

Regular Village Council Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 23, 2010
7PM

- A. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Joyce A. Davis serving as Chairperson called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- B. **SILENT MEDITATION & PLEDGE:** The Chairperson asked all to stand for a moment of silent meditation followed by the pledge of allegiance.
- C. **ROLL CALL:** The Village Clerk was asked to read the roll call sheets. The following were noted as present/absent:

Present: Mayor Joyce A. Davis
Vice-Mayor Harold E. Mathis, Jr.
Councilperson Daisy Black
Councilperson Linda Marcus

Also present: Jason M. Walker, Village Manager
Joseph S. Geller, Village Attorney
Albertha W. Patterson, Village Clerk

Absent: Councilperson Claudia Cubillos

- D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Councilperson Marcus asked to revise the agenda by deleting all individual committee chairs report, J3a through J3e, due to no meetings were held during February. Councilperson Marcus moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Vice Mayor Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING:**
There were no Minutes to approve. The Clerk stated the minutes will be available for the next Regular Council meeting.
- F. **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF VISITORS AND/OR SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**
Mayor Davis welcomed Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Chief Wilbert Harbor.
- G. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** None noted.
- H. **AGENDA ITEM(S):**
H1. Opening of the Bids: Village Manager Jason Walker opened the sealed bids. The Manager stated his staff will contact the person with the highest bid. If for any reason that person does not come in, the person with the second highest bid will be contacted.

I. RESOLUTIONS / ORDINANCES: None noted.

J. REPORTS FROM THE VILLAGE MANAGER, MAYOR & COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

J1. Report from the Village Manager – Jason M. Walker

The Village Manager provided information to Mayor and Council on the following issues:

- J1a. Last meeting with Auditors
- J1b. LAP agency agreement need Attorney signature
- J1c. Received complaints from villagers on lights. Will ask FPL for higher watts bulbs. Mayor Davis asked that the bulbs be eco-friendly.
- J1d. Engineer completed third traffic study, pro-bono, on NE 86th Street. Commissioner Edmonson's office has agreed to setup a meeting with residents concerning the closure of 86th Street and Northeast Second Avenue. The numbers are not there to justify the closure. The safety issue is not a standard that they use. The patrol detail in that area has been increased
- J1e. Between April & May 15% of properties taxes are paid.
- J1f. Grant available for trees worth \$20,000 being released by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Forestry.
- J1g. Rader Church owners rejected the Village offer to purchase the church.
- J1h. Carolina attended a meeting on behalf of the Manager concerning the CITT.
- J1i. Mid-year financial report. The Village will probably lose another \$150,000 - \$160,000 in ad valorem revenues.
- J1j. Children Trust gave \$43,000 for the officers to work with children.
- J1k. Have met with 24 or 25 people who would like to be involved in the program "I am my neighbor's keeper".

J2. Mayor Davis Report

- J2a. State of the Village Address - February 25, 2010 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall.

J3. Committee Chair Reports: Mayor Davis stated no committee meetings were held during the month of February. Committee meetings are scheduled every other month. The next committee meetings are scheduled the second week in March.

J4. Legal Matters – Attorney Joseph S. Geller

- J4a. Received communication from the Attorney.
- J4b. Opa-Locka's Annual Civil Rights Supper is Saturday, February 27, at 7pm.
- J4c. Attorney advised Mayor and Council not to meet with any of the attorneys concerning the Rader Church purchase.

K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND GENERAL ORDERS: None noted.

- L. **NEW BUSINESS:** None noted.
- M. **GOOD AND WELFARE:** Mrs. Merlin Brooks – 400 Northeast 90th Street- stated the people who rent the village hall are destroying the hall. They sit on the handicap ramp banner. They leave the doors open with the air conditioner on. The people are cooking here in the village hall. Mrs. Brooks stated someone should be checking on the renters. She suggested that the cost for a police officer should be added in the cost of the hall rental.
Village Manager stated he require the police to check on the people who rent the hall.
Mayor Davis stated she will work with the Village Manager and revise the rental agreement.
- N. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilperson Black moved that the Regular Council meeting be adjourned. Vice Mayor Mathis, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Regular Council meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Albertha W. Patterson

Albertha W. Patterson, MSM, CMC
Village Clerk

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