

**MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
PLANTATION, FLORIDA**

March 9, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Councilman Fadgen, President of the City Council.

1. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Councilmember: Diane Veltri Bendekovic
Jerry Fadgen
Robert A. Levy
Peter S. Tingom
Sharon Moody Uria
Mayor: Rae Carole Armstrong
City Attorney: Donald Lunny

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2. The invocation was offered by Councilwoman Uria.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR

3. Recognition of Elected Officials and Other Guests

Mayor Armstrong welcomed and thanked everyone present. She stated that it has been a wonderful privilege to serve with those in the City of Plantation and others across the County.

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Mayor Armstrong read a Proclamation designating April 1 and 2, 2011 as *Relay for Life Days* in the City of Plantation.

Pat Ortega accepted the proclamation.

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Mayor Armstrong read a Proclamation designating April 2011 as *Water Conservation Month* in the City of Plantation.

Hank Breitenkam, Utilities Director, accepted the proclamation. Jose Lopez, Jennifer and Bert with South Florida Water Management were also present.

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Mayor Armstrong read a Proclamation recognizing and thanking *Councilman Fadgen for his years or service to the City of Plantation as both a Councilmember and as a community leader.*

Councilman Fadgen accepted the proclamation.

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Introduction of Mary Ann Strassel with St. Thomas, Sara Greenberg, Casey Warren and Conner Warren, students.

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Mayor Armstrong made the following announcements:

- The Multi-Family garage sale will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Volunteer Park.
- The Friends of Plantation Library luncheon will be held at the Jacaranda Country Club on March 12, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

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Councilman Fadgen referenced several letters and proclamations posted on the wall outside of the Council Chamber, including comments from Senator Nan Rich, Representative Hazelle Rogers, the City of Coconut Creek, the City of Cooper City, Town of Davie, City of Deerfield Beach, City of Hallandale Beach, Town of Hillsboro Beach, City of Lighthouse Point, City of North Lauderdale, City of Tamarac, all wishing Mayor Armstrong well.

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Councilman Fadgen introduced Art Kennedy, representing U.S. Representative Alcee Hastings.

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Councilman Fadgen read the followings letter and certificate thanking and congratulating Mayor Armstrong:

- Governor Rick Scott
- Senator Bill Nelson

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Councilman Fadgen read a Proclamation designating Wednesday, March 9, 2011 as *Rae Carole Armstrong Day* in the City of Plantation.

Mayor Armstrong accepted the proclamation.

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A video was presented from United States Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz congratulating Mayor Armstrong in her endeavors.

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The following people were present and congratulated Mayor Armstrong on her retirement:

- Broward County Commissioner Lois Wexler
- Broward County Commissioner Dale Holeness
- Broward County Commissioner John Rodstrom
- Mayor Lisa Aronson
- Commissioner Marilyn Gerber of Coconut Creek
- Commissioner Richard Blattner of Hollywood
- Mayor Richard Kaplan of Lauderhill
- Mayor Joseph Versalone of Margate
- Dr. Bob Levy of the Town of Pembroke Park
- Mayor Gary Resnick of Wilton Manors
- Pat O'Quinn
- Arnold Ramos
- Jim Houston of Old Plantation Water Control District
- Jose Lopez of South Florida Water Management District
- Bert of South Florida Water Management District
- Greg Stuart of Broward MPO
- Gladys Leeks, Broward MPO
- Charlene Burke, Broward MPO
- Dr. Edward and Joyce Szerlip of PAID
- Larry Leeds of Plantation Gateway Advisory Board
- O'Neil Chin of Park East Homeowners' Association
- Kingsley Smith of Park East Homeowners' Association
- Joseph Mercogliano of Plantation FOP President
- Jeff Shea of Marathon Health
- Mike Meredith of Willis
- Ralph Merritt, former Plantation City Council member
- Ron Jacobs, former and newly elected Plantation City Council member
- Lee Hillier, former Plantation City Council member

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A video was presented by Mayor Armstrong's daughters, Beth, Becky and Bonnie.

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CONSENT AGENDA

As a Commissioner of the CRA, Mayor Armstrong has a voting privilege on Item No.'s 13 and 17.

Mr. Lunny read the Consent Agenda by title.

4. Approve HMC Helicopters, Inc. permission to land on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Lago Mar Golf course Driving Range.

Resolution No. 11201

5. **RESOLUTION** appointing Ronald Francis Bendekovic and Collette Catherine Bendekovic as Acting City Clerk for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to his mother and her grandmother, Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor-Elect, on Friday, March 11, 2011.

Resolution No. 11202

6. **RESOLUTION** appointing Bruce Edwards and Kayla as Acting City Clerk for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to Lynn Stoner, City Councilperson-elect Group 1, on Friday, March 11, 2011.

