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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Date: 6-15-15

Motion By: Bausquet Seconded By: Pearce

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

**CITY OF GREENACRES
5800 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, FL 33463**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 1, 2015– 7:00 PM**

1. Call To Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Ferreri called the City Council Meeting of Monday, June 1, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m. Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director, called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Council Present:

Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor
Jonathan G. Pearce, Deputy Mayor
Lisa M. Rivera, Councilwoman
Judith Dugo, Councilwoman
Peter A. Noble, Councilman
Paula Bousquet, Councilwoman

Staff Present:

Wadie Atallah, City Manager
Pamela S. Terranova, City Attorney
Thomas Lanahan, Asst. City Manager/P&E Director
Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Admin. Services Director
Michael Grimm, Director/Building
Thomas Hughes, Director/Finance
Mike Porath, Director/Public Safety
Carlos Cedeño, Director/Public Works
Melody Larson, Assistant to the City Clerk

Attendees from Public: 47
Press: 1

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Comments From the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Mayor Ferreri asked if there were comments from the public; hearing none, he continued with the Agenda.

4. Agenda Approval.

- A.** Additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.
- B.** Motion to approve and adopt entire agenda as set.

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda. Councilwoman Dugo asked to add a Request for Proposal from the Palm

Beach Sheriff's Office (PBSO) for law enforcement services. She wanted this item to be voted on; not as a discussion item.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that it was more suitable as a discussion item since it would be inappropriate for Council to vote on an item that lacked proper material for review.

Councilwoman Dugo explained that due to the budget process, Mr. Atallah conveyed that there were time constraints.

Mayor Ferreri instructed the City Clerk to add the PBSO proposal for law enforcement services to the Agenda as Discussion Item 9.C. He then called for a motion to approve the Agenda.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to add the PBSO proposal for law enforcement services as Discussion Item 9.C and approve the Agenda as amended. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

5. Special Business.

A. Presentation: 2015 Educational Scholarship Award Certificates – Samuel J. Ferreri.

Mayor Ferreri presented certificates to the four (4) scholarship award recipients: Amos Jackson III (Denise Padgett Memorial Scholarship Award); Miriam Wagner (Norman Rose Memorial Scholarship Award); Mandy Alvarado, and Kristine Campbell. Jesse Sutcliffe was unable to attend but sent a "Thank You" card which was read into the record. Each recipient thanked the Mayor and Council and briefly described their future educational plans. The Mayor congratulated the award recipients and wished them well in their future endeavors.

B. Proclamation: "100th Anniversary – Lake Worth Drainage District" for June 15, 2015 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Denise McGrew read the proclamation.

Mayor Ferreri presented Patrick Morton, District Engineer of the LWDD, with a framed proclamation in honor of their celebration. Mr. Morton spoke of the mutual appreciation and excellent relationship with City Manager Wadie Atallah and staff and extended a breakfast invitation to the Mayor and Council to visit their facility on June 17, 2015 at 8:30 am to participate in their centennial celebration.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve the proclamation recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the Lake Worth Drainage District. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

6. Consent Agenda.

A. Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they wished to pull any of the three (3) Consent Agenda items; hearing none, he called for a motion.

1. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting of May 11, 2015 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
2. **Official Minutes:** City Council meeting of May 18, 2015 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
3. **Resolution No. 2015-19:** Approving the first Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Palm Beach County, Florida and the City of Greenacres for Palm Beach County to provide comprehensive radio repair services to the City, and providing for an effective date; and pursuant to Staff Memo – Michael L. Porath, Public Safety Director.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve the three (3) Consent Agenda items. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

7. Regular Agenda:

- A. **Ordinance No. 2015-16:** First Reading; Amending Chapter 4, entitled Buildings and Building Regulations, of the City of Greenacres Code, to include the Florida Building Code 5th Edition, together with all amendments thereto, as recommended by the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County, Florida and as conformed to the City's operational standards; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in

code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Michael Grimm, Building Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2015-16 into the record on first reading.

Building Director Michael Grimm provided a brief explanation on the creation and purpose of the state-wide Florida Building Code (FBC), Chapter 533, F.S. He reported that the most recent adoption is the Florida Building Code 5th Edition based on the 2012 International Building Code which takes effect July 1, 2015.

