

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

September 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Councilwoman Uria, President of the City Council.

1. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Councilmember:	Ron Jacobs – attending by phone Robert A. Levy Lynn Stoner Peter S. Tingom Sharon Moody Uria
Mayor:	Diane Veltri Bendekovic
City Attorney:	Donald Lunny, Jr.

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2. The invocation was offered by Councilman Tingom.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Bendekovic presented Service Awards to the following employees:

*Officer Nelson Diaz	Police	20 years
Heidi Cole	Fire	15 years
Iraldo Curbelo	Fire/Rescue	15 years
Norman Enrich	Fire/Rescue	15 years
James Wallett	Fire/Rescue	15 years
Officer Robert Wilkins, Jr.	Police	15 years
*Joseph Brewster, Jr.	Utilities	10 years
*Miriam Morgan	Parks & Recreation	10 years
Shakeela Robinson	Code Enforcement	10 years
Officer Eric Gonzalez	Police	5 years
Georgia Gordon	Building	5 years
Melissa Hurt	Police	5 years
William Reguera	Fire/Rescue	5 years
Karin Walsh	City Clerk	5 years

* Unable to attend

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Mayor Bendekovic read a Proclamation designating October 2, 2011 as *Business Wire Day* in the City of Plantation.

Laura Shretis (sic), Executive Vice President of Media Services and Product Strategy for Business Wire, along with colleagues, accepted the proclamation.

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3. Resolution of Appreciation to Gregory Gosier for 32 years of dedicated service to the City of Plantation.

NOTE: This item was deferred.

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Mayor Bendekovic made the following announcements:

- The City will be closed on Friday, October 7, 2011 for Yom Kippur.
- Nature in the Woods will be held at the Plantation Community Center on Saturday, October 15, 2011.
- Free flu shots for residents age 55 and older will be given at the Central Park Gym on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
- The Halloween and Safety Festival will be held at the Plantation Community Center on Saturday, October 22, 2011.
- Kids Days Off will be at Central Park on Friday, October 28, 2011.
- The County Redistricting Workshop will be held at the Government Center.

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CONSENT AGENDA

As a Commissioner of the CRA, Mayor Bendekovic has a voting privilege on Item No. 10.

Item No. 7 was removed due to a request to continue. Item No. 9 was removed for discussion.

Mr. Lunny read the Consent Agenda by title.

4. Approve renewal for the City's Excess Self-Insurance Program with Florida League of Cities in the amount of \$814,919.
5. Approve Flood Insurance Renewal with Travelers Insurance Company in the amount of \$63,568.
6. Award bid for restriping of the resurfaced roads in Plantation Harbor to High Tech Striping, Inc. in the amount of \$28,581.65. (Budgeted – Utilities)

Resolution No. 11346

8. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period September 8 – September 14, 2011 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 11348

10. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period September 8 – September 14, 2011 for the City of Plantation's Community Redevelopment Agency.

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

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria

Nays: None

NOTE: Mayor Bendekovic voted affirmatively on Item No. 10.

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Mr. Lunny read Item No. 7.

7. Second and Final Public Hearing of an Ordinance of the City of Plantation pertaining to the subject of Comprehensive Planning; recapturing 197 flexibility units of the previously approved 398 flexibility units, and re-assigning up to 197 flexibility units to the following described property located in Flex Zone 75 so as to permit the construction of up to 197 multi-family dwelling units without amending the City Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan: Property lying in Section 9, Township 50 South, Range 41 East, and described as Tract "B" of the American Express Tract, as recorded in Plat Book 82, Page 35, of the Public Records of Broward County, Florida. Generally located on the east side of Pine Island Road between American Expressway and Cleary Boulevard; providing findings; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date therefor. (Veranda II)

There was a request to continue this to the October 12, 2011 meeting.

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to continue Item No. 7 to October 12, 2011.

Mr. Lunny questioned whether the motion could be continue to the second hearing until October 12, 2011.

Amended Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to continue the second hearing until October 12, 2011. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria

Nays: None

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Mr. Lunny read Item No. 9.

Resolution No. 11347

9. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period September 8 – September 14, 2011.

