

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-6
November 12, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Jorge Fors

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-6 [11:59:00 a.m.]

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next item is G-6, discussion regarding the upcoming sale of a city emergency response vehicle, Vice Mayor Lago, Commissioner Fors.

Vice Mayor Lago: I think we both spoke to a resident, past public servant, who had an interest in potentially getting a donation on behalf of the City to a county that could potentially one of our emergency vehicles, which is again, past its life and now is going to be potentially auctioned off, and we wanted to see if there was an opportunity to avoid the auction and sell this vehicle to a much worthy cause at market price. Tell me if I'm wrong, if I've left anything out.

Commissioner Fors: No. They just want to be able to purchase it at fair market value and I believe there is a connection to our Sister City Santa Tecla.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: And they are going to use this ambulance for training. Last I spoke to City Attorney's office they were researching whether we were able to sell it directly to them, as opposed to...

Vice Mayor Lago: Going to some auction.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Are you sure that Santa Tecla is interested?

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: That I do not know.

Commissioner Fors: But its not Santa Tecla.

Vice Mayor Lago: Its El Salvador though.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: El Salvador – there was an airport operation at El Salvador and I think we should offer it to our Sister Cities first and then go outside of that.

Commissioner Fors: Yes. Yes. Did you get clarity that it was in Santa Tecla?

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: I do not know anything about who is the interested party, that information hasn't been sent to us.

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: So what I do know is that Santa Tecla is pursuing emergency response training for some of their folks and also they were looking for a vehicle. I do not know if it's the same folks.

Vice Mayor Lago: But I think this vehicle is not going directly to the municipality. This vehicle is going to be used by a company called ICCAE, aviation training, they are going to use those vehicles to train individuals in emergency personnel response in El Salvador. So its not going to be – again, we are just kind of seeing if the Commission is even interested in it. Its not going to be directly associated with one municipality, its going to be used to train different entities, different municipalities on how to respond to emergencies.

Commissioner Keon: Is it a private sector company or is it a public sector company?

Assistant City Manager Santamaria: I know just about it as much as you do on this, but we can reach out to our Santa Tecla colleagues and find out if they want to get involved.

Vice Mayor Lago: I have the information here. I'll give it to you, not a problem. What I wanted to see, instead of it going out to auction, we sell it for fair market price, I wanted to see if that was even possible.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: I can address that. So my understanding is this is a vehicle that's no longer in use.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez:...or taken out of use. Our code provides that the Procurement Officer is responsible for disposition or sale of surplus supplies and the method to be used is simply

something that the Procurement Officer deems most advantageous or in the best interest of the City. So yes, we are now required to follow the Florida Statute, because we aren't subject to that as referenced in our code as a method that we can use, but we can chose to dispose of it in a manner that we feel is in the best interest of the City.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Why don't you let me...

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: In addition to that, if the value is more than \$25,000 it has to be declared surplus by the City. My understanding is that with this particular vehicle its much less than that. Its probably about \$5,000.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let me find out from Santa Tecla if they would have actual use for it as a rescue vehicle and then I'll come back to the Commission, is that OK?

Vice Mayor Lago: OK.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. Thank you.

[End: 12:02:28 p.m.]