

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011
MINUTES

Mayor Michael C. Dahlgren called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m., immediately following the Final Budget Hearing.

Present: Mayor Michael C. Dahlgren, 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, Utilities Director Steve Mazuk and City Clerk Jude M. Goudreau.

Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on August 17, 2011, the Budget Workshop on August 17, 2011 and the First Budget Hearing on September 7, 2011. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Resolution 11-23, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Hughes Construction Industries for the Kintz Park Outfall Project. Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Manny Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business:

City Manager Mo Thornton recommended to council to remove the Ficus Hedge along Congress Ave. before the new sidewalk is in place. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to have the Ficus Hedge removed. Vice Mayor David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Steve Mullett and Sagy Harel were present from Command Security. Council members commented that the services have stepped up in the last few weeks. City Manager Thornton said that the contract will need to be on an agenda in the near future.

Council discussed moving the date of the December Council meeting and by consensus agreed to hold the December Council Meeting as regularly scheduled on the third Wednesday of the month.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for comments from the public: Craig Mitchell of 261 North Country Club Blvd. commented on removal of the Ficus Hedges and voiced his concern about replacing it.

City Manager Mo Thornton gave the League of Cities Report. The League's next meeting will be held in Greenacres. The League will vote on new By-laws and review the Legislative Agenda. Under the City Manager's Report, Mrs. Thornton advised that the Fall Festival is coming up on October 1st and we are moving along with the plans. The security cameras at the gates are working very well. Some have been sent out for repairs and one has been replaced. She has provided Council with minutes from the Security committee. They have discussed a variety of topics. The goal is to update the questionnaire that was sent out to the residents in the late 1980's and update concerns. City Manager Thornton said the window project is coming along and that she hopes to have it finished by the end of the fiscal year which is in nine days. There was a problem with the supplier but everything is moving along now.

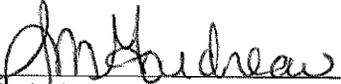
She has researched the Fire Rescue Ad-valorem Tax assessment and said that in order to do so the city would have to have a study conducted, and would not be able to just assess commercial property. The assessment would only be for fire services and would not include EMS. We are also watching water bills for unpaid water and sewer bills. Minimum property standards will start in October.

Chief Mangold gave the crime report for the month of August.

City Attorney Davis briefed Council on the Supervisor of Election agreement with Municipalities for next year. He also said Council needs to start thinking about whether or not they want to move the election date. The Supervisor of Elections feels they may not have enough time between the presidential elections and the municipal elections to place the equipment.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for Council comments: Councilmember Manny Fernandez gave the financial reports for the city and commented on the budget. Vice Mayor David Kintz said that he has had a quiet month and hasn't received any phone calls from residents. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins commented on the gate guards doing better but she observed them still opening the visitor side before greeting the visitors or the vehicle coming to a complete stop. She also commented on the taxes and that she is happy they are not raising taxes and are able to put money aside for projects. Councilmember Fred Furtado said he would like to see the city working on getting the fountains back to a level where everyone is comfortable with them and houses wouldn't feel the spray from them. The Mayor also commented on the gate guards and the budget.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.


Jude M. Goudreau, City Clerk




Michael C. Dahlgren, Mayor

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