

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item M – Discussion Items
October 23, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else to come before the Commission?

Commissioner Keon: I had some residents that live on Salzedo on the north end there, just off of Eighth Street; ask if we could, this is probably a Public Works issue, Peter, address it to you. They ask if – because of their proximity to Eighth Street and there’s a 7/11 there and different things, they end up with a lot of trash on the street and there’s no trash cans kind of in that area, and I know we don’t want to put lots of trash cans in what’s considered residential, but if you could put together maybe a couple of people, I guess it would be Public Works or Code Enforcement, I’m not sure who it would be, to look at that area of Eighth Street and Salzedo where so many apartments are. Douglas center kind of protects the area east of Ponce, but west of Ponce there is not a lot. Just look at it and the sidewalks are not in very good condition; most of it is related to being uprooted by trees and just the general condition of the area, they’ve asked if there is a way to pay some particular attention to them, because they feel the area could look a lot better than it currently looks.

City Manager Iglesias: We'll contact the Public Works Director...

Commissioner Keon: If you could put together some people and go up and look at what kind of needs to be done in that area and its probably, maybe about four to five blocks in from Eighth Street is where you see most of it and then it seems to peter out, but its more as to what can we do to enhance the quality of life issues in that area.

City Manager Iglesias: I know which area you are talking about, Salzedo going to the 7/11?

Commissioner Keon: Yes – but in that area maybe for four or five blocks back, whoever you would put together to take a look at it and look at what you can do to maybe improve the quality of life.

City Manager Iglesias: We'll have a combination of Code and Public Works; will take a look at it.

Commissioner Keon: OK. That's it. Thank you.

City Manager Iglesias: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: Anything else Commissioner? So my fellow colleagues, I have one item for the Commission. I have a friend of mine who this Commission supports every single year with a great event, with a mentoring event that they put together, a fundraising event and it's been a big success. So he brought this to me, the Budweiser Clydesdale Show is going to be here from October 31st through November 1st. I bring it to you and I present it to the City Manager first, because I wanted to show you how interesting and beautiful these...horses are and they are willing to bring the horses along with the gorgeous carriages, these wooden carriages that the horses are attached to, but I wanted to bring it to you first because I wanted to make sure that you were even interested in this, because again, there is some branding on it. They are not asking for any type of marketing, but it does say Budweiser on the side of it. But I'm saying, they are not asking us to, like put out a press release, but they are going to be here, I think it's for the Air and Sea Show already and a friend of mine reached out to them and has a contract, and said listen, is this something that the City would be interested in, maybe good for kids, maybe good for people who want to see the horses. If the Commission is not interested...

Commissioner Keon: Did they bring the clean-up people with them. Let me tell you, those horses are – there is a lot of clean-up after those horses.

Commissioner Lago: I can imagine, and I can find out. It's completely up to the Commission and I wanted to just get your input on it to see if it interests you. If not, we can tell them no. I just thought it was something...

City Attorney Ramos: If the Commission is generally in favor, then I would ask that they go through the special events permit process just to make sure that all of that is taken care of.

Commissioner Keon: I really want to know that they bring up the clean-up crews that comes with that.

City Manager Iglesias: It'll be a special event.

Commissioner Mena: I don't know if the timing, it's like a week away.

Commissioner Lago: They are going to be here no matter what.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think we should channel these things. I wish that we had more time.

Commissioner Lago: It was given to me very late and I sent it immediately over to the Manager and...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think it should go to the City staff and special events.

Commissioner Lago: It did. It went to the staff and I just wanted to bring it to your attention. I never have a chance to have a discussion in public, so.

Commissioner Keon: I think its fine as long as they bring the people that clean it up, OK.

Commissioner Mena: It might make more sense on Alhambra than the Mile just because of the infrastructure.

City Attorney Ramos: Well again, the clean-up is just part of it. The special events permit process will talk about police, clean-up, location, that's why I think it's important that the committee, even if it's an emergency meeting of the committee that they meet in order to put...

City Manager Iglesias: We did get it late, but we are looking at it, so...

Commissioner Mena: Real quick. I just wanted to say that I was told Bike Walk Over in the museum are having a candidate forum tonight from 6 to 8 on transit issues. So, just if anybody is

interested it's at 6 o'clock at the Coral Gables Museum and I just thought I would announce that in case anybody...

Commissioner Keon: And who are the candidates?

Commissioner Mena: It's the state rep candidates, so its District 112 and 114, which are Nector Ann and Rosy Palamino and Javier Enriques and Javier Fernandez in the other race.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. Anything else to come before the meeting? Adjourned.

[End: 2:10:24 p.m.]