

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-3**  
**May 14, 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**  
**Procurement Officer, Celeste Walker**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item I-3 [12:59:50 p.m.]

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award the purchase of an Aquatic Weed/Trash Skimmer Vessel to Aquarius Systems – a Division of D&D Products, Inc., the most responsive/responsible bidder, in the amount of \$340,914.00, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2019-004 and section 2-763 of the procurement code entitled “Contract Award.”

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I-3 – Mr. City Manager.

Procurement Officer Walker: Celeste Walker, Procurement Officer. This particular item was competitively solicited for aquatic weed/trash skimmer for the Public Works. This particular vessel actually collects a wide variety of manmade and organic floating matter throughout our waterways. So, the current model that we have is a 1983 model, so it is at the end of its useful life. So, we did a solicitation, we had three bidders and we are awarding to the most responsive and responsible bidder, which happens to be the third bidder who complied with our specifications. So, we are asking for us to move forward with the award.

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second for discussion, just very quickly. Mr. Manager this has been a hot topic button in regard to the location of Sea-witch. I'm in favor of approving this issue, but I just wanted to get an idea so we can put on the record. We were talking about Gables Estates and the issue of the HOA, we have approval from them, right?

City Manager Iglesias: We have a letter from the HOA indicating that that is the location where they want the water-witch.

Vice Mayor Lago: Because I know that we all have gotten...

Commissioner Keon: We have gotten things from an individual.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: But the HOA which is a mandatory HOA, strongly supports the Sea-witch being maintained in its current place.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And the individual has received a copy of the HOA letter.

Vice Mayor Lago: I just wanted to put that on the record. I think it's important.

City Manager Iglesias: This is a small vessel, it looked better, a small vessel and more efficient. So, it should improve the situation.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And we'll make it look like a gondola.

Commissioner Mena: And its for manmade waste, but it will also be used for like seaweed.

Commissioner Keon: Yes, primarily for seaweed.

City Manager Iglesias: It collects floating debris.

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

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

Commissioner Mena: What's the lead time on that?

Procurement Officer Walker: 90 to 150 days.

Commissioner Mena: Before we have it?

Procurement Officer Walker: Yes.

[End: 1:02:03 p.m.]