

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18, 2013
MINUTES

Mayor Michael Dahlgren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Mayor Michael Dahlgren, Vice Mayor David Kintz, Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins, Councilmember Fred Furtado, Councilmember Manny Fernandez, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Abigail Jorandby, Police Chief Robert Mangold, Utilities Director Steve Mazuk, and City Clerk Jude Goudreau.

Vice Mayor David Kintz made a motion to approve the minutes from the Joint Workshop meeting and City Council Meeting on November 20, 2013. Councilmember Manny Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The first item was a public hearing, SP13-01, a request for a special exemption for an accessory use for the provision of medical equipment at 5507 South Congress Avenue, Suite #130. City Attorney Jorandby swore in all those wishing to testify. Attorney Russell Schropp, representative for Florida Cancer Specialist was present at the meeting. He made a brief presentation and answered Council's questions. There was a brief discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins made a motion to approve the request. Vice Mayor David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only Resolution 13-35, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Palm Beach Habilitation Center for additional cleaning services. Vice Mayor David Kintz made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only Resolution 13-36, A Resolution adopting a revised Fee Schedule. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

In Miscellaneous Business; there was none.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for comments from the public; there were none.

The City Manager gave the League of Cities Report; at the last meeting the League heard a presentation from the County Administrator regarding the potential for a half cent sales tax increase. The County Commissioners voted 4-3 to have the County Administrator fine tune his list of projects. Should this item go to the voters, it would be on the November ballot as a referendum. The benefit this would have on the City of Atlantis is that we would be able to share in the revenue for infrastructure projects. There was a discussion at the League's board meeting and no position was taken. The League will monitor it to see if it merits the County putting it on the November ballot. The next meeting will be January 22 at FAU in Boca.

Under The City Manager's Report; she is currently working on bid specs for building painting and street signs and they should be ready by January 1, 2014 and on the agenda for February's Council Meeting. The City Manager and City Attorney are working on a draft Garbage Ordinance and should have it ready in January or February for Council's Comments. The maintenance items brought up at the last meeting and workshop are being addressed at this time.

Mayor Dahlgren commented on the half cent sales tax and updated Council on the conversation he had with Commissioner Vana.

Chief Mangold gave the monthly crime report and read a letter of commendation for Officer Jason Martino. Chief Mangold also promoted Officer Craig Brown to Sergeant. Council congratulated Sergeant Brown on his new position.

City Attorney Jorandby had no comments or updates this month.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for comments from Council; Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins thanked the Atlantis Country club for their participation in the Annual Golf Cart Parade and the donations of gift certificates for the Holiday Homes Decorating Contest. She also thanked the police department for cracking down on speeders in the city. She also reiterated the City Managers comments concerning the maintenance items and that some items will be placed on next year's budget. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked them for coming.

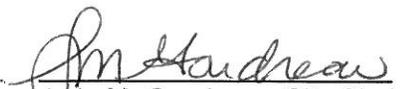
Vice Mayor David Kintz updated Council on the renovation project at Kintz Park. He has been working with Sally Weber and should have the numbers and specs completed by the second or third week of January. Should Council desire, they can hold a special meeting to move the process along quicker. Vice Mayor Kintz also said he has received complaints regarding the garbage collection company and if there isn't an improvement in service the City should start to seek another company. He also said the wall project on South Congress Avenue is moving forward and will be going out to bid soon. He wished everyone a happy holiday and a Happy New Year.

Councilmember Manny Fernandez gave the financial reports. He also commented on the garbage complaints and the Golf Cart Parade, he said the event went well, and the new catering vendor did a good job. Councilmember Fernandez thanked Craig Brown for his service in the military and as an officer.

Councilmember Fred Furtado commented on the wall project and said he is happy that the wall will be completed in 2014. He commented on the Kintz Park project, the entrance to Atlantis Estates Way and several other tree projects throughout the city. He also congratulated Craig Brown.

Mayor Dahlgren said he echoed the other Councilmember's comments and also thanked the City Staff for their hard work on the Golf Cart Parade. The Mayor said we are moving right along with the city projects. He thanked everyone for coming and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.


Jude M. Goudreau, City Clerk




Michael C. Dahlgren, Mayor

Note: A Mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing proceedings of which these minutes are a part, and is on file in the office of the City Clerk.