

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item C – Mayor’s Comments
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Agenda Item C [4:02 p.m.]
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Mayor Lago: Can we do item C-4 really quick. I’d like to see if we can get just a quick photo that I brought. So, this is something that is being offered to the city. I’ve been to see it already in person. We have some renderings that were professionally done. This is a watch company called FP Journe. I don’t own one of their watches. I wish I did, hopefully one day I will. But it’s something that I thought was beautiful. I bring it to the Commission to kind of bring a little bit more cachet and quality to the downtown. This is just an idea. If you like the way it looks, they would pay for it all, it wouldn’t cost the city anything. And if you look up the quality of this company, they are one of the top three watchmakers in the world. They only make 800 watches a year. A very

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boutique watch company and I recommend that you look it up and get an idea. These are just ideas of placements of where it could go. I think it's a beautiful opportunity for us to do something in the downtown. Do we have anymore pictures, or this is the only one?

Commissioner Castro: I had seen it on the other side of the street. I actually like it there more.

Mayor Lago: Its up to you guys, whatever you want.

Commissioner Fernandez: The only thing I would say is, I would like it in a place where people can actually take a picture in front of it. It's kind of there in the crosswalk. So, one of the things I was thinking now, we're doing Ponce Circle Park, that might be a nice accent feature to the park, as a thought. I think that's something that would attract tourists as well.

Mayor Lago: My thought is Main and Main. It could be, obviously, an opportunity to enjoy something that, again, is being donated to the city. It doesn't cost the city anything, except for maybe some of the infrastructure, electrical to run adjacent, you probably can make it run, but the actual clock is from what I understand is like about \$50,000 donation to the city.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Its very nice, except for the area, you going to get hit by a car and we don't want people getting hit by cars.

Mayor Lago: Why don't we do this. Why don't we as a Commission accept it and then ask the Manager to see if we can work around something with four corners, because I would like to see these four corners Main and Main, an attraction, and I think its something that's very classy and it would be a beautiful accent to the downtown, if you're interested in that. The Manager will come back and say look, these are the options and kind of come back to us.

Vice Mayor Anderson: This if fine for display right now, but if its frangible and all that kind of stuff, and the triangle visibility, that's above my paygrade.

Mayor Lago: It's a work in progress.

Vice Mayor Anderson: It's a work in progress, yes.

Commissioner Castro: I like it.

Commissioner Fernandez: So, what we need to do is accept it, right.

Mayor Lago: Accept it.

Commissioner Fernandez: I'll motion to accept it.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Second.

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Commissioner Castro: Yes

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: This is actually an item that got voted on, Madam City Attorney, this is something that we can have a discussion. You could have public comment on, if anybody wants to talk about.

City Attorney Suarez: Yes, of course.

Mayor Lago: Delivery of scooters. I want to show you some pictures and this is where maybe our Police Chief, who was here, can provide us a little guidance of what we can do. Can we get the photos up that I took myself in the downtown. As you can tell, it's now becoming one, two, three, four stacking of, again, I know they are trying to make a living. I get it. They serve a purpose. But as you drive, and you get closer – can you get closer to that picture? You've got two entire parking spaces that are being taken up by delivery drivers. Plus, if you go back, the other car that's parked there, that's my car, and then you have another set of individuals parked right in front of it. So, they are literally taking up three parking spaces on Miracle Mile. I think we need to do something. I'm just putting it on your radar, think about it, figure something out. Mr. Kinney, what are we doing?

Commissioner Fernandez: And I actually drove by that same area on Saturday and then I saw that there were Uber drivers who then couldn't use the parking spaces and then blocking the road. So, for about ten minutes, there was one lane of traffic, because they were basically stacked there on the road in front of the restaurant.

Mayor Lago: They are becoming more and more comfortable. We need to figure out a way to...

Commissioner Castro: So, what if we get one parking and we separate it for scooters. Can four scooters fit in one parking?

Mayor Lago: So, I tried to do that about a year ago.

