

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
March 9, 2021
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 Jorge Fors

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Planning & Zoning Director, Ramon Trias

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Items F-2

An ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, “Process,” Section 14-212, “Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments,” by amending Article 10 “Parking,” updating certain parking requirements, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-2.

City Attorney Ramos: F-2 is an ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code pursuant to Zoning Code Article 14, “Process,” Section 14-212, “Zoning Code Text and Map Amendments,” by amending Article 10 “Parking,” updating certain parking requirements, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. This is a public hearing item.

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Planning and Zoning Director Trias: F-2 is the parking changes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-2.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: F-2 – If you recall we discussed the required parking numbers by themselves and the consensus of the Commission was to keep the residential the same, not change hotels, which is overnight accommodations in our code, and keep office the same. So, that’s what this keeps.

Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk, if I may, I’d just like to put my vote on the record if possible? A yes, please if possible.

Commissioner Mena: He was in the bathroom when we voted.

Vice Mayor Lago: I wasn’t in the bathroom; I was on a phone call. I had a family issue I had to take care of. So, I apologize for missing the vote.

City Clerk Urquia: So, for the three items related to the Craft Section you want to be marked as “yes.”

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Parking – do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Mena: Yes, I’ll make the motion just confirming that we are not changing the four uses.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: All of the residential.

Vice Mayor Lago: Hotels, office, multi-family, and townhouses, right?

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Townhouses – and also, as the Vice Mayor mentioned last time, we have many other provisions for parking, those are not being changed. We are just changing the parking requirements, the numbers...

Vice Mayor Lago: I just want to be very careful. We’ve already made one reduction in parking several years ago, and I understand some of them, for example like daycares, retail, nursing homes,
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makes sense, they make sense. They are a little antiquated and the numbers, again, you have to be very thoughtful. I do not want to continue to lower on multi-family and office or hotel or townhomes, so let's be careful on that.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: I wouldn't characterize any of the changes as policy, this is just clean-up.

Vice Mayor Lago: Alright. Fine.

Commissioner Keon: Do you need a motion?

City Attorney Ramos: Do we have any members of the public that wish to speak?

City Clerk Urquia: No ma'am.

Commissioner Keon: You made the motion. I'll second it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)