

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
August 27, 2019
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
Procurement Officer, Celeste Walker
Public Works Director, Hermes Diaz

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-3 [2:59:54 p.m.]

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2019-015 to Civil and Environmental Engineering Services and negotiate a Professional Service Agreement (“Agreement”) with Hazen and Sawyer, 300 Engineering Group, P.A., Tetra Tech, Inc., the six (6) highest responsive-responsible proposers, pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the “consultants competitive negotiation act.”

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I-3.

Procurement Officer Walker: This particular project was led for Public Works, to establish a pool of professional consultants to be used on an as needs basis. More specifically, this contract was issued so it could be FEMA compliant, so that way we can use it for emergencies and as well as normal operation. We issued the solicitation, 24 firms responded, and we are making recommendations for the top six ranked firms.

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Vice Mayor Lago: Quick question. I received a phone call from one of the firms that was obviously were not one of the top six and they felt that the top 10, 12 were qualified to continue moving on. What does it matter to the City – similar things have happened to me. I've been top 3, top 4, and they've extended it to top 10. For example, my contract that I used to have with the School Board...Does it matter that the City accepts more than the six, it just gives you a better pool or do you feel that you have enough of those six? I just wanted to kind of put it on the record, because I've been the beneficiary of adding more people to the list.

Procurement Officer Walker: I'll have someone specifically from Public Works answer.

City Manager Iglesias: I believe Vice Mayor, the issue is the amount of work that we have, if its excessively large then the amount of work gets diluted and there is not sufficient amount of work. You've got some firms that have not bid or have come in for a proposal because of that.

Vice Mayor Lago: And these firms are well aware of the legislation that we passed which talked about that you cannot be involved on both, you can't straddle the fence, both on pre-con and con, they understand that, right?

Procurement Officer Walker: Correct.

Vice Mayor Lago: We are clear.

Procurement Officer Walker: We are clear.

City Manager Iglesias: Its very clear.

Vice Mayor Lago: AECOM is never going to happen ever again.

Procurement Officer Walker: AECOM is not in this pool.

City Manager Iglesias: We are very clear.

Vice Mayor Lago: We are living with them.

City Manager Iglesias: Very clear.

Procurement Officer Walker: And the solicitation was issued saying specifically that we are awarding the six firms, so we are sticking with what we actually advertised as well.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, what were you going to say?

Public Works Director Diaz: I couldn't say it any better than the City Manager.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, you feel there is not enough work.

Public Works Director Diaz: No. I think that six is sufficient for the amount of work that we are going to have for this pool of companies.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. Do I need a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Vice Mayor Lago: 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)

[End: 3:02:25 p.m.]