Dennis Conklin, resident, was present. He pulled this item in order to gain some personal knowledge. He referenced pages 7, 38, 41 and 42. He requested clarification as to whether Page 7 was the “Benefits” page and if so, if he could get a description of whether this is a weekly or biweekly pay period. With regard to Page 38, he thought it might be quarterly instead of accrued. Pages 41 and 42 are basically one page with a total on Page 42. He questioned whether that also represents a pay period; a paycheck every two-week period.

Mr. Herriman advised that Page 7 reflects biweekly expenditures and taxes paid to the Internal Revenue Service biweekly, based on the payroll.

Mr. Conklin requested that this item not be disposed of.

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilperson Stoner, to approve Resolution No. 11347. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria

Nays: None

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS - None

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LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Lunny read each Item by title.

Resolution No. 11349

11. **RESOLUTION** adopting the final millage rate for the City of Plantation of 4.6142 mills for the operating fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012, identifying the City only rolled-back millage rate, the aggregate millage and aggregate rolled-back rate; and the percentage decrease from the aggregate rolled-back rate; providing findings; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date therefor.

A memorandum dated September 21, 2011 to the Honorable Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor, and Members of the City Council, from Herbert V. Herriman, Finance Director, follows:

Pursuant to Florida Statutes and the City of Plantation Council, the **Second Public Budget Hearing** is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Enclosed are final millage and budget resolutions for the **second public hearing** as follows:

1. Final Millage Resolution – City of Plantation
2. Final Millage Resolution – Plantation Gateway Development District
3. Final Millage Resolution – Plantation Midtown Development District
4. Final Budget Resolution – City of Plantation
5. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Gateway Development District
6. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Midtown Development District
7. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency

The City of Plantation Budget is based on the General Fund operating millage of 4.6142 mills, which is an increase of 1.80% from the rolled-back millage rate of 4.5325 mills.

The Plantation Gateway Development District Budget is based on the operating fund millage of 1.2461 mills, which is a decrease of 4.26% from the rolled-back millage rate of 1.3015 mills.

The Plantation Midtown Development District Budget is based on the operating fund millage of 0.4072 mills, which is a decrease of 3.83% from the rolled-back millage rate of 0.4234 mills.

The City of Plantation Aggregate Budgets is based on the operating millage of 4.7202 mills, which is an increase of 1.66% of the rolled-back millage rate of 4.6433 mills.

Resolution No. 11350

12. **RESOLUTION** adopting the final millage rate for Plantation Gateway Development District of 1.2461 mills for the operating fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; identifying the computed rolled-back millage rate; providing findings; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date therefor.

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The City of Plantation Aggregate Budgets is based on the operating millage of 4.7202 mills, which is an increase of 1.66% of the rolled-back millage rate of 4.6433 mills.

Resolution No. 11351

8. **RESOLUTION** adopting the final millage rate for Plantation Midtown Development District of 0.4072 mills for the operating fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; identifying the computed rolled-back millage rate; providing findings; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date therefor.

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4. Final Budget Resolution – City of Plantation
5. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Gateway Development District
6. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Midtown Development District
7. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency

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Resolution No. 11352

8. **RESOLUTION** providing for the adoption and approval of the final consolidated revenue and appropriation budget of the City of Plantation, for the operating fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; providing findings; budgeted compensation of elected officials, providing a savings clause, and providing an effective date therefor.

A memorandum dated September 21, 2011 to the Honorable Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor, and Members of the City Council, from Herbert V. Herriman, Finance Director, follows:

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7. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency

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The Plantation Midtown Development District Budget is based on the operating fund millage of 0.4072 mills, which is a decrease of 3.83% from the rolled-back millage rate of 0.4234 mills.

The City of Plantation Aggregate Budgets is based on the operating millage of 4.7202 mills, which is an increase of 1.66% of the rolled-back millage rate of 4.6433 mills.

Resolution No. 11353

8. **RESOLUTION** providing for the adoption and approval of the final revenue and appropriation budget of the dependent taxing district of Plantation Gateway Development District for the operating fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; providing findings; providing a savings clause, and providing an effective date therefor.

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4. Final Budget Resolution – City of Plantation
5. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Gateway Development District
6. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Midtown Development District
7. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency

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The City of Plantation Aggregate Budgets is based on the operating millage of 4.7202 mills, which is an increase of 1.66% of the rolled-back millage rate of 4.6433 mills.

