

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-4**  
**July 9, 2019**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

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

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Police Chief, Ed Hudak**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item I-4 [4:03:55 p.m.]

A Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$1,100,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (FAF) monies for law enforcement equipment; the acquisition of a mobile command post vehicle for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I-4.

City Attorney Ramos: I-4 is a Resolution authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$1,100,000 from Federal Forfeited Asset Fund (FAF) monies for law enforcement equipment; the acquisition of a mobile command post vehicle for utilization by the Coral Gables Police Department.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Another toy.

Chief Hudak: This would complete the accessibility and the need of a catastrophic failure of our systems. Along the lines of what we've done, as far as building the temporary piece, moving that  
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into the City with the construction at the trolley station, with the upgrades that we are going to improve in the new building from our communication center. This vehicle, although it apparently seems costly, would give us the ability to have a total self-contained via satellite operation anywhere no matter what happens.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Tell me what we have now. We have this huge...

Chief Hudak: Well, see that's the misnomer on that. The blue truck that you've seen on some of the emergency response vehicle, affectionately named by the officers, the "Blue Goose". It is used as a command vehicle, but it was not built for that intention. The electronics in that is strictly supposed to be used for the hostage negotiation. So, any kind of emergency situation, they can talk to the people inside. The exterior doors are solely storage for SWAT team members. With the purchase of the M-Wrap, which is used more of an emergency-type situation after hurricanes. Last year you all approved and we purchased the one-of-a-kind bearcat, which is the actual SWAT operators mobile. This is a total command center. We had to borrow, and we've had to borrow other command vehicles and Equinox, after that shooting, we wanted to do interviews of the scene of some of the victims where we would roll this vehicle out. It is going to be both a police and fire operation. It will have its own televisions, cameras. Again, working with IT in the specifics of it. We have the satellite ability that if we lost all communication, we'd be able to set up satellite links and have all of our operations from the cloud working inside this bus vehicle. So, this does complete our tool kit, so to speak, of what we would need in the event of any situation. When we have had storms here in the past, we always have a forward operating base down in the south end. This would now allow us to go down there and stay there for four or five days, two weeks at a time, whatever we would need. We will use it for Miracle Mile events, as well as the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Right now, we are taking up space at different places at the hotel. This is a more opportune way for us to respond to those issues and have a command presents. So this is something where we'll be able to brief you all at a scene, similar to what we have at the EOC, this kind of replicates it; and the communication system will have five dispatching positions in it as well, so we can operate both the police and the fire at the same time, as well as our other emergency communications with the rest of the departments.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

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

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Commissioner Fors: Yes  
Commissioner Keon: Yes  
Vice Mayor Lago: Yes  
Commissioner Mena: Yes  
Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes  
(Vote: 5-0)

Chief Hudak: And if anything is wrong with it, Sargent Hoff is the Project Manager, so it has to be done by the end of next month. Yes sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I didn't realize that you were sitting there waiting for this at 4:10. Next time tell me that you are here for this and I'll take you up early in the morning.

Chief Hudak: I appreciate that sir, but I have to be back here at 5:01 (p.m.).

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: [Inaudible].

Chief Hudak: No sir. No sir. But I'm up to level 5 in Solitaire.

[Laughter]

[End: 4:08:02 p.m.]