

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-8
August 25, 2020
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

Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Parks & Recreation Director, Fred Couceyro

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-8 [11:55 a.m.]

A Resolution authorizing a contract threshold extension to the equipment and amenities for parks and playgrounds Contract RFP 18/19-2 with Representative Services Inc., pursuant to Section 2-764(B), approval of contract threshold extension in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000.00 for repairs, renovations and replacements to the park, open space, and facilities.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: H-8.

City Attorney Ramos: Resolution authorizing a contract threshold extension to the equipment and amenities for parks and playgrounds Contract RFP 18/19-2 with Representative Services Inc., pursuant to Section 2-764(B), approval of contract threshold extension in the estimated amount of \$1,500,000 for repairs, renovations and replacements to the park, open space, and facilities.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes. This is an extension. This is based on the Clay County piggyback contract that is -- expires in May of 2022, and it provides for the repairs, renovations and replacement, and also, for additional equipment at JC Park, Salvadore Park, Salvadore Tennis Center and so forth. This is fully funded. It doesn't mean that we will use the entire amount. It just means that the entire amount -- that funded amount is there for that work. Fred, would you like to -- Fred Couceyro, would you like to expand on anything on H-8, please?

Parks & Recreation Director Couceyro: Yes. What this item is for is we have a current limit that we are allowed to work within. We do have a couple of playground replacement projects that will take us up to that limit. What this extension allows us to do, it goes all the way to 2022. What it allows us to do is when we're going in for replacement projects where it's not a full park construction project, where we're going for a product replacement, which is the same type of equipment from the same manufacturer, then we're able to go through a contract that was competitively bid and it kind of allows us to streamline the process. And it's a product that the City is comfortable with based on the community input we get and what we have out there right now.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Comments?

Commissioner Keon: Do we...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Keon: Do we -- can I ask one question, please?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sure.

Commissioner Keon: With that amount of money, do you -- is it just to meet the needs of improvements or replacement as they come along, or do you have a proposed list of projects that you are utilizing that money for?

Parks & Recreation Director Couceyro: We have a list of projects that are in our CIP program, so those projects that have those types of amenities, which are mostly playground items and some surfacing and shading, we can utilize that limit threshold with that manufacturer. But also, what is good for this is those quick, you know, replacements, such as putting in a new shade or putting in a piece of surfacing or a new swing set, which isn't a large-scale capital project. This allows us to utilize that as well; it's both.

Commissioner Keon: So, without having then to go through a whole process.

Parks & Recreation Director Couceyro: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Alright.

City Manager Iglesias: And also, Commissioner, we've been trying to standardize our equipment so that we don't have five different vendors and have to have five different types of -- because every piece of equipment is different. So, it also is something that we've been trying to do so that we have parts -- the parts can fit in many playgrounds, not just one.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, thank you. I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Keon: Unless there's discussion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll, Billy?

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)