

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, November 16, 2021
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10001 NW 87 AVENUE**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Luciano Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Elmo Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge 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:** Mr. Citrin led the pledge of allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** N/A
- 6. Review of Minutes: October 19, 2021** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2021, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** None were offered.

8. Recommendation for Senior Center, New Building; (Design Build) PW-21- 101: Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director came forward and stated that sealed bids had been received for the construction of the new Senior Center building for furnishing all design, labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary and incidental to complete the project as shown on the preliminary plans. Two sealed bids were received and opened at the Council meeting of September 21, 2021;

Tadeos Engineering, LLC	\$1,470,000.00
TGSV Enterprises, Inc.	\$1,867,667.00

Mr. Lopez went on to explain that both bidders were contacted to reduce the bid amounts to get closer to the budgeted amount of \$1,200,000. TGSV did not respond with a lower amount. A price negotiation with Tadeos Engineering, LLC resulted in a reduced bid amount of \$1,350,000. Mr. Lopez recommends awarding the contract to Tadeos Engineering, LLC as the lowest responsive responsible bidder.

Mr. Citrin asked if any concessions had been made by the City when the bidder lowered price. Mr. Lopez answered that there were no concessions to the original plans. Councilman Merida inquired as to any possible increases in the price as construction costs continue to rise. Mr. Lopez responded that unless there are any unforeseeable events which he did not anticipate. He noted that the contract includes a 10% contingency; the City had prepared the building pad; all utilities are within five feet of the building foot print and the parking lot will be done by City forces. This is an all-inclusive contract and once the contractor signs they are locked in. Councilman Piña asked about the time frame for the project. Mr. Lopez believes that approximately eight to ten months. The contractor was asking for 120 days for design and permitting and 6 months for construction. Mr. Lopez negotiated that they could come in with shell permit for a quick turnaround to start construction during permit process. There were no further comments or questions. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was unanimously approved. **(5-0)**

9. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SURVEILLANCE POLE CAMERAS FOR A SURVEILLANCE INITIATIVE FROM LOXIA TECHNOLOGIES IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the item into the record. Captain Michael Lopez, HGPD came forward and asked for approval of the purchase of pole surveillance cameras from Loxia Technologies. He went on to state that HGPD had publicly advertised RFP-2021-02

for the purchase and installation of the surveillance cameras and three sealed bids had been received and opened publicly on October 13, 2021;

EvolvTec the IT People	\$ 9,911.00
Solares Electrical Services Inc.	\$58,300.00
Loxia Technologies	\$15,000.00

After review of the bids for technical specifications, HGPS recommends purchasing the cameras from Loxia Technologies. He explained that while they were not the lowest bidder, EvolvTec had an annual reoccurring cost of \$600 for cloud space and software, whereas Loxia had a fixed price and used Network Video Recording which is best suited for the HGPS. Councilman Piña asked about the functionality to which Captain Lopez responded that the cameras are similar to the ones being used in the police department; they have 24/7 live monitoring and recording for thirty days. Chairman Garcia asked how many cameras/locations will be purchased; Captain Lopez responded that three cameras will be purchased. There were no further comments or questions. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was unanimously approved. **(5-0)**

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2022 FORD EXPEDITION XLT 4x2 TO BE USED BY THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT; 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 ALAN JAY FLEET SALES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Citrin read the item into the record. Ms. Aida Martinez-Ruiz, serving as Director of Personnel came forward and explained that the purchase of this vehicle is for the use of the Human Services Department Senior Center for the transportation of all kinds of items; the vehicle being used is a small vehicle (Ford Fiesta) which does not serve adequately. The Senior Center currently has seventy active participants and transporting items for this amount of people requires a bigger truck. There were no further comments or questions. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was unanimously approved. **(5-0)**

- C) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RETAINER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS AND CHARLES A. CITRIN, ESQUIRE FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

At this time Mr. Citrin stepped off the dais as this item pertains directly to his contract with the City. Ms. Martinez-Ruiz serving as Deputy City Attorney read the item into the record. She went on to state that this is a new contract with Mr. Citrin as his old contract had not been updated in quite a long time. His retainer will remain the same, however there is a slight increase in the out of retainer services; the contract will continue on a year to year basis and continue to renew itself. Chairman Garcia asked Mr. Citrin to come to the dais and wanted a commitment from him that he would serve as long as his health permits with no time limit in the near horizon. Mr. Citrin responded that he did not anticipate leaving anytime soon. He spoke to the Mayor regarding the slight increase the retainer amount contract for the Water & Sewer Department, but (jokingly) said that he could not formally commit to any time frame as he is now a grandfather of two and would like to travel more as well. He mentioned that he has now been practicing law for over fifty years and expressed his love for the City as being his best client.

10. First Reading for consideration of the following ordinance:

- A) ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A TENTATIVE PLAT FOR ARH HOLDINGS SUBDIVISION CONCERNING PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED AS: LOT 4 AND THE EAST 23.42 FEET OF LOT 5, BLOCK 2, "WESTWOOD GARDENS INDUSTRIAL PARK", ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 118, PAGE 46, PUBLIC RECORDS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA. APPROXIMATE LOCATION: S.E INTERSECTION ON N.W. 119TH STREET AND N.W. 88TH AVENUE, HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA. FOLIOS #: 27-2033-002-0240 AND 27-2033-002-0250. PROVIDING FOR CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EFFECTIVE DATE. (TRC Vote: 5-0; P&Z Vote: n/a)

Mr. Citrin returned to the dais and read the item into the record. Mr. Araham Hadad, with Hadonne Corp., surveyor for the project was present and stated this name and address for the record. This is a first reading; an opportunity for public input will be afforded upon second reading. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the item upon first reading; seconded by Councilman Merida. The item was approved unanimously by individualized voice vote. **(5-0)**

- 11. City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin thanked the Council and took this opportunity to introduce a guest in the audience from the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust; former Miami Beach policewoman and former Councilwoman for the city of Bay Harbor Islands, Ms. Kelly Reid. He thanked her for her attendance.
- 12. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous:** N/A
- 13. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:** The Council thanked Mr. Citrin for his continued service, mentioning the City is lucky to have him.

Police Pension Board Appointment – Pending
 Water & Sewer Board Appointment (L. Garcia, J. Merida, E. Urra) - Pending

14. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria L. Joffe, City Clerk

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Pursuant to Section 286.0105 Florida Statutes, 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, December 21, 2021, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, January 10, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 6, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

T.B.D.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, February 1, 2022, 5:30 P.M.