

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-6
December 5, 2017
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-6 [12:40:30 p.m.]

A Discussion regarding planning services for Zoning Code update
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Keon)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's go to the next discussion: Discussion regarding planning services for Zoning Code update.

Vice Mayor Keon: This was an item that I had requested and in 2014 it was put in, I'm sorry, '15, it was \$250,000 put into the 2016-2017 Budget, and we again rolled it over into the 17-18 Budget, because it hasn't been done. We went through, I think at the last meeting, Ramon, Mr. Trias went through the few items on the residential code that they were looking to do that will now start the process putting in zoning, that were kind of the biggest and most egregious issues. We need to also look at the commercial. This issue of having to go through mixed uses is a product that we are going to see, we get it all the time. In order to mixed use you have to go through commercial and when you go through commercial it changes, it removes all the density requirements, it makes a lot of difference, so then – we need to have a mixed use as mixed use

that you can go to for these things; and there is a lot of when the code was rewritten was 10 years, 12 years ago now, there were items that they never got to and they said we didn't get to these items, these are some unresolved issues; and they were to be taken up again and they've never been taken up again and they remain issues to be done. Now the City did an RFP, they had responders, they reviewed those responses, there was a recommendation to award this RFP, and it never gets anywhere. This is one of those things that we have been talking about, I know through at least two financial cycles anyway. I would like them to award the RFP and move on this issue.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

Vice Mayor Keon: Can you award the RFP please?- or what do you need to do now?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We don't have the authority because of the amount, I believe.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. We are drafting the...to move it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The item needs to come to the Commission in order for the award to take place.

Vice Mayor Keon: I'd like to see that item on the next agenda please. Thank you.

[End: 12:43:05 p.m.]