

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-4
June 14, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias
Historic Preservation Officer, Dona Spain

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-4 [10:42:00 a.m.]

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Historical Plaza and Entrances Restoration and Renovation Project to Red Door Construction LLC the most responsive-responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-828 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Request for Proposals (RFP) 2016.02VF; and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate a final contract amount acceptable to the City for this project (not to exceed \$1,625,874.43); should negotiations fail with the most responsive-responsible proposer, negotiations shall commence with the next most responsive-responsible proposer until an agreement and final contract amount acceptable to the City has been reached.

Mayor Cason: Let’s pick up H-4. This is a recommendation to award the historic plazas and entrances project to Red Door Construction.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we'll have Michael Pounds, our Chief Procurement Officer come forward for Item H-4. I will say this is an item that you all have waited for, for a long time. We went out first for bid, we underestimated what the full true cost would be, we had to cancel the procurement and had to go back out and that's why you see the value not to exceed \$1.6 million. I will also tell you that you'll see in your Budget Workshop coming forward that we have a maintenance program that will move forward so once these restorations, the recirculating of the fountains, the other important restorations have taken place, you'll see an ongoing maintenance so that you won't have this issue again. Michael if you can present this item.

Mr. Pounds: Mike Pounds, Chief Procurement Officer. The project consist of the restoration and renovation of historical plazas and entrances located at Granada Plaza, Granada Entrance, Balboa Plaza, Segovia Plaza, commercial entrance, Ponce de Leon Plaza, and Columbus Plaza. On February 25th the Procurement Division of Finance formally issued Historical Plaza and Entrance restoration and renovation RFP. On March 3, 2016, a non-mandatory pre-proposal conference was held and we had 15 firms and attendance of 27 firms who picked up the document in the Procurement office. On March 31, 2016, five proposals were received in response to the RFP. Those were ABC Construction, ____ Group, Keystone Restoration, Lego Construction and Red Door Construction. On May 25th the Evaluation Committee convened to evaluate the responsive proposals and determined that Red Door Construction Inc. is the top-ranked responsive and responsible proposal, followed respectively by Keystone Restoration, Lego Construction, ABC Construction. It is the recommendation of the Evaluation Committee to award historical plaza and entrances restoration and renovation project to Red Door Construction LLC in the amount of \$1, 625,874.43. Its my recommendation that we also go ahead and accept that recommendation, but we would like to meet with them and clarify the good amount of pricing and determine if there is any room for negotiation to perhaps lower the price. A consultant and Public Works also recommends this firm.

Mayor Cason: Is this NRP money? This is one of the 17 original Neighborhood Renaissance Program projects. This is going on five years, so this is important. Can you spend a little bit of what's actually going to happen? Are we going to go back to the way they were in 1925?- or are we going to fix them up, some up the way they are now with the vines all over them? I know the pumps will probably be fixed.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I'm going to ask Dona Spain. These are historic landmarks, so the restoration is very important. We do need to recirculate the fountains, currently they are not recirculating, but I would like her to talk since her office was a part of the procurement.

Mrs. Spain: I was on the Evaluation Committee. The intent is to restore them, but its not to make them look new. As you know, its like the Venetian Pool; there was a deliberate design to make them look as if they were ruined. They would have the plaster then expose maybe the brick underneath, and so we need to make sure that we keep that aesthetic and because of that we required in this RFP a conservation expert, and I believe its Rosa Lowinger that on this team, and they have the expertise to do that.

Commissioner Lago: I've worked with Rosa on previous projects and she has an incredible expertise in reference to this type of scope, so I'm looking forward to these getting done. Like the Mayor had mentioned, this is before my time. I have a resident that calls me on a weekly basis in reference to their fountain and they are beyond excited about the fact that finally we are going to deliver this much needed renovation to these historic entrances and features.

Mayor Cason: How long do we anticipate it will take to do this?

Mrs. Spain: It's a Public Works project. I know that we talked to the contractor about that, its intent, I believe, to work on a couple at a time and not just work on one and then move to the other, depending on it. So hopefully it will be done quickly, I just can't remember what he said as far as the timeline.

Mayor Cason: OK. Any discussion?

Mr. Pounds: They will be working on a few projects at a time, I can't confirm that.

Commissioner Lago: I make the motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion.

Commissioner Keon: I'll second it.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon seconds – City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

Mrs. Spain: Thank you so much.

[End: 10:47:18 a.m.]