

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

January 21, 2015

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 – December 10, 2014

Minutes of the regular meeting of December 10, 2014 were approved as presented.

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ITEMS SUBMITTED BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Bendekovic presented Service Awards to the following City Employees:

Florent Blanc	Parks and Recreation	20 years
Officer Kendrick Gomez	Police	20 years
Sgt. Steven Huskisson	Police	20 years
Off. Brian Boos	Police	15 years
Sgt. Seymour Council	Police	15 years
Off. Ernesto Gonzalez	Police	15 years
Ruth Gordon	Police	15 years
Christine Guifarro	City Clerk	15 years
Off. Sorada Toman	Police	15 years
Jeffrey Cannon	Parks and Recreation	10 years
Joyania Hawthorne	Parks and Recreation	10 years
Karamchand (Jack) Persaud	Central Services	10 years

Officer Joseph Miller
Kevin Stone

Police
Parks and Recreation

5 years
5 years

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Jim Romano announced Doggie Palooza, January 31, 2015, from 10:00 until 3:00 p.m. at Happy Tails Dog Park.

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Mayor Bendekovic made the following announcements:

- Plantation Woman's Club Antique Fair, February 13-15, 2015. More information will be provided.
- Broward Regional Health Planning Council will be helping to enroll individuals in Federal Medicaid, Kids Care and other affordable healthcare insurances at Hoffman Library, January 28, February 4, and February 11, 2015 from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.
- Plantation High School will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary, February 21, 2015, from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- Farmers Market at Volunteer Park every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 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. 8

Mr. Lunny read the Consent Agenda by title.

4. Request to approve the second of four (4) one (1) year renewal options with Fort Bend Services, Inc. to purchase polymer at the price of \$0.28/lb, delivered through 02/27/16 (Budgeted – Utilities)

Resolution No. 12008

5. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period January 1, 2015 through January 14, 2015 for the Plantation Gateway Development District.

Resolution No. 12009

6. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period January 1, 2015 through January 14, 2015 for the Plantation Midtown Development District.

Resolution No. 12010

7. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditures Report for the period January 1, 2015 through January 14, 2015.

Resolution No. 12011

8. **RESOLUTION** approving the expenditures and appropriations reflected in the Weekly Expenditure Report for the period January 1, 2015 through January 14, 2015 for the City of Plantation's Community Redevelopment Agency.

Motion by Councilmember Jacobs, seconded by Councilmember Levy, to approve tonight's Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

Mayor Bendekovic voted affirmatively on Item No. 8.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Lunny read Item No. 9.

Resolution No. 12012

9. **RESOLUTION** of the City of Plantation, Florida, authorizing an amendment to the estimated revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

A memorandum from Anna Otiniano, Financial Services Director to Mayor and City Council dated January 21, 2015 follows:

This resolution approves the budget amendments and the amended budget for FY 2015 that is included in the corresponding attachment. The resolution amends the budget of the General Fund.

A summary of the budget amendment components for the General Fund is provided below. A detailed list of expenditures by department and revenue by line item is provided in the attachment.

GENERAL FUND

The resolution increases the General Fund by \$5,198,578. The budget increase is due to the roll forward of capital expenditures in the amount of \$1,109,632 and an increase in capital improvements totaling \$4,089,118 (\$1,789,118 of reinstated operating capital that was eliminated during the FY15 budget process in order to balance the budget, and \$2.3 million in additional capital projects).

The basic capital requests from the various departments can be funded as a result of the increase in revenue in several areas including Ad Valorem-Delinquent Tax Utility Service Tax, Permit/Special Assessment Fees, and Intergovernmental Service Charge Fees. In addition, departments reduced personnel and operating expenditures by approximately \$3.0 million and \$1.4 million in capital outlay; of which, \$1,109,632 was rolled forward to FY 2015.

Mayor Bendekovic noted in 2011 the City had a \$12.9 million deficit and there were no significant capital improvements. Reserves were minimal. As of today, the rainy day funds have been replenished to \$4.7 million and capital improvements are now proposed. The City's budget is balanced without using one-time funds or reserve funds. She thanked Councilmembers for being fiscally responsible, the City employees, Department Heads and the City's residents and businesses. She noted there are outstanding variables including Resource Recovery Litigation and the garbage issue.

Councilmember Zimmerman expressed his pleasure with the Country Club Estates area roads being revamped. He complimented the Mayor in the fact that money is being put back into the reserves. He expressed concern with some of the previous budget presentations, particularly noting that there is no buffer in the budget reserves. He felt the budget reserves should be at \$5 million. He expressed concern with regard to cuts being put back into the budget and that those cuts should be placed in the reserves rather than other projects.

Ms. Otinario clarified there were two items added to this year's budget which were scheduled to be in the 2016 budget year: for the gun range ventilation system and the range components. She noted after staff reviewed the budget needs, this was added back into the budget.

Mayor Bendekovic explained the range has not been renovated since 1984.

In response to Councilmember Stoner, Ms. Romanello clarified the debt service for the Community Center is budgeted for the 2014-2015 year. It was clarified Council has given the authority to invest the proceeds of the loan fund consistent with management's needs for the money and the covenants of the loan. The operating costs will be part of the 2015-2016 budget year.

Councilmember Levy expressed his pleasure with the road and light improvements in the Country Club Estates area.

Motion by Councilmember Jacobs, seconded by Councilmember Zimmerman, to approve Resolution No. 12012 as presented.

Ayes: Levy, Jacobs, Zimmerman, Fadgen, Stoner

Nays: None

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Mr. Lunny read Item No. 10.

