CITY OF ATLANTIS
260 ORANGE TREE DRIVE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY ARPIL 17, 2013
MINUTES

Mayor Michael Dahlgren called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Vice Mayor David Kintz made a motion to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting and City Council Meeting held on March 20, 2013. Vice Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Miscellaneous Business: Mayor Dahlgren read a Proclamation supporting Florida Military and Community Covenant Day. Captain Robert Prigmore, Sergeant First Class Dejon Davis and Harvey Spigler from the United States Army were present for the proclamation. Manny Fernandez made a motion to support the Proclamation and Fred Furtado seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

City Attorney Keith Davis recommended that the City settle the Chandler Lawsuit as proposed in his memo. Councilmember Manny Fernandez made a motion to settle the suit out of court. Councilmember Fred Furtado seconded the motion. There was a discussion regarding the lawsuit. Motion passed 5-0.

Tony Badala, Ernie Dean, Tom McMahon, and Frank Brown from Southern Waste Systems were present at the meeting and addressed Council's concerns regarding the trash services and the quality of service recently. There was a lengthy discussion regarding services. The company is proposing a two day recycling pick up on Mondays and Thursdays instead of just Thursday. By Consensus Council would like to see a transition plan before voting on the item.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for comments from the public; there were none. However the Mayor did comment on a written request from Craig Mitchell for lights on the proposed wall on Congress Avenue.

The City Manager gave the League of Cities Report; the Ethics Ordinance Drafting Committee met and recommended to the Board of County Commissioners that no changes be made to the current make up of the Ethics Commission; they also declined to recommend term limits. The next meeting will be in Palm Springs. The Elected Official's Workshop will be immediately following. The Gala Luncheon will be May 22, and any council member wishing to attend should let her know. Under the City Manager's Report; she is working on the specs for the new wall project and will consider Mr. Mitchell's suggestion. Mrs. Thornton said the Spring Fling was huge success and over 500 people attended. She thanked all of the volunteers and the Atlantis Country Club for all of their hard work. The next Spring Fling will be April 12, 2014.

Chief Robert Mangold gave the Crime Report for the month of March and comment on the Chandler Lawsuit.

City Attorney Davis reported that he has been watching a few pieces of legislation, specifically Sovereign Immunity and if anything develops he will keep Council informed.

Mayor Dahlgren asked for comments from Council; Councilmember Furtado thanked the Country Club for allowing us to use their property and participating in the Spring Fling and would like to send a letter of appreciation to them. He also commented on Craig Mitchell's idea for lights on the proposed wall. Mr. Furtado recently observed a few properties in the city that are below minimum property standards and asked that Code Enforcement Officers address them and send out letters. Mayor Pro Tem Catherine Higgins commented on two letters she recently received, one complimenting the Spring Fling, and one complimenting the new permit clerk at City Hall. She also echoed previous comments about the suggestion for lights on the proposed wall. A resident contacted her and asked that the City look into a flashing light indicating a red light ahead for the light at Military and North Country Club. Another resident contacted her to compliment the police department for an officer that helped her find a computer related beeping sound in her home. The resident was thankful for the help. Mrs. Higgins said the Spring Fling was wonderful, she had a great time; everyone did a great job. Vice Mayor David Kintz thanked staff and volunteers for their hard work on the Spring Fling. Councilmember Manny Fernandez said he was not able to attend the Spring Fling and said he has heard incredible comments about it and apologized for missing it. Mr. Fernandez gave the financial reports for both Utilities and the City, revenues and budgets are right on mark. Mayor Dahlgren commented on the Inspector General Budget Committee. Mayor Dahlgren also reminded Council that budget workshops will be coming up this summer and to keep this in mind for scheduling vacations. The Mayor thanked the Military Personnel for attending and Council for supporting it. He also thanked all the volunteers for their hard work on the Spring Fling.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Jude M. Goudreau, City Clerk

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Michael C. Dahlgren, Mayor

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