

CITY OF ATLANTIS  
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010

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 Dahlgren, Councilmember Catherine Higgins, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Keith Davis, Utilities Director Steve Mazuk, Police Chief Robert Mangold, and City Clerk Jude M. Cochran.

Councilmember David Kintz made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on December 16, 2009 meeting. Councilmember Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Councilmember Dahlgren pointed out that the vote was missing from Resolution 9-40. Mr. Kintz and Mrs. Higgins amended the motion to include the corrections. Motion carried 5-0.

Under Miscellaneous Business, David Thomas from Holyfield and Thomas presented the 2008-2009 Financial Audit. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the audit. Councilmember David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only the first reading of Ordinance 412, an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Code Enforcement. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren requested the wording in section 2-93 be amended. Vice Mayor Furtado agreed to the amendment and Councilmember Higgins seconded the amendment. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution 10-01, a resolution naming the Supervisor of Elections to the Atlantis Canvassing Board. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilmember Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution 10-02, a resolution supporting the Application for a State Grant that will utilize Federal stimulus money from the Department of Energy. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilmember David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution 10-03, a resolution for contract for Tennis Court Resurfacing with Professional Courts and Supplies. Councilmember David Kintz made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilmember Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado asked members of the public their opinion on which surface they felt was best. Rob De Cesare commented that the Plexi Cushion was better for the adult players. Mayor Fernandez read an email letter from resident Judy Wilkinson, stating her preference is for the Plexi-Cushion. After a discussion, Councilmember David Kintz amended his motion to accept option B of the contract, to include the Plexi-Cushion or equal on all the tennis courts in both parks. The basketball court will remain a painted surface. Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution 10-04, a resolution providing for liens to be placed on certain properties in the Atlantis Water Service Area. Councilmember Catherine Higgins made a motion to accept the resolution. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution 10-05, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a certain Business Associate Agreement with JFK Medical Center. Councilmember David Kintz made a motion to accept the resolution. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public: Pat Thorne of 540 Woodland Circle commented that she has observed several landscaping companies in the city, not using orange cones while working. She would like to see the Police Department enforce the use of orange cones. She also thanked Steve Mazuk and the City Hall staff for their quick action on resolving her water problem recently. Mrs. Thorne said she has read several articles in the newspaper that the Supervisor of Elections would like all municipalities to run their elections in November with the County and State Elections. Mrs. Thorne asked council if this is something the city could consider. Mayor Fernandez stated that at this time the city is not considering it.

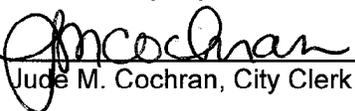
City Manager Mo Thornton reported on the League of Cities activities. The League is undertaking the initiative to add a youth delegation program to the by-laws. This program sends youth to the National League of Cities and Florida League of Cities Conferences. The league is also filing for an official IRS letter ruling on the tax status for a 501 C-4 status to enable clearer fundraising for events. Under the City Manager's report, Mrs. Thornton reported that the date has been picked for the Spring Fling; on Sunday, April 18, 2010. Both Clubs will be participating in the event and there will be a car and boat show, followed by 9 holes of family golf, dinner, and fireworks to end the night. The cost of the event will be covered by sponsors and attendees. Mrs. Thornton updated the council and public on the Country's widening of Congress Ave. The city will be pursuing energy grants for a retro-fit of city buildings and facilities.

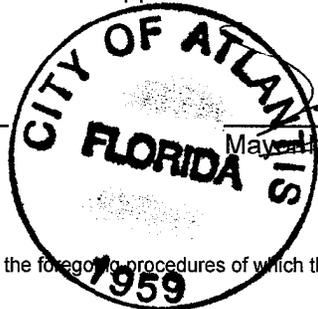
Chief Robert Mangold gave the police activity report for the month of December.

City Attorney Davis gave brief update on Senate Bill 360 the bill is making its way through the courts.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from Councilmembers: Councilmember Catherine Higgins is excited about the Spring Fling and glad we are able to raise the money to hold it again this year, as she enjoyed last year's event. Councilmember Higgins said she is waiting patiently for the ficus at the west entrance to come back. She also asked the City Manager about the ficus on Congress Ave. and if it would be affected by the road widening project. Councilmember Higgins said she was going to address some of the properties in the city with poor landscaping but decided to wait due to the recent cold weather that has affected many lawns, including hers. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado asked the city manager who is responsible for replacing the sprinklers in the islands after the road widening project is complete. Vice Mayor Furtado said that several people have complained to him about the new decals and he personally would like the city to go back to the exterior decals for next year. Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz said he is looking forward to this year's Spring Fling and commented on how good last year's event was. Treasurer Michael C. Dahlgren said the balance sheet looks good. The budget also looks good. Mayor Fernandez commented on how well the city did on the audit. Mayor Fernandez said he is proud to be part of a city that can get the budget within such a small percent of the numbers and he appreciates the staff for all their hard work on it.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

  
Jude M. Cochran, City Clerk



  
Mayor Manny Fernandez

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