

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 260
ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FL ON OCTOBER 17, 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 Second Budget Hearing and the Council Meeting held September 19, 2007. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Michael Dahlgren. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolution No.07-31-- A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Ranger Construction Industries for Road Resurfacing. Councilmember Frank Austino made a motion to accept the Resolution, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0

City Attorney White read by title only Resolution No. 07-32 – A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Agreement with Ranger Construction Industries for JFK Drive Improvements. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren made a motion to accept the Resolution, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0

Miscellaneous Business: None

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from members of the public

Pat Thorne of 540 Woodland Circle mentioned what she felt was a safety hazard with the hedges at 364 S. Country Club Drive. She also inquired about the hours of operation for the Splash Pad.

William Mitchell of 261 N. Country Club Drive spoke about the traffic hazard he has observed on JFK Drive with people using the road for U-turning.

League of Cities Report/ City Manager's Report. City Manager Thornton reported on the last meeting she attended. The Golf Tournament at Atlantis was a great success. She congratulated Attorney Trela White on 20 years as City Attorney. City Manager Thornton advised the council that she performed a wedding ceremony in chambers last week. She attended an AAAB (Airport) meeting and asked that council review the minutes. The legislature is in session and the doubling of the homestead exemption may become a reality. If it does, it would mean a loss of \$125,000 in ad valorem taxes. We will not know what other impact it may have on Atlantis until we get more information..

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month and he reported on the status of some previous crimes that are still being worked. The Chief read a letter of gratitude from a citizen regarding Det. Jenne. The Chief advised Council of the various training sessions that his officers were attending.

City Attorney White said that it was an honor and pleasure to have served the City of Atlantis for 20 years. She informed council about a case in West Palm Beach regarding the relocation of the new City Hall and the pending lawsuit. She advised council of the Lake Worth case involving a citizen's petition regarding the comp plan and zoning. The tax issue is off the ballot for now, but the state has appealed. There may be something on the ballot with different language by the January 29, 2008 election.

Mayor Pro Tem David Cantley didn't have any comments. Councilmember Michael Dahlgren announced that there were no financial numbers yet and the audit would be on October 29, 2008 by Holyfield and

Thomas. Hopefully we will have results by December or January. Councilmember Dahlgren asked City Attorney Trela White to look into stricter regulations on property that has become vacant where the condition of the home and lot have deteriorated. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado stated he was happy the resurfacing project would soon be completed. Councilmember Frank Austino said he already saw improvements with the new guards at the gates. He also mentioned the problems with people feeding the ducks. Mayor Manny Fernandez asked about the transition from Weiser to Fox Security. It seemed to go smooth and three of the former guards stayed. He expressed his concern about the parking of landscape trucks and the safety hazard it presented. Palm fronds don't seem to be getting picked up and that has been an ongoing problem. He asked the Chief about the camera system and the Chief advised that the camera system is working well. The Bike-A-Thon was a spectacular event and the Mayor is looking forward to next year. He asked council and the city to think about an event to involve the other citizens of Atlantis.

City Manager Thornton announced that between the Bike-A-Thon and the Heart Walk, Atlantis raised almost \$5000 for the Heart Association. She also announced that there will be a Lantana Library and construction will begin in November.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM

City Clerk

Mayor Manny Fernandez

Note: A mechanical recording has been made of the foregoing procedures of which these minutes are a part, and is on files in the office of the City Clerk.