10. Plantation Community Center Presentation – Updated Probable Cost & Graphic.

A memorandum from Danny Ezzeddine to Mayor and Members of City Council dated January 15, 2015 follows:

Pursuant to direction from Council in its meeting on January 7, 2015, I am requesting to place the cost estimate for the Plantation Community Center to Council by Synalovski, Romanik, Saye, LLC. architects as an administrative item.

Merrill Romanik briefly discussed the rendering and plans for the community center. The building footprint is 16,090 square feet. The building interior is 10,960 square feet. The cost estimate for the project is \$2.1 million including a contingency fund. She reiterated improvements to the building including security cameras, audio and projection equipment and TV's.

Councilmember Zimmerman noted he met with staff to address his concerns and reiterated his request to meet the energy conservation standards for the State of Florida.

Manny Synalovski commented public facilities need to meet a green initiative sustainability. The intent was to follow a rating system per the State Statute and internally certify that the requirements have been met. In response to Councilmember Stoner the technology will constantly change. Consideration was given to such items as extra conduit, ceiling tiles which are examples of ways in which the design can accommodate the changing technology. He has designed approximately 25 community centers in the State of Florida with the most recent being the City of Lauderdale Lakes.

Councilmember Stoner questioned the debt service and operating costs and how they were integrated into the anticipated budget. She expressed concern with regard to not having the final figures and the effect on next year's budget prior to approving this item.

Mr. Romano explained the operating costs will be similar to Jim Ward Community Center. Staff is working on compiling those numbers.

Mayor Bendekovic noted those figures will be part of next year's budget.

Discussion ensued with regard to the operating budget for the Community Center.

Councilmember Levy expressed his concern with delaying the project. He felt the operating costs were nebulous. It was his belief if there are budget concerns, the priorities have to be reviewed. Residents are expecting the project to move forward since Staff brought forward a project that fits the \$2.1 million. Maintenance costs will probably be addressed in two years.

Mr. Ezzedine advised he would be able to continue processing the permit application and addressing plan review comments.

Councilmember Jacobs commented he would have denied the project if he had any questions whether the City could budget the operation of the facility.

Motion by Councilmember Levy, seconded by Councilmember Fadgen, to move forward with the cost estimate for the Plantation Community Center. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Levy, Jacobs, Zimmerman, Fadgen, Stoner

Nays: None

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LEGISLATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Lunny read Item No. 11.

11. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING; AMENDING THE CITY OF PLANTATION'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN ELEMENT REGARDING CONSOLIDATION OF FLEXIBILITY ZONE 74 INTO FLEXIBILITY ZONE 75; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

A memorandum from Peter Dokuchitz, through Laurence Leeds, to Mayor and City Councilmembers dated January 21, 2015 follows:

“Staff is requesting deferral of the above referenced item until the February 11, 2015, City Council meeting to allow for revisions recommended by the City Attorney.”

Motion by Councilmember Fadgen, seconded by Councilmember Zimmerman, to Defer Item No. 11 until the February 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Mr. Lunny read Item No. 12.

- 12. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PLANTATION, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECT OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING; AMENDING SECTION 19-67 REGARDING CERTAIN TYPES OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FLEXIBILITY; AMENDING THE CODE PROVISIONS REGARDING CONSOLIDATION OF FLEXIBILITY ZONE 74 INTO FLEXIBILITY ZONE 75; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREFOR.

A memorandum from Peter Dokuchitz, through Laurence Leeds, to Mayor and City Councilmembers dated January 21, 2015 follows:

“Staff is requesting deferral of the above referenced item until the February 11, 2015, City Council meeting to allow for revisions recommended by the City Attorney.”

Motion by Councilmember Fadgen, seconded by Councilmember Levy, to Defer Item No. 11 until the February 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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Councilmember Stoner referred to the guidelines for those addressing the Council as witnesses having been sworn in.

All witnesses intending to testify on quasi-judicial items during tonight’s meeting were sworn in by Susan Slattery, City Clerk.

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QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSENT AGENDA - None.

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QUASI-JUDICIAL ITEMS

Mr. Lunny read Item No. 13.

13. REQUEST TO DEFER “700 S. STATE ROAD 7 – SITE PLAN” FOR O’REILLY AUTO PARTS (FORMERLY FAMILY DOLLAR AND UNNAMED SECOND TENANT) – PP13-0032 UNTIL FEBRUARY 11, 2015.

A memorandum from Gayle Easterling, through Laurence Leeds, to Mayor and City Councilmembers dated January 21, 2015 follows:

“Staff is requesting deferral of the above referenced item until the February 11, 2015, City Council meeting to allow the applicant to submit additional information necessary for staff to conduct a complete review.”

Motion by Councilmember Fadgen, seconded by Councilmember Levy, to Defer Item No. 11 until the February 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried on the following roll call vote:

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

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COUNCILMEMBERS’ COMMENTS – None.

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PUBLIC REQUESTS OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Claudette Hammond requested Council consider moving the public requests portion of the meeting to the beginning of the meeting prior to the agenda items.

Discussion ensued. Councilmember Fadgen suggested a limited time for residents to speak after the Consent Agenda section.

Councilmember Levy commented the Council president who sets the agenda has the ability to change the agenda and ask for public comments earlier in the meeting.

Councilmember Stoner noted residents can contact the City Clerk regarding being placed on the agenda.

Mr. Conklin advised Resolution No. 1 calls for public comments at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Lunny advised Staff is reviewing Resolution No. 1 and recommendations will be brought back in the near future.

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SEALED COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS – None.

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WORKSHOPS – None.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:51 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 _____, 2015.

Susan Slattery, City Clerk