Parking Director Kinney: We already created two locations that are reserved for scooters. We have two others that we're looking at. So, the two existing are one on Andalusia close to Starbucks, which is the popular pickup location. The other existing is in the small parking lot on Giralda, which is another high-traffic location; and the difficulty is, essentially, and the Chief and I have

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talked about this a lot, the difficulty is, they are paying attention to their phone, because whoever can get there quickest when it comes on the app, gets the job. And so, they really prefer to be very close to where they are going to pick up. Legally, some of the – that picture right there, if one person has paid for that space, as long as they are not encroaching into the sidewalk, or into another space or into the right-of-way, they are essentially legal. Now, you Commissioner mentioned the double parking, that is absolutely a citation. Unfortunately, if it's one of my guys that writes the citation, it's a \$36.00 fine and it doesn't really matter. If the Chief writes the citation, then it's a moving violation, that's a bigger issue.

Commissioner Castro: So, its impossible to have a scooter park in the same parking spot of a car that's already parked there?

Parking Director Kinney: No. If that space is paid for, it's legal for there to be a car and a scooter in the same space.

Commissioner Castro: So that space is paid for by the car, but then the scooter comes. Does the scooter have to pay for it again?

Parking Director Kinney: No.

Commissioner Castro: Okay. So how do we...

Mayor Lago: It does because if I park my car and I leave, that parking is tagged to my license plate.

Parking Director Kinney: Yes. That's correct.

Mayor Lago: So, if there's a scooter, I'm willing to bet you money that none of those people there paid for parking.

Commissioner Castro: I don't think so either.

Commissioner Fernandez: And we should be able to enforce that. They are parking.

All: [Inaudible]

Commissioner Menendez: So, our parking is zone related.

Parking Director Kinney: Right, but a space is paid for. If one of the license plates...

Mayor Lago: Excuse me one second. Mr. Clerk, let me finish this conversation and then we'll get onto that issue.

Commissioner Menendez: Since I wasn't on the mic and though I talk loud anyways. So, to that conversation, there's a parking spot in front of on the 200 Block on Miracle Mile, and its empty, the car was there like the Mayor said, it left. There is nothing, no payment tied to that particular stall.

Parking Director Kinney: Not once the vehicle's left.

Commissioner Menendez: Right, and that's the discussion. Going back to Commissioner Castro, so when there's a car there, obviously, 9 out of 10 times the car paid. If a scooter parks in the same spot with a car that's a violation. The scooter can't be in the same spot as the car.

Parking Director Kinney: But the payment is for the space. Somebody paid for the space. So, you can share a space.

Commissioner Castro: But that's not how we pay for parking in the street. I mean, I get some spots that's how we pay, but usually like our downtown we pay the code for the parking, and it doesn't tell you exactly what spot you're in. So really what you're paying for is the time that you're in any of those spots.

Parking Director Kinney: But what I'm saying is, if somebody is in a space – so you showed the one picture with four scooters in one space. If one of those license plates has paid for that space, that space is rented.

Commissioner Castro: Then we need to change it.

Commissioner Menendez: So, I'll be more than happy to sponsor legislation that you can only have one vehicle, scooter/car in a parking stall.

Commissioner Castro: We're not fixing anything.

Commissioner Fernandez: Then what you have then its going to take up all the parking spaces.

Commissioner Menendez: No, I mean, that prevents a car, a scooter parking next to a car in the same spot.

Mayor Lago: The intent of me bringing this up, the second year that I bring this up is to highlight the fact that we need to work with these apps, and we need to figure out a way, just because you're closest to Starbucks, they're the ones that get the call, they have to be directed somewhere. For example, when the Mobility Hub is done there has to be an area for Uber drivers to be able to, like Uber scooter drivers to be able to park, with a bench, with a garbage can, maybe some fans, make it appealing for them to come under cover, they can charge their vehicles, so that they are not taking this up. If you drive down Miracle Mile right now, or if you go to Giralda; on Giralda, for example, they are all the way in the back, they've taken up an entire area with multiple different

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parking spaces, that's just it, nobody moves. One comes in, one comes out, one comes in, one comes out. So, we have to find a solution for this. Either we start ticketing them; or we have a ticket person that starts in the morning and just writes them a ticket, don't move, where the police, none of you can move. Let's give each one of them a ticket. I don't want to ticket them. They are hard working-class people, but they just can't be camped out in three or four spaces.

Parking Director Kinney: I will let you know that the Chief has asked officers with trying to get them to go to the locations we've identified and when they're actually doing it its successful, its when they go back into their vehicle and leave downtown, and it becomes a mess.