Mr. Grimm explained that the Building Code Advisory Board of Palm Beach County (BCAB) makes modifications to the FBC for consistency and uniformity for local governments to adopt. Due to the complexity of proposing technical amendments, the City is recommending an amendment to the administrative provisions of Chapter 1 of the FBC which governs building, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, gas, accessibility, energy and sets wind speeds. He stated staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2015-16 adopting the Florida Building Code 5th Edition and Plumbing Edition, Appendix F.

Mayor Ferreri called on Council members for comments. He noted a typographical error in Figure 1609A Ultimate Design Wind Speeds – Risk Category II Buildings the wind speeds go from 160, 150 to 180 on the east coast and then goes to 170 on the west coast.

Mr. Grimm explained the 3 maps came directly from Palm Beach County and offered to investigate further.

MOTION: Councilman Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-16 on first reading. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING Resolution No. 2015-20:** Authorizing the submittal of FY 2015 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance and authorizing the City Manager to sign all grant documents and accept award of the grant, and authorizing the Director of Finance with signature authority responsible for implementing the grant for the procurement of law enforcement equipment and technology to be used by the Public Safety Department for Law Enforcement; and providing for an effective date; and pursuant to Staff Memo – Michael L. Porath, Public Safety Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Resolution No. 2015-20 into the record.

Public Safety Director Michael L. Porath reported that this Resolution authorizes the submittal of the FY 2015 J.A.G. Application. He stated this grant application does not require City-matched funds and the monies are distributed upfront. He reported that this grant application must be submitted through the Office of Justice Programs Grants Management System by June 26, 2015. Chief Porath explained that the funds will be used to enhance the critical incident response by purchasing 30 critical response kits and 3 ballistic shields. He stated that this grant is 100% funded in the amount of \$14,534 and is included in the FY 2016 Budget; therefore, staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2015-20.

Mayor Ferreri called on Council members for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Resolution No. 2015-20 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2015-20. Deputy Mayor Pearce seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, Councilwoman Dugo, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

C. City Attorney - Applicant Shortlist.

Mayor Ferreri referred Council members to the documents provided by staff. He stated that their purpose is to assist them in the ranking which would be based on the accuracy and review of the minimum requirements of each applicant submission, followed by the subsequent scheduling of interviews. The ranking would be from 1-10, with 1 being the most desired candidate to the least desired.

Councilwoman Rivera wanted to make a motion to schedule a Special Meeting to select a City Attorney.

Mayor Ferreri explained that a Special Meeting can be held following the applicant shortlisting. He noted his concern and disappointment over the lack of applicants meeting the minimum requirements and not having municipal experience and suggested expanding their search to include legal firms if any had submitted offers.

Councilman Noble stated he was under the impression that Council would also solicit legal firms.

Mayor Ferreri explained that the decision was to hire an individual person, not a legal firm. However, based on the small number of applications received, he was suggesting that they expand their search to include law firms. He urged Council to move forward by selecting and interviewing the applicants who did respond.

Councilwoman Bousquet wondered why the City received such a poor response. She asked if it was due to the salary being offered, or was the job description lacking in some way? She suggested re-advertising for the position.

Mayor Ferreri reported receiving many calls on the position and the callers' concerns over the Council's current demeanor and their concerns with the offer.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated that he did not want to get legal firms involved; just consider individual attorneys.

Mayor Ferreri repeated his earlier statement of continuing with the selection of individual attorneys and if the Council finds them lacking, then open up the advertising to include legal firms.

Councilman Noble wanted to advertise to legal firms in addition to the individual attorneys. He was aware of one firm, Corbett and White, who was interested in applying.

City Manager Wadie Atallah noted the availability of an Excel spreadsheet designed to help in their ranking process.

Councilwoman Rivera said, "No".

Mayor Ferreri agreed with using the spreadsheet and cautioned against openly discussing candidate's qualifications.

Councilwoman Dugo believed in transparency and wanted Council members to raise their hand.

Discussion followed on how to proceed. It was determined that each Council member would provide five names in no specific ranking order.

Councilwoman Rivera: Biggs, Lupardo, Pleasanton, Scott, and Stokes.

Councilman Noble: Biggs, Biggs, Biggs, Biggs, and Biggs.

Mayor Ferreri: Biggs, Conforti, Stokes, Murphy, and Scott.

Councilwoman Dugo: Biggs, Lupardo, Stokes, Conforti, and Brandenburg.

Deputy Mayor Pearce: Biggs, Lupardo, Stokes, Pleasanton, and Brandenburg.

