

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
February 26, 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
Chief Procurement Officer, Celeste Walker

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-3 [2:36:05 p.m.]

A Resolution accepting the recommendation of the Procurement Officer to award the Passive Parks Project to H.G. Construction, Development and Investment, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,216,883.28, pursuant to Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2018-020 and Section 2-763 of the Procurement Code entitled “Contract Award.”

City Attorney Ramos: I-3.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I-3.

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Chief Procurement Officer Walker: This was an Invitation to Bid that was issued to actually do the construction at the five parks. The five passive parks we are awarding to the low bidder, which is H.G. Construction. We held a responsibility review meeting and the department is fine, we have no issues with the actual awardee. So we are moving the item forward for your consideration for award.

Vice Mayor Lago: Mayor if I may, I just have a few questions. We have a ten percent or a fifteen percent contingency on this project?

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: A ten percent – and that contingency is \$121,000 on top of the \$1.2 (million).

Vice Mayor Lago: I remember you sent me the litigation and I was looking for it, but I couldn't really find anything, maybe because there isn't anything.

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: We submitted the information to our City Attorney and they opined that there were no issues.

Vice Mayor Lago: I just wanted to make sure there wasn't any pending litigation, there wasn't any issues in regards to damages in the past and they've been responsive, they have no issues with other municipalities.

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: That part is clean.

City Attorney Ramos: So we didn't issue an opinion because its impossible for us to actually issue an opinion. We looked into it, we didn't see anything of concern, but obviously a lot of the documents could be confidential, things that we wouldn't necessarily discover. From what we saw, we didn't see anything of concern.

Vice Mayor Lago: But usually what I've seen in the past and what's happened to me when we go out to public work, they require a five-year look back litigation history. We do that, correct?

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: We do that. That is correct.

Vice Mayor Lago: And they submitted the information and they said N/A with some sort of certified document from an attorney.

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City Attorney Ramos: Well in addition to that we did our own search.

Vice Mayor Lago: Perfect. I didn't get that. I just got your search that's why I didn't see anything, so I said OK.

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: No, there wasn't a formal opinion issued by the City Attorney who just said he didn't have any issues or concerns.

Vice Mayor Lago: But that's part of the package, they are required to put a five-year, ten-year look back, two years sometimes.

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: They fill out an affidavit with that information and we also do a follow up search to confirm the information that they provide.

Vice Mayor Lago: Perfect. They have extensive history in the past in regards to parks.

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: Yes. They had actually excellent references, mostly from Miami-Dade County and some other municipalities where they've done excellent work, so we had no issues or concerns with their performance.

Vice Mayor Lago: Good work. Thank you.

Chief Procurement Officer Walker: Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Mena: I'll make the motion.

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it. I'll second it.

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

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

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(Vote: 4-0)

Commissioner Quesada: Absent

[End: 2:38:42 p.m.]