

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260
ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FL ON DECEMBER 17, 2008 - 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 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.

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren moved to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on November 19, 2008. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business:

Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz made a motion to approve the appointment of the law firm of Vance, Doney and MacGibbon as Special Magistrate for Code Enforcement, which was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public. There were no comments.

League of Cities Report, City Manager Thornton reported on the last meeting she attended. She announced that Jay Foy and Michael Dahlgren had been appointed to the water resources task force, so our City should be well represented. City Manager Thornton announced that she had received notice from the State that our revenues would be off by about 5% of the projected revenue so we will be losing about \$20,000, but will be receiving an additional \$16,000 from the telecommunication tax. We have received 84% of the Ad Valorem tax revenue. A stipulation agreement will be entered on the 524 Muirfield Drive code enforcement case at the Special Magistrate Hearing to accept \$25,000 as settlement of all fines, costs, etc. There is a 50th anniversary committee meeting on Monday.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month. He read a letter commending Sgt. William Amason for his conduct following an auto accident and another letter commending Sgt. Sean Mahoney and Officer Michele Ferrara who responded to an emergency call on December 2, 2008.

After the Chief's report, resident Dorothy May Angelos asked to speak regarding the vandalism of holiday decorations. The Chief has the matter under investigation.

City Attorney White brought the Council up to date on the Lake Worth case. She also informed Council regarding the Miami-Dade Delegation regarding the Resolutions against surcharges for services such as water and sewer outside the City's jurisdiction. Councilmember Catherine Higgins wanted to commend Sgt. Sean Mahoney regarding his actions when he saw workers outside her home. The Golf Cart Parade was a tremendous success, thanks to all who took part in it. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado commended city staff for the great job they did on the Golf Cart Parade. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren didn't have many comments about the finances since City Manager Mo Thornton had covered most of the items. Looking ahead to next year, we could lose 10% of ad valorem taxes, so we have to be looking for ways to cut costs. Councilmember Dahlgren announced that he would continue to report on the whitefly issue as information becomes available. Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz thanked City staff for the hard work to make the Golf Cart Parade a huge success. The attendants at the gates are doing a good job. There is a flag pole at the front gate, and Mayor Pro Tem Kintz suggested that we fly the flag, remove the

pole, or perhaps relocate it. Council will look at it and notify the City Manager of their feelings. Mayor Manny Fernandez asked about the State Board of Administration A & B Funds. He directed City Manager to move our funds out as soon as possible. The Mayor had a positive meeting with County Commissioner Shelley Vana. Since Warren Newell and his successor have failed to deliver on services promised, hopefully the new administration will. We still have drainage issues that need attention. Code Enforcement has been positive in that the homes, driveways and lawns are looking good. He congratulated City Attorney Trela White on being named City Attorney of the Year. Each Council member wished all in attendance a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren informed the public of a letter received from Mr. & Mrs. Zimmerman complimenting the City for the wonderful Golf Cart parade festivities.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

City Clerk

Mayor Manny Fernandez

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