



## OFFICIAL MINUTES

**CITY OF GREENACRES**  
5800 Melaleuca Lane  
Greenacres, FL 33463

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, April 17, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

**1. Call To Order and Roll Call.**

Mayor Flores called the City Council Meeting of Monday, April 17, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Joanna Cunningham called the roll.

**ROLL CALL:**

Council Present:

Joel Flores, Mayor  
Paula Bousquet, Deputy Mayor  
Lisa Rivera, Councilwoman  
Peter A. Noble, Councilman  
Judith Dugo, Councilwoman  
Anderson Thelusme, Councilman

Attendees from Public: 71  
Press: 1

Staff Present:

Andrea McCue, City Manager  
James D. Stokes, City Attorney  
Joanna Cunningham, City Clerk  
Michael Grimm, Director/Building  
Jim McInnis, Director/Finance  
Kara Ferris, Acting Director/Planning & Engineering  
Mark Pure, Fire Chief/Fire Rescue Department  
Suzanne Skidmore, Director/Human Resources  
Carlos Cedeño, Director/Public Works  
Melody Larson, Assistant to the City Clerk  
Jowie Mohamed, Youth Svcs. Sup./Leisure Services  
Sean Murray, Captain/PBSO

**2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.**

Mayor Joel Flores led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Comments From the Public for Agenda Items Only.**

Mayor Flores asked if there were comments from the public; hearing none, he continued with the Agenda.

**4. Agenda Approval.**

- A. Additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.
- B. Motion to approve and adopt entire agenda as set.

Mayor Flores inquired if there were any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda; City Attorney James Stokes requested to pull Agenda Item 7D, Renaming Community Park. He preferred to present this item to Council in the form of an ordinance instead of a resolution, to allow proper notification to the County and mapping agencies.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to pull Agenda Item 7D from the Agenda, and approving all remaining Agenda items. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 4 - 0.**

**5. Special Business.**

**A. Appointment of District IV Council Member and Oath– James Stokes, City Attorney.**

City Attorney Stokes reported on the current vacancy for District 4 following the resignation of Jonathan Pearce on March 20, 2017. To avoid a Special Election, the Charter mandates that the vacancy be filled by Council within 30 days of when the vacancy occurs (March 20, 2017). The application process began, the vacancy was properly advertised and a deadline was set for April 7, 2017. One qualified application was received. City Attorney Stokes recommended proceeding with the appointment as a ministerial act to avoid the cost of a Special Election.

Mayor Flores called on Council members for comment; hearing none, he called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to appoint Anderson Thelusme as Councilman for District IV. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

Councilwoman Rivera called Anderson Thelusme to the podium and asked if he was aware that his appointment was for one year and was he ready to be challenged during the next election.

Mr. Thelusme replied, "absolutely".

Councilwoman Dugo asked what improvements had he noticed in the past several years.

Mr. Thelusme noted several improvements, specifically the Food Truck Invasion events.

Councilman Noble noted that Mr. Thelusme has been very active in Greenacres and believed he deserved the appointment.

Mayor Flores called for a vote on the motion.

**VOTE ON**                      **In Favor:** Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble,  
**THE MOTION:**              Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

**Motion carried: 4 - 0.**

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham administered the Oath of Office to Anderson Thelusme as Councilman for District 4. Mayor Flores invited Councilman Thelusme to join Council at the dais.

- B. **Presentation:** Volunteer Service Awards; pursuant to Staff Memo – Joel Flores, Mayor.

Youth Programs Supervisor Jowie Mohamed provided a brief historical background on the Presidential Service Award Program for adults, young adults and teens that began in 2005. Mr. Mohamed reported that in 2016, 22 volunteers donated 6,153 hours, a significant increase from 2015. The Mayor and Mr. Mohamed congratulated and recognized each volunteer and presented them with award packets.

- C. **Presentation:** Access Point Project – Denise Negrón, Development and Outreach Coordinator.

