

CITY OF ATLANTIS  
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY APRIL 16, 2014  
MINUTES

Present at the meeting: Mayor David Kintz, Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins, Councilmember Manny Fernandez, Councilmember Fred Furtado, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Abigail Jorandby, Police Chief Robert Mangold, Utilities Director Steve Mazuk, and City Clerk Jude Goudreau. Mayor Pro Tem Michael Dahlgren arrived at 7:20 p.m.

Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting and City Council Meeting on March 12, 2014. Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, first reading, Ordinance 424 an ordinance amending the City's Code of Ordinance at Chapter 2, Administration, Article V. Code Enforcement. Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Manny Fernandez seconded the Ordinance. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, first reading, Ordinance 425 an ordinance amending Chapter 9 License and Business Regulation at article II, Business Tax, to provide for a 5 percent increase. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, first reading, Ordinance 426 an ordinance amending Chapter 9, Licenses and Business Regulations at Article II, Business Taxes, amending certain code sections. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to approve the ordinance. Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, Resolution 14-06, a Resolution supporting a Spring Training Facility at John Prince Park. There was a brief discussion regarding the location. Craig Mitchell of 261 North Country Club Drive, and Bob Sibulkin of 449 Glenbrook Drive, both expressed their concerns regarding the impact the facility would have on the city. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, Resolution 14-07, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Complete Structure Painting for painting of city buildings. Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding the price of the contract, and the drastic differences between the cost of the contract and the highest bidder. Council would like the City Manager to check the company's references and to see if their previous work contained any change orders that would increase the price. The motion was withdrawn by Mrs. Higgins. Motion withdrawn and will be brought back to Council at the next meeting.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only Resolution 14-08, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Hardrives for pavement improvements on Atlantis Estates Way. Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Manny Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only Resolution 14-09, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Xylem Water Solution for the rehabilitation of Lift Station #7. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

In Miscellaneous Business; there was none.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from the public; Craig Mitchell of 261 North Country Club Drive thanked the City Manager for quickly removing a donation box from the Shoppes parking lot. Bob Sibulkin asked Council why the public was not allowed to comment on agenda items prior to the vote.

The City Manager gave the League of Cities Report; the next League of Cities Meeting will be at the Atlantis Country Club. She asked Council to let her know if they plan on attending. The installation banquet will be May 21, 2014. She will be appointed Secretary /Treasurer again. She asked Council to let her know if they plan on attending.

Under The City Manager's Report; City Manager Thornton said the Spring Fling was a huge success, and thanked the Atlantis Country Club. She said the feedback that she has received is; "it was the best one ever". There were over 550 people in attendance. Next year's Spring Fling will be April 11, 2015. Ms. Thornton updated Council on the progress of Kintz Park. Next month she will bring the Fee Schedule before Council to add the fees for the inspections of businesses and residential rentals; she would also like to propose a fee for the use of Kintz park facilities. As budget season approaches, she has recently had a meeting with the City of Lake Worth to discuss the 2014-2015 sub-regional sewer rates; they are projecting increases to the ECR rate at the regional plant due to a big change on how they handle the sludge at the regional plant. It's a costly project that has not been started yet, but as soon as they do, will require a bond issue and the rate will escalate rapidly. The City Manager recommends that Atlantis does a utility rate study this year; it has been 10 years since a firm came in to do a rate study. Based on what ECR is doing, we need to see where we are, and what our needs are for the next five years. She has started working on the budget and is hoping to get the preliminary numbers from the property appraiser's office soon.

Chief Mangold gave the monthly crime report. He also announced Officer Michelle Ferrera was nominated for officer of the year from the Palm Beach County's Victim's Service Office. He read a letter of commendation from the Captain Sarah Moody of West Palm Beach Police, thanking Officer Lionel Velez and Sergeant Sean Mahoney for recently attending a "Tip A Cop" event to raise money for the Special Olympics. Sergeant Mahoney also participated in the "Torch Run".

City Attorney Jorandby had no comments for council this month.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from Council; Councilmember Fred Furtado thanked the City Manager for all of her hard work on the Spring Fling events, the estimates and bids that she works on for city projects.

Mayor Pro Tem Dahlgren apologized for being late; he was held up in traffic. Mr. Dahlgren also said the previous difficulties he had with his email and phone accounts being hacked should be resolved, and thanked everyone their patience and understanding. He also thanked the City Manager for the hard work on the Spring Fling; it was a great time, and a good turnout. Mr. Dahlgren complimented the Police Department on the attendance and representing the City at Retired Officer Danaher's funeral.

Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins commented on the success of the Spring Fling, and everyone has said it was the best one yet. She also said the park project is underway, and that she spoke with the contractor, who said the building itself is very sound and in good shape. Mrs. Higgins commented on Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Sibulkin's comments. There was a brief discussion regarding the procedure of public comments.

Councilmember Manny Fernandez said the Spring Fling was fantastic. He gave the City and Utilities financial reports, and said over all the City Financials are in right about where we should be in the general fund and neck and neck for the Utilities.

Mayor Kintz also commented on the Spring Fling; he thanked Mo, Steve, Chief and the committee for all the hard work, it was a lot of hard work, but we had a great turn out. The Mayor said he's received emails and calls saying how great it was this year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Jude M. Goudreau, City Clerk

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David Kintz, Mayor