays. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren reported that the audit by Holyfield & Thomas has been completed and we should have a report at the next meeting. There is not much to talk about budget wise; tax money is starting to come in. Happy Holidays to all. Mayor Manny Fernandez requested that whatever funds are left in the Class A and all of the Class B of the SBA account be moved to the liability side of the accounting sheet. The Mayor asked for a status on the damage caused by the paving and was informed by City Manager Thornton that the matter was being resolved on an individual basis with each resident. The Mayor mentioned his dissatisfaction with the Guards. He asked for a status report on lighting at the Shoppes of Atlantis and was informed that there is a Code Enforcement hearing tomorrow and the Shoppes have filed their monthly status report. January 2008 is the expected date for arrival of the power poles. A discussion of the holiday lighting following and Council felt that the white lights were festive while not preferring any religion or belief over another. The Mayor wished all the happiest of holidays.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

City Clerk

Mayor Manny Fernandez

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