

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
July 9, 2019
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
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Finance Assistant Director, Keith Kleiman

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-3 [4:00:28 p.m.]

A Resolution amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, Resolution 2016-148, as amended, Resolution 2017-167, as amended, and Resolution 2018-219, as amended, to adjust the Storm Water Fee, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I-3.

City Attorney Ramos: A Resolution amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, Resolution 2016-148, as amended, Resolution 2017-167, as amended, and Resolution 2018-219, as amended, to adjust the Storm Water Fee, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes sir.

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Finance Assistant Director Kleiman: Good afternoon Mayor and Commission. As you know, in Fiscal Year 17, we implemented one of the first Capital Improvement plans matrices, which is for storm water mitigation for sea level rise. This fee increase is actually the fourth year of that program. The first year, we generated about \$1 million dollars; the second year we generated about \$1.45 million dollars. We are expected to generate \$1.9 (million) in FY 19; and with this increase we will generate \$2.3 (million) and change for FY 20. The goal is in ten years' worth of modest increases and then level off at a \$5 million dollar amount each year, by 2040 we should have about \$100 million dollars, which we will put toward sea level rise at that time, once its determined what it is that we really need. But keep in mind, \$100 million dollars is not everything the City is going to need.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, let me ask you a question in regard to this. Are we ensuring that we notify the residents so when they see this fee increase, they understand that we are taking precautionary measures, we are not just talking about the issues of sea level rise and all that kind of stuff?

Finance Assistant Director Kleiman: The bill goes out on the...

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes, I know, but I want to make sure that people understand the reason why there is a two dollar increase in their bill.

Finance Assistant Director Kleiman: We could look into actually putting an insert, I don't know if its possible, we can look into that, so that when they get the bill, because this would be a monthly bill, so its going to go up by a dollar and change each month, but the change that happens in October, we can talk to the County and see if we can put an insert that explains what its for and we can actually attach this program so they can see what they are buying, and its basically secure it for the City. Picture it in 2040 when every City is going to be vying for grants and for in the loan market for money, because every city along the coast is going to have to do something, its going to be major. This City will have at least \$100 million dollars set aside to put toward those projects.

Vice Mayor Lago: You think it's a good idea?

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: At least an educational insert.

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Finance Assistant Director Kleiman: We are going to look into it, and we'll report back to the Commission and let you know if that is something possible. Other than that, maybe we can do a mailing or something with outsource media to tell them what it's for.

Vice Mayor Lago: I think the insert is the best idea, in my opinion, because when they are opening and they are seeing their increase of a dollar and change, they see it immediately, but if they don't have the bill in front of them and they see it on social media or they get it somewhere else, they are not correlating.

Finance Assistant Director Kleiman: We will definitely look into it. If not, then we are going to have to do something to notify. We'll let everybody know.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. There's a resolution, any motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please?

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli:

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 4:03:54 p.m.]