

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-1**  
**August 24, 2021**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Michael Mena**

**Commissioner Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria**

**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

**Maria Cruz**

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A Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 amended annual budget to recognize as revenue proceeds from the sale of the Doctors' Hospital and the Greco Street parking lots, and Coral Gables Mobility Impact Fees; and to appropriate such funds to put toward the Minorca Garage Construction Project, the Public Safety Building Construction Project, the future purchase of land, and the enhancement of parks; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Lago: I want to move onto item I-1.

City Attorney Ramos: I-1 is a Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 amended annual budget to recognize as revenue proceeds from the sale of the Doctors' Hospital and the Greco Street parking lots, and Coral Gables Mobility Impact Fees; and to appropriate such funds to put toward the Minorca Garage Construction Project, the Public Safety Building Construction Project, the future purchase of land, and the enhancement of parks; and providing an effective date. Of course, this is the expected sale of either or both.

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*Agenda Item I-1 – Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 amended Annual budget to recognize as revenue proceeds from sale of Doctors' Hospital*

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Mayor Lago: Basically, in your comments there, you made it very clear, one of the items for the sale of Doctor's Hospital lot was that I wanted to make sure that it was clearly 50 percent for the art acquisition fund and also 50 percent for the parks acquisition fund, and that's clearly stated as per the agreement, correct?

Finance Director Gomez: So, its 50 percent to the Public Safety Building and then 25 percent and 25 percent; 25 percent for park land purchase and 25 percent park enhancements, that's per resolution 2021-99.

Mayor Lago: And what was the other 50 percent for?

Finance Director Gomez: Public Safety Building – we have a hold in the Public Safety Building financing.

Mayor Lago: What about the money that we got from the sale of the General's home?

Finance Director Gomez: I don't know exactly where that money went right this minute.

Mayor Lago: So, I was lenient, and I was very clear that I don't have a problem...

City Attorney Ramos: That went to the Fink Studio.

Finance Director Gomez: Okay.

Mayor Lago: But I never said I was going to give 25 percent.

City Attorney Ramos: There was a resolution brought by the former Mayor that sent that to the Fink studio and then I think the resolution Diana is referring to is the last resolution.

Finance Director Gomez: The latest resolution.

Mayor Lago: But I was clear that I wanted 50 percent of that money to make whole the art that was removed from the Agave and I said, if you are going to sell this piece of property and you want my vote on it, I want 50 percent of the money to go into the parks trust because we are going to acquire land with the sale of this property.

City Attorney Ramos: I think it was amended again.

Mayor Lago: Then I can't vote for this. I'm a no. I'm a no. We can't sell assets and not buy assets back, especially at this cost. If my colleagues are in favor of supporting this, I don't have an issue.

Commissioner Fors: I move to defer it.

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Mayor Lago: Okay. Second.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll second.

Mayor Lago: Can I get a roll call vote.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

City Attorney Ramos: We'll send a timeline around with all the resolutions.

Commissioner Fors: I remember something about that too.

Mayor Lago: I just want to be clear. I don't know what amendments there were. Again, its 9 o'clock, we've been here for twelve and-a-half hours, but I was very clear when that property was considered for sale, I voted no, and I had a long discussion with my colleagues. If we are going to sell this property, 50 percent of it has to go into the parks trust.

City Attorney Ramos: We'll send everything, so you have it for next meeting.

Mayor Lago: Next item, we already did I-2, correct. Thank you by the way, thank you Diana, thank you so much.

[Note: Item came back a few minutes later]

Commissioner Menendez: Mayor, sorry, I know we are on a roll, that's important. On I-1, I know it was deferred, but Maria Cruz wanted to make a comment. I know automatic is deferred, so there is no public, but she is still there, I think at the De Soto Fountain.

Commissioner Fors: Its deferred.

Commissioner Menendez: I'm just saying, you know...

Mayor Lago: Let her in. Its deferred, but its deferred, there is a comment on everything. Go ahead.

City Clerk Urquia: I'll ask Ms. Cruz to unmute.

Ms. Cruz: Okay, I'm here. I'm here, can you hear me?

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes, we can.

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Mayor Lago: Yes. Yes.

Ms. Cruz: Okay. I am sorry, I know that I have spoken a lot today, but I-1 is very important because I know its been recommended to use that money for specific stuff and nobody has asked where is the money from the bond that was issued to do the Safety Building with the attached garage. I have checked into it and I was told it was used for another project. The money for Garage 7 was received when the bond was issued, so where is that money?

Commissioner Fors: Maria, we've deferred I-1 to the next meeting, we can get into the detail then.

Ms. Cruz: Well, can you ask; can you ask, so next meeting we have an answer.

Mayor Lago: We ask right now and we will request that we get a response in writing prior to the Commission meeting.

Ms. Cruz: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: Would anybody like to make a motion to ensure that gets...

Commissioner Menendez: I'll move it.

Commissioner Anderson: Second.

City Clerk Urquia: All in favor.

All: Aye.

Mayor Lago: We'll make sure we have that in writing. Thank you Commissioner Fors for navigating those waters.