

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item H-1**  
**January 14, 2025**  
**Police and Fire Headquarters**  
**2151 Salzedo Street, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Melissa Castro**

**Commissioner Ariel Fernandez**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Attorney, Cristina Suárez**

**City Manager, Amos Rojas, Jr.**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item H-1 [1:09 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFP 2024-033 for Citywide Landscaping Services to SFM Landscaping Services, LLC, Inc., the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-033.

Mayor Lago: Moving onto item H-1.

City Attorney Suarez: H-1 is a Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award RFP 2024-033 for Citywide Landscaping Services to SFM Landscaping Services, LLC, Inc., the highest ranked responsive and responsible proposer, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-033.

Chief Procurement Officer: Good afternoon.

Mayor Lago: Good afternoon. Good to see you.

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Chief Procurement Officer: Good to see you too. Celeste Walker-Harmon, Chief Procurement Officer. This was a competitive RFP that was issued on behalf of Brainscape, it is for the citywide landscaping. We had two proposers, and they were evaluated and ranked, and we are making the recommendation for SFM Landscaping Services LLC to be the awarded proposer.

Mayor Lago: Are there any public comments?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir, we do.

Mayor Lago: Okay.

City Clerk Urquia: Mrs. Maria Cruz.

Mrs. Cruz: Mrs. Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road. I am sorry, but once again, I have an issue with what we do when we select companies to work for us, because over where I live, I do know what goes on, on San Amaro Drive and I know I'm the only one that sees it, but I do drive there up and down several times a day. From the garbage that's on the median to the area that doesn't have green anymore because it was hard to keep it, from the fact that the company that we are selecting today has had issues and I'm not sure that we will discuss it, but they haven't always been very good at maintaining the landscaping, at least where I see it. So, I do think that we should concentrate ourselves in not only the price, but the service that's provided and maybe, maybe, I just thought of it, maybe when we have things that affect the public, maybe there should be some maybe a survey here and there to evaluate the services that we get from private companies, because it's not always satisfactory.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: Can I have a motion.

Mayor Lago: Can I have a motion from the Commissioner since there is no further comment.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'll second.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

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(Vote: 5-0)