



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 13, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

Ordinance on First Reading. Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment.

1. An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida requesting an amendment to the text of the City of Coral Gables Comprehensive Plan, to include a Coastal Management Element, pursuant to expedited state review procedures (S.163.3184, Florida Statutes) and Zoning Code Article 3, "Development Review," Division 15, "Comprehensive Plan Text and Map Amendments;" to include Objectives and Policies to protect coastal areas of the city; providing for a repealer provision, providing for a severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

At their 11.08.17 meeting, the Board discussed the Coastal Management Element as a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment. At their 12.13.17 meeting, the Board recommended approval.

BRIEF HISTORY:

Project Summary

Staff transmitted the proposed comprehensive plan amendment to the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) after the 11.14.17 City Commission First Reading. The DEO and other reviewing agencies (including Miami-Dade County Planning Division, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District, Florida Department of Transportation, and South Florida Regional Planning Council) completed their reviews of the proposed amendment and identified *no objections* to the amendment.

Staff also reviewed the proposed amendment with Dr. Harold R. Wanless, UM Professor of Geological Sciences as recommended by the City Commission, as well as outside counsel, Abby Corbett.

The attached document has incorporated comments from the DEO, Miami-Dade County, and local experts to better refine the proposed Goals, Objectives, and Policies. Additional comments will be addressed in the future. The changes include:

- Updated planning horizon in the Future Land Use Element
- Clarified language for Hurricane Evacuation and Storm Surge Zones in support document
- Additional policy for marinas
- Additional policy for protection and maintenance of native plant communities

- Defined coastal zone boundary
- References to complementary policies in the Natural Resources Element
- Additional policy for manatee habitats

Review Process

1. 11.08.17 Planning and Zoning Board Discussion
2. 11.15.17 City Commission 1st Reading
3. 12.13.17 Planning and Zoning Board

Planning and Zoning Board Recommendation

The Planning and Zoning Board at their 11.08.17 meeting the Board discussed the addition of the Coastal Management Element as a Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment. At their 12.13.17 meeting, the Board recommended approval of the proposed amendment.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of this request.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION:

Date:	Resolution/Ordinance No.	Comments
N/A		

OTHER ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Date	Board/Committee	Comments (if any)
11.08.17	Planning and Zoning Board	Discussed the Comprehensive Plan text amendment.
12.13.17	Planning and Zoning Board	Recommended approval.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATIONS:

Date	Form of Notification
11.02.17	Planning and Zoning Board agenda posted at City Hall and on City webpage.
11.03.17	Planning and Zoning Board staff report, legal notice and all attachments posted on City web page.
11.06.17	Legal Advertisement for Commission 1 st Reading
11.10.17	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City webpage.
12.01.17	Legal Advertisement for Planning and Zoning Board
12.08.17	Planning and Zoning Board agenda posted at City Hall and on City webpage.
02.02.18	Legal Advertisement for Commission 2 nd Reading
02.09.18	City Commission meeting agenda posted on City webpage.

EXHIBITS:

- A. Draft Ordinance – Comprehensive Plan Text Amendment.
- B. DEO Letter and Review.
- C. 12.13.17 Planning and Zoning Board Staff report and recommendation.
- D. Excerpts from 12.14.17 PZB meeting.