

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-4
October 22, 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 (Attended by phone)
Commissioner Jorge Fors

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
Assistant City Attorney, Gus Ceballos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-4 [9:20 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Donation/Pledge Agreement with Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables and Mercedes-Benz of Cutler Bay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, so we will take out of order now I-4.

City Attorney Ramos: 4 is a resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Donation/Pledge Agreement with Mercedes-Benz of Coral Gables and Mercedes-Benz of Cutler Bay.

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Police Chief Hudak: Good morning, Commissioners, Mayor, Vice Mayor. The pledge in front of you is from Bill Ussery, one of our -- Mercedes Benz of Coral Gables. We have a need for a passenger van for within the Police Department. We've entered into an agreement, if it's accepted by you all, for a donation. The way it will work is they will actually donate funds to the City. We will lease the van, and it will be wrapped as a police vehicle for our community service, but also, transportation for our PAL programs, as well as some of our officer transport. This is replacing a bus from 2009, the short white bus. We've run it through Legal. We have one of our reserve officers who's the director of security and has been for the last 14 years, is it?

(COMMENTS MADE OFF THE RECORD)

Police Chief Hudak: Eleven years for Ussery, Frank Jackson. And this is a partnership that we have with one of our vendors -- or one of our businesses here in Coral Gables. And we ask -- or recommend approval of the donation, which we have to do through you all.

Assistant City Attorney Ceballos: Good morning, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. Just one little comment. The version -- resolution that you have, since that that resolution went out, there's one minor change. It is not \$30,000. It has been increased to \$36,000. That was done at the last moment, so just so you're aware.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a motion?

Commissioner Keon: So moved.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second? Second?

Vice Mayor Lago: I second it.

Commissioner Fors: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll, please?

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And they should also donate a Mercedes to the Vice Mayor and the Mayor.

Vice Mayor Lago: Why not the whole Commission?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no.

Police Chief Hudak: We'll see if we can...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Just the Mayor.

Police Chief Hudak: Modify the numbers again.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We can't exaggerate. We can't ask too much.

Vice Mayor Lago: Can I just take one moment? I also want to acknowledge Bill Ussery as a whole. Just -- and this is very briefly. A few months ago -- not a few months ago, few years ago, we were having issues in regards to delivering on the street. And I want to commend you for the

efforts that you're doing. It's -- it was -- I know it was happening, again, when cars were being delivered early in the mornings, which is a little bit of a traffic issue. But I appreciate the fact that you've taken the lead on that, your team has, and you're really internalizing the traffic and you're pushing the deliveries inside, which is really beneficial for the City.

Unidentified Speaker: No. Our concern is, obviously, the residents.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yeah.

Unidentified Speaker: And the location we're at. So, our first priority is to try to make it as seamless as we can for us as well as the...

Vice Mayor Lago: I just wanted to say...

Unidentified Speaker: The surrounding residents.

Vice Mayor Lago: Take an opportunity to say thank you.

Unidentified Speaker: Yeah. No, thank you.

Thank you for being a good partner.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And we also made Salzedo a one-way street north up to University Drive so that the people wouldn't test the cars down there.