

CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011
MINUTES

Mayor Michael C. Dahlgren called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m

Present: Mayor Michael C. Dahlgren, Vice Mayor David Kintz, Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins, Councilmember Fred Furtado, Councilmember Manny Fernandez, City Manager Mo Thornton, City Attorney Keith Davis, Police Chief Robert G. Mangold, Utilities Director Steve Mazuk and City Clerk Jude M. Goudreau.

Vice Mayor David Kintz made a motion to approve the minutes from the council meeting on July 20, 2011. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Ordinance 418, Second and Final Reading. An Ordinance Granting a Franchise to Florida Power and Light. Ethel Williams from FPL was present at the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Resolution 11-17, a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with Holyfield and Thomas for auditing services. Councilmember Fred Furtado made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor David Kintz seconded the motion. Councilmember Manny Fernandez commented on how the Auditor Selection Committee that he was part of, made their decision. David Thomas from Holyfield and Thomas was present and informed council that the Pension Board Audit will now be included as a supplemental to the annual audit. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Resolution 11-18, a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign an agreement with A-Plus Home Health Care for Flu vaccinations. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Resolution 11-19, a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a developer's agreement and sewer line maintenance agreement with Canada Court Investments LLC for the provision of Waste Water Service. Vice Mayor David Kintz made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion about the services the city will be providing. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis read by title only Resolution 11-20, a resolution authorizing the mayor to sign the master lift station assessment funding agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins made a motion to approve the resolution. Vice Mayor David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business: City Manager Mo Thornton requested Command Security come to the meeting to answer council's concerns about the contract renewal and services provided. Council members commented that the services have stepped up in the last few weeks but prior to that the services are substandard. Steve Mullett, Sagy Harel and Dennis Hamburger were present from Command Security and stated they will address council's concerns. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to amend the contract with Command Security to include a 90 probation period and a month to month term instead of renewing the annual contract at this time. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. City Attorney Keith Davis will amend the contract.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for comments from the public: Craig Mitchell of 261 North Country Club Blvd. commented on the gate guards.

City Manager Mo Thornton gave the League of Cities Report. The league's next meeting will be held in Palm Beach Gardens next Wednesday. The league is working on the Lobbyist Registration Ordinance and the Supervisor of Elections issues. Under the City Manager's Report, Mrs. Thornton advised that the Fall Festival is coming up on October first and JFK Medical Center will be our sponsor. We have made progress on the security cameras at the gates. We currently have seven working cameras with the potential for five more. We had our first security committee last week. The committee discussed a variety of topics. The goal is to update the questionnaire that was sent out to the residents in the late 1980's and update concerns. We are in the beginning stages of our first Atlantis Garden Tour and suggested it in conjunction with the Spring Fling. The City has offered Sunset Park as the beginning point of the tour. The city manager updated council on the MPSCC issues. The bylaws committee will meet in the near future to continue the work on the organizational structure. Jamie Titcomb sent a thank you letter to the city for the honor of Jamie Titcomb day in Atlantis.

Chief Mangold gave the crime report for the month of July.

City Attorney Davis informed council The City of West Palm Beach is creating a "Chronic Nuisance Property Code" to handle abatement and cost recovery related to nuisance properties as a non-advalorem assessment. There was a discussion regarding the non advalorem process. Manny Fernandez made a motion to explore adding a non ad-valorem tax to commercial property in the city for specific fire rescue costs. Vice Mayor David Kintz seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for Council comments: Councilmember Fred Furtado asked Mo about the Garden Tour and the legal issues it could create. The City attorney will look into it. He also commented about the recent police activity outside the city last Saturday. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins commented on the taxes and how council arrived at the millage rate. She also commented on the improvements on some trouble properties in the city. Vice Mayor David Kintz said he echoed comments already made about the taxes and also thanked Utility Director Steve Mazuk for his hard work on the camera system. Councilmember Manny Fernandez gave the financial reports for the city and commented on the budget and the hard work staff does to maintain it. Mayor Dahlgren thanked everyone for coming. The mayor also commented on the gate guards and the budget.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Jude M. Goudreau, City Clerk


Michael C. Dahlgren, Mayor



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