

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-2
September 8, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-2 [Start: 9:56:54 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the Coral Gables City Commission amending the City Code, Chapter 2, entitled “Administration,” Article XIII entitled “Procurement Code” by amending Section 2-766, Competitive sealed bidding (formal bids), to provide for the consideration of other factors in addition to price, when determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, providing for a repealer provision, a severability clause and providing for an effective date. (Passed on First Reading August 25, 2015).

Mayor Cason: Let’s move onto E-2, City Attorney.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Item E-2 is Ordinance on Second Reading. Its An Ordinance of the Coral Gables City Commission amending the City Code, Chapter 2, entitled “Administration,” Article XIII entitled “Procurement Code” by amending Section 2-766, Competitive sealed bidding (formal bids), to provide for the consideration of other factors in

addition to price, when determining the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, providing for a repealer provision, a severability clause and providing for an effective date. This was passed on First Reading August 25, 2015. I would also like to note before I turn it over to the City Manager that the language related to litigation that we will look at litigation as part of this is included in the item as the Commission instructed.

Mayor Cason: This is an Ordinance on Second Reading and public hearing; do we have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: So we'll close the public hearing – discussion.

Commissioner Keon: I'm really happy to see this finally. I'm glad that we have other parameters besides just price. It's gotten us into trouble before, so I'll move the item.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'll second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon makes the motion and the Vice Mayor seconds it. City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: (Out of the room)

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Vice Mayor Quesada: Just one more point on this. Commissioner Slesnick, I think this was before your time. We had an issue that came up that we were trying to select a vendor related to the renovations to one of the Fire Stations and we realized in selecting that vendor that, that vendor had a history of not completing projects, being involved in lawsuits, and making it very difficult for all the clients that it worked for. So that's when we realized that we need to be more

detailed oriented rather than just be looking at price, looking at the vendor or that partner that we are going to have that relationship with, that's going to be the best for us all around, not just based on price.

Commissioner Keon: And it's not say that price is not important, but there are other things that can truly affect the eventual cost of whatever we undertake, if the only thing we look at is price.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And just as follow-up. We also had IAFF President Mike Chickolo sit on the evaluation committee, the second time round under the new process and he was really pleased with the result, and if you want an update as to where we are with that project, I'm happy to call Glenn Kephart up at a later time in the meeting.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Maybe Discussion Items?

Mayor Cason: Yes. City Clerk, I think Commissioner Lago would like to vote on this.

City Clerk Foeman: OK.

Commissioner Lago: Yes. I apologize. I had to step out just for one second. I'm in favor, yes.

City Attorney Leen: I would just note Item E-2 there were no speaker cards, right Mr. Mayor?

[End: 9:59:55 a.m.]