MEMBERS: Haston Lewis, Danny Millet, Charles Julien, Jaclyn Hotard, Darnel Usry, Ronnie Smith, Cheryl Millet, Dale Wolfe, Steve Lee, Brenda Labat, Mary Goldman, Linda Faulk

PRESENT: Cheryl Millet, Haston Lewis, Jaclyn Hotard, Ronnie Smith, Danny Millet, Charles Julien, Darnel Usry, Brenda Labat, Mary Goldman

ABSENT: Dale Wolfe, Steve Lee, Linda Faulk

Pat McTopy – Request authorization to seek request for proposals for Health, Dental and Life Insurance

Stacey Cador, Director of Human Resources, stated, “At this time the administration is seeking authorization from the committee to advertise for proposals for the Life, Health and Dental insurance plans.”

MOTION: Councilman Smith moved and Councilwoman Usry seconded the motion to authorize administration to advertise for proposals for Life, Health and Dental Insurance plans. The motion passed with 8 yeas, 1 abstaining (Hotard) and 3 absent (Wolfe, Lee and Faulk).

Stacey Cador stated, “I have just given you a time line of the process. As in the past years this is simply a rough guide of the process. It is not written in stone. If you have any concerns over the time frame, if you could get with us tomorrow or over the next few days, but it is meant to be a guide.”

Councilwoman Hotard asked, “On the receipt of proposals by 4:30 on September 4th, is that deadline firm? Are we positive that we will get all of our proposals in September for a January renewal?”

Stacey Cador stated, “I have spoken with the consultant, Scott Fontenot, and he assures us that this is a realistic time line and is something that we can achieve. If you have any concerns we are open to discussing it with you.”

Councilwoman Hotard asked, “The other question about September 4th, is that a firm deadline or are we going to take proposals up until the last minute?”

Stacey Cador stated, “It is a deadline. A firm deadline but again he said that we do have the right to negotiate like for a multi rate guarantee or to allow them to sharpen their pencils so to speak. As long as we provide all of them, the contenders, with the same opportunity.”

Councilwoman Hotard stated, “As long as we have a good deadline because we did run into this once before where they were sharpening and sharpening until right before the vote. I don’t think we want to go through that again. So when we do come up with a deadline I think we need to put that deadline out there and let the carriers, agents or
whoever know that this is the dead line and however far you are going to sharpen your pencil, it needs to be done by this time.”

Stacey Cador stated, “Whatever the committee decides. We are open to.”

**Any and all other insurance concerns**

There were no other insurance concerns.

**Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Councilman Smith moved and Councilman Julien seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion passed with Councilmen Lee and Wolfe and Linda Faulk absent.