

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-2
April 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

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-2 [Start: 9:47:26 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, “Development Standards” Division 13, “Miscellaneous Construction Requirements” creating Section 5-1302, “Sustainability Standards,” establishing criteria for new building construction to achieve Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification or equivalent; providing posting of a bond to ensure compliance with LEED certification or equivalent; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (PZB recommended approval, Vote: 5-0).

Mayor Cason: Item E-2 also an ordinance on Second Reading.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Item E-2, an Ordinance on Second Reading is an Ordinance An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 5, “Development

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Mayor Cason: Any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: Close the public hearing. Discussion?

Commissioner Lago: Again, this is Second Reading. I just wanted to say a quick thank you again to the Commission and staff for doing an incredible job. Again, we are leading by example here. I want to take an opportunity to also welcome our new Assistant City Manager Mr. Iglesias, who was a long-standing employee here at the City of Coral Gables, and he’s back in an incredibly important leadership role, and I look forward to you basically taking this ordinance and instilling it in future construction methods. I’d like to also acknowledge Mr. Miner, we’ve been talking about this for about a year and we got it done. There is a lot of work left to do and I look forward to developers that are coming forward to the City with great projects that meet our requirements to really implement this law, and take advantage of this always considering the environment. So again, thank you to staff and thank you to the Commission for helping bring this forward.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, I wanted to note that, the whereas clause placed in this ordinance emphasizing it as a police power measure, and that its intended to protect the environment and the health, safety and welfare of Coral Gables residents, as well as the natural beauty of the City.

Mayor Cason: Motion on E-2.

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion.

Commissioner Slesnick: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Slesnick seconds. City Clerk.

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

[End: 9:49:36 a.m.]