

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting

Agenda Item C-5

February 8, 2011

City Commission Chambers

405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Maria Anderson

Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.

Commissioner Wayne “Chip” Withers

City Staff

City Manager, Patrick Salerno

Interim City Attorney, Lourdes Alfonsin

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Works Director, Glenn Kephart

Public Speaker(s)

C-5 [Consent Agenda] [Start: 9:17:50 a.m.]

Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Biltmore Golf Course Remediation Project to Cherokee Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$86,633.03 (eighty-six thousand six hundred thirty-three dollars and three cents), pursuant to Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Request for Proposals (RFP) 2010.11.01.

Mayor Slesnick: C-5 Mr. Cabrera.

Commissioner Cabrera: Thank you. Ladies and gentlemen, the reason or let me read to you what C-5 is: It's a Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Biltmore Golf Course Remediation Project to Cherokee Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$86,633.03 (eighty-six thousand six hundred thirty-three dollars and three cents), pursuant to Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Request for Proposals (RFP) 2010.11.01, and there was a Request for Proposal for this matter; and the purpose for me

pulling this item is not to discuss the award, I'm perfectly comfortable with the procurement process. I would just like staff to explain what this project is all about. Good morning Mr. Kephart.

Mr. Kephart: Good morning Commissioner.

Commissioner Cabrera: I just need a real brief overview of what the project is all about.

Mr. Kephart: This project is to remove some contaminated soils, soils that had been contaminated with arsenic in the Biltmore Golf Course over the years; there is a long period of history with materials that were used predominantly for the maintenance herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers that built up over the years in certain areas that could contaminate the ground waters, so we are under obligation to remove those contaminated soils.

Commissioner Cabrera: And generally what happens is, and correct me if I'm wrong, you've removed some of these contaminants and you have to place them somewhere...

Mr. Kephart: That's correct.

Commissioner Cabrera: ...and so what happens is as you place them in that vicinity or whatever the area is, there just comes a time that they have to be actually removed through a process.

Mr. Kephart: Removed and then taken to an approved site for these types of materials.

Commissioner Cabrera: And this is on City land and obviously it's part of...is this part of the Public Service Department's area?

Mr. Kephart: Well the golf course is maintained through the Biltmore, but it is public land and the project will be managed by the Public Works Department.

Commissioner Cabrera: Right. That's it. Thank you sir. I appreciate you taking the time to explain that to us. I just wanted the Commission to know that the real reason I pulled this is, anytime the word Biltmore comes up I think it's important we try to clarify what the issue is because I did receive an inquiry that there was some ambiguity and/or concern with regard to this, so I felt that it was important that we get it out there, and explain to the audience what it's all about. So thank you for indulging me this morning.

Mayor Slesnick: Move it?

Commissioner Cabrera: Having said that, I shall move Item C-5.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Second.

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Cabrera moves Mr. Kerdyk seconds; is there any further discussion?- if not, Mr. Clerk if you'd call the roll?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Commissioner Withers: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Cabrera: Yes

Mayor Slesnick: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 9:20:56 a.m.]