

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting  
Agenda Item E-5  
January 12, 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**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item E-5 [10:46:25 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida by amending Article III “Construction Regulation Board” of Chapter 101 “Administration and Enforcement”; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Cason: Now, we’ll move on to E-5, also an Ordinance on First Reading.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Item E-5’s an ordinance on first reading. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of the City of Coral Gables, Florida by amending Article III “Construction Regulation Board” of Chapter 101

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“Administration and Enforcement”; providing for enforcement procedures; providing for severability, repealer, codification, and effective date. This is a public hearing item. I would just like to say a few words about it. The City, on July 7, 2015, through Emergency Ordinance 2015-18, adopted an unsafe structures ordinance, and the Construction Regulation Board was designated as the unsafe structures board. This provision simply amends some of the provisions in the Construction Regulation Board ordinance to conform with what you’ve already done. In addition, it allows for the Construction Regulation Board to levy fines for violation of the article. This will become particularly useful in two circumstances, and this is related to Item E-6, which amends other portions of the Code related to the Construction Regulation Board. But ultimately, what this will allow you to do is if there’s a -- if a contractor violates the Zoning Code, does work without a permit or something like that, it will allow the City to fine the contractor, not just the owner of the property, which I think is very useful. In addition, it will allow the Unsafe Structures Board to fine unsafe structures for not coming into compliance, and that includes compliance with the 40-year recertification requirement. This is something I’ve spoken to the Building Official about. I also -- my understanding is the Board would like this authority, and they believe it will help them. Their only other authority is to demolish, basically, so, this allows them to also levy fines. So, it’s recommended by the City Attorney’s Office, and my understanding, by City staff, as well.

Mayor Cason: Okay. Do we have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: Then we’ll close the public hearing. More discussion?

Commissioner Lago: No. I mean, I spoke to my appointment, Mr. Lage, who has been involved in the City for some time and was actually an employee here, and he thinks this is a great idea. This is going to give, you know, this board some real teeth to get the job done.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Motion by the Vice Mayor, seconded by...

Commissioner Keon: I'll second it.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon. City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 10:48:48 a.m.]