

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2009

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, Councilmember Michael C. Dahlgren, Councilmember Catherine Higgins, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Trela White, City Clerk Jude M. Cochran, and Utilities Director Steve Mazuk and Chief Robert G. Mangold.

Vice Mayor Fred Furtado moved to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting held on April 15, and the Budget Workshop held on May 6, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Motion carried 5-0.

Palm Beach County Planner, Brian Davis presented a slide show regarding the Urban Redevelopment planned for the County just north of our city limits on Congress Ave and how it could extend to our commercial area on Congress Ave.

District 85 State Representative Joseph Abruzzo spoke to the council and the public about his freshman year in the legislature. Representative Abruzzo has an office on State Road 7 in Wellington.

Mayor Fernandez acknowledged former Councilmember Frank Austino in the audience.

City Attorney Trela White read the first reading of Ordinance 409 an ordinance adopting the most recent building code and technical amendments. Councilmember Dahlgren made a motion to accept the ordinance, which was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Kintz. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolutions 09-10 a resolution placing a lien on 3260 Roberts Lane, Lake Worth for unpaid utility charges. Councilmember Cathy Higgins made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolutions 09-11 a resolution placing a lien on 4860 32nd Drive South, Lake Worth for unpaid utility charges. Councilmember Cathy Higgins made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0

City Attorney White read by title only Resolutions 09-12 a resolution placing a lien on 3168 McSherry Drive, Lake Worth for unpaid utility charges. Councilmember Cathy Higgins made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolutions 09-13 a resolution placing a lien on 3150 McSherry Drive, Lake Worth for unpaid utility charges. Councilmember Cathy Higgins made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolutions 09-14 a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Lanzo Lining Services. Mayor Pro Tem Kintz made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Councilmember Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public.

DJ Lorenzo of Lake Worth addressed council and the public to announce he would be running for District 85 Representative in 2010.

Tom Lanahan thanked City Manager Thornton for inviting him to the council meeting to share his opinion of the Urban Redevelopment Area. Mr. Lanahan stated he works for the City of Greenacres and they will be participating in Urban Redevelopment Area activities.

City Manager Mo Thornton reported on the last League of Cities meeting she attended. Supervisor of Elections, Susan Bucher attended the meeting and discussed the counties position on future elections and the fees that will be passed along to the municipalities.

City Manager Thornton invited all council members to participate in League of Cities Installation Banquet on May 29, 2009. Mrs. Thornton will be installed for the 11th year as an Officer. City Manager Thornton discussed installing red light violation cameras in the city and the revenue it could generate under the code enforcement ordinances. The city is still in negotiations with Lake Worth over sewer rates. The millage rate is due in July. Waste Management will not be renewing their contract with the city for garbage removal. The garbage service will be up for bid. The standing events committee met recently and is moving forward on plans. The bike-a-thon has been moved back until October this year.

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

City Attorney White reported the Dual Tax suit was lost and the cities will continue to pay for county dispatchers.

Councilmember Catherine Higgins asked how the progress of the tennis courts was coming along. Councilmember Higgins said residents are approaching her about taxes, asking they not be raised this year. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado said he recently had hip surgery and did not have any specific concerns tonight as he has been recovering. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren reported on the budgets and balance sheet. The Utility Department's Sewer is below budget due to Lake Worth's billing being behind. Councilmember Dahlgren also commended department heads on controlling budgets and staying on track. Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz said that he was absent last meeting and wished to thank City Manager Thornton, Utility Director Steve Mazuk, Police Chief Robert Mangold and all the volunteers that worked on the 50th Anniversary. He stated that the fireworks display was spectacular and he felt the Anniversary celebration cheered up the city. Mayor Pro Tem Kintz said he will take a diligent hand in the tennis court resurfacing. Mayor Fernandez said he was at a recent event at the Country Club and overheard the employees speaking about the 50th Anniversary and how wonderful it was. He had a friend compare Atlantis's fireworks with those at Sunfest. Mayor Fernandez read the County Commission Proclamation marking June 19, 2009 as the official 50th Anniversary of Atlantis. Mayor Fernandez spoke of this year's budget and encouraged all residents to attend the budget workshops. He said this was going to be a very creative year and they were going to make sure they worked very hard to do what's right for the city. He also commented on the new Library on Lantana Road and what a nice facility it is. Mayor Fernandez was approached by a resident asking if the city was planning on putting in a walkway and gate on Lantana Road, the mayor expressed this was not financially affordable at this time.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Jude M. Cochran, 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