Resolution No. 11354

8. **RESOLUTION** providing for the adoption and approval of the final revenue and appropriation budget of the dependent taxing district of Plantation Midtown Development District for the operating fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; providing findings; providing a savings clause, and providing an effective date therefor.

A memorandum dated September 21, 2011 to the Honorable Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor, and Members of the City Council, from Herbert V. Herriman, Finance Director, follows:

Pursuant to Florida Statutes and the City of Plantation Council, the **Second Public Budget Hearing** is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 21, 2011. Enclosed are final millage and budget resolutions for the **second public hearing** as follows:

1. Final Millage Resolution – City of Plantation
2. Final Millage Resolution – Plantation Gateway Development District
3. Final Millage Resolution – Plantation Midtown Development District
4. Final Budget Resolution – City of Plantation
5. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Gateway Development District
6. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Midtown Development District
7. Final Budget Resolution – Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency

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The Plantation Midtown Development District Budget is based on the operating fund millage of 0.4072 mills, which is a decrease of 3.83% from the rolled-back millage rate of 0.4234 mills.

The City of Plantation Aggregate Budgets is based on the operating millage of 4.7202 mills, which is an increase of 1.66% of the rolled-back millage rate of 4.6433 mills.

Resolution No. 11355

8. **RESOLUTION** providing for the adoption and approval of the final revenue and appropriation budget of the dependent taxing district of Plantation Community Redevelopment Agency for the operating fiscal year October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012; providing findings; providing a savings clause, and providing an effective date therefor.

A memorandum dated September 21, 2011 to the Honorable Diane Veltri Bendekovic, Mayor, and Members of the City Council, from Herbert V. Herriman, Finance Director, follows:

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The Plantation Midtown Development District Budget is based on the operating fund millage of 0.4072 mills, which is a decrease of 3.83% from the rolled-back millage rate of 0.4234 mills.

The City of Plantation Aggregate Budgets is based on the operating millage of 4.7202 mills, which is an increase of 1.66% of the rolled-back millage rate of 4.6433 mills.

Mr. Herriman advised that pursuant to Florida Statutes and the City of Plantation City Council, for your consideration, our final millage resolutions for the Second Public Budget Hearing for fiscal year 2012 as follows:

1. Final Millage Resolution – City of Plantation General Operating Fund
2. Final Millage Resolution - Plantation Gateway Development District
3. Final Millage Resolution – Plantation Midtown Development District
4. Final Millage Resolution – City of Plantation Aggregate

The City of Plantation General Operating Fund proposed final millage rate is 4.6142. The rolled-back millage rate is 4.5325. The percentage change is 1.80%.

The Plantation Gateway Development District proposed final millage rate is 1.2461. The rolled-back millage rate is 1.3015. The percentage decrease is 4.26%.

The Plantation Midtown Development District proposed final millage rate is 0.4072. The rolled-back millage rate is 0.4234. The percentage decrease is 3.83%.

The City of Plantation Aggregate proposed final millage rate is 4.7202. The rolled-back millage rate is 4.6433. The percentage change is 1.66%.

The ad valorem tax revenue for the City General Operating Fund will provide for personnel services and capital items for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

The ad valorem tax revenue for the City General Operating Fund will provide for capital improvements for the Plantation Midtown Development District.

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilman Levy, to approve Resolution No. 11349. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria

Nays: None

Dennis Conklin, resident, was present. He thanked the City for providing the Citizens Report at the last meeting. Previous reports mentioned the amount of revenue a mill and a tenth of a mill might raise. He requested that Council not increase the millage rate but to look for additional savings within the budget of the \$600,000 or to use further from the \$29 million that was unrestricted. After reviewing the Citizens Report, he understands that Council is faced with a decision to increase fees or decrease service. He mentioned that currently there are at least three out of the 31 Cities in Broward County that close on Fridays in order to save their budget. After reviewing Page 7, the Benefits page for a two-week single paycheck, he came up with a possible solution so that the property tax millage rate does not have to be raised. He originally suggested that the City be furloughed on two Fridays, October 7, 2011 and March 2, 2012; however, October 7, 2011 is closed in observance of Yom Kippur; therefore, he proposed that the furlough days be on October 14, 1011 and March 2, 2012. He urged Council to reject the millage rate raise and not pass the motion and second on the floor. He emphasized that he would prefer to see \$640,000 in cuts instead of furloughs.