Councilwoman Bousquet: Stokes, Biggs, Irizarri, Murphy, and Conforti.

Deputy Mayor Pearce objected, and referring to the City Charter, explained that the Mayor does not have a vote or any involvement in this process. He believed the Mayor can discuss the selection, but does not have the power or duty to make a selection. He, therefore, wanted the Mayor's selection of attorneys to be removed/deleted.

City Attorney Pamela Terranova read, "Article II, Section 1. Mayor of the City Charter, Section 1(a) A voice in all proceedings of the City Council." This gives the Mayor the right to participate at this level, and noted that this has historically been the case in the past.

Ms. Terranova tallied the votes and announced that Stokes received 5 votes; Lupardo and Conforti received 3 votes; Scott, Pleasanton, Brandenburg and Murphy all received 2 votes, and Irizarri received 1 vote.

Discussion followed on interviewing 4 candidates or selecting one of the 4 candidates who received 2 votes each to make a total of 5 candidates for them to interview.

Ms. Terranova explained that the selection criteria was established to see how well the applicants could follow simple instructions. She pointed out that when she was selected she was chosen out of a shortlist of 3.

Councilwoman Rivera wanted to choose from six (6) candidates.

The Mayor and Council decided to re-rate the applicants that received 2 votes each: Garrett Scott, David Pleasanton, Elizabeth Murphy, and Gary Brandenburg. He called for a re-vote.

Councilwoman Rivera: Murphy and Scott.

Councilman Noble: Brandenburg.

Mayor Ferreri: Murphy and Scott.

Councilwoman Dugo: Pleasanton and Brandenburg.

Deputy Mayor Pearce: Pleasanton and Brandenburg.

Councilwoman Bousquet: Murphy and Brandenburg.

Ms. Terranova read the Mayor and Council's selection: Biggs, Stokes, Lupardo, Conforti, Brandenburg and Murphy.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilwoman Rivera to continue with her motion to hold a Special Meeting.

Councilwoman Rivera requested a Special Meeting be held on June 8, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to conduct City Attorney interviews.

The Mayor and Council discussed timeframes for interviews at ½ hour each in alphabetical order. The Mayor instructed staff to contact and schedule all six (6) applicants for interviews.

Ms. Terranova announced that she would be unavailable for the interview process; however, she would remain in the building once the interview process had concluded.

8. **Comments from the Public.** None.

9. **Discussion Items:**

A. Community Center Expansion – Construction Plans and Financing.

Assistant City Manager Thomas J. Lanahan, announced that Architecture Green, LLC would be presenting the construction plans and financing of the Community Center renovations for their review. He reported that the floor plan is the same with the exact dimensions. As for the financial aspect, he stated that based on

the current cost estimate, the project can be built with the FY 2015 budgeted amount and the FY 2016 proposed amount. He reported that the \$2 million loan to be assumed in FY 2015 Budget, would have a potential 12-year term at 2.65% which yields an annual debt service of \$196,000. Mr. Lanahan proposed another alternative of using the \$2.1 million Stabilization Reserve and deleting it from the Fund Balance policy. He noted that operating costs would have an annual recurrence of \$50,000 in maintenance and utilities, \$88,500 in staffing and janitorial services for a total of \$138,500 per year.

Mark Beatty of Architecture Green, LLC, presented the site plan with basketball courts replacing the existing 2-story Leisure Services building and the proposed expansion to the west where the current courts exist. Mr. Beatty noted that the entry access would be through the existing opening with expansion of the reception and new waiting areas. The expansion includes a banquet area with three (3) adjustable meeting rooms, a catering kitchen and storage area, an additional Meeting Room #4, ancillary space restrooms, and mechanical storage area. Existing architectural details will be carried into the new building. The cost estimate is \$3,068,936.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked if space would be made available for security.

Mr. Beatty reported there would be eight (8), 8'x8' future cubicles of which one could be used for security.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked if one could be built out to 10' x 8".

Mr. Lanahan explained that it is open office furniture and could be configured to their specifications.

Deputy Mayor Pearce explained that law enforcement should have some input.

Mr. Lanahan agreed if that was Council's decision to do so.

Mr. Beatty reported that the current cost estimate is \$2,857,018, with a contingency of 5%, which gives a sub-total of \$2,999,869 out of a \$3 million budget.

