

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
June 28, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Deputy City Attorney, Cristina Suarez

Assistant City Attorney, Naomi Levi-Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-2 [Start: 4:30 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 62 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places", Article IV "Maintenance of Sidewalks and Swale Areas", Section 62-151 "Alleys, swale areas and rights-of-way to be kept clean and mowed" of the Code of Ordinances, to revise the maintenance responsibilities of property owners, providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto F-2.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: F-2 is an Ordinance of the City Commission amending Chapter 62 "Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places", Article IV "Maintenance of Sidewalks and Swale Areas", Section 62-151 "Alleys, swale areas and rights-of-way to be kept clean and mowed" of the Code of Ordinances, to revise the maintenance responsibilities of property owners, providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. There

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have been no changes since first reading. Assistant City Attorney Naomi Levi-Garcia is available if there are any questions, and this is a public hearing item.

Mayor Lago: Ms. Garcia, what is the deadline?

Assistant City Attorney Levi-Garcia: June 30th.

Mayor Lago: What additional requests or measures has your team taken to ensure that, I want my colleagues to hear this, so that when they get the phone calls, how long have we been working on this?

Assistant City Attorney Levi-Garcia: Months. We've been working on this for months.

Mayor Lago: We took additional precautions with the ACM, with your team, with the City Manager this week. We sent more notifications, we sent e-mails, we sent letters, everyone is aware. Buildings need to clean their sidewalks; their sidewalks are not clean and they get hit with a fine, can't do anything about it.

City Manager Iglesias: We sent letters to the B.I.D., sent letters to the Chamber, on ENEWS and social media.

Assistant City Attorney Levi-Garcia: And to individual property owners too through Economic Development.

Mayor Lago: Did we also send notices to the property teams, the associations. For example, the gentleman behind us who lives in a building on Biltmore Way, has his association been notified?

Assistant City Attorney Levi-Garcia: I'll have to defer to Economic Development. They did the mailings, but I believe that notification went to anybody and everybody.

City Manager Iglesias: And the HOA's.

Mayor Lago: HOA's. Perfect. Thank you Naomi, thank you for your hard work. Thank you to the ACM, to the CM and to everyone that worked on this. Economic Development, thank you. I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Anderson: Move it.

Commissioner Menendez: Second.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: Mr. Clerk can you confirm that there are no speakers.

City Clerk Urquia: There are no speakers, ma'am.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes
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Commissioner Anderson: Yes
Commissioner Fors: Yes
Vice Mayor Mena: Yes
Mayor Lago: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)