

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019
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 Councilman Elmo Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge Merida, Councilman Rolando Piña, Chairman Luciano Garcia, and Assistant City Attorney Aida Martinez-Ruiz. Mayor Yioiset De La Cruz and City Attorney Charles Citrin were absent.
- 3. Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
- 4. Pledge of Allegiance:** Councilman Piña led the pledge of allegiance.
- 5. Deletions/Emergency Additions:** N/A
- 6. Review of Minutes: October 1, 2019** Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of October 1, 2019. The motion was unanimously approved.
- 7. Public Comments:** Ms. Dania Victores, a local resident, came forward and stated that she had previously come before the City Council a little over a year ago to speak

in regards to pedestrian safety in front of Hialeah Gardens High School. Students zigzag through traffic, there are no crosswalks, and there are no caution signs. She has met with BPAC and FDOT and plans to meet with the new principal, Ms. Jimenez. She has also been in contact with Mr. Sarmiento of FDOT and intends to meet with Mr. Joe Lopez, the city's Public Works Director. She will be providing Mr. Sarmiento with a list of the necessary improvements she would like to see on the road. Ms. Victores and the Council discussed the issue at length. Chairman Garcia explained that the City is supportive of doing whatever they can to make the area safer, but the Hialeah Gardens Boulevard right-of-way is not the City's jurisdiction. Ms. Victores asked for maps of the area or whatever other relevant records the City could provide her with. She has taken pictures of the area and noted there aren't even signs indicating there is a school zone there. Mr. Lopez can provide her with a map of that area, but any signs have to be approved, purchased and installed by the County. Councilman Gutierrez added that if there is anything that has to come before the Council for approval he would be happy to support—as long as it has gone through the necessary legal channels. Chairman Garcia emphasized that the City could not install signs—the County's Traffic Department has the authority. Ms. Victores thanked the Council and planned to meet with Mr. Joe Lopez. No further public comments.

8. Opening of sealed bids for WS-19-101, Utility Relocates Okeechobee Road from West of NW 138 Street to East of NW 107 Avenue: Mr. Joe Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Lopez proceeded to open and read the sealed bids presented to the City for the project listed above. The Department received four bids from the following companies: V-Engineering & Consulting Corp., \$576,442.39; Acosta Tractors, Inc., \$615,096.03; Marcdan Inc. Underground Services, \$544,446.06; JVA Engineering Contractor, Inc., \$884,899.60. The bids will be reviewed by Mr. Lopez and a recommendation will be made accordingly.

9. Proposed Resolutions:

- A) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A ROVER X MAINLINE INSPECTION SYSTEM TO BE USED BY THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT; 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 ENVIROSIGHT THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCTS GROUP, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Aida Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Mr. Lopez came forward again and read his Department's memo for recommendation into the record. Chairman Garcia asked if the City typically contracts this out; Mr. Lopez explained that this is something they had been doing on their own for some time—they had bought the first system 10 years ago but finally burned it out. They lost their local vendor and it is too costly to keep repairing it. Ms. Martinez-Ruiz added that they've found a company [for procurement] that does competitive bidding for various services. They are thinking of clarifying the city's ordinance (sec 46-119) going forward—it's the same concept but as this item shows it is not a government contract. No further comments or questions. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was unanimously approved. **(5-0)**

- B) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) 2020 HARLEY DAVIDSON POLICE MOTORCYCLE ROAD KING (FLHP) TO BE USED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; 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 ALLIGATOR ALLEY HARLEY DAVIDSON, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Martinez-Ruiz read the item into the record. Captain Michael Lopez came forward and read the Police Department's request into the record. The purchase is for two 2020 Harley Davidson Motorcycles in the amount of \$53,432.80. It is through the Sheriff's bid and it has been budgeted for. These will supplement the current two motorcycles and will be utilized by the Traffic division. The current two bikes will be utilized for training purposes. No further comments or questions. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilman Merida. The resolution was unanimously approved. **(5-0)**

10. City Attorney's Report: N/A

11. Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous: N/A

12. Council Members Concerns / Reports / Board Appointments:

Water & Sewer Board Appointments: Councilman Rolando Piña, Councilman Jorge Merida.

Chairman Garcia thanked the AP Government students in attendance for sitting in on the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments and encouraged them to continue to be involved in their local government.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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, 2019, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, December 9, 2019, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 7, 2019, 11:30 A.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

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POLICE PENSION BOARD

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 5:30 P.M.