Alternate 1:	Includes landing kitchen equipment at \$103,500 now reduced to \$90,000 if the City purchases it direct.
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Alternates 2 and 3:	Involves painting the existing building and changing the roof color at \$51,250.
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Alternate 4:	Includes interior restroom renovations in the existing building at \$22,000.
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Total cost of the project: \$3,176,619 (including all four (4) alternates), or \$176,000 over budget.

Mr. Beatty presented the project schedule:

Bid Advertising:	June 28, 2015
Bid Opening:	July 29, 2015
Bid Award:	September 7, 2015
Notice to Proceed:	September 10, 2015
Construction Commencement:	September 21, 2015
Substantial Completion:	August 22, 2016
Project Completion:	September 19, 2016

Councilwoman Rivera read Page 4 of the May 18, 2015 City Council minutes where a City resident was requesting additional policing in her neighborhood. She returned the construction and financing proposal back to Mr. Beatty and asked him to include a permanent police sub-station. She demanded, "Until I am assured that this area has adequate policing, or a permanent sub-station I can't see putting my stamp of approval on it. But I'm just one vote, can that be done? Can you go back and add a permanent sub-station?"

Mr. Beatty explained that it would require Council approval.

Councilwoman Rivera asked, "But is it doable with the plans you have now?"

Mr. Lanahan explained they would require more details. He asked if she was looking for permanent office space for one police officer or a suite of offices.

Councilwoman Rivera stated, "Let's be honest, we're not gonna get a bar mitzvah, but when you rent out the rooms, we have to think of our own demographics. You're gonna have loud music, drunkenness that will be spewing out into the neighborhood. This is not a park area, it is a neighborhood. I have to think of the residents in that neighborhood that already have problems with loud music and other issues. I need something to control, I'm asking for something to control. I'm asking my Council to assist me with the problems that are already in District I. I'm all up for brainstorming and ideas but give me something."

Mayor Ferreri pointed out the existence of other areas having similar issues. He asked how many officers do they assign to address every issue? He preferred having an officer in the street versus one sitting in an office.

Councilwoman Rivera called on Chief Porath to explain the purpose of a substation.

Chief Porath reported that there is an office currently located at 301 Swain Boulevard; the center of the Original Section. A recent crime statistical analysis of the area revealed that a substation at the Community Center was not justified. Activity was occurring around the Community Center but not at the center itself. The office space at 301 Swain Boulevard accommodates 3 officers. As for large events held at the Community Center, he recommended using security detail by off-duty officers. He reported currently having 2 sub-stations in addition to the 301 Swain Boulevard space. There is a formula used to determine the number of officers needed for events. He emphasized that security detail is voluntary.

Councilwoman Rivera liked the idea of passing the cost of a security detail onto the person/entity renting the space.

Councilwoman Dugo asked about the type of kitchen equipment that was being provided in Alternate 1 for \$90,000. She recalled during the Budget Planning Workshop the amount of \$250,000 for kitchen furniture/supplies was discussed.

Mr. Lanahan clarified that the \$3 million project cost estimate did not include certain items such as the kitchen equipment. He explained there were actually two (2) items that were not included in the original estimate: Kitchen equipment and the AV system. For that reason, staff is seeking funding in the FY 2016 Budget. The amount of \$250,000 includes furniture and associated items. He reported that a comprehensive security camera system for the new and existing building is also being explored. The cost for such a system is \$250,000 and funding is being requested in the FY 2016.

Councilwoman Dugo asked if it would be too problematic to delay the bid advertisement until July.

Mr. Beatty did not believe it would pose a problem.

Councilwoman Dugo recommended that Council address this item at the next Budget Workshop scheduled for June 15, 2015.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked Mr. Atallah if the Fund Balance could be reconfigured.

Mr. Atallah, said "yes", and explained that is why the alternates were provided for them to consider.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked if perhaps a separate meeting would be needed.

Mr. Atallah emphasized that this matter warrants Council's careful consideration due to the long term implications as it deals with both the Fund Balance and recurring annual debt payments.

Deputy Mayor Pearce agreed with Councilwoman Rivera's assessment of the issues in District I. Mr. Pearce stated he had had conversations over the last several months and agrees that the longer you wait, the costs of goods and services keep rising and was not in favor of waiting. He urged staff to focus on the "call feature" if the City decides to finance and stated the City does not want to be put in a position of weakness and then the loan be called in.

Mayor Ferreri stated that he did not believe the City had taken out any loan with a call feature.

