

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-2
April 26, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-2 [Start: 3:47 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code to secure Dover, Kohl & Partners for planning services for Biltmore Way public engagement as a special procurement /bid waiver, pursuant to Section 2-691 of the City's Procurement Code.

Mayor Lago: I-2.

City Attorney Ramos: Resolution of the City Commission accepting the recommendation to waive the competitive process of the Procurement Code to secure Dover, Kohl & Partners for planning services for Biltmore Way public engagement as a special procurement /bid waiver.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, our Planning Director will be presenting this and by the way, we have considerable amount of outreach and I think it's a good plan, will bring in numerous alternatives and I think they will do a good job in really working with our residents at the Biltmore area.

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Planning and Zoning Director Trias: May I have the PowerPoint please. I have a very brief presentation to explain the process. The consultant has divided the contract into three phases. Phase I is the analysis and the actual fine-tuning of the process that we need to do. Phase II is the public engagement which the Mayor earlier on explained in some detail is up to eight meetings with the community, several walking tours. And the idea is to come up with three major alternatives that are supported by the community; and then Phase III is to develop those three alternatives with some cost estimates, renderings, and the type of images that it will yield as a Commission to make a decision. So, the total amount is \$110,000, and you can see the breakdown in the three phases. The analysis, we had some of that already done by staff. The public engagement will include a video, also a website, a very significant outreach effort. I think that's probably the best way to describe this effort. And the images that I'm showing you are work from Dover Kohl for Coral Gables in the past, so they have worked with us in the past. They are one of the best firms in the nation, I believe by far one of the best, and they are also a Coral Gables firm. They are on Sunset, so it's a very good team. And these are some of the renderings the before and after, as I said, up to three alternatives and hopefully enough ideas that you'll be able to make a decision. So that's the proposal, and if you have any questions, I'll be able to help you.

Commissioner Menendez: Just make a motion or is there public comment.

City Clerk Urquia: No.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll make a motion.

Commissioner Anderson: Second.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Vice Mayor Mena: Absent

Mayor Lago: Before we move on, just want to be very clear. I want to thank staff for their hard work. I want to thank the Manager, you guys moved very, very quickly, very quickly. I commend you for that. And please, please, have our staff celebrate this, send this out in marketing and public relations to make sure that the residents hear that we are listening to them, that this is something that again, is going to take time, again, we don't have the funding for, but we are taking the first steps to put forth options so that we can look for that money in the future and budget appropriately as required. Okay.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Thank you.

Mayor Lago: I want engagement. I don't want to hear from people later that they didn't know about it, or they didn't hear about it. Let's make sure everybody knows about it. Okay.

City Manager Iglesias: ...has considerable list, considerable engagement.

Mayor Lago: I know.