Belkis Aguilar-Coupet, founder of the Access Point Project, thanked Council for the opportunity to share her vision of providing a one stop comprehensive campus to service children with special needs. Services include intervention, therapy, recreational activities, counseling, and advocacy. National statistics report 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with autism, with 3,400, in Palm Beach County alone. The total number of children with special needs in the County is 37,000.

Rock Point Academy, is a private school servicing autistic children with non-vocal, vocal or no social skills.

The Access Point Project focuses on young and older adults to help them with employability skills with the goal of helping them become independent.

Ms. Aguilar reported that the Access Point Project is seeking a community to establish their campus and support their model.

Councilwoman Rivera offered her support and desire to have the Access Point Project locate in Greenacres.

Councilwoman Bousquet asked what can Greenacres do for the Access Point Project.

Ms. Aguilar stated their current focus is on building awareness with the goal of working with cities to identify the ability to assist them in achieving a 10+ acre campus.

Mayor Flores asked how many individuals in Greenacres and surrounding communities have special needs.

Mrs. Aguilar explained it is difficult to identify number by municipality.

Mayor Flores noted that the City proclaimed April as "National Autism Awareness Month" and thanked Denise Negron for reaching out to the City.

- D. **Presentation:** Recognition of PBSO Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Campbell – Captain Sean Murray.

PBSO Captain Sean Murray recognized Deputy Jeremy Campbell for his efforts in applying to Walmart for grant funding in the amount of \$1,700 for the purchase of child safety seats. Coupled with an anonymous donation of \$150.00, fifty car seats were purchased and handed out in partnership with Helping Hands, the Greenacres Fire Rescue Department and Palm Beach County Rescue during the City's Child Safety Seat Initiative held on Saturday, April 8th. Thirty-six child safety seats were donated to residents in need and fourteen were given to Helping Hands.

- E. **PBSO Report:** – Captain Sean Murray.

Capt. Murray was pleased to recognize Deputy Nicole Rhodes and Deputy Paul Sanchez for their involvement leading to the arrests of more than 20 criminals and the seizure of narcotics, a stolen gun and various stolen items.

Capt. Murray reported that the City will be hosting two 6-week citizen police academies on April 24<sup>th</sup> - September 14<sup>th</sup> (for Spanish-speaking residents) and September 27<sup>th</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal is to have 25 participants per class.

There will be two Harmony in the Streets Summer Camps June 19-23 and June 24-28 for youths ages 6-12.

March was the worst month for vehicle burglaries. A prostitution sting resulted in eleven arrests and the Street Team and Narcotics Division made numerous arrests seizing \$10,000 and stolen guns. He reported on a sad case involving a 79-year old woman who had her money and car stolen. The perpetrator was arrested, released and returned to attack the same elderly woman with a broom stick and again stole money and the woman's car. He urged everyone if you See Something, Say Something.

6. **Consent Agenda.**

- A. Mayor Flores asked Council if they wished to pull any of the three (3) Consent Agenda items; hearing none, he called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to approve the three (3) Consent Agenda items. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON  
THE MOTION:**

**In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Bousquet,  
Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble,  
Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman  
Thelusme.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

**7. Regular Agenda:**

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** **Ordinance No. 2017-07:** First Reading; Amending the City of Greenacres Code of Ordinances, Chapter 7 Health, Sanitation and Nuisances, Article II entitled "Property Maintenance"; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Michael Grimm, Building Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance No. 2017-07 into the record on first reading.

Building Director Michael Grimm provided a brief history of the City's solid waste franchise agreement with Advanced Disposal fka Onyx Southeast Waste Services of Florida. Director Grimm explained that the franchise agreement contains restrictions that limit the collection of more than 4 cubic yards of construction debris, the collection of construction debris that is not containerized, and mixing of vegetation cuttings with construction materials. These restrictions pose a problem for Code Enforcement. The proposed amendment to Chapter 7, Article II of Property Maintenance Code adds definitions, changes the can size, from 30 to 50 gallons, remove the 14-day restriction, adds enforcement language to mirror the new citation system, and adds a section on residential waste and disposal. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2017-07 on first reading.

Mayor Flores called on Council members for comments.

Councilwoman Rivera asked what happens when a resident does not comply.