Mayor Lago: Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Thank you. In addition to the fact whether it's parking revenue or not, parking these scooters in front of or behind a vehicle is blocking the vehicle in. Its actually double parking and I would think ticketed as double parking, illegal parking, and they should be encouraged to go in the back of the facility or whatever, because now we're blocking parking for actual patrons that we want to be able to get in those prime spots. Instead, we have delivery services taking all the prime spots.

Commissioner Menendez: We have something on the books that prevents that from happening.

Parking Director Kinney: The initial effort from the Chief on parking was to get them to go into the alleys, but that became an issue also, but the alleys are intended for delivery vehicles. We allow delivery from the alleys.

Commissioner Menendez: Sorry, through the Mayor. We know...we are always dealing with people that do whatever they want to do regardless of what our code says or what our rules are. So got to figure out how best to prevent people from unlawfully parking two vehicles in one spot when only one of them paid for it. To me, it's a no-brainer.

Vice Mayor Anderson: You've got to put some teeth in it.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes, exactly. I'm ready to do something with you all.

Mayor Lago: Can we craft some sort of legislation and work on something.

Parking Director Kinney: I will sit down with the Chief, and we'll talk about it. I will let you know that working between the Chief and I and Economic Development, we have identified a couple of other locations where we would be comfortable with the scooters waiting. The issue is how we get them to cooperate.

Mayor Lago: Alright, we'll do that. Thank you, sir.

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City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, the Chief of Police is on Zoom, if you would like to ask him.

Mayor Lago: Chief.

Chief Hudak: Sir.

Mayor Lago: Just basically, I just wanted to see if we got a chance to work together in collaboration with the Manager and Kevin Kinney just to see if we can find some options. I know you are doing your best pushing these people to the alleys. I'd like to see if we can get some enforcement because they are becoming more and more aggressive and taking up spaces on Miracle Mile.

Chief Hudak: Yes sir. I've been following along. It is an issue. I think statutorily they can park there. I do agree that once they get into those spots, if it's just one there, the only thing we can do really is check to make sure that one of those tags is registered in parking. So, trying to get them into the alleys in an organized way is probably the best thing that we can possibly do. It is going to be a constant enforcement issue with them down there. Whether we prohibit them from parking along Miracle Mile, on those spots, I would have to defer to the City Attorney to see if that's a city ordinance that we would want to get them off the Mile and into the alleyways, that would be an easier handle for us, and then on the side streets on Galiano and where we would allow them to be similar to the bicycle restrictions by our city code.

Mayor Lago: Can you do me a favor, as per the request of Commissioner Fernandez. Can you find out, maybe through the Manager, maybe Mr. Kinney's office, can you find out what other municipalities are doing in Miami-Dade County, maybe who knows, California, in Georgia, in Texas, maybe they are coming up with something where – I've heard, they are trying to push them into like mobility hubs, but the problem is that they all want to be as close to the venue where they can get as many orders as possible, because that's the way they make the most money. I don't know. If you can just kind of brainstorm an idea, I'd love to be able to put up some legislation before it gets even further out of control.

Chief Hudak: Yes sir. We'll get back to you on it.

City Manager Iglesias: Also, Mayor, Miracle Mile is our most profitable parking spaces.

Mayor Lago: Of course.

City Manager Iglesias: So, each one of those \$10 to \$14,000.

Mayor Lago: But Mr. Manager, its becoming, since we started talking about a year ago, they used to be in one space, now they have four spaces. Before you know it, they are going to have – and by the way, they start at 7 in the morning, so they just start taking spaces and spaces and spaces, before you know it, they are going to own all the spaces.

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City Manager Iglesias: Let's work something out with the Chief and the Parking Director in the alleys where maybe that might work.

Commissioner Fernandez: And Mr. Mayor on the point that the Chief and Director Kinney was saying about only one of the scooters needs to have paid for parking, if that's the case – it happens to me all the time with the golf cart, they come and park in the same space because my golf cart takes up less space. That means I'm encouraging them because I'm paying for parking. So, the question is, can we make it specific, in our code that we could do it, specific to license plate regardless of how many vehicles are in one parking space. If more people start using golf carts as well, we may have two people sharing a parking space, but both of them should be required to pay for parking.

Mayor Lago: It's a good point and I think these are the things we've got to look into that.

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: We can research the item and look at to the extent that there might be state law or county code preemptions, we'll look at that. Also discuss with the Parking Director that maybe we can reach out to those third-party platforms, Uber, Postmates, etc., and see if they can come here and discuss with you all what ability they have to restrict their drivers like we've done with the scooters, etc.