Councilwoman Bousquet appealed to her fellow Council members to permit Chief Porath to decide how best to utilize his personnel and if he believes additional personnel is not needed at the Community Center, then they should accept his expertise.

Mayor Ferreri noted that the existing parking lot to the north is fenced. He asked if it would continue to be fenced because at night the lot could be locked to prevent problems.

Mr. Lanahan agreed there is an existing gate there that is in good condition that can remain if Council wishes to keep it.

Mayor Ferreri disagreed with Councilwoman Dugo's request to delay the bid advertising until July. He liked the proposed project schedule because it worked well with the budgeting process. He suggested possibly taking a portion of the Budget Stabilization Reserve and borrowing another portion. Costs fluctuate and until the day of the bid they would not know for sure.

Deputy Mayor Pearce disclosed receiving a phone call from resident Nancy Rodell opposing the location of the proposed basketball courts and lighting and wanted to see it flip-flopped and moved away from the road.

Mayor Ferreri noted that other than Councilwoman Rivera, all other Council members appeared to be in agreement with what was presented.

Councilwoman Rivera stated that she was not opposed to the project, just concerned with not having the added issues that this project might bring to her district and not having the appropriate controls.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that with the additional staffing being proposed, it would also provide additional supervision.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if the security mentioned included being buzzed into the building. Is it an automatic door where staff pushes a button?

Mr. Lanahan reported that one central access point would be used, it is staffed and security cameras monitor the entrance. It is opened during business hours and locked when closed. There is a large amount of daily foot traffic in and out of the building.

Councilwoman Rivera stated, "Just for the record, I want to think of every security we can implement in this project simply because the times that we live in speak for themselves." At her place of employment, her colleagues think nothing will ever happen.

Mr. Atallah asked for clarification. During the upcoming June 15, 2015 Budget Workshop, Council will be deciding on the funding for this project. He asked if they will also be providing staff direction on when to move forward with the bid advertising.

Discussion followed on holding a separate meeting for the Community Center Expansion to discuss the Fund Balance versus discussing this at the June 15, 2015 Budget Workshop prior to a regular Council meeting and possibly holding a second budget workshop.

Mayor Ferreri announced that further discussion of this project would take place

at the Budget Workshop on June 15, 2015, and Mr. Beatty can finish the drawings and prepare them for permits. He asked if they would try and permit this prior to bid.

Mr. Beatty reported it was his intent to submit the drawings for permit on June 26, 2015.

Mayor Ferreri explained that he prefers to have a permit in place to allow for addendums prior to bid.

Discussion followed on the upcoming Florida Building Code changes to take effect July 1, 2015 and consulting with the Building Official and Fire Marshal about the changes.

B. City Council Policy No. 22 – Council Travel.

Councilwoman Rivera pointed out that Section 1 of this policy specifies the Mayor and Council; however, Sections 2 or 3 do not. She wanted to see Sections 2 and 3 revised to include the Mayor. Her purpose for wanting to revise this policy was to show transparency and the budget dollars set aside for each one of them.

Mr. Atallah clarified that the amount of \$15,000 is not per individual. There is a travel budget for training for the Mayor and Council in their cost center.

Ms. Rivera reminded the public that the seminars, technology workshops, and conferences are for the Mayor and Council to stay on top of the changing times. Her purpose of wanting to revise this policy is to show residents that they are working for them and with them and proposed a written report from each Council member who travels outlining what they learned, the purpose of their trip and a synopsis of the event to be included in their agendas.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if anyone was opposed to preparing a follow-up report of their travels.

Mayor Ferreri called for a consensus.

Councilman Noble stated he accepted the proposed changes.

Councilwoman Dugo stated she accepted the proposed changes.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated he accepted the proposed changes.

Councilwoman Bousquet stated it was a good idea and was in favor of the changes.

Mayor Ferreri instructed staff to include Council Policy No. 22 on the June 15, 2015 agenda as a regular business item.

C. Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) Bid for Law Enforcement Services

Councilwoman Dugo asked Council to authorize the City Manager to obtain two (2) bids from PBSO for law enforcement services: one for our current staffing of

51 officers and one for the proposed staffing of 57 officers, to be received by June 15, 2015 to give them a better perspective.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked to include crossing guards in the bid.

Councilwoman Dugo explained that due to the time constraints, she requested that a budget workshop be scheduled for July 6, 2015 or hold a brief meeting on June 22, 2015 to discuss the PBSO bid.

