

CITY OF ATLANTIS  
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 18, 2009

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

Present: Mayor Manny Fernandez, Vice Mayor Fred Furtado, Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz, Councilmember Michael C. Dahlgren, Councilmember Catherine Higgins, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Keith Davis, Utilities Director Steve Mazuk, Police Chief Robert G. Mangold, and City Clerk Jude M. Cochran.

Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on October 21, 2009. Councilmember David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Ordinance 410, an ordinance amending Chapter 4, providing for regulation of paint colors. Vice Mayor Furtado made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Ordinance 411, an ordinance amending Chapter 15, providing for a permit when painting. Councilmember Catherine Higgins made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public: Craig Mitchell of 261 North Country Club Drive commented that he hopes there are no loopholes in the ordinances 410 and 411 allowing people to paint half of their homes at a time. He also asked council what the city is doing with the ficus trees in the city that are infected with whitefly. City Manager Mo Thornton informed Mr. Mitchell that the city intends on treating or replacing the ficus as needed. Mrs. Patricia Thorne of 540 Woodland Circle asked who is responsible for the care of the flags in the city. Mrs. Thorne also comment on the garbage services and expressed she did not care for the way the new company is leaving the garbage at the curb before placing it on the truck. She also informed council that the City of Greenacres has passed a resolution prohibiting texting while driving, and suggested that the City of Atlantis consider the same. Mrs. Thorne commented that her 5 year old twins would be visiting soon from out of town and were excited to come to Atlantis and go to the park with the "splash pad". Linda Casale of 157 Atlantis Blvd. addressed the council with an idea to promote local businesses and asked for permission to use the Atlantis Logo. Mayor Fernandez recommended that Ms. Casale meet with the City Manager to discuss the idea.

City Manager Mo Thornton reported on the League of Cities and reminded council of the Annual Barbeque on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The Municipal Election Committee is still working with the Supervisor of Elections. They will recommend an agreement to the cities for their individual consideration. Mrs. Thornton spoke with Marie Tynan about using the same judges for the Home Decorating Contest as for the golf cart parade. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren expressed an interest in judging as well. Atlantis Country Club has donated dinner gift certificates for the top three winners of the contest, which will be announced in the January Newsletter. The city's Ad Valorem taxes are starting to come in. The city is working on the annual Minimum Property Standards throughout the city. The voting for the name for West Park will close on Friday November 20, 2009; so far Ken Seaquist Memorial Park and Sunset Park have the most votes.

Chief Robert Mangold gave the police activity report for the month of October.

City Attorney Davis gave an update on the Code Enforcement Case at 108 Turnberry Court and its progress. He also advised that use of the City Logo would have to be approved by the City Council.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the Councilmembers: Councilmember Catherine Higgins said she was impressed with the quick action of the City Manager and the Architectural Review Committee regarding the red roof. She asked for further explanation of the city's ficus hedges and whitefly situation. Councilmember Dahlgren explained how the treatment works. Councilmember Higgins would like to explore replacing the ficus versus treating it. She also commented on the Mayor's article in the newsletter regarding the residents donating to the Employee's Holiday Fund. She hoped that since staff did not get a raise this year that residents would donate. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado said he recently attended the homecoming party at the Golf Club. Residents approached him with questions about the whitefly problems in the city. He said there were also comments about the water lily problem in the lakes. City Manager Thornton advised the city is working on the situations with regular spraying and maintenance. Councilmember David Kintz expressed a thank you to Steve Mazuk in his hard work. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren advised that new legislation on the state level is being passed down through DEP regarding fertilizer application by homeowners. The County may be acting on this as soon as 2012. Councilmember Dahlgren made a brief presentation regarding the City Manager's performance and the yearend financial results. Councilmember Dahlgren made a motion that City Manager Mo Thornton be noted as receiving a satisfactory evaluation for efforts provided to the city. The evaluation is based on exemplary effort, professionalism, dedication and leadership. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Before adjourning the meeting, Mayor Fernandez asked for any further comments from the public. Jackie Taylor asked when the Congress Ave widening project would begin. City Manager Thornton will check into the matter.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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Jude M. Cochran, City Clerk

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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