

CITY COMMISSION MEETING
PRESENTATION AGENDA REQUEST

Date Of Commission Meeting:

March 3, 2015

Who Will Be Recognized:

- Hardeep Anand, P.E., Director of Public Works
- Abby Rivera, Service Worker IV
- Artie Johnson, Service Worker
- Brian Eddington, Distribution and Collection Systems Chief
- Bobby Washington, Service Worker II
- Chris Woolweaver, Service Worker IV
- Clayton Mackey, Mechanic I
- David Corchado, Service Worker IV
- Demetrius Smith, Service Worker IV
- Edgar Lattimore, Service Worker IV
- Edward Schuler, Service Worker IV
- Emilio Jorge, Jr., Service Worker III
- Emilio Jorge, Sr., Service Worker III
- Eric Lyons, Mechanic II
- Henry Mackey, Mechanic II
- Hilton Brown, Mechanic I
- Jamar Wilkerson, Mechanic I
- James Brown, Service Worker IV
- James Hughes, Inspector II
- Jerry Marschka, Mechanic I
- Joseph Arena, Distribution and Collection Systems Chief
- Johnnie Harden, Service Worker II
- Jose Barradas, Environmental Lab Tech
- Jud Hopping, Distribution and Collection Systems Chief
- Keith Hutchison, Distribution and Collections Supervisor
- Kelvin Thompson, Service Worker
- Kevin Miller, Mechanic I
- Larry Teich, Environmental Resources Supervisor
- Lenny Rodriguez, Mechanic I
- Leroy Cummings, Service Worker
- Lonnie Johnson, Utility Field Representative
- Luc Pierette, Service Worker
- Luis Gonzalez, Service Worker
- Marcus Brown, Utility Field Representative
- Mary Crance, Service Clerk
- Mike Boyce, Environmental Lab Tech
- Milton Rothrock, Mechanic I
- Perry Ceasar, Service Worker III
- Randy Rufrano, Service Clerk
- Reggie Simpkins, Utility Service Worker III
- Reina Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant II
- Richard Harden, Jr., Utility Field Representative
- Rick Johnson, Distribution and Collection Systems Manager
- Ronald Pierre, Service Worker III

- Roosevelt Butler, Mechanic II
- Rosemary Collette, Service Clerk
- Salvatore Cupo, Service Worker IV
- Steve Roberts, Jr. Distribution and Collections Supervisor
- Steven Holland, Utility Service Worker III
- Ted Williams, Service Worker II
- Thomas Pollard, Service Worker IV

Reason For Recognition:

Event 1: Water Main Failure – 2700 Block Of NE 57th Street On Thanksgiving Day

Early Thanksgiving morning, our neighbors on the 2700 block of Northeast 57th Street awoke to begin their day and discovered that the water coming from their faucets was very dirty, almost black. Customer Service received several calls and staff responded to investigate. Once on the scene, it became evident that a serious pipe failure had occurred and there was high turbidity in the water. Utilities Dispatch began calling staff in to assist in flushing the water main to clear the water.

Staff went door to door and distributed cases of bottled water to all twenty-four homes on the street. Emergency digging locations were called in and Dispatch again called staff to assemble a team to excavate down to the water main so the pipe could be opened, hydrant removed, and flushed. Staff again went door to door to all twenty-four homes and contacted as many neighbors as possible to assess their water quality and provide instructions on how to flush the internal plumbing systems in their homes. By the end of the day, the water quality had improved, but as a precaution, our neighbors were advised to boil the water until testing was complete. On Sunday night, test results showed that all drinking water standards were met, so the Precautionary Boil Water Notice was lifted.

The timing of this incident, on the one day of the year when most neighbors are busily preparing holiday meals, could not have been worse. It would have been understandable if the City had received numerous complaints, but as a result of the excellent customer service this dedicated team provided to our neighbors, staff instead received words of praise.

Event 2: Force Main Break – East Las Olas Boulevard on December 22, 2014 through Christmas Eve

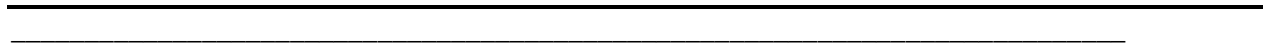
Around 9:30 p.m. on December 22nd, a sewer gravity main split at the bridge crossing, near 1721 East Las Olas Boulevard. The pipe failure sprayed sewer water across all four lanes of Las Olas Boulevard preventing pedestrians from making their way across the bridge. Staff was dispatched to shut down the twenty-six lift stations in the Las Olas Isles that pump into the sewer gravity force main. The crews then located and closed isolation valves to stop the flow. The crew fabricated a clamp to wrap around the leaking pipe and was successful in installing the clamp under pressure. The clamp did not stop the flow but did keep it off the road and sidewalk. Meanwhile, a few hours later, the staff was successful and was able to close the repaired isolation valve and stop the flow. During the entire event, crews had to monitor and pump down the twenty-six individual pump stations on the Isles to prevent sanitary sewer overflows. The coordination effort was monumental and very successful. The final repair was completed by contract late Christmas Eve.

Name and Title of Person(s) who Mayor should call to the podium to accept:
Hardeep Anand, P.E., Director of Public Works and all those present who participated in either/both events from the Public Works Department.

**A single plaque will be provided for the Mayor to present to the Department Director and staff.*

Telephone Number of Person(s) who will accept:
954-828-5197 or 954-828-5293

Type of Presentation:
Employee Recognition



The Commission Office Supervisor assigns presentations to individual members of the City Commission.

For City-issued proclamations, commendations and certificates, provide draft language and work with Commission Office Supervisor on finalization.

If the Department or Presenter would like additional information provided to the City Commission, attach it to this form. It may be appropriate to provide "talking points" for the commissioner to use in the presentation.

For employee recognition, provide fact sheet, explaining reason for recognition.

Department Director: _____