

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item D-5
October 23, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item D-5 [9:36:25 a.m.]

A Resolution authorizing a change order to the Public Safety Building – Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) contract RFQ 2017.06 YG with The Weitz Company, LLC pursuant to Section 2-764 (b), Approval of Change Orders and Contract Modifications, in the amount of \$132,187 to perform additional work by conducting a test pile program.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I just want to have Peter to just briefly discuss for the public D-5, but other than that I move the items, all the items.

City Manager Iglesias: Vice Mayor D-5 is for pile testing for our Public Safety Building. Its required by the Building Code and we actually are going to mobilize tomorrow, if its approved today, and so we can start, possibly start on the Public Safety Building.

Commissioner Lago: May I ask you a quick question since the Vice Mayor brought that up. Keep going because I know where you are going to head with this.

Vice Mayor Quesada: When I see a big number I just want to make sure, I know what it is, but I just want to make sure we have it on the record and people are aware.

Commissioner Lago: I didn't want to take away your time.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, that's it. That's all I wanted.

Commissioner Lago: Can you do me a favor, can you tell a little bit about why we are doing this now and how it's going to help us out in regards to our construction schedule. This isn't really a catch that most people would have caught.

City Manager Iglesias: We would like to have an early start with the Public Safety Building, so it takes about a month to do the pile load test that is scheduled to start tomorrow, assuming approval today and we should have this test probably right after the November Commission meeting, which we would like to bring the Public Safety Building, the contract to the Public Safety Building to the Commission at that time. If we start in November, it would be probably two and-a-half months' head-start on the building and I'd like to go as quickly, the faster the better.

Commissioner Lago: So let me ask you, how long do you think the shell will take on this building?

City Manager Iglesias: Probably about ten months.

Commissioner Lago: The reason why I mention that is because you are able to shave two and-a-half months on this process and this is all Peter's doing, by the way, if you save two and-a-half months you are basically insuring yourself that you are not going to have that many rain delays because of the rainy season. So, doing this early is something that could potentially save us a lot of heartache in the backend of the project.

City Manager Iglesias: If we start the project in November, the rainy season ends in December, so we get six months, exactly Commissioner as you know; and we are looking to use a phase foundation permit...to get an early start. And we're looking for those six months of dry weather, which is excellent as you said, exactly.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Great. Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

City Attorney Ramos: I think there's a motion.

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed. OK.

[End: 9:38:42 a.m.]