

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

November 19, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember Lynn Stoner, President of the City Council.

1. Roll Call by City Clerk:

Councilmember:	Jerry Fadgen Ron Jacobs Robert A. Levy Lynn Stoner Chris P. Zimmerman
Mayor:	Diane Veltri Bendekovic
City Attorney:	Donald J. Lunny, Jr.

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2. The invocation was offered by Mayor Bendekovic.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting – October 22, 2014

Minutes of the regular meeting of October 22, 2014 were approved.

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR

Jim Romano, Director of Parks and Recreation, made the following announcements:

- The Winter Championship Swim Meet will be held at the Aquatic Complex on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. It will run through the weekend and Finals begin on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.
- The Annual Holiday Parade will be on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.
- Thanksgiving Day Buffet will be held on Thursday, November 27, 2014 at the Plantation Preserve Golf Course and Club. Reservations are suggested; call 954-585-5020.
- The 14th Annual Forrest Gump Table Tennis Tournament will be held at the Central Park Gymnasium on Saturday, December 6, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Registration is going on now at Central Park or at the Jim Ward Community Center; the deadline is Friday, December 5, 2014.
- The USTA Orange Bowl Tennis Tournament will be held at the Veltri Tennis Center on Friday, December 5, 2014 through Sunday, December 7, 2014.

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Mayor Bendekovic presented Service Awards to the following Employees:

*Officer Jeffrey Young	Police	25 years
Captain Darren Brodsky	Police	20 years
Michael Brown	Public Works	10 years
Victor Arriola	Utilities	5 years
Sergio Gonzalez	Utilities	5 years
*Pam Ponce De Leon	Administration	5 years

*Unable to attend.

Congratulations were offered.

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Mayor Bendekovic read a Proclamation proclaiming that a General Election shall be held in Plantation on Tuesday, March 10, 2015, for the purpose of electing one resident elector to serve as Mayor of the City of Plantation and two resident electors to serve as members of the City Council of the City of Plantation, Florida.

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Mayor Bendekovic made the following comments:

- The Kiwanis Club “Shop Till You Drop” will be at Deicke Auditorium on Thursday, November 20, 2014 between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- The Household Hazardous and Electronic Recycling Event will be on Saturday, November 22, 2014 between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Questions should be directed to Public Works at 954-452-2535.
- The Winter Wonderland Exhibit opens at the Historical Museum between December 2, 2014 and January 10, 2015. The new tree is “Salute the Veterans’ Tree”, which will join 40 other trees. Santa visits the Museum on December 13, 2014 and December 20, 2014 between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Please visit www.Plantation.org for the other Open House dates and times or call 954-797-2722.
- Plantation Farmer’s Market is every Saturday at Volunteer Park between 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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CONSENT AGENDA

As a Commissioner of the CRA, Mayor Bendekovic has a voting privilege on Item No. 9.

Item No. 4 was pulled for discussion and voted on separately.

Mr. Lunny read the Consent Agenda by title.

Resolution No. 11984

5. **RESOLUTION** approving FY 2013/2014 Budget Amendment No. 4.

Resolution No. 11985

6. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period November 6, 2014 through November 12, 2014 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 11986

7. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period November 6, 2014 through November 12, 2014 for the Plantation Midtown Development District.

Resolution No. 11987

8. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period November 6, 2014 through November 12, 2014.

Resolution No. 11988

9. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period November 6, 2014 through November 12, 2014 for the City of Plantation's Community Redevelopment Agency.

Resolution No. 11989

10. **RESOLUTION** of the City of Plantation approving that a certain Facility Use Agreement regarding United Tennis Association, Inc., use of the Frank Veltri Tennis Center for the 2014 – 2016 Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship, providing a savings clause and providing an effective date therefor.

Motion by Councilmember Fadgen, seconded by Councilmember Zimmerman, to approve tonight's Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Levy, Jacobs, Zimmerman, Fadgen, Stoner
Nays: None

Mayor Bendekovic voted affirmatively on Item No.

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Mr. Lunny read Item No. 4.

Resolution No. 11983

4. **RESOLUTION** approving FY 2013/2014 Budget Amendment No. 3.

