

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-5
January 28, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Intergovernmental Affairs, Naomi Levi Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-5 [3:21:36 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, supporting Florida Senate Bill 182 and Florida House Bill 6043, which if passed, would repeal current state preemptions of local law relating to the regulation of expanded polystyrene products, single use plastic bags, wrappings and containers. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next Vice Mayor Lago, yours again.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes, G-5 is a simple resolution supporting Senate Bill 182. I know Naomi is going to do a much better job presenting.

Ms. Levi Garcia: This is a resolution supporting Senate Bill 182 and House Bill 6043. If these Bills pass, they would delete the state preemptions in regard to polystyrene, single use plastic bags and auxiliary containers. We actually have a statement to this effect already in our legislative

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agenda, but a non-profit organization, the Florida Keys Environmental Coalition reached out to the City and asked us to pass a resolution in support.

Vice Mayor Lago: And in reference to this, by the way, I just want to commend Naomi and Ed, I'll mention it later at the end in my closing. They did a wonderful job in Tallahassee and Commissioner Fors can attest. This is an item that we brought up to every single state legislator and senator that we've spoken – Republicans, Democrats, they were kind of seeing the light as the fact that the environment is no longer an afterthought and they really understand this, especially in South Florida. This is up for your consideration. I would appreciate a vote on this, some support.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Make a motion.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Ms. Levi Garcia: Thank you.

[End: 3:22:54 p.m.]