Mayor Bendekovic advised that a .10% millage rate is \$641,000.

In response to Councilwoman Uria, Mr. Conklin stated that the Police, Fire and emergency system would have to be worked out so they would not all be furloughed on one day. He emphasized that he does not want the furlough but does not want the millage rate raised. He would like Council to look for the savings of \$640,000 or take it from the \$29 million of unrestricted money out of the \$77 million.

Mayor Bendekovic suggested that Mr. Conklin contact Mr. Herriman with any questions regarding the reserves. The reserves are made up of different funds and a balance needs to be kept and many of the accounts have to have between 5% and 7%.

In response to Mayor Bendekovic, Mr. Herriman advised that there is \$29 million of fund balance. A fund balance policy resolution was passed in accordance with GASBE 54 and that required the reallocation of some of the monies in designated capital and revenue and it was put into the General Funds. Some of those fund balances are committed and would require Council approval to get to it. There are other restrictions such as assignments for Risk Management, assignments for medical reserves. The undesignated reserve is very nominal. It is a rule of thumb that there should be approximately two months of operating funds in the undesignated portion of the reserves.

Councilwoman Uria commented that the amount should probably be raised from two months to two years. Perhaps Government should rethink and do more.

Mr. Herriman indicated that more cannot be done at this time because we do not have the resources.

In response to Councilman Levy, Councilwoman Uria stated that Mr. Conklin was referring to the Cities of Coconut Creek, Margate and Pembroke Pines being closed on Fridays.

Mayor Bendekovic advised that a survey on furloughs was done a couple of years ago.

Councilman Levy questioned whether the other Cities increased their hours so that everyone still worked a 40-hour work week during the four days they were open and they closed on Fridays to save different costs, which they did. The employees are paid for a 40-hour work week.

Mr. Conklin stated that he was not able to find out whether the other Cities changed their hours to ten-hour days.

Mayor Bendekovic commented that five furlough days for General Employees would be \$754,250 which includes salaries, FICA and pensions. That is just for the General Employees because it eliminates the 165 FOP employees.

Councilwoman Uria noted that the suggestions could be reviewed.

Robert Knox, resident, was present. He reminded everyone that this week is Constitution Week. He does not believe that Plantation has a revenue problem; he believes there is a spending problem. He mentioned a campaign promise by Councilman Jacobs on March 8, 2011 when he said, "I will work to keep our hometown unique without raising taxes on our families". He feels that the increase in the millage rate should be defeated.

Joe Mercogliano, Plantation FOP, Lodge 42 President, indicated that he was hopeful that furlough days are not given to any of the employees. Taking money out of the paychecks of City employees on any day could be devastating. In 2009 all police officers, paramedics, grass cutters, Public Works and Utilities did not take a pay raise. This year General Employees are not getting a pay raise. The symbolic \$50 for turkey money was eliminated; all employees have to pay an additional 4% towards health insurance; as of October 2010 there is no longevity pay; and Tier 2 Pension Plans were created for the Police and Fire Departments. The Police Plan alone will save over \$10 million in ten years.

Jerry Fadgen, resident, recommended that the motion on the floor be withdrawn or amend it to approve Item #11 without the increase in taxes. He further noted not to raid reserves for that additional \$641,000. He also recommended that Item #14 be approved with instructions to cut specific expenses equal to \$641,000 or across the board cut equal to the \$641,000. He has heard comments that at the end of this fiscal year the budget is proposed for, we will have in excess of \$1 million of non-recurring revenues that will have to be made up and that is why he is saying, "Cut the budget now". He questioned why Mr. Jacobs was not keeping his campaign promise.

Councilman Jacobs did not have a comment at this time.

Mayor Bendekovic responded that she believed that Councilman Edwards was the front runner on the Elected Officials Pension and Marvin Greenberg was the champion in Lauderdale West. Councilman Jacobs might have voted for it but she thought he was the one who brought it up at the Council meeting. At that time certain individuals were grandfathered in. She noted that the Mayor was not entitled to vacation pay or sick leave because it was an elected official position.

