

**City of Coral Gables
Virtual Commission Meeting
April 21, 2020
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena**

City Staff

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

Public Speaker(s)

State Representative Javier Fernandez

Agenda Item D-1

Personal appearance by State Representative Javier Fernandez addressing Session issues and the State's response to COVID-19

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, just to...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: This is time certain at 10, H-2.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor, really quick before you go to agenda item H-2, on agenda item D-1, we have State Representative Javier Fernandez on the line, and he has another meeting at 11:15.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, we have -- okay, let's take him. Javier, you're on, please. Thank you.

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Javier Fernandez: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, members of the Commission, City Manager, Madam City Attorney. I just -- I've been following the discussion, just wanted to quickly check in the middle of a crisis. Had some conversations with members of the City Commission about priorities for the City during this very critical time. I wanted to check in. I've heard the concerns about testing, concerns that many of us here in the Delegation share as well as we contemplate reopening, but not just a public health and economic crisis but a crisis of confidence, really, one way to kind of tamp down the concerns of the community as well as to the visiting public that we need to come back to Florida (INAUDIBLE) and make sure that we get more widespread testing and limit the transfer of community spread that may or may not exist across Florida. I just quickly wanted to highlight we are trying to work with your staff on FEMA reimbursements. Understand that the general fund, because of this crisis, is under great stress. I want to thank Commissioner Keon for keeping me abreast of what is still outstanding in terms of account receivables of the City. And we are in communication with Director Moskowitz and his staff to try to get the balance of funding forwarded to you. If there are any other priorities or issues that are outstanding where I or the state could be helpful in the months and weeks going forward, please don't hesitate to reach out. Again, I'll leave my comments at that because I have to jump off to another call here, but if there's anything pressing that we can quickly touch base on, I'm happy to do that now or we can follow up individually.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, Javier. Very helpful and we always count on your very, very fine representation. Thank you.

Mr. Fernandez: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We're sorry. I apologize that we didn't take you earlier, but you heard the discussion and it was important. Thank you. Any questions from State Representative Fernandez?

Vice Mayor Lago: No. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very, very much. We appreciate it. Thank you, Javier. Alright, now we'll go to H-2, time certain, 10 am.