

MINUTES

**CITY OF HIALEAH GARDENS
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2007**

**HOLLINGSWORTH HALL SENIOR CENTER
10003 NW 87 AVENUE**

1. **Call to Order: Call to Order:** Chairman Garcia called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Present were Chairman Luciano Garcia, Councilman Elmo L. Urra, Councilman Jorge Gutierrez, Councilman Jorge A. Merida, and Councilman Rolando Piña. Also present were Mayor Yiozet De La Cruz and City Attorney Charles A. Citrin.
3. **Invocation:** Chairman Garcia gave the invocation.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor De La Cruz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. **Deletions/Emergency Additions:** Request for extension of submittal deadline from December 18, 2007 to January 22, 2008 for PW-B120 Hialeah Gardens Recreation Center was added as Item 11A.
6. **Review of Minutes:** December 4, 2007. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2007, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
7. **Public Comments:** None were offered.
8. **Request for approval of 2APS alcohol beverage license transfer of ownership for El Jardin Supermarket, Inc., 12551 West Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, FL:** Owner: Mr. Jose C. Ortega.

The applicant was not present. Chairman Garcia made a motion to table the item, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.
(Tabled)

9. **Request for approval of 4COP alcohol beverage license transfer of ownership for Dend Party Corporation d/b/a Celebration Banquet Hall, 12527 –31-47-49-57-59-61-63-65 West Okeechobee Road, Hialeah Gardens, FL:** Owner: Mr. David Covos.

The following individuals came forward and gave testimony:

Mr. Damian Covos, co- owner
 Mr. Arturo L. Ruiz, Director of Administration for staff

Mr. Arturo L. Ruiz, Director of Administration came forward and read staff's recommendation for approval of the 4COP alcohol beverage license into the record. No one addressed the item. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. **Recommendation / Award of the following bids:** Mr. Jose M. Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Jose M. Lopez, Public Works Director came forward and read his recommendations for the following bids:

- **PW-07-120: NW 134th Street Sewer Main Extension:**
Acosta Tractors, Inc.
- **PW-07-130: NW 135th Street Roadway Project – Asphalt**
Acosta Tractors, Inc.
- **PW-07-140: NW 135th Street Roadway Project – Fill**
Overland Carriers, Inc.

Bidders on the above bid were contacted to provide unit prices for materials and hauling.

- **PW-07-150: NW 135th Street Roadway Project – Sod**
Groundkeepers, Inc.

Groundkeepers, Inc. was contacted to make corrections on their cost amount, which was in error and misquoted by square foot as opposed to square yard.

- **PW-07-160: Government Complex Hub – Asphalt**
Acosta Tractors, Inc.

- **PW-07-170: Government Complex Hub – Fill**
Overland Carriers, Inc.

Bidders misinterpreted bid as completed to include spreading and compacting. Bid was to be for materials and hauling only. Bidders were contacted and informed of such.

- **PW-07-180: Government Complex Hub _ Landscaping & Irrigation**
Hernandez Lawn Sprinklers Corporation for irrigation portion
Groundkeepers, Inc. for landscaping portion

Bidders were contacted to correct installation price of sod by square foot as opposed to square yard.

- **PW-07-190: Government Complex Hub – Concrete**
Barreiro Concrete Corporation

Original price from Barreiro Concrete Corp. did not include 10 percent contingency and the bidder inverted a line item. Barreiro Concrete Corp. with corrections to cost is still the lowest responsive responsible bidder.

- **PW-07-200: Government Complex Hub – Stripping & Signage**
J & M Parking Lot Maintenance, Inc.
- **PW-07-210: Government Complex Hub – Site Lighting**
Homestead Concrete and Drainage, Inc.
- **PW-07-220: Government Complex Hub – Fence**
Island Fence of Florida

A discussion ensued regarding Island Fence of Florida who was the lowest bidder, regarding this vendor's work with the city in the past and whether they have been responsible and competent. Acosta Tractors, Inc. came in second with only \$700.00 more in their price albeit they are a land development company and not a fence company. It was agreed to award the contract to Island Fence and hold them to task.

Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve all recommendations made by staff on these awards, seconded by Councilman Merida. Resolutions will be prepared to memorialize this action on the next council meeting. The motion was unanimously approve.

11. **Opening of sealed bids PW 07-230 Fire Line Government Complex (HUB)**
PW 07-240 Fire Line & Water Main City Hall: Mr. Jose M Lopez, Public Works Director.

- **PW07-230 Fire Line Government Complex (HUB)**
Acosta Tractors, Inc. \$29,482.75
- **PW07-240 Fire Line and Water Main City Hall**
Acosta Tractors, Inc. \$49,811.63

These were the sole bids received. Councilman Piña asked if other vendors were contacted, Mr. Lopez replied that twelve vendors had been contacted as well a public notice for advertisement of bid. Chairman Garcia made a motion to approve entering into a contract with Acosta Tractors, Inc., seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

- 11A. **Request for extension of submittal deadline from December 18, 2007 to January 22, 2008 for PW-B120 Hialeah Gardens Recreation Center:** Mr. Jose M Lopez, Public Works Director.

Mr. Jose M. Lopez, Public Works Director came forward and explained that a pre-bid conference was held on December 11, 2007 and time would be allowed bidders to give accurate price costs. Chairman Garcia made a motion to extend the deadline from December 18, 2007 to January 22, 2008, seconded by Councilman Merida. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. **City Attorney's Report:** Mr. Citrin will be sending out a memorandum to the department directors and will be copying the council members regarding any upcoming issues that need to be reviewed by the he legal department. There are no litigations to report. Wished everyone a great Christmas.

13. **Mayor's Report – Miscellaneous**

Mayor De La Cruz reported that after being mayor for seven years, Mr. Citrin is the best city attorney this city has ever had.

14. **Council Members Concerns/Reports – Board Appointments (Police Pension Board)**

Councilman Gutierrez wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Chairman Garcia commented on the county commission's approval for a Marlin Stadium.

15. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Maria L. Joffee
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, January 8, 2007, 7:30 P.M.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD

Monday, January 14, 2008, 7:30 P.M.

TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 10, 2008, 4:00 P.M.

WATER AND SEWER BOARD

Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 7:00 P.M.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

T.B.A.