

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-3
September 8, 2020
Virtual Meeting
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

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-3 [10:25 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution No. 2018-223, as amended by Resolution No. 2019-13, to direct the City Manager to allocate the proceeds of the contemplated sale of Municipal Parking Lot 24, located on the northwest corner of University Drive and Pisano Avenue, to go fifty percent (50%) toward the new Public Safety Building Project, twenty-five percent (25%) toward the acquisition of park land by the City, and twenty-five percent (25%) toward park improvements. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-3.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you Mayor, by the way. This is pretty simple. I've been doing some research and again, I want to thank Billy and Chelsea for really working hard on this and helping me out to really get to the bottom of where we stand. We've been able to kind of go back and forth, and what I wanted to do is, we already memorialized this, but I know there've been some discussion about adding art, which I think was key since the agreement with the Agave Project, we used that art for the Public Safety Building, the portion of the funds are allocated to the Public Safety Building. So, what we have here before us is a resolution which is going to be really amending Resolution No. 2019-61, and I was going over with Miriam this morning with that resolution which reads as follows, A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral
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Gables amending the requirement in Resolution 2018-233, that the proceeds of the sale of Municipal Park Lot be earmarked for the acquisition of new parks and open spaces and the improvements of existing parks and open spaces. That was approved 5-0 on the 20th day of February in 2019. So, now this would be an amendment to that resolution, which would give a more defined set of goals and standards in regard to how the money would be allocated. It would be broken into two trounces, 50 percent and 50 percent. One of those, 50 percent will go towards arts, which would make up for the portion that we used for the Public Safety Building, and the other 50 percent would be broken up, 25 percent for parks acquisition, and 25 percent for park improvements. I'd like for my colleagues to have a discussion on this item, if they have any concerns, any questions. But this is a resolution amending an existing Resolution No. 2019-61. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Comments by the Commission. I think it's a very good idea and a good compromise. If there are no comments, will you make a motion Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll Mr. Urquia.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Vice Mayor Lago: Before we move onto F-4, I want to acknowledge Commissioner Mena on the last item, that 25 percent towards park improvements has been really his baby, so I have to give credit where credit is due, and he's been really pushing for that since his tenure on the Commission. So, I just want to commend you on that, that really played a role in the morphing of this resolution, which I think is the third iteration as the City Attorney and myself discussed today.