

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2009

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, Councilmember Michael C. Dahlgren, Councilmember Catherine Higgins, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Trela White, Utilities Director Steve Mazuk and Chief Robert G. Mangold, and City Clerk Jude M. Cochran

Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz moved to approve the minutes of the Budget workshop held on June 16, 2009 and the City Council Meeting held on June 17, 2009. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Fred Furtado. Motion carried 5-0.

City Attorney White read by title only Resolutions 09-16, a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement, to amend the agreement between Atlantis and Palm Beach County for the Interoperability through the County's 800 MHZ Radio System until 2015. Councilmember Catherine Higgins moved to approve the resolution. Mayor Pro Tem David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

Councilmember Michael C. Dahlgren moved to approve the millage rate at the rollback rate of 6.6226. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
Councilmember Michael C. Dahlgren set the date, time and place of the first budget hearing on September 10, 2009 at 5:01 pm. Councilmember Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.
Mayor Manny Fernandez read and signed the Census Proclamation.

Mayor Fernandez asked for comments from the public:

Mr. Chuck Maloney representing the Cedar Key Villa Association Board asked council if there was any help the city could provide in getting the homeowners to install sea walls at 318 and 322 Cedar Key. City Manager Thornton has already written to the homeowners and suggested they follow their neighbors and install the sea walls. City Attorney White stated that there are no city code ordinances that address this situation and the homeowner's association rules may. Ms. Nancy Wolfe addressed council and requested they change the city ordinance that allows owner's to park their vehicles on their lawns. The council felt it was not appropriate to change the ordinance for the entire city because one resident is parking on their lawn. Mr. Craig Mitchell asked council if there was already an ordinance preventing vehicles from parking on the lawn. Mr. Mitchell disagrees with council and feels they should change the city ordinance. City Attorney White will check in to this matter under the Minimum Property Standards Ordinance.

City Manager Mo Thornton gave the League of Cities Report. Mrs. Thornton reported the Annual Golf Tournament will take place on Oct. 9, 2009 and there are 10 teams committed to play; they are looking for sponsors for the event. The next League of Cities meeting will be Wednesday July 22, 2009 held by Trane Commercial Systems on Vista Parkway in West Palm Beach. City Manager Thornton reported that the lowest bid for Garbage Removal Service was SWS and the seconded lowest was Republican. She asked if Council would like to meet with the new company; Mayor Fernandez stated he would like to sit in on the next meeting with them. Waste Management is willing to work with the new company until they are up and running. Mrs. Thornton advised she is still working on Utility rates and would like to hold one more budget workshop sometime before August 18, 2009.

City Attorney White gave a brief update on Senate Bill 360 and pending suits that will impact municipalities.

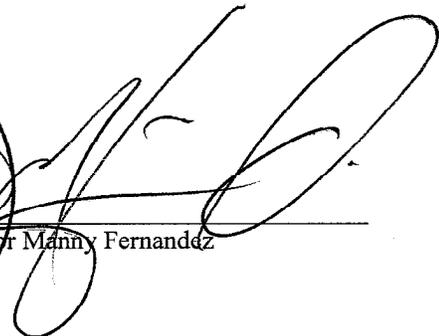
Chief Robert Mangold gave the police activity report for the month of June.

Councilmember Higgins was pleased at the bids for garbage removal services coming in low and is hoping the new company puts their best foot forward. Mrs. Higgins addressed the homes that are not in compliance with the minimal property standards; City Manager Thornton advised the city is working with Code Enforcement to bring the homes into compliance. Mrs. Higgins also asked about striping the roadways; City Manager Thornton will look at that and obtain pricing. Vice Mayor Fred Furtado addressed the letter from Mr. Potter in regards to metal roofs; City Manager Thornton will send the resident a letter explaining the City Ordinance. Councilmember Dahlgren said he was not overly concerned about the garbage removal company as he is aware the city manager has been working diligently on this. Councilmember Dahlgren was pleased the city is on top of code violations. He suggested that an article run in the newsletter explaining how code enforcement works, to make residents aware that it's not an instant fix when they see violations. Mr. Dahlgren also commented on the budget. Mayor Fernandez commented on taxes and the tax rates and compared our city to other cities. He addressed a question from the public in regards to taxes and the values of the homes in the city.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.


Jude M. Cochran, City Clerk




Mayor Manny Fernandez

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