

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260
ORANGE TREE DRIVE, ATLANTIS, FL ON NOVEMBER 14, 2007, 7:30 PM

Mayor Manny Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:30.

Present: Mayor Manuel Fernandez, Vice Mayor Fred Furtado, Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley, Treasurer Michael Dahlgren, Councilmember Frank Austino, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Trela White, City Clerk Joan Cannata-Fox, Police Chief Robert Mangold and Utilities Director Steve Mazuk.

Vice Mayor Fred Furtado moved to approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held October 17, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only on first reading, Ordinance No. 401 - An Ordinance amending Chapter 4- Buildings and Building Regulations, at Article VII Minimum Property Standards. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the Ordinance on first reading, which was seconded by Councilmember Frank Austino. After a lengthy discussion regarding implementing another paragraph into the Ordinance, the Mayor opened the meeting up to comments from the public. William Mitchell of 261 N. Country Club Drive agreed with the comments and recommendations made by Council. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren amended his motion to add paragraph #7 to the Ordinance which would address bare spots on vacant lots. This was seconded by Councilmember Frank Austino. Motion carried 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business: None

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from members of the public.

William Mitchell of 261 N. Country Club Drive commented on the number of advertising signs outside the city and asked what could be done.

Frank Grittani of 100 N. Country Club Boulevard asked about measures to reduce the speed of drivers going in and out of the city. He also commented about the honking of horns. The Chief will monitor the situation.

League of Cities Report/City Manager's Report: City Manager Thornton reported on the last meeting she attended. The Tri City BBQ will be in Pahokee this year, while the Golf Tournament will remain in Belle Glade. Members of Council are invited to attend both. City Manager Thornton gave an update on the various projects: The go ahead has been given to Ranger Construction to proceed with the JFK Drive entrance; the overlay project should begin the week of December 3, 2007. The auditors are here and things seem to be going well.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month and read a letter of gratitude from a resident to Sgt. Bruce Hoffman; and another from Howard and Marion Mitchell regarding Officers Sluman & Amason. The Chief received an email from Officer Craig Brown who is now in Kuwait. Officer Ferrara will take her state EMT exam next week and another officer will be starting training shortly.

City Attorney White gave an update on the Lake Worth referendum case which is under appeal from a ruling by Judge Fine. The property tax case filed by the Mayor of Westin, Florida has been dismissed. The West Palm Beach City Center case is up for re-hearing. She will keep Council posted on these and other cases of interest to the City.

Councilmember Frank Austino asked about spraying the lakes. It will be done in the next few weeks. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado said the City looks good and the winter residents are returning with good comments on the front entrance. Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley said he is glad to be sitting here in Atlantis, it is sure a good place to live. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren reminded Council that we are in the middle

of the audit and we could possibly have the report to Council next month. The figures show a normal October. Utility operations are positive. He cautioned that the months ahead could be tight because of the tax situation. Councilmember Dahlgren wished a Happy Thanksgiving to all. Mayor Manny Fernandez wanted to extend a Thank You to all Veterans for their service to the Country. He commented that there was no attendance at the presentation that Officer Ferrara was conducting regarding children and Internet safety. We have to make sure that we support any initiative to protect children. He gave City Manager Thornton some information regarding exposure of children to Internet violence. He inquired about the Code Enforcement case regarding lighting at the Shoppes of Atlantis and the service station. The Shoppes are continuing to give 30 day updates and they should have the poles delivered in January; after that, it will take about 30 days for installation. The service station is currently in compliance. The Mayor expressed his concern about the health care crisis. This could have a serious impact on the city should physicians, technicians, etc. decide to relocate their business or their residence. He asked for comments, suggestions, etc. from Council and the public. Perhaps we can have a congressman come to Atlantis and have council inform them of our concerns.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

City Clerk

Mayor Manny Fernandez

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