9. **CONSENT AGENDA**

j. Approve purchase of sodium hypochlorite from Odyssey Manufacturing Company for the Donax and Wulfert plants for 3 years

Memorandum

DATE: June 7, 2011

TO: City Council

THROUGH: City Manager Judie Zimomra

FROM: Public Works Director Gates Castle GDC

RE: Sodium Hypochlorite (Chlorine) for Water Reclamation Plants

RECOMMENDATION: Approve purchase of sodium hypochlorite from Odyssey Manufacturing Co. for the Donax and Wulfert plants for three years.

The Donax and Wulfert Water Reclamation Facilities each use sodium hypochlorite (chlorine) during the treatment process for disinfection. The City currently purchases this chemical from the Dumont Company at a cost of $0.95/gallon and $1.40/gallon, respectively for the Donax and Wulfert plants. The contract to purchase this chemical expires on June 30, 2011.

On April 11, 2011, an advertisement for bids to supply the sodium hypochlorite appeared in the Ft. Myers News-Press. The Odyssey Manufacturing Company submitted the only bid which was opened and read aloud on April 28, 2011, in the amount of $0.85 and $1.35/gallon, for the first year (2011); $0.87 and $1.38/gallon the second year (2012) and $0.89 and $1.40/gallon for the third year (2013) to supply the Donax and Wulfert facilities respectively with sodium hypochlorite. Present at the bid opening were Joe Young of Dumont Company and Josh Holler and Gates Castle from the City.

The annual usage at the Donax plant is 80,000 gallons, while 3,000 is used annually at Wulfert (when in operation), therefore, the first year annual cost of sodium hypochlorite will be approximately $72,000 at the proposed rates.

Staff recommends that Council approve the purchase of sodium hypochlorite from the Odyssey Manufacturing Company for the Donax and Wulfert facilities for a three year period, beginning July 1, 2011. Funding is available in Fund 450 (Utility Division) for the chemical.

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