

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
September 11, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

Interim City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-2 [9:24:17 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida amending Chapter 74 – Traffic and Vehicles of the City of Coral Gables Code in order to authorize use of motorized scooters on certain City sidewalks; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-2 – scooters.

City Attorney Ramos: F-2 is an Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida amending Chapter 74 – Traffic and Vehicles of the City of Coral Gables Code in order to authorize use of motorized scooters on certain City sidewalks; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause and providing for an effective date. This is also on Second Reading and it's a public hearing item.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: There have been no changes since First Reading.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Mena: Second. Peter?

Interim City Manager Iglesias: Madam City Attorney, I think we were going to allow to control the speed.

City Attorney Ramos: Yes. So, I think we are going to do that in the MOU, but not in the ordinance itself, that's the conversation we had.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Madam City Attorney, it is mentioned in the ordinance if you look in chapter – Section 74 – 239, it restricts it to a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour, speeds below that could be arranged in any memorandums of understanding, but State Statute sets the maximum at 15 miles per hour, which is reflected in the ordinance.

Interim City Manager Iglesias: With the ability of the Code lowering that if necessary.

City Attorney Ramos: We can do it in the MOU. We can also do it in the ordinance if that's what the Commission wishes to do, both options are available.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think we should do it in the MOU since...and there'll be discussion.

City Attorney Ramos: So the ceiling is 15 in the ordinance, but it can be less by agreement in the MOU.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK.

Commissioner Lago: But I like the ability to have it, and Mayor if I may, I like the ability to have a little bit of flexibility, so if we do encounter an issue or a problem, whatever that may be, that we have the flexibility and we don't have to come back to Commission, that staff has the understanding that they can move in that direction if possible.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

Commissioner Lago: Or require more like it.

City Attorney Ramos: So we'll work on it in the MOU.

Commissioner Lago: OK.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. It's been moved and seconded. Will you call the roll?

City Attorney Ramos: It's a public hearing item. Sir, I'm not sure if anybody here is wanting to speak.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anybody wishes to speak on this? OK – will you call the roll please?

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

(Vice Mayor Quesada: Absent)

[End: 9:26:03 a.m.]