

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
October 24, 2017
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Frank Quesada
Commissioner Michael Mena

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City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Finance Director, Diana Gomez

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item: I-3 [2:34:06 p.m.]

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer for the purchase of resurfacing services to various Salvadore Park-Tennis Center clay courts from Fast-Dry Courts as a “Special Procurement/Bid Waiver,” in an appropriate amount of \$99,700.00, pursuant to Section 2-772 of the City’s Procurement Code.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next is a resolution authorizing the recommendation of the Procurement Officer for the purchase of resurfacing services to various Salvadore Park-Tennis Center clay courts.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor this item is a four-fifths bid waiver and so there will be a public hearing associated with it as well once the Finance Director has spoken.

Finance Director Gomez: So, this is a special procurement which is usually initiated when an unusual or unique situation exist that makes the application and requirements of the competitive

seal bidding or competitive sealed proposals contrary to the public interest, due to the amount of damage caused by Hurricane Irma and the upcoming Junior Orange Bowl Championship. We believe that it's in the best interest to expedite the repairs to the Salvadore Park Tennis Courts and doing so there is a vendor that we have used previously and they are able and available to do the work in the timeframe that we need.

City Attorney Leen: And Mr. Mayor, I would note that we are still in a state of emergency in the sense that at some point, once the Mayor decides the state of emergency ends, but we are still in a state of emergency.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, any comments? Do I hear a motion?

Vice Mayor Keon: I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Quesada: I'm sorry, real quick. Seems like a lot of money, \$100,000 for clay courts. I know nothing about tennis. I'm assuming if we are doing this it is because it's a great price that we are seeing. Commissioner Keon, I see you as the tennis player, I don't know if that's accurate or not.

Vice Mayor Keon: No, but how many courts are we doing?

Mr. Couceyro: We are doing all the ones at Salvadore Park.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There are six clay courts, no?

Vice Mayor Keon: No, there are 8, 10, there are 13.

Mr. Couceyro: Thirteen (13).

Vice Mayor Keon: 13 clay courts.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: 13 clay?

Mr. Couceyro: Yes – all at Salvadore Park and actually it comes in under the budget that we had foreseen for the project, so it's a good price.

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes, I mean I think per court, you could look back at what you've paid in the past and it looks like it's probably about the same, so they haven't increased the price per court because of that.

Commissioner Quesada: I know the goal is not, I mean our facilities in the City, our recreational facilities, the goal is not to run them, I hate to put it this way, but like a business in the sense that I realize that we lose money, I don't want to say lose money, but we make investments to our community. How much does it cost us – this is probably not the right time for the conversation, if you are telling me this is a good price and that's what we are doing, I think I'm going to be supportive of it, but I guess I want to have a more detailed conversation, because we talk about budget time you see the numbers, I guess it's probably on me to probably should dig into some of these issues more, because I typically look at it year over year, but I guess I just want a longer conversation with you, I don't know the day, not here. Maybe we bring it back another time, but I just want to dive into some of those details.

Mr. Couceyro: OK.

Commissioner Quesada: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, will you call the roll please.

City Attorney Leen: It's a public hearing item sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Oh, it's a public hearing, anybody wants to speak? Will you call the roll?

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 2:37:26 p.m.]