A memorandum dated November 12, 2014, to Mayor Bendekovic and Members of Council, from Nancy Romanello, Budget Manager, follows:

This resolution approves the budget amendments and the amended budget for FY 2014 that are included in the corresponding attachment. The resolution amends the budgets of the General Fund, Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 Fund (NSP3), Neighborhood Stabilization Program Fund (NSP), Library Board Fund, Plantation Gateway Development District Fund, State Housing Initiative Partnership Fund (SHIP), State and Federal Forfeitures Funds, Impact Fees Fund, 2013 Note Construction Fund, Designated Capital Improvements and

Reserves Fund, Plantation Midtown Construction Fund, Water and Wastewater Capacity Funds, and Storm Water Utility Fund.

A summary of the budget amendment's components for each fund is provided below. A detailed list of revenues and expenditures by department and fund by line item is provided in the attachment.

GENERAL FUND

The resolution increases the General Fund by \$23,780. The budget increase is due primarily to unanticipated revenue received from the Women's Club as a donation to the Public Works Department. This donation was offset by the purchase of materials and cost of labor to install a fountain at Volunteer Park. In addition, minor adjustment was made to the Fund Balance-Assigned to Special Programs/Donations to cover expenses incurred in the Historical Museum Department.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The resolution increases the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 3 by \$270,500. The budget increase reflects additional revenues received by the State to cover additional administrative costs, home purchase and home rehabilitation expenditures.

The resolution decreases the Neighborhood Stabilization Program by \$206,000. Recapture funds didn't materialize this fiscal year.

The resolution increases the Library Board Fund by \$15,000 to reflect adjustments to revenue and expenditures in the fund and the amount needed from the appropriated fund balance.

The resolution increases the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) by \$119,132. The fund received additional revenues from the State to cover minor home repair expenditures.

The resolution increases the Impact Fees Fund by \$1,000 to reflect the actual revenue collected which reduces the amount projected to increase the appropriated fund balance.

FORFEITURES FUNDS

The resolution increases the State Forfeitures Fund by \$40,000 to reflect amounts collected in State forfeitures and the corresponding expenditures. In additions, the resolution increases the Federal Forfeitures Fund by \$15,000 to reflect amounts collected in Federal forfeitures and the corresponding expenditures.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS

The resolution decreases the 2013 Note Construction Note Fund by \$2,399,500. This reduction is due to postponement of Plantation Community Center renovation.

The resolution increases the Designated Capital Improvements and Reserves Fund by \$59,500 to reflect the unexpected revenue received from Federal Grant for Hurricane Relief. This revenue will cover the additional expenditures incurred due to the purchase of tools under threshold, IT and Risk Management remodeling project and purchase of Toughbooks for the Building Department.

The resolution increases the Plantation Midtown Construction Fund by \$98,565. The fund received the remaining balance from the Federal and County agencies for the NE 84th Avenue project. A portion of the revenue covers the outstanding expenditures incurred in this fiscal year for the mentioned project.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The resolution increases the Water and Wastewater Capacity Fund by \$1,000 each to reflect the actual revenue collected which reduces the amount of the project to increase the appropriated fund balance.

The resolution increases the Storm Water Utility Fund by \$13,000 due to the additional expense for materials and labor for the drainage system. Fund balance was reduced to cover the mentioned expenses.

SPECIAL DISTRICT FUNDS

The resolution reduces the Plantation Gateway Development District by \$15,500 to reflect minor adjustments to revenue and expenditures in the fund.

Dennis Conklin, resident, was present. During discussions last year he noted that there was a lot of contention about not having enough money and having to raise the millage rate. The year before there was also considerable discussion which would have been for these particular items on the Consent Agenda. When reviewing the backup material, even though the year just ended, we still managed to spend more than \$3.5 million than was originally budgeted. The same things were said this year even though there was an increase in property taxes and the millage rate was increased. He is curious whether there is any projection on the amendments for the current fiscal year.

Mayor Bendekovic advised that there was only one amendment for the General Fund and that is the operating budget of the City. The rest is all special revenue funds and those are unexpected revenues that come our way; they are unpredictable. Everything is fluid in the budget totality because we do not know. By law, an amendment to the budget must be done every six months and that is what this is; it is from April to September. These are special funds. She emphasized that there cannot be any surplus in this City when we are in the hole \$21 million in capital improvements. Once we are out of that there will be a surplus. She requested that he not insinuate that this Administration is crying poor mouth. This has to be approved first and then the budget can be approved. This is the final document because after tonight nothing can be changed.