Mayor Lago: See what you are able to do.

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: So, we'll see if we can reach out to somebody that way.

Commissioner Menendez: And through the Mayor. I'm looking for the research, but I doubt there's a state statute or county statute addressing two vehicles in the same parking spot. I understand limiting the type of vehicle, but we have one parking spot and there are two vehicles in there; ones paying, the other one's not. I doubt there's a state or county statute addressing that.

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: We'll look at it. I believe the Chief has looked at this item before and that was permissible, but we will look at the item and we'll reach out to those third parties.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. I'm going to run through two quick items that I have left and then I want to jump over to my colleagues and then I'll defer the rest. Item C-6, on 2801 Salzedo Street. Ms. Cabrera, can you give us an update. We had a discussion at the last Commission meeting about permit cost. Were you able to find out what the actual permit cost was for that renovation project? I think you had said it was like \$2 million dollars or something to that effect.

Director Cabrera: Suramy Cabrera, Development Services Director. It was \$3.12 (million) for structural repairs and \$6.75 (million) for façade and partial interior renovation.

Mayor Lago: So, we're talking about over \$10 million dollars.

Director Cabrera: Exactly \$9.87 (million).

Mayor Lago: Okay. Perfect. Just wanted to make sure that that was on the record. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Fernandez: I think the concern on that, Mr. Mayor, was that the previous City Manager had said it was going to be over \$20 million dollars. I think that's how the question came about from residents.

Mayor Lago: The issue that we had talked about there was the, I'll let the Manager explain, because I had a conversation with him.

City Manager Iglesias: The issue is that we have a building that was designed more as an office building than a public service, a Fire Department and Police Department for those occupancies. So, it was really a bad functioning building. Also, the slabs were not designed for equal weights, so if you look at the actual parking; the actual parking was difficult for the office and firefighters to get in and out with equipment. So, it was really a poorly designed building. Some of the things that we would have had to do, a car dealership does not have to do, so our costs would have been substantially larger. It's a very non-functioning building from a public safety perspective.

Mayor Lago: So, moving onto the other – Mr. Clerk there was a comment in regard to C-4 that wanted to be made. We voted on the issue.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, Mr. Mayor. Maria Cruz.

Ms. Cruz: Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road. As I said before, I'm very excited that we are doing this. This item happened to come from the Mayor's Council. We had a meeting right after the incident with the football player that would have died if they had not taken care of him, and we felt that that was necessary to have a defibrillator. Now this has morphed into a project that is so big that doesn't make sense, okay. The reason for the defibrillator at a park is for people to be able to act on the spot and there are several cases where that has been proven to be helpful. If you have to use a camera to get the police, there it defeats the purpose. This is to be used on the spot to save a life. This is not to have a camera so we can reach somebody, so somebody can come, they might as well not put the defibrillator there because you won't make any impact, okay. I don't know how this happened that it morphed into a humongous project and my understanding is that we are concerned about the defibrillator being stolen. Well, I don't think in this city we can say that we have that kind of crime that we expect people to steal a defibrillator because what would they want it for. This is a matter of life and death. This is why the Mayor's Council suggested it and we suggested a defibrillator in each park. We did not suggest a camera to reach the police for the police to come and then save a life. Thank you.

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Mayor Lago: So, to clarify the item. We were talking about C-4, the clock, is what we voted on. You spoke about C-5. That was the item that you could have spoken on, because as a Commission we voted on it in regard to discussion items. So, we haven't even gotten to C-5 yet.

Ms. Cruz: [Inaudible – off mic]

Mayor Lago: Since we talked about C-5, we might as well do C-5 too now. Chief, Chief, good to see you again my friend.

