

## MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge A. Merida and Councilman Rolando Piña. Also present was City Attorney Charles A. Citrin. Mayor Yioset De La Cruz and Councilman Elmo L. Urra were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Rolando Piña led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** None were offered.
- 6. Review of Minutes: September 17, 2013.** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2013 seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

**8. Recommendation for RFP 2013-01 Hollingsworth Hall Renovation:** Mr. Jerry Bell, Bell David Planning Group, Inc.

Mr. Jerry Bell came forward and stated that the City had been allocated \$70,000 in FY 2012 Community Development Block Grant by Miami-Dade County in order to conduct needed repairs to the Hollingsworth Hall Senior Center. The City advertised a Request for Proposals in order to receive sealed bids from qualified General Contractors to conduct these repairs. On September 30, 2013 the City Clerk's office received sealed bids from three (3) general contractors, as follows:

- Cityworks Construction - \$145,863.22;
- Vas Renovations - \$64,054.00, and;
- Western Construction & Development - \$60,180.00.

The bid packages of all three were reviewed for responsiveness and completion. Western Construction & Development was determined to be the lowest responsive bidder, and was recommended for selection. Councilman Rolando Piña then went on to ask as to why there was such a large disparity between the bid from Cityworks Construction compared to the other two bidders. Mr. Jerry Bell stated that the bid from Cityworks Construction was reviewed and that they were present for the walk through as well as the meeting and wasn't sure as to why the amount of the bid was so high compared to the other bidders. Mr. Jerry Bell also stated that the project should take about two (2) months to complete, and briefly mentioned that the Senior Hall will be under its regular operation while the renovation is taking place. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

**9. Proposed Resolutions:**

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DIVISION OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING A ONE STORY BUILDING THAT WILL HOUSE A MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE BAY OF PIGS; INSTRUCTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR THIS PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chairman Garcia mentioned that this was a one (1) million dollar grant received through the Florida legislature for the use of the construction of a museum for the Bay of Pigs. Chairman Garcia then asked if anyone that has artifacts that they might want to contribute to please do so. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2014 FORD EXPLORER, XLT VEHICLES TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND PURCHASING THE VEHICLE FROM A DEALERSHIP MATCHING THE PURCHASE PRICE SET FORTH IN THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S BID; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH GUS MACHADO FORD; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Chief Toth came forward and gave details regarding the purchase of three (3) vehicles for the police department. The money has been allocated in the FY2013-2014 budget. Gus Machado Ford matched the price with the sheriff's bid thereby waiving competitive bidding. The vehicles will be outfitted with emergency lights and police equipment which has also been budgeted for. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2014 CHEVY SUBURBAN 1FL; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; UTILIZING AN EXISTING GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AS ALLOWED BY SECTION 46-119 OF THE HIALEAH GARDENS CODE OF ORDINANCES; AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MAROONE CHEVROLET.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the full title of the resolution into the record. Juan Rivera OMB Director came forward and gave details of the purchase of a 2014 Suburban Chevrolet waiving competitive bidding and using an existing government contract with Maroone Chevrolet. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. **City Attorney's Report:** No comments
11. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous –** No comments
12. **Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments –** No comments
13. **Adjournment -** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Maria L. Joffe  
City Clerk

**Any person desiring to appeal any decision made by the Council with respect to any matter considered at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings, and it will be their responsibility to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based."**

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, December 9, 2013, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, November 7, 2013, 11:30 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 7:00 P.M.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Tuesday, November 5, 2013, 5:30 P.M.