

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-1
April 8, 2014
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Vince Lago

Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

City Manager, Patrick Salerno

Assistant City Manager, Carmen Olazabal

City Attorney, Craig E. Leen

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-1: [Start: 12:23:22 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to capital improvements and related services providing a special benefit to local areas within the City; authorizing the imposition and collection of special assessments to fund the cost of capital improvements and related services providing a special benefit to local areas within the City; providing certain definitions; providing for the creation of assessment areas; providing a procedure to impose special assessments; establishing procedures for notice and adoption of assessment rolls and for correction of errors and omissions; providing that assessments constitute a lien on assessed property upon adoption of the assessments rolls; authorizing hardship assistance and certain exemptions; providing a procedure for voluntary assessment programs; providing a procedure for collection of special assessments; providing a mechanism for the imposition of assessments on government property; repealing Sections 58-19, 58-20, 58-22 through 58-49 and 58-53 of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. (Passed on First Reading March 11, 2014).

Mayor Cason: Let's go back to E-1, which is the Ordinance on Second Reading.

City Attorney Leen: Let me – Carmen generally the Assistant City Manager will read that into the record, the title, just the title.

Assistant City Manager Olazabal: An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to capital improvements and related services providing a special benefit to local areas within the City; authorizing the imposition and collection of special assessments to fund the cost of capital improvements and related services providing a special benefit to local areas within the City; providing certain definitions; providing for the creation of assessment areas....

City Attorney Leen: Oh, forgive me, I made a mistake, I'm very sorry, its on Second Reading, everything has been moving around, I read it. I'm sorry (laughter). An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, relating to capital improvements and related services; providing a special benefit to local areas within the City; authorizing the imposition and collection of special assessments to fund the cost of capital improvements and related services; providing a special benefit to local areas within the City; providing certain definitions; providing for the creation of assessment areas; providing a procedure to impose special assessments; establishing procedures for notice and adoption of assessment rolls and for correction of errors and omissions; providing that assessments constitute a lien on assessed property upon adoption of the assessments rolls; authorizing hardship assistance and certain exemptions; providing a procedure for voluntary assessment programs; providing a procedure for collection of special assessments; providing a mechanism for the imposition of assessments on government property; repealing Sections 58-19, 58-20, 58-22 through 58-49 and 58-53 of the City of Coral Gables Code of Ordinances; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. This was passed on First Reading March 11, 2014.

Mayor Cason: OK. Any discussion?

Commissioner Lago: Yes. I just have one small discussion item in regards to this. I spoke to several of the residents who made me aware, and I think I've spoken to you Craig, in reference to this item was not put on TV, correct?

City Attorney Leen: The actual ordinance on First Reading was put on TV. I think what you are talking about is the streetscape.

Commissioner Lago: I'm sorry, excuse me. I apologize.

City Attorney Leen: What this does it provides for the ability to then do the streetscape special assessment that will have to...

Mayor Cason: OK. Any discussion?

Commissioner Keon: Yes. I'm very glad to see this come before us because it will also allow neighborhoods or an individual block to address lighting issues and things within their community. So if even one street decides if they want path lighting they can, there is a process here where they can come to the City and there will be an assessment that will be proportional to the area served and they can choose the type of lighting that they believe most benefits them. Granted, the larger the area probably the greater the lesser the cost, but it does begin to provide a means for residents to address some of the things in their neighborhoods that to date they haven't really been able to do. We talk a lot about lighting and those sorts of things, this really gives them for those smaller street lights that do path lighting, and I'm sure that as we go along there will be a number of neighborhood improvements that benefit the individual property owner that we can utilize this tool to help them achieve it, so for all of the things that they do for us I'm really glad to see it.

Mayor Cason: Mr. Clerk this is a public hearing, do we have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: So we close the public hearing. Anymore discussion? Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon makes the motion, Vice Mayor seconds it.

City Clerk

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 12:27:47 p.m.]