

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Vice Mayor David Kintz called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting on August 18, 2010, as amended, the First Budget Hearing on September 8, 2010 and the Special Council Meeting on September 8, 2010. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

City Attorney Davis read by title only Resolution 10-23, a Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with JFK Medical Center for Emergency Room Service. Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Vice Mayor David Kintz asked for comments from the public: Richard Brown of 109 Westwood Court commented on the removal of the political signs through out the city. Chief Mangold will look into the mater. Ivan Goldberg of 244 Orange Tree Drive commented on the County's budget hearing and the announcement to cut the Eagle Drug Farm Program. Mr. Goldberg would like council to reach out to the county and try to prevent this from happening. Craig Mitchell of 261 North Country Club commented on the appearance of the Citgo Gas Station on the corner of Lantana Rd. and Congress Ave. He also asked council to address the situation where golf carts are not respecting private property in the city.

City Manager Mo Thornton gave the League of Cities report. The League of Cities will meet again Wednesday, September 22 in Delray Beach. City Manager Thornton suggested to council that they purchase a new police vehicle with the money left in the 2009-2010 budget. Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to purchase a new vehicle. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. City Manager Thornton informed council briefly on the Lake Worth Sewer issue.

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

City Attorney Keith Davis updated council on the depositions that are scheduled in the wrongful death suit at JFK Medical Center.

Vice Mayor Kintz asked for Council comments: Councilmember Fred Furtado said he'd like to have a discussion about terminating the sewer agreement between the city and Lake Worth. He'd like the city manager to check into using the County for sewer disposal. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins explained the budget in "plain English". There will be no raises again this year, and the increases were beyond our control. The FRS increase was almost 10% and staff has made cuts to counter act the increase. She also stated that more residents are concerned over the break in and have brought up using citizen patrols. She asked Chief Mangold and City Attorney Davis about the liabilities associated with this. She also stated that she knows the chief is working on a security survey and would like him to advise them on whether or not it is something they would increase the budget for next year. Mayor Pro Tem Higgins stated the city needs to make security a priority. She thanked the residents for coming. Councilmember Manny Fernandez gave the city and utilities financial statements for the end of the fiscal year 2009-2010. He commended the city staff for a job well done on the budget. Vice Mayor David Kintz agreed with Councilmember Furtado's comments on divorcing the city from doing business with the City of Lake Worth, and even though the contract is

not up until 2018 he would like the city to start looking at other options. He also stated that on October 1, 2010 we will have a new security service in place. He said that the old company has stepped up some since the last meeting, but he has still had some complaints. He hopes that the new company will have a better level of service.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.


Jude M. Cochran, City Clerk




Michael C. Dahlgren, Mayor

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