

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-1**  
**January 12, 2021**  
**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 Jorge Fors**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Chief Procurement Officer, Celeste Walker**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item I-1 [Start: 10:53 a.m.]

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Renovations and Addition Project 427 Biltmore Way to Carivon Construction Company, the most responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2020-035.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The next one is I-1.

City Attorney Ramos: I-1 is a Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Chief Procurement Officer to award the Renovations and Addition Project 427 Biltmore Way to Carivon Construction Company, the most responsive and responsible bidder, pursuant to Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award” and Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2020-035.

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To award the Renovations and Addition Project 427 Biltmore Way to Carivon Construction*

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Procurement Officer Walker: Good afternoon, Celeste Walker, Chief Procurement Officer. This is a competitive solicitation that was issued for construction. Nine bidders responded and we are awarding to the most responsive bidder. So, we'd like to move this item forward.

Vice Mayor Lago: Can I ask you a quick question?

Procurement Officer Walker: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: First, I want to congratulate you and your team on this work. I think it went off without a hitch. I think it was very well done.

Procurement Officer Walker: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: It brought me great satisfaction to see nine bidders engaged, its great, because I think that that shows value for the community and that shows that, obviously, we are doing everything that we possibly can to get as many people enticed. I know it's a pretty significant project. We are not talking about the Public Safety Building, but we are still talking about a few million dollars.

Procurement Officer Walker: Correct.

Vice Mayor Lago: Its an important job. We've been waiting for a long time and I think its going to go well hand-in-hand with, obviously, what we are trying to do here in City Hall and the restoration of City Hall. I know that we are doing the roof and a bunch of different things forthcoming to make sure that we bring this building back to its grand splendor. So, I just wanted to commend you.

Procurement Officer Walker: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: To take the time, because I think that a lot of times we always try to nitpick on certain things, but the fact that we got nine people to bid in this economy, and I want to make sure people understand, there is so much work on the street, in construction work and design work right now, that its very hard to get people to come out and bid on these jobs. So, I wanted to commend you on that. I've dealt with Carivon before, I don't know them personally, but I've dealt with them. I've competed with them years ago in the School Board, good company, good outfit. They do good work.

Procurement Officer Walker: We got good references back.

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Vice Mayor Lago: I was going to ask you about the references and legal.

Procurement Officer Walker: The legal review was fine. There were no issues as far as litigation was concerned.

Vice Mayor Lago: Good. The time schedule for completion?

Procurement Officer Walker: I think its 150 days. Let me make sure. That's aggressive.

Vice Mayor Lago: That's a pretty aggressive timeline. Very good.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That's something we desperately need.

Vice Mayor Lago: Desperately – you're 100 percent right Mayor. I just wanted to make sure to give staff the credit they deserve, because number one, I think the timeframe, I read it in the documents, just wanted to confirm that I had read the correct number, because for a project of this scale, to get it done in five months is pretty significant; and also, I think it's a great project and I look forward to its completion.

City Manager Iglesias: And Vice Mayor the plans have been permitted, gone through DERM, and ready to go.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes, I know you worked on that with your team very hard to get that taken care of, so we can just be seamless on that front. So, congratulations on that.

Procurement Officer Walker: I can get back to you to confirm the timeframe.

Vice Mayor Lago: Not a problem, not a problem. Don't worry Celeste, Ms. Walker you have a lot on your plate. Thank you. I just wanted to make sure.

Procurement Officer Walker: You're welcome.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

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Commissioner Keon: Second.

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)