

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item L – Discussion Items
February 28, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner James Cason

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Discussion Items

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez, you have anything you would like to say?

Commissioner Menendez: Just really quick. Is my poster ready? There it is. Saturday is going to be an exciting day for Coral Gables. You have the Carnival on the Mile, you have the Farmers Market and if you want to get out of the sun...

Mayor Lago: And the wing eating, and the wing eating.

Commissioner Menendez: No, no, that's if you want to eat well or a lot, then you go with the Mayor for sure. So, at noon at the Art Cinema, I'm showing 1974, I think its one of the funniest movies in the 70's, Barbara Streisand, Ryan O'Neil and Madlyn Conn, "What's Up Doc". I describe it if Mel Brooks, the Marks Brothers and Woody Allen had a baby, it would be that movie. So its free, free popcorn, free soda, even free beer, I'll throw that in, but if you want to see a good movie and laugh for a while, you're welcome to join us.

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Commissioner Anderson: The price, oh my God, I don't know if I can.

Mayor Lago: Its expensive.

Commissioner Anderson: It is. It is.

Commissioner Menendez: I'm charging the Manager's office.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson: I participated in the BCC challenge and overall we raised \$8.4 million dollars to fight cancer, and it was really good for weight loss, so if they had gluten-free wings I would take you up on it and put the weight back on.

Mayor Lago: Thank you for representing the city in the Dolphins Challenge that was great. UM is a great recipient and they do a lot with that money saving people's lives, and obviously where the research is incredible.

Commissioner Anderson: Very well run. I have no complaints about it. You have gluten-free wings available?

Mayor Lago: Mayor. Mr. Vice Mayor.

Vice Mayor Mena: Really quick actually. Billy, can you put up the photo I sent you.

City Clerk Urquia: I'll put it up now. It's up.

Vice Mayor Mena: That's in Naples, just to kind of give an example. I'm not saying we're going to have that kind of light fixture, because that's another whole other project, although I think we should endeavor to that one day, but in the meantime you could do something that I think that's more up to our standards that what the Mayor showed earlier.

Commissioner Cason: I like it.

Mayor Lago: Yes. Yes. So thank you Vice Mayor.

City Manager Iglesias: We are going to replace them, we should look at upgrading them.

Mayor Lago: Thank you Vice Mayor for bringing that to our attention. I think that this, again, these are the little things like what we're doing with the sidewalks, what we're doing with our landscaping, as you can tell in the downtown, where Code Enforcement is dealing with facades, with our alleyways, really cleaning up, really putting our best foot forward to make sure that, again, people come and enjoy our city and businesses are proud to do business in our city, and I think

that would be just another detail that we stack on top of it; our trolleys on Saturdays, supposedly I think we are starting trolleys on Sundays soon. My understanding that was part of the TPO money.

City Manager Iglesias: We're looking at that Mayor.

Mayor Lago: There's a bunch of things that we're doing, along with the art and I think that we're stepping up our game in regards to our downtown. This is just one of the small components. So, I want to thank everybody for joining us today on the Commission meeting for February 28th. Again, I will reiterate what I said in the beginning, this is a public forum for anyone that would like to come and speak about issues. They are welcome. If you cannot make a Commission meeting, you cannot make a Town Hall meeting, I welcome you to please join us every Friday starting at 2 o'clock, you can either visit myself or you can visit one of my colleagues who are there, and we will be more than happy to meet with you, along with the Manager, the City Attorney, and the City Clerk and all our staff, which are here, we do our best to make sure that we uphold our standards and we address your issues. I'd like to thank again [Spanish]. Thank you to the Mayor of _____ who's here today visiting us; and again, I'd like to also reiterate our thanks to the Fewell family for their consummate professionalism, their leadership throughout the years here in the city and we send our condolences to the family. Thank you. God bless and have a wonderful, wonderful week.