

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
7:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Present were: Mayor David Kintz, Vice Mayor Catherine Higgins, Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Rinker, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Trela White, City Clerk Kristen Puhalainen, and Police Chief Robert Mangold.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker, second by Vice Mayor Higgins to approve the minutes of the City Council Meeting on December 16, 2015.

Ms. White read Resolution 16-01 by title, appointing a Councilmember to fill a vacancy on the council. Mayor Kintz announced that letters of interest were submitted by Michael LaCoursiere and Frank Austino. He asked for comments from the public; there were none. Motion by Vice Mayor Higgins, second by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker to approve Resolution 16-01, appointing Michael LaCoursiere to the Council. Motion carried 3-0.

Mr. LaCoursiere verbally tendered his resignation from the Board of Adjustment. Ms. White administered the oath of office to Mr. LaCoursiere, who then took his seat on the dais.

Ms. White read Resolution 16-02 by title, authorizing the Mayor to enter an agreement with Zambelli Fireworks for a fireworks exhibition for the City's Spring Fling event. Mayor Kintz asked for comments from the public; there were none. Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Rinker, second by Vice Mayor Higgins to approve Resolution 16-02. Motion carried 4-0.

Proclamation Honoring Fred Furtado: Ms. Thornton, the Councilmembers, and Ms. White spoke about Mr. Furtado. Mayor Kintz read the Proclamation and presented it to Cynthia Furtado and David Furtado.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from the public. Elyse Underberg, 316 Fairway Court spoke about Mr. Furtado, and the South Country Club Drive road project.

Ms. Thornton gave the League of Cities Report: the next meeting will be January 27th. The February 24th meeting is at the Atlantis Country Club. The City Managers are meeting with the County Administrator on Friday to discuss the sales tax proposal.

Ms. Thornton gave the Treasurer's Report: The City has received almost 90% of the ad valorem tax revenue. The Building Department revenue has been strong this year, collecting about half of what was projected. Revenues and expenses in the General and Utilities funds are running as expected.

Ms. Thornton gave the Manager's Report: The Christmas Tree Bonfire was a success; she thanked the Greenacres Fire Department, Atlantis's Police Department, and the Atlantis Country Club. Planning for Spring Fling is underway. The Military Trail entrance gate will be replaced next week. The City, working with the Golf Club and the Country Club, has an exhibit at the South Florida Fair; she thanked Kristen Puhalainen, Peggy Heinrich, and Janet Rosenberg for putting it together. The City received an email from a resident about traffic on the curve at N. Country Club Dr.; she will ask the City's engineer for his opinion. She reported that Southern Waste Systems has been sold to Waste Management. She asked about the date of the February meeting, as there had been a request to move it the 10th. Motion by Vice Mayor Higgins, second by David Kintz to hold the next Council meeting on February 10th. Motion carried 4-0. Ms. Thornton reported that Ms. White was featured in the latest South Florida Legal Guide as a top municipal attorney.

Chief Mangold gave the crime report for December.

Ms. White had no report; she welcomed Mr. LaCoursiere to the Council.

Mayor Kintz asked for comments from Council:

Councilmember LaCoursiere thanked the Council for his appointment. He thanked Mayor Kintz for the bonfire event. He will miss the White family.

Mayor Pro Tem Rinker said he enjoyed serving on Council with Ralph White. He enjoyed the bonfire. He asked about trash pick-up.

Vice Mayor Higgins thanked Councilmember LaCoursiere for offering to serve, and all the city's board volunteers for their service. She reminded everyone that Ralph White's son was instrumental in getting the sand volleyball court. She enjoyed the bonfire.

Mayor Kintz thanked Chief Mangold and Ms. Thornton for their assistance in putting on the bonfire. He spoke about Mr. Furtado.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.


Kristen Puhalainen, City Clerk




David Kintz, Mayor

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