

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
September 13, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

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 regarding protocol for honoring members of the City Commission who have passed
(Sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez)

Mayor Lago: Number F-2, discussion regarding protocol for honoring members of the City Commission who have passed sponsored by Commissioner Fernandez.

Commissioner Fernandez: Thank you Mr. Mayor. This item comes from a conversation I had with former Commissioner Ralph Cabrera, following the passing of Jeannett Slesnick. He believed there was a protocol in place for the passing of a former elected official. In conversations with staff, I have found that there is no protocol in place. So, in conversations, the City Attorney explained that the lowering of flags is mandated by the federal and state government, so we are not allowed to order the lowering of flags. The recommendation that I was making was to create a protocol where, if a former member of the Commission passes, you can place their photograph in the lobby outside of the Commission offices with a condolence book for residents to come out and sign for a period of two days. That would be my recommendation. Any thoughts.

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Mayor Lago: Anything from the Commission, any thoughts.

Commissioner Menendez: Sounds good.

Commissioner Castro: I don't think that's a bad idea at all.

Mayor Lago: Alright.

City Clerk Urquia: Mr. Mayor before you move on, Cable TV does have the photos ready for the...

Mayor Lago: Okay. We'll come back to that after we finish with the Commissioner's item. So, do you need any direction moving forward. What would you like to do? Would you like to draft a resolution with the Commissioner.

City Attorney Suarez: Its up to the Commissioner if he'd like for us to bring a resolution.

Commissioner Fernandez: Okay, please, if you can, and we'll bring it back up. Let's do it in October since I think September is pretty packed already.

Mayor Lago: We'll move back to F-1.