

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Virtual Meeting
Agenda Item G-4
July 14, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

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A discussion regarding allocation of proceeds from the sale of the property located at 3501 Granada Boulevard. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Item G-4 – Discussion regarding allocation of proceeds from the sale of the property located at 3501 Granada Boulevard.

Vice Mayor Lago: This is just quick. You know we voted on 3501 Granada earlier, and what I'd like to do is just codify where those monies, where the sale, where the monies from that sale are going to be allocated and we talked about the Fink Studio, and I think I'd like to just make sure that we iron that out, so its not sitting out there, now that we have actually approved the sale. And with that being said, I know that we are talking about the eventual sale of Doctor's Hospital lot, I know we are waiting for the T-plat, which was arriving any moment. That was another – also where those monies are going to be allocated, after the sale of that lot. We had discussed about putting a portion back into land acquisition and also a portion of it into the arts. So just wanted to get the input and codify where those monies from 3501 Granada Boulevard were headed. And I was of the belief obviously, we were going to the Fink Studio with that money.

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Commissioner Keon: I thought it was.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes, but I think the Manager, I think needed just some guidance from the Commission, some final guidance from my understanding.

City Attorney Ramos: There had been several conversations at Commission where the idea of taking monies from the Granada house and/or Doctors had been discussed for different projects. Not that the Granada house has actually happened, the Manager needs a vote of the Commission stating where the Commission wants the money to go.

City Manager Iglesias: And that is my recommendation is to put that money into the Fink Studio, get that building operational again, and stop the water infiltration, all the issues that are detrimental to that structure.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a second?

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll Billy?

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Mayor, just for the Manager. In the next Commission meeting, I'd like to get an update to the Doctors Hospital lot and the pending T-plat, so that we can basically already delineate where the monies are going to go from that sale, if possible. Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: I hope that you will consider funding the restoration of City Hall. It is just an unbelievable beautiful building that is in, the windows and everything else in very bad condition. The interior of City Hall needs to be done too. So, I hope there will be some consideration to finally funding the restoration of City Hall.

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City Manager Iglesias: Commissioner Keon what we are looking at is stabilizing the building by minimizing the roof of water infiltration by a new roof, and then we are currently in permitting for the 427 Project. When that project is done then we will move Development Services to 427; open up the third floor, so that we could come back in and restore the building floor by floor.

Commissioner Keon: Do we have the funds available to restore City Hall? It looks like there is a deficit in the funds.

City Manager Iglesias: No. But I'm asking is to give some consideration to using the funds from the sale of the lot of Doctors Hospital to providing the funding, help provide the funding to restore City Hall. It is in desperate need of restoration.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Just to put it on the record. The Manager just said that right now there isn't any funding deficit in regard to City Hall, correct me if I'm wrong Mr. Manager.

Commissioner Keon: No, there is some money.

Vice Mayor Lago: There is, but he said there is not a funding deficit, that we are fine.

Commissioner Keon: He said that...

City Manager Iglesias: There is a funding deficit.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: City Hall is not on the agenda...

Commissioner Keon: Okay. But I think there is a funding deficit, so I'd like some consideration. Thank you.