

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-2
February 26, 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
Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Chief Procurement Officer, Celeste Walker

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-2 [2:30:28 p.m.]

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2018-017 for Traffic Impact Study Consulting Services and negotiate a Professional Service Agreement (“Agreement”) with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., A&P Consulting Transportation Engineers, Corp. and CALTRAN Engineering Group, Inc., the three (3) highest ranked responsive-responsible proposers; pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act.

City Attorney Ramos: I-2 is a Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award RFQ 2018-017 for Traffic Impact Study Consulting Services and negotiate a Professional Service Agreement (“Agreement”) with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., A&P Consulting Transportation Engineers, Corp. and CALTRAN Engineering Group, Inc., the three (3) highest ranked responsive-responsible proposers; pursuant to Florida Statute 287.055, known as the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act.

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Chief Procurement Officer Walker: Good afternoon. Celeste Walker, the Procurement Office. This particular project is for Public Works. They are establishing a pool of consultants for traffic impact studies. An RFP was issued. We had ten (10) responses and an evaluation committee is recommending that we move forward with negotiations on the top three ranked proposers. Have any questions?

Commissioner Keon: There are a couple things. I'd like to have a little bit of talk about this.

Vice Mayor Lago: Sure.

Commissioner Keon: Primarily because when this came about because of the item that was sponsored in past year having the City be the one that picks the traffic consultant to do all of the traffic studies for whoever, more than a hundred trips a day anticipated from some place and you know, at the time I thought that the concern about those was far more a perception problem than it was a reality, that it was really an issue, but the feeling was on the dais that that perception was enough to want to move you to do that. But as a result of this, now we have – there are three people that will do these traffic studies, so it's not two traffic studies being done, there is only one. The developer has to do the traffic study, but we appoint who it is to do the traffic study out of this revolving list of three people; and I'm sure you are not going to have the developer then do an additional traffic study, but we have a number of these traffic engineering firms, at least in our City, are no longer going to be able to participate in that. They won't have the opportunity to work within the City and they are in the City. The one that came to my mind at first was David Plummer, who does a lot of them anyway. So he will no longer do them within the City, because it will be these three people only that will do them. So it changes the people, firms, ability to...at work for themselves. I think it's an unintended outcome that I don't think is so good. I just want to make that point and the problem with the RFP its fine and how you went about it is fine, but that's the result and unintended outcome of that.

Commissioner Mena: I don't think that we necessarily pick the number of firms like you guys.

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: Public Works selected that it would be three firms.

Commissioner Mena: So whether they have three or five, I don't think that matters to the point that we were discussing at the time. I don't know if its accurate or not, I'm generally saying I don't know if its accurate or not that a developer is still not going to necessarily have somebody that they privately contracted to deal with traffic issues.

Commissioner Keon: Well they only get paid for one. So the likelihood is they are not going to pay for two.

City Manager Iglesias: [Inaudible]

Commissioner Mena: They may have somebody to peer review whatever they do.

City Manager Iglesias: The first they didn't agree with was what our traffic engineers...there may be a second engineer to kind of have a second opinion. So there could be depending on the outcome of the first study.

Commissioner Mena: But my first point was, if you want to have a discussion about having a deeper bench than three firms, I'm OK with that.

Commissioner Keon: I don't care. That's a decision I think Public Works needs to decide.

Commissioner Mena: We didn't pick a number.

Commissioner Keon: No, we didn't.

Vice Mayor Lago: You brought this up.

Commissioner Mena: The original issue, yes. But whether it was three firms, five firms, six firms.

Vice Mayor Lago: I thought it was a wonderful idea that you brought it up. I don't have an issue with going to an additional firm, but again, it's your legislation.

Commissioner Mena: I also want to defer to staff.

Commissioner Keon: Well, I don't know how many other firms that are out there that generally do traffic studies in the City, that's up to them. It was only a point I wanted to put on the record or make. As far as the item itself goes, I'll move the item.

Commissioner Mena: Again, in the future you want to revisit to see how many people are on there, I'm open to discussion.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Well, I think it's a discussion maybe staff could have among themselves. Thank you.

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Commissioner Mena: I'll second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in favor.

All: Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We have to take a vote. Will you call the roll please?

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Commissioner Quesada: Absent

[End: 2:36:00 p.m.]