

The company that will build the apartments in Terra Vella will be known tomorrow

González emphasizes that in the absence of official validation, he is celebrating the procedure to carry out the tender

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With the final shot this Thursday for companies interested in the public-private concession competition for the construction of an affordable housing building located on the land of Terra Vella, there has finally been a candidate who has opted for the tender.

“We are very happy to announce that today we have received the entry of a company to create this project in which the Ministry of Housing has believed a lot and has borne fruit. This is a building that will include between 40 and 50 regulated price apartments, located in front of the Jovial complex, and in which, thanks to the collaboration with the administrations, as well as having exempted the ITP for the same, work has been done to reverse such a pronounced problem as housing”, the consul

of the capital, Sergi González, has assured journalists.

Regarding the tender, the territorial leader has not clarified who its author is since «tomorrow, during the official opening, it will be presented to the public». It is worth noting that the proposal still needs to be approved for validation and, therefore, a period of 15 working days to be ratified. What the consul has clarified is that the estimate for building, regarding terms, contemplates six months of project and then another 30 of construction, with a concession for 50 years. Economically, the Government estimates that it will invest around 8 or 12 million euros, although this is not the exact figure, as it “corresponds to the initial indications” that the Municipality received from the first developers after recovering some public spaces like this one.

With this future concession, the highest municipal official has highlighted that the fact of having managed to mobilize companies and capital to try to supply the supply of affordable homes, “motivates the intention to continue establishing synergies between



Consul Sergi González confirming to the press that a company has entered the competition.



Sergi González

CONSUL OF ANDORRA LA VELLA

«We still don't have the budget completely clear. What was initially estimated was a sum of between 8 and 12 million»

en the local administration and the private agent”.

Finally, González recalled the cost of these homes at an agreed price on Terra Vella Street, which are 826 euros for two-room apartments and around 1,000 euros for three-room ones, with the corporation guaranteeing 90% of their occupancy. In addition, for people with some physical or mental disability, some benefit would also be perceived, and for the part that belongs to the private sector, it has the right to exploit the structure as it wishes to introduce three more floors of parking or storage. ●

THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE

30 MONTHS

This is the time period that the corporation has ratified to be able to erect, model and complete the building.

NEW URBAN PLAN OF ANDORRA LA VELLA

The capital's urban future is updated with a 21st century city model

The conclusions of the first phase of the Urban Planning Plan also highlight challenges for housing

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The Municipality of Andorra la Vella presented this Thursday at the Cultural Centre of la Llacuna the conclusions of the first phase of the participatory process of the Urban Planning Plan. The initial lines of the project focus on the challenges, threats and strengths that the parish already presents and that will need to be addressed in its transformation towards a city of the 21st century. In this sense, the consul general of the capital, Sergi González, highlighted that «it will be from the conceptualization phase when we will define and put into context the aspects related to mobility, housing, green spaces, commerce and culture».

González also pointed out that «we are the capital, but we have many resources that must help us define this new vision of the parish». Along these lines, he stressed that Andorra la Vella has the advantage of having a clear idea



The urban planner of the company 'City Focus', Ignacio Alcalde.

of where it should evolve and generate opportunities, although the main threat remains "housing, the way of life, that the people of Andorra can live and coexist in this parish".

The project to redefine the city model is being carried out with the urban planners of the City Focus company, Ignacio Alcalde and

Gràcia Cid, who have proposed a new concept for the capital based on "the city that we want to leave to our children". Precisely, the Mayor pointed out that to design this city it is necessary to think in the "medium term, but start building it from today". In addition, the Mayor highlighted the importance of designing cities de-



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signed for people, taking into account that this implies "moving towards a better quality of life in public space and towards the creation of job opportunities". Despite this new approach, he indicated that the capital is in two modes as a city. On the one hand, he highlighted its quality of life and good conditions in terms of cleanliness. However, he noted that there is a concern regarding housing and job opportunities. In this sense, he warned that "the world is changing so quickly that the economic activities that have been fundamental to our growth may no longer be so in the near future". ●

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