Mayor Ferreri explained that the last three cities that contracted with the PBSO entered into 3-year contracts wherein Year 1 was great, but in Years 2 and 3 the rates rose considerably. He suggested the City request a 3-year proposal with escalation clauses for all 3 years to determine how the costs will affect other City programs. The PBSO projects their budgets 5 years out.

Councilwoman Dugo agreed with a 3-year proposal and stated she wanted to see a possible 4% average increase and give Council time to evaluate and compare what the City now pays for staffing.

Councilwoman Rivera questioned if the proposal would include dispatchers and Public Safety administrative staff.

Councilwoman Bousquet suggested a 5-year proposal since it would be in line with the City's 5-year budget projections.

Councilman Noble cautioned Council to take into consideration the prepayment of sick leave.

Discussion followed about the possible savings of vacation and retirement, the assurance that City officers would have a job, stay with a minimum 3-year versus 5-year proposal, past problems with projections beyond a 3-year contract, and have a PBSO representative review each item in the proposal at a public hearing.

10. Staff Comments:

A. **City Manager's Report.** None.

B. **City Attorney's Report.**

City Attorney Pamela Terranova clarified that the City Clerk will contact and schedule the applicants for ½ hour interviews in alphabetical order starting at 5:00 pm on June 8, 2015.

C. **Mayor and City Council Reports.**

Ambulance Transport Fees

Councilwoman Rivera called on Finance Director Tom Hughes and asked him when was the last time ambulance transport fees were reviewed. Mr.

Hughes reported approximately 14-15 months earlier. Ms. Rivera reported that Greenacres charges the least for transport rates. She stated she would call him to discuss mileage, basic BLS, and other rates.

Mayor Ferreri suggested that she meet with Mr. Hughes to discuss the matter further. He explained that the fees are paid by residents.

Discussion between the Mayor and Councilwoman Rivera followed on these fees benefitting the General Fund, and the fees being paid by the residents.

Solid Waste Fees

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked Mr. Hughes why solid waste fees could not be placed on individual property tax bills.

Mr. Hughes explained some solid waste bills are billed to property owners, others are billed to homeowner associations. He reported that staff reviewed the possibility of adding the City's solid waste amounts to the property tax bill, but it was too costly. The City also contacted the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) to see if they could bill residents for solid waste, but again, the cost was not justified.

City Liens

Deputy Mayor Pearce questioned the City's lien process of imposing and releasing liens and asked if the City Attorney is involved in the lien process.

Ms. Terranova explained once Council approves the imposition or release of liens, they are then sent to the County for recording. When the City is named in a foreclosure, the City collects or the lien remains in effect until it is paid. The City has been very successful with its lien process and believed it was a critical one.

Fire Safety Assessment

Councilwoman Dugo asked Mr. Hughes to contact the City of Boynton Beach and other cities about their fire safety assessment to aid Council in their determination of whether or not it is feasible to pursue.

Mr. Atallah explained that following the May 11, 2015 Budget Planning Workshop, he had provided Council with the approximate costs for a fire safety assessment. He explained it becomes a legal process to adopt a fire safety assessment that appears on the non-ad valorem portion of a person's property tax bill. He reported that the Cities of Boynton Beach and West Palm Beach charge fire safety assessments. It would be easy to find out what the assessment is per residential dwelling and per square foot of commercial space. He reported that the actual cost of the assessment study would be for a consultant to provide a breakdown of the numbers, hold public hearings, and provide notification to every

property owner. He explained that this process would have to be repeated annually in order to adopt a tax roll and for every year the fire safety assessment is in place. He provided Council with the cost range for the initial study and offered to obtain an equivalent of revenue generated by Boynton Beach and West Palm Beach based on the number and type of units in Greenacres.

Councilwoman Dugo stated she was interested in learning what the return on investment would generate.

Councilwoman Bousquet asked if the City decided to accept PBSO's proposal, what would happen to the administrative staff.

Mayor Ferreri explained it would also be negotiated.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if the supply line was a combination of fire and police.

Mr. Atallah explained that the Department of Public Safety has a number of cost centers: Support Services and Administration, and under Direct Operations is Uniform Patrol and Fire Rescue. He explained that there are aspects of fire rescue and law enforcement in all four (4) cost centers.

12. Adjournment.

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additional comments; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor



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Respectfully submitted,

Denise McGrew

Denise McGrew,
City Clerk/Administrative Services Director

Date Approved: 6-15-15