

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

JUNE 17, 2009

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

1. Roll call by the City Clerk:

Councilmember:

Diane Veltri Bendekovic

Jerry Fadgen

Peter S. Tingom

Sharon Moody Uria

Mayor:

Rae Carole Armstrong

City Attorney:

Donald J. Lunny, Jr.

Absent:

Robert A. Levy

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2. The invocation was offered by Councilwoman Uria.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

3. The City Council minutes for May 20, 2009 were approved as printed.

4. The City Council minutes for June 3, 2009 were approved as printed.

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR

Resolution No. 10583

5. **RESOLUTION** of Appreciation to Steve Merritt for his service on the City of Plantation Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion by Councilman Fadgen, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, that Resolution No. 10583 be approved and adopted. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Uria, Fadgen, Bendekovic

Nays: None

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Resolution No. 10584

6. **RESOLUTION** of Appreciation to Jayne Flanigan for her service on the City of Plantation Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Motion by Councilwoman Uria, seconded by Councilman Fadgen, that Resolution No. 10584 be approved and adopted. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Resolution No. 10585

7. **RESOLUTION** of Appreciation to William Hanes for his service on the City of Plantation Educational Advisory Board.

Motion by Councilman Fadgen, seconded by Councilwoman Uria, that Resolution No. 10585 be approved and adopted. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Representative Franklin Sands provided a Legislative update.

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Mayor Armstrong presented Service Awards to the following employees:

Officer William Tighe	Police	25 years
Officer Lori Legette	Police	15 years
Patricia Maciejewski	Building	15 years
Susan Slattery	City Clerk	15 years
Steven Peraza	Utilities	10 years
Jocelyn Pierre-Charles	Landscape	10 years
Daniel Thompson	Landscape	10 years
Officer Thomas Bickham	Police	5 years

Congratulations were offered.

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Mayor Armstrong announced the Fourth of July parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Broward Boulevard and NW 46th Avenue. Councilwoman Bendekovic also commented business participants are being sought for the 4th of July parade. Please call Ken Boyce in the Parks and Recreation Department at (954) 452-2502 for more information.

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Mayor Armstrong announced the *Chamber of Commerce Wine, Jazz & Taste* will be held Saturday, July 11, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Hotel.

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CONSENT AGENDA

As a Commissioner of the CRA, Mayor Armstrong had a voting privilege on Items #18 and #21.

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Lunny read the Consent Agenda by title.

8. Approve Change Order No. 3 for Park East sidewalks in the amount of \$90,497.80 to Design Build Engineering and Construction, Inc.
9. Approve replacement parts for tot lot equipment repair at Central Park from Game Time in the amount of \$19,281.77. (Budgeted – Parks & Recreation)
10. Approve emergency purchase order to Motorola Inc. for the rebuilding and replacement of major components of the City's VHF Radio System in the amount of \$260,085.26.
11. Award bid for Liberty Tree Park Comfort Station to lowest responsive bidder, J A & M Developing Corp. in the amount of \$165,000.

Ordinance No. 2430

12. Second and Final Reading of an **ORDINANCE** pertaining to the subject of City Utility rates; adjusting the City water service rates, including customer billing charges, consumption charges and base facility charges, adjusting the wastewater utility rates, including customer billing charges, consumption cost charges, and base facility charges; adjusting and codifying the City water and wastewater administrative charges; providing a savings clause; and providing an effective date therefor.

Resolution No. 10586

13. **RESOLUTION** for the appointment of a part-time Inspector II (Plumbing) for the City of Plantation's Building Department fixing the initial annual compensation to be paid for said administrative position; and the appointment of an individual to said administrative position. (McGann)

Resolution No. 10587

14. **RESOLUTION** to apply for a US Department of Energy (DOE), Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Resolution No. 10588

15. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period May 28 – June 3, 2009 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 10589

16. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period May 28 – June 3, 2009 for the Plantation Midtown Development District.

Resolution No. 10590

17. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period May 28 – June 3, 2009.

Resolution No. 10591

18. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period May 28 – June 3, 2009 for the City of Plantation’s Community Redevelopment Agency.

Resolution No. 10592

19. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period June 4 – June 10, 2009 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 10593

20. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period June 4 – June 10, 2009.

Resolution No. 10594

21. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period June 4 – June 10, 2009 for the City of Plantation’s Community Redevelopment Agency.

Motion by Councilman Fadgen, seconded by Councilwoman Bendekovic, to approve tonight’s Consent Agenda as read. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Tingom, Uria, Fadgen, Bendekovic

Nays: None

Note: Mayor Armstrong voted affirmatively on Items #18 and #21.

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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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CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilman Tingom commented on his attendance at the South Florida Water Management District Elected Officials Academy. He commended the cooperation between the Utilities and Public Works Departments and South Florida Water Management District.

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Councilman Tingom noted that he attended the Park East Homeowners' Association meeting last evening and commented on the positive comments the residents had concerning Code Enforcement.

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Councilwoman Uria appointed Dennis Fontaine of Universal Electrical Services, Inc. to the Unsafe Structures Board.

Resolution No. 10595

RESOLUTION appointing Dennis Fontaine to the City of Plantation Unsafe Structures Board and providing an effective date therefore.

Motion by Councilwoman Uria, seconded by Councilman Tingom, that Resolution No. 10595 be approved and adopted. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mayor Armstrong inquired on the possibility of Council members to begin using laptops for their City Council agenda packets in order to decrease the use of paper. All site plans would still be presented in a paper format.

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Councilman Fadgen commented on two items regarding Memorial Day events. He requested that information on flag etiquette be forwarded to all parties that it pertains to and he also requested that Vietnam Veterans not be overlooked in the future at our Memorial Day events.

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Councilman Fadgen requested Council be notified of the status of the Mayor's meeting with PAL representative next week.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Dennis Conklin, resident, commented on the City's defined benefit retirement and the recent Iranian election.

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Bill Bzdek, former resident, commented on the current status of the PAL Agreement. He gave a history of how this agreement was achieved. He requests that the City and PAL sit down together and straighten this out.

Councilman Fadgen responded that he feels the PAL organization is worth saving.

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Denise Appleby Horland, resident and current PAL parent, voiced her concerns with the way that PAL is being run. She stated that a lot of current PAL parents feel that they have no voice. In her opinion this is a wonderful organization. She commended Mr. Bzdek for his prior service on PAL.

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William Adams, resident, commented on the increase in water and sewer services. He felt that the 32.4% increase within 14 months is outrageous and should have been spread out over the last few years. He is happy with the quality of service and the product.

Councilman Fadgen responded that the times of cheap water are over. There are many new restrictions on the demand to supply water to our residents. Our infrastructure is 50 years old in some parts of the City and it needs to be replaced at this time, not five years ago. He is not happy with the increase but knows that it is necessary at this time.

Councilwoman Uria asked Mr. Adams to speak with Mr. Breitenkam so that he could understand why this increase is happening now. She assured him that no one is happy about this increase.

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Jay Reeder, resident, requested the City enforce the water restrictions in regards to residents using their sprinklers. He also commented on flag etiquette and the spotlight shining on the flag at Fire Station #2.

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Jeff Skinner, resident, commented that his son, Wesley, is in the audience this evening working on his Boy Scout Communication merit badge.

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Ralph Seay, resident, inquired if the City could hire more Code Enforcement Inspectors.

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WORKSHOP - None

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Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Diane Veltri Bendekovic, President
City Council

ATTEST:

Susan Slattery
City Clerk

RECORD ENTRY:

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the Original of the foregoing signed document was received by the Office of the City Clerk and entered into the Public Record this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Susan Slattery, City Clerk