

MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE ATLANTIS, FLORIDA ON FEBRUARY 18, 2009 AT 7:30 PM

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

Present: Mayor Manuel Fernandez; Vice Mayor Fred Furtado, Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz, Treasurer Michael Dahlgren, Councilmember Catherine Higgins, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Keith Davis, City Clerk Joan Cannata-Fox, Police Chief Robert Mangold and Utilities Director Steve Mazuk and Jude M. Cochran.

Treasurer Michael Dahlgren moved to approve the minutes of the LPA and the Council Meeting held on January 21, 2009. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title, Ordinance No.408 – An Ordinance Amending the City's Comprehensive Development Plan to adopt its Annual Capital Improvements Element Update. Vice Mayor Furtado made a motion to accept the Ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Kintz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz made a motion to appoint Jude M. Cochran as the City Clerk. Treasurer Michael Dahlgren seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 -0.

Mrs. Joy Decicco of 601 Cypress Key Circle addressed the council regarding the repair of the tennis courts at the West Park.

Mr. Sergio Placio of 550 Woodland Circle addressed the council regarding placing stop signs at the ends of Woodland Circle and one on Pine Tree Court. He would also like to see a street sign added for Alpine Drive.

Mrs. Carolyn Knabe of 216 North Country Club Drive needed clarification to the definition of "shoulder of the road, referring to an article in the last newsletter.

Mr. David Taylor of 404 South Country Club Drive asked about the placing of the council meeting signs up on for extra notice. Councilmember Higgins suggested a sign that says "council meeting Wednesday" and placing it out at the guard houses on Monday of the same week.

City Manager Thornton reported on the last League of Cities meeting she attended. There was a discussion regarding the Lake Worth Drainage District's project to remove trees along the north side of the city along canal L-14. There was mention of the 50th anniversary celebration and its fund raising efforts. Mrs. Thornton reported that the home at 524 Muirfield Drive is now closed and the city should expect the payment of a fine. There was a discussion regarding a resolution for nuisance dogs.

Police Chief Mangold reported on the crimes for the month.

City Attorney Keith Davis made comments on the Dual Taxation Case and will monitor the case and advise Council. Vice Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz commented on the 50th anniversary and the fund raising efforts. Treasurer Dahlgren announced that he is now a member of the county wide water task force and will be reporting back to the council on county water issues. He also commented on the department heads keeping expenses under control. Councilmember Higgins suggested the notices for meeting be moved to ten days prior to a meeting. Mayor Fernandez spoke about his meeting with Congressman Ron Klein regarding the economic stimulus money that may be available to the cities. Vice Mayor Furtado recognized former Mayor Howell in the audience and acknowledged his past work on getting a traffic control signal installed at the South Military Trail Entrance. All council members wished retiring Clerk Joan Cannata-Fox well.