Chief de la Rosa: We have prepared a PowerPoint presentation. I'm not sure if they can bring it up. So, I'll move along. So, just to give a background. The Commission tasked staff with evaluating the feasibility of enhancing the availability of AED security and safety on our city parks that are not permanently staffed by personnel. The participating departments in the study were Parks Department, Fire Department, Police and IT. So, just background history. The Fire Department is tasked with managing the public access defibrillation program. What we do with that is we manage all the AEDs that are strategically placed throughout the city. So, just a quick rundown. There are 44 that are located in city facilities and including parks. So, for instance, in this building, fleet, the Public Safety Building, the Youth Center, the pools, and the larger parks; 150 are deployed in the Police Department units; 10 are deployed in Fire Department staff vehicles, not fire rescue or fire engines, but the staff vehicles that we use, and 11 are in the neighborhood service aid vehicles throughout each neighborhood. There are 32 out of the 66 parks that would meet the criteria that are not permanently staffed with city personnel. The staff prioritized out of those 32, the ones that were most frequented. So, for instance, although a neighborhood one-acre park would meet the criteria of not being staffed, the amount of park-goers there in our preliminary study there wasn't enough, as opposed to a park that is not permanently staffed like a Youth Center, for instance, but does have frequent park-goers because it has some type of amenity. Whether it be a child playground, fitness equipment, or an art installation. So, in consultation with the Parks, there were parks that we prioritized that had the frequency, although they did not have the staff. So, our staff recommendation is a code blue smart emergency station. This particular device has a camera, has direct access to 911. It provides for the security and immediate access to emergency services when needed, and then it maximizes the AEDs that are in the area. So, for instance, there are 14 police vehicles at all times on patrol that have an AED, as well as the NSA's. So, in our recommendation, this provides the alert of an emergency in a park, it provides for the security that we were tasked with looking at, and it maximizes the infrastructure that we currently have in place, whether it be the AED that's in a police vehicle, or an NSA. So currently, even without looking at this study, I'll give you an example. If a cardiac arrest, a call for a cardiac arrest comes into our 911 center, fire rescue will be dispatched, but so will the police officers. Oftentimes, they deliver the first shock on scene, prior to fire rescue arriving. So, that chain of survival is closed with all entities in the city. Questions.

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Mayor Lago: Colleagues, anything.

Commissioner Castro: I don't like the fact that the AED isn't on site. I think after an experience its self-explanatory for any civilian, any resident, it guides you through the process and every minute that we don't have it is a ten percent decrease in resuscitation. I love the idea. I think these AED's have to be in parks like immediately. I don't want it to be held back because this is so much of an expense. I like it, but I don't want it to be held back because we can't agree to this or it's too expensive. I know these AED's cost what, like \$1,500.

Chief de la Rosa: They are about \$1,800, yes.

Commissioner Castro: And if we're concerned of theft, they are tagged, right, or no.

Chief de la Rosa: So, our concerns when we looked at it wasn't necessarily theft or the cost. It was as a pilot program was the recommendation that we made suffice a lot of the different concerns that were put forth and maximizes our current infrastructure. So, we can certainly look at adding the feature of the AED now, even in the pilot program.

Commissioner Castro: I would like that.

Commissioner Fernandez: Through the Mayor. What's the cost of this system for each one?

Chief de la Rosa: I believe IT priced them out. I'm not going to misspeak; I'm going to let Raimundo.

Commissioner Fernandez: Sure.

IT Director Rodulfo: Commissioners and Mayor. With the cost of installation, construction, the materials, and \$10,000 of contingency, in case of cost increase, a total cost for the pole is \$75,000.

Commissioner Fernandez: So, in essence, for the cost of every park, we got one of these devices. It might just make sense to get the AED's and put them in the park. When I was working for Congresswoman Ros Lehtinen, is when the AED's started making their way into the federal government, and at the time the mentality was, the closer it is to the potential patient, the higher the ability for it to actually work. I understand we have a system. My understanding is there is a device that basically has the AED in place, you have to enter a code to get it out. The way to get that code is to dial 911 and the operator basically gets that call. So, you're dispatched immediately but there is direct access immediately to the AED, if its necessary. I'm just saying, if we're going to be spending \$75,000 on one pole, and talking about possibly two, it might just be more cost effective to just put the AEDs in all the parks.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Through the Mayor. I would like to see the plan in some detail rather than voting on it here today, and then put it on the next agenda.

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Commissioner Menendez: Through the Mayor. Fred, you talk because you know what to say.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: In accordance with ADA as well, in previous Commission meetings there has been some directive to address lighting in a lot of the parks, security lighting, so that pole kind of helps that directive as well. Specifically, the two that we were looking at for the pilot, specifically Rotary, that was one that's been discussed here on the dais, to look at lighting. So that's why that pole is also – it is a cost, there is no question, but if we're addressing lighting and AED, then unfortunately the light is where the expense comes in.

