

## **MINUTES**

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011  
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 Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Elmo L. Urra, Councilman Jorge A. Merida and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin. Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz was absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Piña led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5. Deletions / Emergency Additions:** None were offered
- 6. Review of Minutes:** March 15, 2011. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2011, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

**8. Discussion on PW-11-200 Maintenance & Repair to Pump Stations No. 1,2,3,4,5,10,11,12,13,14,15,16 & 18:** Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director.

The City had solicited bids for maintenance and repairs to pump stations citywide. Mr. Lopez distributed bid work sheets which showed GPE Engineering as the lowest bidder for the project at \$1,890,635.24. These improvements are part of a five year capital improvement plan that the Water & Sewer department embarked on in 2010. After reviewing the current Water and Sewer budget, costs for projects included in the CIP and the decision to cash flow the upcoming special assessment for improvements to the NW District, it was recommended by Mr. Lopez that it would be more prudent to hold out on the bid, which was prepared as a bundle of repairs to all pump stations, and begin the work in house. The Public Works department would undertake the project and is ready to match or beat the lowest bidder. Mr. Lopez asked for approval of this work concept and will prepare construction budgets to bring before council before proceeding. The Council gave their approval.

- 9. City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin assured the Council he would take note that whatever construction contracts entered into will be subject to the assessment project going through. He also complimented Mr. Lopez on his deposition on behalf of the City with regard to the extended stay hotel case. Mr. Citrin continued to report on two RFP's that the city is currently working on. One which will be noticed this weekend, is for bond and disclosure counsel. The other RFP is still in progress and is for bank institutions to provide financing for the special assessment bond issue.
- 10. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** Mayor is in Tallahassee and was not present.
- 11. Council Members Concerns / Reports/ Board Appointments:** No comments
- 12. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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, May 3, 2011, 7:30 P.M.

**PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Monday, May 2 2011, 7:30 P.M.

**TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Thursday, May 5, 2011, 11:30 A.M.

**WATER AND SEWER BOARD**

Wednesday, May 25,, 7:00 P.M.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

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