Director Grimm explained that a warning would be issued, followed by a citation.

Councilwoman Dugo believed that the current language is ambiguous and asked if the City has sufficient code enforcement personnel to enforce the proposed regulations.

Director Grimm explained that additional personnel is being addressed in the FY 18 budget.

Mayor Flores called on Council members for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance 2017-07 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-07 on first reading. Deputy Mayor Bousquet seconded the motion.

**VOTE ON THE MOTION:** **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Bousquet, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilman Thelusme.

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING** **Ordinance No. 2017-08:** First Reading; Amending Article II, Sec. 2-26 and Sec. 2-27, of the Greenacres Code of Ordinances, increasing the compensation of the Mayor and members of the City Council; providing for a cost of living; providing for certain benefits; providing for repeal; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the code; and providing for an effective date.pursuant to Staff Memo. – James Stokes, City Attorney.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance No. 2017-08 into the record on first reading.

City Attorney Stokes reported making the changes as requested by Council dividing the salaries and expense allowances. The Mayor's proposed salary increase is from \$7,500 to \$16,000 and Council members from \$6,000 to \$13,000, with monthly expenses of \$500 for each, totaling an additional \$6,000 annually. The Mayor and Council members may participate in the City's health insurance program with the opt out capability. The Ordinance also provides Mayor and Council with a laptop and cell phone.

Mayor Flores called on Council members for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance 2017-08 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

**MOTION:** Councilman Noble made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-08 on first reading. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

**Discussion on the Motion:**

Councilwoman Dugo wanted clarification on City cell phones.

City Attorney Stokes explained calls, emails, search history, etc. dealing with City business is public record. In public records lawsuits, courts are ordering public officials to turn in their phones and computers for inspection. Elected officials are being encouraged to accept City cell phones and computers to conduct City business. He suggested that a Council policy be created.

Deputy Mayor Bousquet suggested that this ordinance be presented in two (2) separate ordinances. She was opposed to the proposed salary increase.

Councilman Thelusme asked about a statute of limitation for public records lawsuits when personal devices are used.

**Mayor Flores called for a vote on the motion.**

**Motion carried: 5 - 0.**

- (The next item was removed from the Agenda)*

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- FY 2018 Budget

City Manager McCue proposed May 22<sup>nd</sup> for the first budget workshop and asked the Mayor and Council to check their calendars. The workshop would provide a preliminary review of the CIP projects and department budgets.

PBC League of Cities Surtax Oversight Committee

City Manager McCue reported that 15 municipalities have opted to use the League's Oversight Committee with Greenacres being the second largest. Project submissions will be by fiscal, not calendar year. She would be presenting Council with the previous list of projects with the intent of amending dollar amounts and including some projects in the City's FY 2018 budget.

Special Magistrate

She reported that the first successful Special Magistrate meeting was held on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Pepper/Snapple Public Space Recycling Bins Grant Program

She congratulated Public Works for being awarded 30 recycling bins that will be placed throughout City parks.

City Website

City Manager McCue reported that one of the features of the City's new website is it can be translated into 104 different languages.

Food Truck Invasion & Egg'stravaganza Events

She announced that April 26<sup>th</sup> is the next Food Truck Invasion at Community Park. Eggstravaganza was well attended with great weather, kudos to Leisure Services, PBO, Public Works and other staff.

Mayor Flores inquired about a date for in-house training on the Sunshine Laws, decorum, etc. City Manager McCue reported that she will work with the City Attorney to schedule a date.

Councilwoman Rivera recalled last year, three budget workshops were held and asked Council members for their thoughts on holding a similar series of workshops for FY 2018.

City Manager McCue reported that additional workshops would be scheduled.

Deputy Mayor Bousquet requested that the City Manager and the City Attorney prepare an ordinance addressing Council Policy 14. She suggested incorporating some of the charter language from the City of Boca that was previously provided by the City Attorney. Councilwoman Bousquet was aware that the Charter Review Committee (CRC) intends to add language regarding the appointment of Deputy Mayor (Council Policy 12). She requested that City Manager McCue add Council Policy 12 to the May 1<sup>st</sup> agenda. It



should include language allowing the Mayor to choose who he/she feels should serve as deputy mayor rather than leaving it to the "full" Council.

