

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 2020-14

Held on Wednesday, the 22nd day of April 2020, at the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This virtual meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Palm Bay, Florida.

The meeting was called to order at the hour of 6:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

MAYOR:	William Capote	Present
DEPUTY MAYOR:	Kenny Johnson	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Harry Santiago, Jr.	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Jeff Bailey	Present
COUNCILMEMBER:	Brian Anderson	Present
CITY MANAGER:	Lisa Morrell	Present
CITY ATTORNEY:	Patricia Smith	Present
CITY CLERK:	Terese Jones	Present

Pursuant to Section 286.011, Florida Statutes, and Executive Order 20-69, this public meeting was conducted via communications media technology (teleconference/video conference).

CITY STAFF: Present was Suzanne Sherman, Deputy City Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were considered under the specific agenda items.

Council concurred to consider Item 1, under Business, at this time.

1. Resolution 2020-15, amending Resolution 2020-09, as amended, extending the State of Local Emergency as declared by Legislative Order D-2020-01.

The City Attorney read the resolution in caption only.

Motion by Mr. Santiago, seconded by Deputy Mayor Johnson, to adopt Resolution 2020-15. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Mayor Capote, Yea; Deputy Mayor Johnson, Yea; Councilman Santiago, Yea; Councilman Bailey, Yea; Councilman Anderson, Yea.

PROCUREMENT(S):

Miscellaneous:

1. Solid waste and recycling collection services, authorization to negotiate – RFP 03-0-2020 – Public Works Department (Republic Services of Florida).

Staff Recommendation: Authorize staff to negotiate the franchise agreement for solid waste and recycling collection services with Republic Services of Florida, with the option of either: a) base proposal providing for twice weekly residential services; or b) alternate proposal providing for once a week residential service.

Ms. Morrell provided a process timeline for the Request for Proposal (RFP). Proposals were received from Great Waste, Republic Services of Florida (Republic) and Waste Pro. Waste Management submitted a letter of no proposal. She advised that tonight's meeting was to request authorization to negotiate the franchise agreement with the top ranked firm, Republic, and the final agreement would be considered by City Council in approximately 4-6 weeks.

The unit price for residential costs per month from Republic was as follows:

CATEGORY 1 BASE PROPOSAL - Two (2) times per week solid waste pick-up; one time per week recycling and yard waste pick-up	\$29.09
CATEGORY 2 ALTERNATE PROPOSAL - One time per week solid waste, recycling and yard waste pick-up	\$19.08

Mrs. Morrell provided key highlights of Republic's solid waste services, current franchise revenues versus proposed revenues, and a proposal rates summary.

Bill Battin, resident, asked how yard waste would be handled and in what type of container it should be placed; and if the claw truck would automatically be scheduled to pick-up when seen by the workers or if residents had to call for same. Mrs. Morrell answered that yard waste could be placed in a personal container or on the roadside. The yard truck would be scheduled if the workers were unable to handle manually. Residents could still call for the service as well.

Joanne Stanley, Manager of Municipal Sales for Republic, provided an overview of the company's transition timeline, available vehicle resources, routes for trucks, transitioning and maintenance of carts, etc. Customers would be provided a 96-gallon cart but could choose to have a smaller container if desired.

Mr. Bailey said there were issues with Monday and Friday holidays and missed pick-ups. He asked how Republic would handle those issues. Trey Richardson, General Manager for Republic, said that the company's internal service commitment was a 24-hour turnaround for any missed customers. Mr. Bailey asked for confirmation that residential properties were built into the franchise agreement. Ms. Stanley advised that although it was not part of the RFP, Republic typically provided residential, commercial and industrial as part of the franchise agreement and included it in the pricing. Mr. Bailey asked if Republic would be willing to eliminate the residential portion which could reduce the costs to the citizens. Mr. Richardson advised that it would potentially be a reduction in the overall residential rate.

Note: Pursuant to Regular Council Meeting 2020-17, Council Reports, the following correction was made to Councilman Bailey's statement in the above paragraph: "Mr. Bailey asked for confirmation that the ten percent (10%) franchise fee was built in for the residential within the agreement."

Mr. Anderson questioned the length of the contract. Mrs. Morrell said it was a ten (10) year contract with one five (5) year renewal. Mr. Anderson asked if there was an additional cost for those residents that had multiple carts. Ms. Stanley said those figures were built into the RFP. Mr. Anderson asked if Republic planned on taking over the carts and billing or leave as is with the City. Mr. Richardson answered that the reduced cost was for billing and carts to remain with the City, but Republic had no issue with taking over same.

Mayor Capote asked staff's preference on keeping the billing and carts. Mrs. Morrell preferred that Republic take over the billing and carts. Mr. Bailey felt that turning over the billing would be a cost to the City and asked staff to explain. Mrs. Morrell said that final numbers would have to be negotiated and she agreed that, in looking at the pricing, the billing would be better retained by the City, but there was also an operational impact to the Utilities Department that was outside of the General Fund. She said the only item to be considered tonight was whether Council preferred once or twice per week pick-up and to authorize negotiations.

Mr. Bailey asked how bulk waste, such as fencing, light construction debris, etc., would be handled. Ms. Stanley said that the limit was typically two (2) cubic yards which would

be picked up by a clamshell truck or rear load truck. Mr. Richardson added that if it was a construction and/or demolition type job, Republic would tag it, call it in and get an open-top container to dispose of it properly at the landfill.

Deputy Mayor Johnson asked how hurricane debris would be addressed. Mr. Richardson said that if there were additional piles, Republic would provide additional resources for pick-up. Generally, there would be third-party companies to assist. Ms. Stanley said Republic would work closely with the City's monitoring companies for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) purposes. Deputy Mayor Johnson asked if Republic had any contracts where there was twice a week pick-up during the summer months and once per week during the cooler months. Ms. Stanley answered in the negative.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Johnson, seconded by Mr. Santiago, to authorize staff to negotiate with the top ranked firm, Republic Services of Florida, for twice per week residential service.

Mr. Bailey said there was a huge difference in pricing to have larger bins and for the twice per week pick-up. He knew that many residents did not want to pay more and felt that once a week may be more feasible, especially with people experiencing layoffs and a downturn in the economy.

Mayor Capote said that Council knew that prices would increase and said that Council should have negotiated with Waste Management in order to keep the prices low. He said the City was continuing to grow and most cities our size had twice per week pick-up.

Mr. Santiago said he had some of the same concerns as Councilman Bailey regarding what people were going through today, but he knew there would be an increase even with once per week pick-up. He said the survey reflected that half wanted once and half wanted twice per week pick-up, but he supported twice per week.

Mr. Anderson wanted to make sure that Council was ready to make this decision because it would be between a 125%-137% increase for twice per week service. Although residents wanted twice per week, the biggest part of the survey was that they did not want a price increase. He understood that twice a week was the way to go in order to address the issue of flies and sanitary conditions and expected the City Manager to negotiate the lowest price possible.

Mr. Bailey said that the surveys have consistently shown that the number one factor was price and there would be an increase of \$10 per month, which was almost as much as what residents were currently paying for the existing service.

Motion carried with members voting as follows:

Mayor Capote	Yea
Deputy Mayor Johnson	Yea
Councilman Santiago	Yea
Councilman Bailey	Nay
Councilman Anderson	Nay

BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution 2020-15, amending Resolution 2020-09, as amended, extending the State of Local Emergency as declared by Legislative Order D-2020-01.**

The item was considered earlier in the meeting prior to Procurement(s).

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at the hour of 7:08 p.m.

William Capote, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Terese M. Jones, CITY CLERK