

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-6
January 26, 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

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City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Finance Director, Diana Gomez

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-6 [12:56:43 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida amending and ratifying projects in the Neighborhood Renaissance Program, providing certain other matters in connection therewith authorizing other required actions and providing an effective date.

Mayor Cason: H-6.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We briefed you individually on the status of the Neighborhood Renaissance Program. We are very excited about it; many good projects have been done. We are seeking some further expanded language and Diana can go over those with you.

Ms. Gomez: So what we are asking for in this resolution is to expand the existing language of the NRP projects in order to give us a little more, allow us to put additional projects or – the NRP descriptions are very specific, to a location specific, to specific streets, and we kind of felt the

need to expand that in order to allow us to continue what we are doing in maybe a different street or a different park. So really what it does and the detail in the resolution does explain what the new projects or what the additions are, it just kind of expands it and broadens the scope a little bit, so that we have more flexibility in finishing using the funds for this program.

Mayor Cason: It should help us speed up some of these things too, because some of these like the De Soto Fountain landscaping we sort of put it way off and maybe the Ponce Circle Park, maybe that's not going to occur.

Ms. Gomez: Now we can move those funds to something else...

Mayor Cason: Find more parks elsewhere and all kinds of....

Ms. Gomez: Exactly – that's exactly what we are trying to do with this, just kind of give us a little bit more choices so that we can spend the funds in the timeframe that we should be.

Mayor Cason: I think we talked about this, you don't think the bond holders will have any problems with these...?

Ms. Gomez: No, because they way that I'm looking – and again I should have mentioned, but this will go to Bond Counsel for Bond Counsel to opine to say that it does fall in line with the NRP project that's overall, but in general I've had some initial discussions with them. We are not changing anything significantly, we are just kind of opening it up, instead of these two specific parks, it's now open to any City park, so the idea behind the Neighborhood Renaissance Program as a whole is still there, we are just giving ourselves a little bit more flexibility to spend the funds. So we will send this resolution to Bond Counsel to make sure that they are OK with it before we actually move the funds or apply it to a different project.

Mayor Cason: Any discussion? Motion?

Commissioner Lago: I'll make the motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor seconds. City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes
Commissioner Slesnick: Yes
Commissioner Keon: Yes
Mayor Cason: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 12:59:27 p.m.]