

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260
ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FL ON FEBRUARY 20, 2008 - 7:30 PM

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

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 Furtado moved to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on January 16, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolution No.08-05 – A Resolution responding to the invitation from the City of Greenacres, Florida, to join in negotiations for the creation of an interlocal service boundary agreement. Tom Lanahan, Planning and Engineering Director for the City of Greenacres made a presentation in support of the interlocal service boundary agreement. Following discussion, Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember Frank Austino. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public.

Vickie Rautbord of 413 N. Country Club Drive asked Council about the rumors she has been hearing about the Clubs. She was assured that these were just rumors. A lengthy discussion followed outlining the reason and purpose of the working group and the benefit of its continuance.

Ivan Goldberg of 244 Orange Tree Drive asked what was the meaning of “marketing”. He also mentioned his dislike for the duck population in Atlantis.

Barbara Allen, Property Manager for the Shoppes of Atlantis asked the status of the dead trees on the golf course.

Landish Barish of 330 Cedar Key Circle wanted to know what the discussion between the Clubs was about.

Dr. Karl Lozier of 334 Villa Drive South asked about the possibility of a candidate forum. Vickie Rautbord, 413 N. Country Club Drive advised that she will be hosting a meet and greet for the candidates at her home on February 29th. The residents will be informed of the details.

League of Cities Report, City Manager Thornton reported on the last meeting she attended and the various discussions regarding wireless initiative and impact fees. The Gala will be held in May and will be a lunch instead of a dinner. The overlay project is almost finished. The Pension Board met on February 19th and we are looking to the Board to give recommendations to Council for the future. There are plans for a Workshop with Council, Pension Board and the Pension Attorney for either March 3rd or 4th. The Working Group had its meeting on February 6th. There will be an article in the Home Section of the *Palm Beach Post* in March and it should show the Clubs and the City in a very positive light. Summer memberships were discussed as well as promotion of the clubs, working together but differentiating themselves. She reported on the status of the SBA situation. The City still has approximately \$400,000 in Plan “B”. As it matures, it will become liquid and move into Plan “A”.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month. He distributed a copy of a letter to Fox Security outlining the City's dissatisfaction with their services.

City Attorney Trela White reported on the three cases that she is following for the City which are moving along very slowly. She will keep Council posted on any developments. Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley stated he was thankful for the turnout at tonight's meeting for the rather "spirited" discussion. Win or lose, he will always take an interest in the future of Atlantis. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren said he did not have much to report, the utilities are on budget and everything seems to be on target. He thanked the Pension Board members for going over and above to bring information to the table for discussion. He congratulated Richard Brown on the very positive article that was in the *Sun Sentinel* highlighting his volunteer work on behalf of the City. Councilmember Dahlgren stated that he was disappointed with the sign display and reminded residents and candidates about the City ordinances regarding signs. Councilmember Frank Austino thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting. He mentioned the helicopter meeting on Thursday, February 21st and the importance of as many Atlantis residents as possible for attending. He assured the public that the private club is not going bankrupt, nor is it going anywhere, or selling any land to build houses. It is however looking for new members. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado thanked the public for coming out tonight. He advised Council and the residents that in four years Council has accomplished a great deal. When he became Mayor, he had two goals, one was the traffic light on Military Trail, the other to bring the police retirement plan into perspective. Both goals have been accomplished with the help of Council. Also the Splash Pad, tennis courts resurfaced, and the new fountain at the entrance. Vice Mayor Furtado mentioned how the Clubs have helped out with various City activities during the year and their assistance during the hurricane disasters. He complimented the City's outstanding police department and gave Steve Mazuk credit for keeping the City going during the hurricanes. Mayor Manny Fernandez told the public and Council that he had two jobs in his lifetime that was a source of pride. The first as a soldier in the United States Army, and the second as a member of the City Council. He mentioned the importance of attendance at the helicopter meeting on February 21st. Vice Mayor Furtado stated that it was not true that the City was subsidizing the two clubs.

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

City Clerk

Mayor Manny Fernandez

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