

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, March 25, 2015
Immediately following the Organizational Meeting
That Began at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Mayor Kintz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present were: Mayor David Kintz, Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Rinker, Councilmember Ralph White, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Keith Davis, City Clerk Kristen Puhalainen, Police Chief Robert Mangold and Utilities Director Steve Mazuk. Councilmember Fred Furtado was absent.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker, second by Vice Mayor Higgins to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2015 Council meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Davis read Ordinance 429 by title only, creating a new zoning district. Motion by Councilmember White, second by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker to approve Ordinance 429 on second and final reading.

The following residents spoke on the issue: William Mitchell, 261 N. Country Club Dr.; John Hixenbaugh, 249 Sudbury Dr.

Following Council discussion, the motion carried 3-1 with Vice Mayor Higgins opposed.

Mr. Davis read Ordinance 430 by title only, amending the definition of fence and providing for additional regulation of outdoor seating in the C1A zoning district. This is the first reading. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker, second by Vice Mayor Higgins to approve Ordinance 430 on first reading. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Kintz recused himself from voting on Resolution 15-05 and 15-06, and passed the gavel to Vice Mayor Higgins; voting conflict form 8B is included as part of these minutes. Mr. Davis read Resolution 15-05 by title only, authorizing the granting of an easement on Orange Tree Drive. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker, second by Councilmember White to approve Resolution 15-05. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. Davis read Resolution 15-06 by title only, abandoning a certain right-of-way on Orange Tree Drive. Motion by Councilmember Higgins, second by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker to approve Resolution 15-06. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from the public. Tom Shea of 229 Gleneagles Dr. thanked the residents and staff for their support following his house fire last year. Rae Badt of 301 N. Country Club Dr. asked about Council's titles and the vacant Atlantis Inn property.

Ms. Thornton gave the League of Cities Report: At that day's meeting, proposed changes to the Ethics Ordinance were discussed, and she has been appointed to the Ordinance Drafting Committee. Atlantis will host the April meeting and Elected Official's Workshop.

Ms. Thornton gave the Treasurer's Report: The City has collected 94% of its ad valorem taxes; expenses are where they should be; this month the air conditioning was replaced in the Council Chambers and the generator was repaired. Overtime for the Police Department is up due to an increase in patrols. The utilities fund is on track, and she'll begin work on the 2015/16 budget in April.

In her City Manager's Report, she provided a schedule of upcoming events in Atlantis; gave an update on Spring Fling; reported that there will be new lighting on Clubhouse Boulevard and the City Hall sidewalk is getting a new concrete coating. She received a letter from a prospective buyer of a vacant property on Military Trail and will schedule a workshop on the proposed use. She conveyed a message from Councilmember Furtado, congratulating the new Councilmembers, and that he looks forward to working with them.

Chief Mangold gave the crime report: An arrest has been made in the recent auto burglaries, and recognized Detective Amason for his work on the case.

Mr. Davis congratulated the new Councilmembers, and reported on the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary and how it will affect municipal elections.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from Council:

Councilmember White said he has lived here 13 years and wants to do what is best for Atlantis.

Mayor Pro Tem Rinker said he grew up here, and thanked Ms. Thornton for getting him up to speed on issues.

Vice Mayor Higgins thanked former Councilmembers Manny Fernandez and Mike Dahlgren for their service and welcomed Aaron Rinker and Ralph White. She received a letter regarding the fence on Lantana Road. She's excited about the lighting project and the West Park improvements. The new flowers around the city are beautiful. She hoped to see everyone at Spring Fling.

Mayor Kintz congratulated Chief Mangold, and recognized Steve Mazuk for his work in the city.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.


Kristen Puhalainen, City Clerk




David Kintz, Mayor

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