

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item E-8 and E-9**  
**March 15, 2016**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Jim Cason**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Vince Lago**  
**Vice Mayor Frank Quesada**  
**Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark**  
**City Attorney, Craig E. Leen**  
**City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman**  
**Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Items E-8 and E-9 [3:16:44 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4 “Zoning Districts,” Division 2, “Overlay and Special Purpose Districts,” Section 4-201, “Mixed Use District (MXD)” amending parking requirements for ground floor uses, adding shared parking reduction standard reference, and adding LEED Certification standards for new Mixed Use Developments providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (PZB recommended approval, Vote 7-0).

City Attorney Leen: So E-9 is an Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4 “Zoning Districts,” Division 2, “Overlay and Special Purpose Districts,” Section 4-201, “Mixed Use District (MXD)” amending parking requirements for ground floor uses, adding shared parking reduction standard reference, and adding LEED Certification standards for new Mixed Use Developments providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval by a vote 7-0). Both E-8 and E-9 are public hearing items, they are consolidated for purposes of discussion and public hearing. Each will require a separate vote.

Mayor Cason: I don't see anybody in the audience, so do we have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: So we'll close the public hearing on E-8. Any speaker cards for E-9?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: Close the public hearing on E-9. E-8? Any discussion? Motion?

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor makes the motion, Commission Lago seconds. City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: E-9.

City Attorney Leen: E-10, pardon me, E-9, I'm sorry sir, E-9. E-9 is sponsored by Commissioner Lago.

Commissioner Lago: Yes. I just have a quick question. After reviewing the ordinance on First Reading, we had discussed, Ramon can you step up for one second?- thank you sir. We had discussed after numerous discussions here on the dais and in the office the issue of having a certain threshold, like the City of Miami has a 50,000 square foot threshold for any project above that has to be LEED at a minimum standard. I don't see that within this ordinance.

Mr. Trias: That's a separate ordinance. This ordinance deals only with the mixed use projects and it's a way to make sure that all of the different regulations we have are consistent. You will see that ordinance for LEED as another point.

Commissioner Lago: Well let me ask you a quick question. Why don't we have this ordinance a minimum threshold in regards to square footage requirements? Is there a reason why?

Mr. Trias: It applies to all mixed use projects, all of them.

Commissioner Lago: So no matter what. The reason why I mention that because you may have some smaller projects that maybe this Commission doesn't want.

Mr. Trias: This is exclusive. This is just a way to update the requirements for mixed use projects and one of those requirements is LEED Certification.

Mayor Cason: Mixed use is 20,000 square feet?

Mr. Trias: Of the parcel; the parcel has to be 20,000 square feet.

Mayor Cason: At least that.

Mr. Trias: Yes.

Mayor Cason: OK. So we have the Vice Mayor make a motion.

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago seconds. City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 3:19:20 p.m.]