

**City of Coral Gables
Virtual Commission Meeting
May 12, 2020
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena**

City Staff

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-10

A Resolution authorizing a change order to the “New Public Safety Building Project” contract with the Weitz Company, LLC, pursuant to Section 2-764(b). Approval of change orders and contract modifications in the amount of \$1,370,787.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: H-10

City Attorney Ramos: H-10 is a resolution authorizing a change order to Public Safety Building project contract with Weitz Company, LLC, pursuant to 2-764(b). Approval of change orders and contract modifications in the amount of 1 million three hundred seventy thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars.

City Manager Iglesias: This change order of one point three seven million is for is for the Public Safety Building. We are currently -- change orders of 3.4 billion dollars or under 6.5 percent. Unfortunately, the change orders are due to some functional changes and improvements to the Public Safety Building, about \$200,000 of that 200 is for...[Inaudible]...and the additional \$600,000 for improvements to the exterior of the building and to the right-of-way. We have incorporated a number of issues in this project for Garage 7. For instance, when we close Alcazar
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down, instead of just adding drainage for the Public Safety Building, we are also added drainage and certain additional components for Parking Garage number 7, so we don't have to close down the street twice.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. Any comments?

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Manager in reference to the contract that was provided to Weitz and Company. What was the contingency that was provided at the commencement of the construction project?

City Manager Iglesias: \$250,000.

Vice Mayor Lago: And in your opinion, obviously that precedes you, but you know, obviously that was inadequate at best.

City Manager Iglesias: Have been between 5 and 10 percent.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yeah, I've never seen it. I've never seen something contingency less than 1 percent. That's just that's a recipe for disaster. So, you know, we got to make sure that we don't ever let that happen again, because these close to 6, over 6 million dollars of monies that are required now to meet the design needs of the Public Safety Building are coming out of where exactly, because they weren't budgeted.

City Manager Iglesias: 3.4 million dollars for the project cost.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I'm sorry, Mr. Vice Mayor, this is a very peculiar situation and we are committing, correcting, taking care of certain design flaws that had nothing at all to do with this administration or this Commission.

Vice Mayor Lago: I know, I know, I know, I know, it just -- but again, but it puts a lot of pressure to find these six million dollars, especial when we have taken it from the General Fund. So, it's a basically, Mr. Manager, tell me if I'm wrong. It's basically set up, the people working on this project for a disaster putting \$250,000 in contingencies, in a 50-million-dollar project.

City Manager Iglesias: It's currently 6.5 percent. We're at right now is 3.4 million dollars.

And we will now, our standard right now is adding anywhere from five to ten percent minimum contingency on the construction projects and if it's a historical project will probably add.

Vice Mayor Lago: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

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