

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260
ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FL ON MARCH 19, 2008

Mayor Manny Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm immediately following the Organizational Meeting.

Present: Mayor Manuel Fernandez; Vice Mayor Fred Furtado, Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz, Treasurer Michael Dahlgren, Councilmember Catherine Higgins, 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 on February 20, 2008 and the Council Workshop held on March 4, 2008, which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Mayor Fernandez requested a change in the minutes removing a sentence from the last paragraph. Council agreed and the Motion carried 5-0.

Since the council meeting was beginning earlier than usual, Mayor Fernandez suggested a re-arrangement of the Agenda, and placing Comments from Members of the Public until after 7:30 pm. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to set comments from the public after 7:30 pm, which was seconded by Councilmember Catherine Higgins.

City Attorney White read by title only for first reading, Ordinance No. 402 – an Ordinance Amending Chapter 8.5-4, Definitions to Clarify the Definition of Screening. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren 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 first reading, Ordinance No. 403, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 13, Definitions to Clarify the Definition of Screening. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the Ordinance, with the modification to delete carport from permissive parking for boats, which was seconded by Councilmember Catherine Higgins. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only first reading, Ordinance No. 404, an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15, creating a Definition of Residential Use. The definition called for certain criteria to be met in order to retain residential use, including rental restrictions.

Residents present who commented on the proposed regulation:

Sheila Chapman, 375 Yorktowne Circle; Leslie Leckrone 569 S. Country Club Drive; Joy Decicco, 601 Cypress Key Drive; Vicky Rautbord 413 S. Country Club Drive; Richard Moore 232 Sudbury Drive; Al Lewis 281 N. Country Club Drive; Keller Lanahan, 256 N. Country Club Drive; Nancy Wolfe 465 Pine Tree Court; Jackie Taylor 404 S. Country Club; Emily Regan 455 Pine Tree Court, Rod Regan 455 Pine Tree Court, and William Mitchell 261 N. Country Club Drive. After a lengthy discussion and in view of the comments from the public, Michael Dahlgren made a motion to continue the matter and schedule a council workshop for further discussion. The date and time are to be determined. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolution No.08-07 – A Resolution Supporting HB43 and SB76 to Deter Gang Related Activity and Mayors against Illegal Guns. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to accept the Resolution, which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolution No. 08-08 – A Resolution Assessing a Lien for Unpaid Water Charges. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the

Resolution, deleting any reference to wastewater which was seconded by Councilmember Catherine Higgins. Motion carried 5-0

Miscellaneous Business:

The Mayor read and signed a Proclamation for April as Water Conservation Month in Atlantis.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public.

Pat Thorne, 540 Woodland Circle – expressed her appreciation to Council and congratulated Trela White on being named one of the 100 people in Palm Beach Country who makes things get done. She mentioned the political and real estate signs.

Leslie Leckrone of 569 S. Country Club Drive expressed her opinion regarding political signs showing an interested and active community.

Barbara Kreisman expressed her concerns regarding security, decals and violations.

Keller Lanahan expressed safety and other concerns regarding the widening of Congress Avenue – such as guardrails; losing the right hand turn land; landscaping around the hospital vicinity; bus stops in front of the hospital; bus shelters and pedestrian traffic.

Nancy Hogan of 434 Glenbrook Drive mentioned the gates at the JFK entrance.

Mayor Fernandez made comments and offered explanations regarding the concerns of the public.

Trela White explained the law regarding Code Enforcement, political signs and other concerns voiced by the public – what municipalities can and cannot do.

Kelly Taylor of 212 Orange Tree Drive stated that she moved to Atlantis because she didn't want to be in a HOA with the restrictions and fees.

League of Cities Report, City Manager Thornton reported on the last League of Cities meeting she attended

There is a meeting, luncheon and workshop on April 23, 2008 in Lantana if Council is interested in attending. The legislature is in session and we will wait to see if there are any changes regarding property taxes or the proposed one cent sales tax. The government investment Pool B still has \$300,000 in the fund with \$25,000 being shown as an unrealized loss.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month and read a letter of appreciation from a grateful resident regarding Officer Velez. The Chief stated that since giving Fox Security a thirty day notice regarding dissatisfaction with their services, they have been responsive thus far and have taken a proactive approach.

City Attorney White brought Council up to date on the various local cases. She requested that the Mayor on behalf of Council sign a letter regarding dual taxation for EMT services, which would be at no cost to the city. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to sign said letter, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Catherine Higgins thanked the public and appreciated the input of the residents who attended tonight's meeting. She stated that she was honored to be on Council. Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz thanked the public for their support and hoped that the attendance at meetings continued. He stated that he was looking forward to working for them. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado welcomed the two new Council members and former Mayor William Howell. Councilmember

Michael Dahlgren welcomed the new council member. He clarified his objection to the improper placement of the political signs. He informed Council of the possibility of the county raising utility water rates. We are five months into the year and he is a little disappointed by the numbers. He and the City Manager will look into the matter further after the six month mark. Mayor Manny Fernandez welcomed the new members and wished them luck. He mentioned the possibility of annexation north of the L14 Canal. Mayor Fernandez informed the public that Council and not any one individual makes decisions for the city. He acknowledged the presence of former Mayor Bill Howell. The Mayor expressed his gratitude to the Atlantis Police Department regarding two recent incidents, at one of his offices and personally. He urged the public that if they have any concerns, they should get in touch with city staff immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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.