

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-2
April 29, 2008
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Slesnick Donald D. Slesnick, II
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Wayne “Chip” Withers

City Staff

City Manager, David Brown
City Attorney, Elizabeth Hernandez
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
City Clerk Staff, Billy Urquia
Human Resources Director – Marj Adler

Public Speaker(s)

Time: [1:05:59 a.m.]

Mayor Slesnick: This is an ordinance on First Reading. An ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 50 of the “Code of the City of Coral Gables,” entitled “Pensions,” clarifying the effective date of the five percent employee contribution by firefighter participants; providing for an effective date; and repealing all Ordinances inconsistent therewith, or herewith.

Commissioner Anderson: I’ll move that.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I second it.

Mayor Slesnick: It’s been moved by Ms. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Kerdyk. This is a clarification; the State of Florida has demanded before we kind of set right our entire stand here with the State of Florida and move forward from there. Do you have comments...

Ms. Marj Adler (Director, Human Resources): No, all I want to say is that I had a message from my...

Mayor Slesnick: ... Ms. Adler?

Ms. Adler: ... office that if the Commission votes in favor of this on the first reading, and I e-mail that they, that you have done that to Patricia Shoemaker this afternoon, our 2006 monies will be released tomorrow morning.

Mayor Slesnick: Okay. However, can we take this, Ms. City Attorney as an emergency, and either skip second reading or move to second reading?

City Attorney Hernandez: No, you have to, you have to follow the provisions because it has to deal with...

Mayor Slesnick: But, how do you waive? There isn't a provision to waive second reading, and how do we do that?

City Attorney Hernandez: You can if it doesn't deal with money or zoning matters; and the problem and the concern is to do it erroneously and have the... approve.

Mayor Slesnick: This is not in money and zoning matters.

City Attorney Hernandez: It will impact. Mr. Mayor, you can do it.

Mayor Slesnick: Okay.

City Attorney Hernandez: My advice is not to, but you can do it.

Ms. Adler: Mr. Mayor, can I say? If we, if you pass it on first reading...

Mr. City Manager: That's all they wish.

Mayor Slesnick: Okay.

Ms. Adler: ... it releases the 2006 monies...

Mayor Slesnick: Alright.

Ms. Adler: ... and as long as we have second reading prior or July one...

Mayor Slesnick: I hope Ms. Adler and Mr. Manager...

Ms. Adler: ... they will release 2007 monies.

Mayor Slesnick: ... Ms. Adler, and Mr. Manager, I just hope that, that is correct. The State of Florida has misled us before, and I hope that they will do that on the first reading. If they do not, we are going to be hung up several more weeks and according to our City Attorney, we probably can't even advertise this before the next hearing, so then we are going to go into the second hearing...

City Attorney Hernandez: Correct, correct.

Mayor Slesnick: ... in May, and therefore, we will have, two unions that we are going to try to bring to the table to talk about productive matters angry, upset and mad at us before we even start talking about the other matters, So, well we... Anyways, we have a motion and a second on this on first reading. Any other discussion? Mr. Clerk?

Mr. City Clerk: Commissioner Withers?

Commissioner Withers: Yes.

Mr. City Clerk: Commissioner Anderson?

Commissioner Anderson: Yes.

Mr. City Clerk: Commissioner Cabrera?

Commissioner Cabrera: Yes.

Mr. City Clerk: Vice Mayor Kerdyk?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes.

Mr. City Clerk: Mayor Slesnick?

Mayor Slesnick: Yes. Is there any desire to go forward with waiving the second reading? Do you want to play it...

Commissioner Anderson: Not from my part.

Mayor Slesnick: ... legally, conservatively? Okay, we will move on.