Councilwoman Dugo believed that Deputy Mayor Bousquet meant that the Mayor could "nominate" a deputy mayor. She was aware that the CRC was working on such language. She was also a proponent of rewriting and incorporating Council Policy 14 into the Charter and agreed with using the City of Boca's charter language. She asked if Council must wait until the entire Charter is reviewed or can certain items (Council Policies 12 and 14) be reviewed by Council sooner.

Deputy Mayor Bousquet wanted something in place until the Charter review process was completed since it is a long process.

City Attorney Stokes explained any proposed changes to the Charter must go to the voters in March 2018. Council can implement policies anytime; they are simply an administrative tool, whereas an ordinance would have more staying power. He reminded Council that they will be reviewing the proposed Charter changes. He noted that the Charter takes precedence over ordinances and ordinances over policies.

Mayor Flores instructed the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance.

**C. City Attorney's Report.**

City Attorney Stokes reported that now with a full Council, he would be contacting the Mayor and Council regarding dates to provide training on the Sunshine Laws, decorum, public records and electronic devices, etc.

He asked for Council's direction on preparing an ordinance for Council Policy 14.

Mayor Flores asked him to proceed.

**11. Mayor and City Council Reports.**

**Councilwoman Dugo**

Councilwoman Dugo thanked Chief Mark Pure, Assistant Chief Bryan Fuller and their staff for allowing her to observe Greenacres Fire Rescue personnel during a fire in River Bridge.

**Councilman Noble**

Councilman Noble reported that Egg'stravaganza was a huge success and thanked Leisure Services Director Michele Thompson and her staff for a wonderful job.

**Councilwoman Rivera**

Councilwoman Rivera asked City Manager McCue if dates had been scheduled for each district to address community policing.

City Manager McCue reported emailing Council and proposing June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center.

Mayor Flores

Legislative Watch

Mayor Flores noted that the current Legislative Session was underway and there are three things to watch out for. He urged Council members to touch base with their representatives.

1. House Bill 687 and Senate Bill 596 5G Utilities. For approximately \$15, cellphone companies can install 5G boxes to enhance broadband for cellphone coverage. These cellphone companies have free reign as to where these boxes can be installed without local government consideration. The City should regulate.
2. House Bill 17 Local Regulation Pre-emption
3. HB 7005 Economic Programs seeking funding for Visit Florida.

He urged Council members to contact their respective legislators and express their opinion on these bills.

"Meeting with the Principal" Initiative

Mayor Flores reported meeting with principals Edward Tierney of John I Leonard High School and David Samore of Okeeheelee Middle School. These men are well respected and very engaged with the children.

Greenacres Historical Society

Mayor Flores reported attending a recent meeting with several Council members and City Manager. He urged residents to volunteer and support their local Greenacres Historical Society and suggested that perhaps youth program volunteers could assist.

Child Safety Seat Initiative

Mayor Flores recognized PBSO, Fire Rescue and Helping Hands for their involvement in this event.

Tour of Fire Rescue

Mayor Flores reported being provided a tour of the renovations by Chief Pure and he thanked PBSO for making accommodations.

Basketball with the Mayor

Mayor Flores reported playing basketball with many of the youth volunteers last Friday. He was proud of these young men and ladies who selflessly give their time to the City. At Leisure Services, a class was being given on personal finances which he believed is crucial for high school students to learn.

He invited Fire Rescue, City staff and PBSO on May 5<sup>th</sup> to join him to play a game of basketball at the Community Center at 8:00 pm.


Egg'stravaganza

He recognized Director Michele Thompson, Danielle Clark and Sara Bailey for hosting a wonderful event.


**12. Adjournment.**

Councilwoman Rivera moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**CITY COUNCIL**

  
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Joel Flores  
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Joanna Cunningham, MMC  
City Clerk

Date Approved: 5-1-17

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Attachment