Mr. Fadgen commented that this took place in 1995 and Councilman Edwards took office in 1997 or 1999.

Councilwoman Uria believed it was Councilman Edwards who wanted to go back to see if it was a legal plan and that was not approved.

Mr. Fadgen stated that the point is campaign promises are not being kept and he kept his when he was an elected official.

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve Resolution No. 11349. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy
Nays: Stoner, Uria

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve Resolution No. 11350. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria
Nays: None

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve Resolution No. 11351. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria
Nays: None

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilman Levy, to approve Resolution No. 11352. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy
Nays: Stoner, Uria

Dennis Conklin, resident, was present. He reiterated that he did not want Council to furlough employees; that was the last resort. He preferred that Council find \$640,000 in this budget. According to the Citizens Report, the property values increased by 1% last year and a 2.2% increase is being added on the millage rate. He is not convinced that \$640,000 cannot be found and spent in this budget. He emphasized not to spend the money.

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve Resolution No. 11353. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria
Nays: None

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve Resolution No. 11354. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria
Nays: None

Motion by Councilman Tingom, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, to approve Resolution No. 11355. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Jacobs, Levy, Stoner, Uria
Nays: 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 Bendekovic made the following reminder and announcements:

- The next City Council meeting will be on October 12, 2011; there are no meetings on October 28, 2011 or November 5, 2011.
- The Firefighter Memorial Service will be on October 15, 2011.
- The Volunteer Firefighters' Barbeque will be on November 6, 2011.

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Councilman Levy mentioned his thought process as he went through the budget. He stated that none of the Council members want to increase taxes, but sometimes reality has to be recognized. He believes that the Mayor and staff did a very commendable job in cutting a lot of things they could have insisted and worked for. The

decision was difficult and if there would have been more time they may have been able to come through with Mr. Conklin's suggestion. He reiterated Mr. Conklin's suggestion that it would be nice to show next year that we did cut and did have surplus. He feels this can be done without the urgency of having to make a vote and to meet a deadline that the State requires regarding this entire budgetary hearing. This is a tool that can be used to help and guide, but it also can be used to teach us how to be more economically conservative and approach a balanced budget in a better way without the use of reserves and without having to raise taxes. He believes that we need to continuously work towards that end. After working on this document for many months and having to send it to the State, he believes this was the best avenue to be taken.

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Councilman Tingom concurred with Councilman Levy's comments. He also mentioned that he met an hour or more with all 15 Department Heads and discussed what has happened over the last four or five years. The discussion included topics such as the lack of capital, infrastructure and investment that could cause a problem in the future. It is true that no one wants to raise taxes but he does not want to be in a situation where we are in default. He thinks we can be fiscally conservative as far as spending; however, we have to have adequate resources to move forward and deliver the services that our residents expect.

Councilman Tingom recognized both Plantation High School and South Plantation High School. A student at Plantation High School put a program together to help the citizens of Joplin, Missouri after their disaster. South Plantation's Key Club is hosting a convention for Broward County this weekend. It is a great pleasure to see so many citizens who are willing to step forward and work in organizations within the City.

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Councilman Jacobs commented that Mr. Fadgen is correct that campaign promises do count. He regrets that his decision had to be in conflict with what was said during his campaign. The decision was made because of the circumstances and facts that were presented.

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Councilwoman Uria believes that Council needs to look at everything the taxpayers look at. People are contending with so much and we have to remember that our employees still have a job.

Councilwoman Uria reminded everyone that Park East is having a "Fun Day" this weekend starting at noon at the Jim Ward Community Center.

Councilwoman Uria mentioned a news article showing 16 hospitals in South Florida that were ranked among the best in the United States. Both hospitals in Plantation, Plantation General and Westside Regional, are on the list.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Dennis Conklin, resident, was present. He commented about events taking place in New York City and specifically in the United Nations. He requested that Council pass a resolution that the Visa for the Iranian President be revoked.

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WORKSHOPS - None

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Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sharon Uria, 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 _____, 2012.

Susan Slattery, City Clerk