

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-18
August 24, 2021
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-18 [Start 1:58 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager and City Clerk to coordinate with all City Boards and Committees to ensure that all meetings' minutes are timely published. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago) (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson) (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Mayor Lago: You want to do G-18, a Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager and City Clerk to coordinate with all city boards and committees to ensure that all meeting minutes are timely published.

Vice Mayor Mena: Sure.

Mayor Lago: The Manager had made a, wanted an addendum to it, to make sure it was 30 days on that matter, is the Commission fine with that.

Commissioner Fors: Fine with that.

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Commissioner Menendez: What's the position of the administration with regards to the item?

Mayor Lago: That was the Manager; the Manager made a request for 30 days versus 15, correct?

City Manager Iglesias: Yes Mayor, for 30 days instead of 14. The departments have multiple boards and in 14 days it would be very tight.

Commissioner Menendez: I was going to ask, if possible, again, my experience with board meetings and board minutes back in my other life. If we as a city can release the video or the audio for each meeting, when available, if available, before the 30 days because at least that gets folks in the community that want to get a leg up and save time, they can listen to and watch or listen to whatever is available. I know some boards may not have that and others do, but when available.

City Attorney Ramos: So, we need to ask the Clerk if he has enough room that takes a lot of storage space. So certainly, if someone requests it, we send it, but I don't know if there is a place to house them all.

City Clerk Urquia: There is. We do have a space available, it's in the cloud, so we can upload the videos. Just know that there are certain boards that that are not recorded, Board of Architects, Code Enforcement, anything having to do with the Police Department is not recorded, and things like that.

Commissioner Menendez: And I think, the community, as long as we communicate with them, and obviously they are listening now. Not everything will be available, because just that's the way it is, but what is available, audio/video, we'll do our best to get it in your hands as soon as possible.

City Attorney Ramos: Within the same 30 days as well?

Commissioner Menendez: Well, before the 30 days.

City Attorney Ramos: At a maximum the 30 days, within.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes – maximum. I almost prefer let's bring it back down, because otherwise...

City Attorney Ramos: To 15.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes, if we can do it 15 days. I asked the administration...

City Manager Iglesias: I think, Commissioner, if we can go with 30 or when its available. If its available before 30, we'll put it on before 30.

Commissioner Menendez: At least we make the best effort to get it out.

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City Manager Iglesias: Correct. Correct. So, we say 30, but...

Commissioner Menendez: I just don't want staff to think, well I have 30 days. No, if you can do it in 10 days, you can do it in 10 days, if you can do it in 20 – 20.

City Manager Iglesias: So, we can say 30 days or when available, if before that.

Commissioner Menendez: That would be fine.

City Clerk Urquia: 30 days available the minutes or the video?

City Attorney Ramos: The minutes – the video within 15.

City Clerk Urquia: The video within 15 days.

City Attorney Ramos: Correct.

City Manager Iglesias: I would like to say, I would like to have both, if possible, within 30 days or when available. So, if the video is available in 10 days, we can put it out in 10 days.

Commissioner Menendez: Does anyone have a thought on the 15 versus 30?

Mayor Lago: I'll do whatever makes you happy.

City Attorney Ramos: Their concern was that the 15 was to not have to wait till the 30, because the minutes are being done.

Commissioner Menendez: Exactly. I mean the 15 is so that they can...

City Manager Iglesias: But if we have it when available sometimes, we may have it available in 5 days, we'll put it out in 5 days.

Commissioner Menendez: What do you call split the baby, Commissioner Anderson. I'm sorry, the baby is getting the crap eaten out of it, sorry about that. But let's go with 20 days, I think that's more or less, and/or whenever available.

City Attorney Ramos: Is that for both things?

Commissioner Menendez: By the way, if something happens technically, please understand, but we'll try to get it out early.

City Attorney Ramos: Is it 20 for both Commissioner, is that your motion? – 20 for both?

Commissioner Menendez: 20 for video and audio.

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City Attorney Ramos: 30 for draft minutes.

City Clerk Urquia: That works.

Commissioner Anderson: When available, but no later than 20 days, is that what you mean?

Commissioner Menendez: I'll defer to you for your wording.

Commissioner Anderson: Okay.

Mayor Lago: So that's a motion, can we get a second?

Commissioner Fors: Second.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez – can we get a roll call vote.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)