

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item K-2
May 22, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Michael Mena**

City Staff

**City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item K-2 [3:41:48 p.m.]

A discussion regarding the City's potential involvement in multidistrict Opioid litigation.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And K-2, a discussion regarding the City's potential involvement in multidistrict Opioid litigation.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Before you begin this item, I have to recuse myself from this item. I am representing as a plaintiff's attorney a few entities involved in the litigation. So, I will step out and I will fill out the form.

Commissioner Keon: You are coming back though, yes.

Commissioner Lago: Frank you'll be missed, you'll be missed.

Commissioner Keon: OK. As long as you come back.

City Attorney Ramos: Mayor and Commissioners this should not take very long. I sent you a confidential memorandum explaining the different claims, the amount of damages, the injunctive relief that we believe could come out of this. I've also explained in the memorandum that it is really no risk to the City, the firm is willing to do it on contingency. It's a multidistrict litigation regarding the Opioid abuse and going after the pharmaceutical companies, who have been irresponsible in their regulation of these types of drugs, which has really lead to a nationwide public health crisis. We are not the only municipality joining the multidistrict litigation. I would need an affirmative vote of the Commission in order to do so.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Any comments.

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

City Attorney Ramos: There is a motion by Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed.

Commissioner Keon: Indicate the Vice Mayor Quesada did not vote on it.

City Attorney Ramos: He said it on the record.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, OK.

[End: 3:43:15 p.m.]