

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FL ON AUGUST 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 Kintz, Treasurer Michael Dahlgren, Councilmember Catherine Higgins, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Trela Davis, City Clerk Joan Cannata-Fox, Police Chief Robert Mangold and Utilities Director Steve Mazuk.

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren moved to approve the minutes of the Local Planning Agency and the City Council Meeting held on July 16, 2008. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Catherine Higgins. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz made a Motion not to read Resolution No.08- 19– A Resolution Assessing A Lien for Unpaid Water Charges for 100 Westwood Court (John Terry) since the utility charges have been paid. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Michael C. Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution No.08- 15– A Resolution Assessing A Lien for Unpaid Water Charges for 457 Glenbrook Drive (RolandoHerrera/Sixto Figueroa). Councilmember Catherine Higgins made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution No.08- 16– A Resolution Assessing A Lien for Unpaid Water Charges for 181 Atlantis Blvd., Unit A (Todd Gerst). Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution No.08- 17– A Resolution Assessing A Lien for Unpaid Water Charges for 725 Muirfield Circle (Gloria Trocha). Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution No.08- 18– A Resolution Assessing A Lien for Unpaid Water Charges for 169 Atlantis Blvd., #303 (Janice LaForte). Councilmember Catherine Higgins made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution No.08- 20– A Resolution Assessing A Lien for Unpaid Water Charges for 524 Muirfield Drive (Osvaldo Rosa) Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to accept the Resolution which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution No. 08-21 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Waste Management for Removal of Storm Debris. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the Resolution, which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Motion carried 5-0

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution No. 08-22 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Allegiance Security Services. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the Resolution, which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Motion carried 5-0

Miscellaneous Business:

City Manager Mo Thornton discussed the plans for the 50th anniversary celebration. There will be a parade, ceremony, buffet dinner and conclude with fireworks. The plan includes a nominal charge for the event. The consensus of the Council was that the 50th Anniversary planning committee was headed in the right direction.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public.

Suzi Lynch, 535 Forestview Drive commented on the outdated decals, the gates on Military Trail and inquired as to the status of the rental cases that were heard by the Special Magistrate.

Virginia Vila, 437 S. Country Club Drive expressed her concern about overgrown hedges close to the road posing a danger to drivers and walkers.

Pat Thorne, 540 Woodland Circle expressed the same concerns as Virginia Vila about the hedges.

William Mitchell, 261 N. Country Club Drive mentioned the mailbox plantings as being a possible obstruction of view.

League of Cities Report, City Manager Thornton reported that the League Board of Directors and General meeting will be held on August 27, 2008. The League of Cities Golf Tournament will be held at Atlantis on October 10th. Florida Power and Light is offering cities early renewal on their contracts; Atlantis is due to renew in 2012. After discussion, it was suggested that the City Manager talk with Florida Power and Light and offer an alternate plan outlined by the Mayor and report back to Council. The Police Pension Board directed Northern Trust to sell the assets and move them into mutual funds for the time being with the possibility of an annuity in the future. There is a vacancy on the Pension Board. There will be an announcement in the newsletter regarding the Position. The City Manager would like to schedule a Budget Workshop with Council, possibly Wednesday, September 3rd. Also a Joint Workshop with Council and the Architectural Review Committee was suggested, for Wednesday, September 3rd.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month. He read a letter of Commendation from Anthony Napolitano regarding a rescue call handled by Officers Jones & Raftery. City Attorney Davis reported that there is a pending sale of the FRIMA property. In the meantime our fine money is sitting in an escrow account. After discussion, Council advised Attorney Davis that if there is no resolution to this matter within five days, the City should proceed toward foreclosure. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren stated that we are roughly on the financial track that we talked about in May. When the August numbers are finalized, we should have a clearer picture. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado just returned from vacation so didn't have any comments. Councilmember Catherine Higgins urged everyone to support the Bike-A-Thon and the Heart Walk either by physically participating or making a financial contribution. She suggested that all Council related meetings start at 7:30PM since the public is used to that time. There was no objection from Council. Since we are reviewing the Security Agreement, it was her suggestion that there be more consistency in the behavior of the guards at the gates. Mayor Manny Fernandez inquired of City Attorney Davis the possibility of handling the Lien Resolutions differently. That may be addressed when the City revises some of the components of Code Chapter 14. The Mayor asked about Code Enforcement and mentioned a number of roofs that needed cleaning. The Code Enforcement Officers will look into this immediately.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 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.