Commissioner Menendez: My thought was, forgive me for not knowing all the details of everything that's been planned for this, is there a way to identify the parks that are most used and how the pilot program apply to those Salvadore, Phillips, the ones where we have a large number of people, and see how it goes, and if it works with whatever structure or the way it is, and we can move to the next phase and add more parks. Instead of just going all in with too expensive or finding out that nobody is stealing, can we do phases to see what works best.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: Yes, we can identify the parks and if we're going to a different system and its just the AED's and we're not looking at lighting, obviously we can. The two that we picked there are busy, Salvadore is probably our busiest, and Rotary had a lot of discussion here about lighting and making sure that we have a little more vigilance there, but there's other ones, obviously, that we have that are bigger ones you know, Jaycee, Kerdyk, Phillips, we have a few that we can identify that are bigger, much more active parks.

Mayor Lago: Go ahead.

Chief Hudak: Commissioners, just so you understand the thought process from the police side of this, and again, we've been asked also to look at what kind of security camera systems that we would use in our geo-fencing, along with the AED's and also the safety in our parks. With the intervention between dog parks, aggressive dogs, as we talked about earlier today, with the size of dogs that the state wants to allow or not ban. There is a cost associated with it and we kind of factored that in, that just because of an AED it won't protect a child from an abduction. It will not make our parks safer, so to speak, in the totality of what it is. The AEDs are actually something that are one dimensional, right. If somebody has a heart attack, if somebody has a bleed, if they are injured, if they need a tourniquet. Those are things that we would add onto our response as we would with fire rescue. So, the cost associated with it is kind of spread out and factored in our average police response, which is just at three minutes for emergency. Now, I understand from the AED timeframe, that Commissioner Castro spoke of, that's what every house in Coral Gables gets that doesn't have an AED in it. This thought process is two-fold; one, the reason why the price is because it incorporates a camera and can be used for immediate 911 calls, for anything else that's going on in a park, and that is kind of the price that I think you all are going to have to juggle is, do we sell ourselves short with buying one AED, paying what it cost to encase it safely. There is

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an after-market value on stolen AED's, depending on what that's taken for. Again, it would be a black market, but again, these poles and our recommendations on this was because this would make our parks as safe as it possibly could to contact us, if somebody is running and they don't have their phone with them, somebody could hit that blue button and we can see right away what's going on in the park, because we're not going to monitor it all the time, or whether its an AED or a response that we would need. Again, at night, somebody is walking in the park after dusk and they see something and we want them to say something, this is the easiest way to go about doing that, along with our other platforms.

Commissioner Menendez: Chief, through the Mayor. I've seen those poles with the button on college campuses, if I'm not mistaken throughout the country. My understanding is, it's a trend, a much need trend unfortunately, because of incidents that have occurred on college campuses. Is that a more or less accurate statement.

Chief Hudak: Its an extremely accurate statement, Commissioner. I believe, you know, dialing 911, these poles tie directly into our system. Some of our poles up in the north end or some of our cell numbers in the north end, if they are outside of our geo-fence could go to Dade County, could go to different places. We've discussed that on other issues, but more specifically, the dispatchers are going to know the GPS logistics of where that person is, where that pole is and the closest unit in that area that we're going to be able to get there, because it does come in as a 911 call. I know we have had concerns in parks before the north end, over predators, over people that we've been looking for that are around those parks. This just gives us a much quicker response time than somebody trying to call the non-emergency number or the emergency number or trying to give their location or what park they're at. Pushing this button, we are going to know exactly where they're at. Not everybody knows where Salvadore Park is versus San Sebastian Park or Phillips Park. There is a delay, it's not a big delay. I don't want you to think that it is, but this gives us eyes on it right away with the cameras into these poles which is why IT priced out this pole specifically because it is a multi-dimensional tool to get us to make our parks as safe as we possibly can be.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Through the Mayor. In my experience, and I know people are more likely to have a physical problem when you are out in one of the larger parks. You are not talking about your pocket parks and things of that nature, and there's times when you trip and fall and you fall on your phone, I did it, I crushed it. It didn't function afterwards, and so, you need that pole there for a backup supply. The appearance of the poles themselves will help deter crime. Put it in every pocket park is not going to be feasible, but I think in the primary parks where you're most likely going to have a football game going on, someone falls into another one, you trigger a heart attack situation, correct me if I'm wrong, it happened to a football player, correct.

