

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY JULY 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 was absent from the meeting.

Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Workshop on June 10, 2014 and Council Meeting on June 11, 2014. Councilmember Manny Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only Ordinance 427, an ordinance amending Chapter 8 Flood Hazard Protection to conform to the local code to the National Flood Insurance Program. Vice Mayor Higgins made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only Ordinance 428, an ordinance amending Chapter 4 Buildings and Building Regulations to conform to the local code to the National Flood Insurance Program. Councilmember Furtado made a motion to approve the ordinance. Councilmember Fernandez seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, Resolution 14-13, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with J Rawn Enterprises for the panel wall construction coordination and ancillary items. Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor Higgins seconded the motion. The following residents voiced their concerns about the project; Michael La Coursiere 204 Walton Heath Drive, Lew Weinstein 104 North Country Club Drive, Lewis Burger 640 Atlantis Estates Way, William Mitchell 261 North Country Club Drive, Ivan Goldberg 244 Orange Tree Drive, Dan Larking 2-A Atrium Circle, Maggie Sarubbi 319 Fairway Court and Bob Silva 428 Glenbrook Drive. There was a very lengthy discussion regarding funding and expenses regarding this project. Council by consensus would like to table this project until another workshop can be held. Motion failed 1-3 with Vice Mayor Higgins, Councilmember Fernandez, and Mayor Kintz opposed.

Resolution 14-14, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with J Rawn Enterprises for the Panel Wall Construction was dropped from the agenda.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, Resolution 14-15, a Resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an interlocal agreement with Palm Beach County for CDBG, ESG, and HOME programs. Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, Resolution 14-16, a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Palm Beach Gardens for OSSI computer support. Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

City Attorney Jorandby read by title only, Resolution 14-17, a Resolution appointing Kristen Puhalainen as City Clerk. Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

In Miscellaneous Business; The City Manager recommended to Council that the millage rate be set at 7.9000 for the Fiscal Year 2015 and that the date, time and place for the First Budget Hearing be set. There was a discussion regarding the millage rate. Mrs. Diane Sasser of 200 Turnberry Court questioned Council on the millage rate for our City versus Other Cities City Manager Thornton gave a brief explanation as to how the City arrives at the rate and how it compares to other municipalities. Councilmember Fernandez made a motion to set the millage rate at 7.9000 and the Date, time and Place for the First Budget Hearing to be at 5:01 p.m., Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Vice Mayor Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from the public. Surendra Sirpal of 615 Atlantis Estates Way asked Council if there was a set budget for road projects; Bob Silva questioned the security and safety for the City, Mr. Silva also commended the police department, William Mitchell of 261 North Country Club expressed his concerns over notices left on mailboxes, Lew Weinstein of 104 North Country Club Blvd would like to see better enhanced technology at the gate guardhouses, Ivan Goldberg voiced his concerns over the security of the city, he also commended the police department, Wayne Gill of 409 Glenbrook had questions and concerns regarding the recent break ins that occurred, Cathy Burger 640 Atlantis Estates Way would like to see notifications go out sooner when incidents occur in the city, Nancy Wolfe 465 Pinetree Court commented on the reverse 911 notifications that went out recently.

Chief Mangold gave the monthly crime report. Chief Mangold answered questions from the public regarding the recent home break ins. Chief Mangold assured the community that the Police Department is working diligently night and day to solve the crimes. Chief Mangold encouraged everyone who has an alarm to use it. He also said that any suspicious persons or activity should be called in immediately to the Police Department.

The City Manager gave the League of Cities Report; the last meeting was held in Royal Palm Beach where they had presentations from the Palm Beach County IT and the Law Enforcement Exchange program.

Under The City Manager's Report, staff is working on the 2015 budget. Mrs. Thornton wished City Clerk Goudreau well in her new endeavors and welcomed the new City Clerk Kristen Puhalainen.

City Attorney Jorandby had no report this month.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from Council; Councilmember Furtado commented on the wall project. Mr. Furtado gave a history of the Police Department and commended them on the hard work they do. He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Councilmember Manny Fernandez commented on communications with residents, and what determines how he votes on issues. In the City and Utilities financial reports, in the General Fund the City will be close to budget by the end of the fiscal year. In utilities we're at 75%. The city is financially sound. He encouraged the residents to contact the police department as soon as they have a concern, they shouldn't wait until a council meeting.

Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins thanked City Clerk Goudreau for her service and welcomed Ms. Puhalainen. She commended the Chief Mangold for his quick response to requests. She commented on the wall project.

Mayor Kintz wished City Clerk Goudreau luck in her endeavors and welcomed Ms. Puhalainen. He commented on the wall project and encouraged resident attendance at workshops.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Kristen Puhalainen, City Clerk




David Kintz, Mayor