

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-6
June 13, 2017
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-6 [4:21:54 p.m.]

A discussion regarding the requiring of a joint meeting at least annually, between the City Commission and the Pension Board, with quorum present, in anticipation of possible actions that may be taken during the annual meetings.

Managing an ongoing sharing of information throughout the year when anticipatory actions by either party will or may have an actuarial impact.
(Sponsored by Commissioner Quesada)

Commissioner Quesada: G-6. So this goes to our yearly meeting, the City Commission with the Pension Board, we had it last week, Commissioner Keon and I were there. For the new members of the Commission, we realized about two years ago, we realized the Pension Board since it acts independent of the City Commission and we really act in an appellate capacity for some of the decisions they make that they make some decisions that really affect us either positively or negatively. So, we've had two meetings with them, I think they've been incredibly successful because what happens is they live in a vacuum when they are making a decision related to the Pension Board. When I say that, they are solely looking at the health of the pension system and they don't consider what our budgetary constraints are, they really don't, it wasn't until we had

that first meeting about a year and-a-half ago that I think it was successful. So all I want to do is, I want to make this a required meeting, the quorum has to be present for them and us, because I think they really are, it's that important. Also, on that agenda, I don't want it just to be a regurgitation of historically what's happened. I want them and I want us to put items on that agenda looking forward, hey, we are going to be considering this item in a few months, what's your thought? It's going to have negative actuarial impact or positive actuarial impact of X,Y or Z. That's it, that's the requirement; I don't know if we can vote on this today, I don't know if you guys have any concerns. I think this is a pretty straightforward....

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Well, I think it's an expression of the Commission that we need to meet with them twice a year.

Commissioner Quesada: And I also want to force our staff....

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The City Manager will enforce.

Commissioner Quesada: No, no, but I'm saying, our staff as well as that Board to put any forward looking items that is going to have any kind of actuarial impact on that agenda. Again, it's important to say, hey look, we would love to put \$25 additional million dollars into the pension, but we just can't do it because we have to take care of these capital projects or those capital projects.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK.

[End: 4:23:50 p.m.]