Chief de la Rosa: That's correct.

Vice Mayor Anderson: That's where you need it.
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Mayor Lago: So again, we have to make a decision, it's about a budget issue. We all want to drive the Rolls Royce, but can we afford to drive the Rolls Royce, this is the Rolls Royce. So, I'm asking my colleagues just to kind of talk with the City Manager, see if we start a plan over the next five years where we budget. I don't mean to have this impulsively from one day to the next, we can work on it five years, three years, two years, whatever you deem appropriate, and we start putting these in, not just the defibrillator. We can do that. We can put that somewhere and put it in a box, adhesive to a wall in one form or another, but I think this is a lot more than just that. This is a serious piece of technology that offers different options, not just saving a life, which is critically important, but I'm saying obviously offers one-stop communication.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, may I.

Mayor Lago: Please.

City Manager Iglesias: We are looking at maybe potentially have two parks with a pilot program. The reason that we went with these poles is because it offers more versatility for different things that can happen, and the fact that all our police officers and NSA's have a defibrillator in their vehicle and generally arrives before fire, fire is right behind them, and so it gives you the same type of capability as you have if something happens in your own home, and they also have the camera, so there is the security aspect of it. So, what we thought about is doing maybe a two or three park trial to see how they actually work and look at that as an initial pilot program.

Mayor Lago: You know why I think this could work incredibly well, for example, on Rotary Park, where we had some issues already where I know Zully was with me there when we actually – we had some issues with some homeless individuals and certain people that were using the park for things that were inappropriate. We installed the cameras.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor that's one of the parks that we talked about for the pilot program. Actually, that's one of the parks that we talked about for the pilot program. Rotary Park and which other park.

Parks & Rec Director Couceyro: Rotary Park and Salvadore Park, those were the two that were recommended.

Commissioner Castro: Could we separate the two items? I love the pole idea. I like the lighting, but I know it's going to be – we are going to have to look for the money or put it in the budget and it's going to be three, five years, whatever the case is. It is important that we have an AED, it's not a lot of money and like the Mayor said, put it on a wall or whatever the case is, and then one day when the other thing is budgeted, we'll figure out how to put it inside. Is that a possibility?

Mayor Lago: Again, I don't have an issue with it, if that's what you want to do, but I would like to do the pilot program and start off with the AED's, put them where they need to be placed and then move in a direction.

City Manager Iglesias: There is a loophole that has the AED in it.

Commissioner Menendez: As I mentioned earlier, through the Mayor. First off, with regards to the pole and the technology, something we should look into is, if we qualify for some kind of federal, state dollars with regards to that, because that would be a nice chunk of change to help; and I think with the pole and the technology, I'm in total support of having a phased pilot program, but with the specific AED's. I would like to take that same approach, maybe not every park, but identify the parks that are actually used, maybe the top five and go with that, see how it works, and then if it works well, we'll have more information on the poles, but at least we know we've got the AED where you have a large number of people every day. I think it's just a nice balance.

Commissioner Fernandez: Something we can consider is the possibility of maybe the AED's being branded where there's an advertising component where they can pay for themselves too.

Mayor Lago: Listen, I've always been a little skiddish. I like the idea, but I've always been a little skiddish about advertising because that opens the door for us to become like any other city. We've turned away advertisements on multiple different fronts. It's a slippery slope, but we can talk about it. Mr. Manager, you want to move forward with the AEDs in the parks and then start a pilot program for these three.

City Manager Iglesias: We can bring the AED solution at the next meeting, and if the Commission agrees with that, we'll move forward.

Mayor Lago: I also want to move forward with the pilot program.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes. We're looking at at least two parks on the blue pole pilot project.

Mayor Lago: I think that Rotary is a perfect example for that. I like Rotary. They need the cameras; they need the presents.

City Manager Iglesias: Rotary and Salvadore is what we discussed.

Mayor Lago: Especially what we found there. I want to make sure that we attack that. Okay.

City Attorney Suarez: Mayor, we can work with the Manager and staff to bring back a resolution addressing both programs.

Mayor Lago: Alright. I'll be the sponsor of that and if anybody wants to join me, they are more than welcome. Let's move on, thank you by the way, unless there is anything else pressing on it

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that I need to talk about here. Under my stuff, I'm going to move into Commissioner items. I'll come back if there's time.