Resolution No. 11203

7. **RESOLUTION** appointing Bruce Edwards and Mrs. Edwards as Acting City Clerk for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to Sharon Uria, City Councilwoman-elect Group 2, on Friday, March 11, 2011.

Resolution No. 11204

8. **RESOLUTION** appointing Mardi Jacobs as Acting City Clerk for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to her husband, Ronald Jacobs, City Councilman-elect Group 3, on Friday, March 11, 2011.

Resolution No. 11205

9. **RESOLUTION** confirming the appointment of Peter S. Tingom as City Treasurer; and providing an effective date therefor.

Resolution No. 11206

10. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 17 – February 23, 2011 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 11207

11. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 17 – February 23, 2011 for the Plantation Midtown Development District.

Resolution No. 11208

12. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 17 – February 23, 2011.

Resolution No. 11209

13. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 17 - February 23, 2011 for the City of Plantation's Community Redevelopment Agency.

Resolution No. 11210

14. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 24 – March 2, 2011 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 11211

15. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 24 – March 2, 2011 for the Plantation Midtown Development District.

Resolution No. 11212

16. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 24 – March 2, 2011.

Resolution No. 11213

17. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period February 24 – March 2, 2011 for the City of Plantation's Community Redevelopment Agency.

*Motion by Councilman Levy, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve tonight's Consent Agenda as read.
Motion carried on the following roll call vote:*

Ayes: Bendekovic, Uria, Tingom, Levy, Fadgen
Nays: None

NOTE: Mayor Armstrong voted affirmatively on Item No.'s 13 and 17.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - None

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LEGISLATIVE ITEMS - None.

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QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA - None

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QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEMS - None

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COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Mayor Armstrong thanked everyone and is very appreciative. She had the opportunity to build the bridge to the new millennium and she counting on everyone to sustain the legacy for the future.

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Councilman Levy recognized George Lord and Dennis Conklin, residents, and noted that at one point Broward County and the MPO were going to put a light rail down State Road 7, which would have stopped at Broward Boulevard and State Road 7 and then gone onto I-595 not stopping for shopping but quickly moving people downtown and then out west towards the western suburbs along I-595. The community and this City were all adamantly against it and Mr. Lord and Mr. Conklin attended several community meetings and represented the City and the City staff. Based upon community input, the Central Broward Transit Study is in the process of refining the alternatives to serve east/west transportation needs in Central Broward County. The Broward Boulevard/State Road 7 alternative will be limited to rail in the areas east of the Tri Rail stations at Broward Boulevard and Griffin Road; therefore, serving downtown Fort Lauderdale and the airport area. The remainder of the alternative west, which would have included us, of the Tri Rail stations will be improved bus services. Thanks to so many people in this neighborhood and community for working against the notion of putting an elevated tram right along side our corridor that we have spent so much time, effort and input into making it beautiful.

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Councilman Uria indicated that she was honored to be re-elected and thanked the Department heads and employees. She wished Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Fadgen the best.

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Councilman Tingom expressed thanks for working with Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Fadgen.

Councilman Tingom reminded everyone that the time changes this weekend.

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Councilwoman Bendekovic thanked all of the candidates for stepping up to the plate; she was honored that there were ten candidates. She also thanked Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Fadgen for their service.

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Councilman Fadgen congratulated Councilwoman Bendekovic, Mayor-elect, and extended best wishes to the candidates and the newly elected officials. He noted that this was a bittersweet occasion and stated that for the last 16 years this has been the greatest honor and privilege of his life. He thanked all of the residents of Plantation.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS - None.

Dennis Conklin, resident, thanked Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Fadgen for their service. He also congratulated the newly elected officials and all of the ten candidates.

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Mayor Armstrong acknowledged and thanked Donald Lunny, City Attorney for representing us professionally with true devotion to what this community represents.

In response to Mayor Armstrong, Mr. Lunny stated that their firm and he in particular, truly deem it a privilege to represent this City. It has been a true pleasure to work closely with you. He believes that Councilman Fadgen's distinguished service has been a great value to our citizens and he will always remember and value the polite and firm exercise of decorum that has been exhibited over many years and hopes that it will continue to be a model to strive for. Mr. Lunny wished Mayor Armstrong and Councilman Fadgen the best.

Councilman Fadgen thanked Mr. Lunny for his kind words.

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WORKSHOPS - None

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Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Jerry Fadgen, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Susan Slattery
City Clerk

RECORD ENTRY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Original of the foregoing signed Minutes was received by the Office of the City Clerk and entered into the Public Record this _____ day of _____, 2011.

Susan Slattery, City Clerk