Councilmember Levy commented that every City goes through this. They have to do this in order to get ready for the audit, which starts as soon as the fiscal year ends.

Mr. Conklin stated that he is not complaining about the fact that there has to be amendments. He did not proclaim there was surplus because the revenues matched the expenditures. There is no surplus when you spend everything you get in revenue.

Councilmember Stoner indicated that this Council and staff cannot redo anything that was done in the past. She understands that he has tried to point things out along the way but the \$3 million is not \$3 million. One of the things is \$2 million that we did not draw on for the Bond; it was budgeted but we did not utilize it. Some of the State and Federal Funds we receive do not count until they are in the till.

Mr. Lunny commented for the purpose of public information and noted that the General Fund number being discussed is an adjustment of \$23,780 on a budget of \$89,935,668. You raised the other one about \$2,399,500 which was deferred capital. These numbers, if they are available for public inspection and relevant to the size of the entries, are nominal. This is not significant.

Mr. Conklin noted that the Mayor indicated that there is a capital deficit of \$21 million.

Councilmember Stoner stated that the City's capital improvement list at this point is fairly basic of things that have not been replaced in years.

Motion by Councilmember Jacobs, seconded Councilmember Zimmerman, to approve Resolution No. 11983 as presented. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Levy, Jacobs, Zimmerman, Fadgen, Stoner
Nays: None

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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

Mr. Lunny read Item No. 11.

11. REQUEST TO DEFER THE SITE PLAN FOR 3950 RENOVATION UNTIL DECEMBER 10, 2014 (PP14-0027).

Motion by Councilmember Jacobs, seconded by Councilmember Fadgen, to Defer Item No. 11 until December 10, 2014. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Levy, Jacobs, Zimmerman, Fadgen, Stoner
Nays: None

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COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS

Councilmember Fadgen mentioned that we are moving the March election to November after this next one. He noted that a resident brought it to his attention that we should have moved it from March to August away from a non-partisan election to another non-partisan election, the Primary in August, where judges and School Board members run for office. It may be better to have our election at that time than in November when we are at the bottom of the ballot and mixed with all of the other partisan elections. This is something we should consider. It would not cost more than a November election.

Mayor Bendekovic commented that being at the bottom of the ballot did not hurt us because 47% was our average.

Councilmember Fadgen questioned if it is too late to have an item put on the March ballot.

Ms. Slattery advised that ordinances would have to be passed and there would not be enough time. Another thing to remember with the August election is that there is not as many municipalities that vote at that time so the cost factor will be higher; it will be more like a March election than it would be for a November election.

Mr. Levy commented that most people are on vacation and do not want to be bothered with an election in August. That is one of the main problems with having an election at that time. An August election does not make sense for the City.

Councilmember Fadgen believes that when the Legislature set up the elections in March that it would be the void of any political side; they would all be non-partisan.

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Councilmember Fadgen wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Councilmember Levy mentioned the Kiwanis "Shop Till You Drop" at Deicke Auditorium on Thursday, November 20, 2014, between 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. He wants everyone to look for the special presentation of Florida snowflakes; they will be somewhere in the auditorium.

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Mayor Bendekovic reminded everyone that the next two City Council meetings will be on December 10 and 17, 2014. In January 2015 the meetings were changed to January 7 and 21, 2015.

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Mayor Bendekovic wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Councilmember Stoner wished everyone a Happy Holiday and a Happy Thanksgiving. She reminded everyone about the parade on Saturday, November 22, 2014.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Dennis Conklin, resident, was present. He thanked the City for its effort in the battle for maintaining Plantation General Hospital in Plantation. He sent his letter to Tallahassee and hopes everyone else did. He also thanked everyone that took the time to seriously consider the marijuana amendment that was on the ballot. It only missed a little over 2%.

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SEALED COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS – None.

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WORKSHOPS – None.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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Councilmember Lynn Stoner, 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 _____, 2014.

Susan Slattery, City Clerk