

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item J-4 - Deferred
January 22, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

Anthony De Yurre, Partner at Bilzin Sumberg

Agenda Item J-4 [9:08:21 a.m.] – Deferred

A Resolution approving the general business terms and authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate a development agreement with Coral Gables City Center, LLC (CGCC) for the redevelopment of Municipal Parking Garages 1 and 4 in which CGCC proposes a public-private partnership to provide an improved parking structure where the City will retain ownership and/or control of the public parking structure component and build a residential and office mixed-use project compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. (This resolution requires a 4/5 vote because of the value; if an agreement is reached with CGCC an ordinance will come back to the City Commission for two readings).

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And, I'd like to recognize Mr. De Yurre who has a request before we start.

Mr. De Yurre: Good morning Commissioners and City Attorney and City Manager. We request a continuance of our item on the garages until the next Commission meeting of February 12th please.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there any objection?

Commissioner Quesada: No.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright – granted. Thank you very much.

City Attorney Ramos: I'd like to have a motion and the roll call one and two; the time period to negotiate expires tomorrow. There needs to be a second motion to extend the time period to negotiate.

Commissioner Quesada: So, I'll make the first motion on the continuance.

Commissioner Keon: Till when?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Till the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Keon: And that's it?

Mr. De Yurre: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Two weeks or three weeks.

Mr. De Yurre: Yes.

City Attorney Ramos: The next Commission meeting is February 12th.

Commissioner Mena: You have enough time to do what you need to do?

Mr. De Yurre: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. It's been made and seconded. Will you call the roll please?

City Clerk Urquia: I'm sorry, who seconded?

Commissioner Mena: I seconded.

Commissioner Keon: Yes – but let me tell you, it's the last time.

Mr. De Yurre: Thank you very much Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: And City Attorney what's the second motion?

City Attorney Ramos: Second motion to extend the period of time to negotiate. It expires tomorrow. It needs to be extended to February 13th, the day after the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Quesada: OK. So moved.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

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

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

Commissioner Keon: And it can come back as an entirely different project, is that right?

Commissioner Quesada: What do you mean?

Commissioner Keon: It can come back as whatever they want to propose, is that right?

Commissioner Quesada: Two weeks from now?

Commissioner Keon: Yes. What does it come back as? Does it come back as when we made the motion and we had the agreement that they had a project that they were presenting and it was to get to negotiate to a place on that project where it would work. Is it that project?- or is it an entirely different project?

Commissioner Mena: Why do you think it's a different project?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It's a project....

Commissioner Keon: No, it's not a project, is it a different project? Is it a project that eliminates one portion, only comes back as – if it comes back as an entirely different project then you still negotiate? You know what it is, I think you ought to remember....

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no, no. It will be on the first Commission meeting in February and that's it.

Commissioner Keon: Whatever project they come back with. Its whatever they come back with.

Commissioner Mena: I certainly don't expect to see an entirely different project.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No. No.

Commissioner Keon: OK.

Commissioner Mena: But what you consider as entirely different or not, I don't know.

Mr. De Yurre: Thank you very much.

[End: 9:11:10 a.m.]

[Note for the Record: Vice Mayor Lago returned to the Chambers at 9:11:40 a.m.]

Vice Mayor Lago: Can I put my vote on the record for the previous discussion in regards to the deferral?

Commissioner Quesada: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: I'd like to say no. I'm ready to make a decision today in regards to the project.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You want to bring it today and not defer it?

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you. I just want to make sure. I don't want anybody to say in my five years of being here, I've never missed a vote and I take a lot of pride in that, so I want to make sure that I have that on the record.

City Clerk Urquia: Vice Mayor just to make sure, it's going to be on both items?

Vice Mayor Lago: No, no, no. On the...yes. No on both.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

[End: 9:12:14 a.m.]