

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-2
February 9, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

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 H-2 [11:33:53 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables to assume all liability, maintenance and improvements, of the existing traffic circle, located at the intersection of Lugo Road and Red Road, at the City's cost (Because one quarter of the traffic circle is within the Village of Pinecrest, Coral Gables will also seek concurrence from Pinecrest).

Mayor Cason: Alright. Let's move to H-2.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: This is an existing traffic circle; one quarter of the traffic circle is actually located within the Village of Pinecrest. There were ballots; it was strongly supported by the Coral Gables residents. It was also supported by the Village. This allows us to assume all liability, all maintenance, and responsibilities associated with the traffic circle. Our staff can give you a detailed presentation if you like. There are photos that are included under your circle diagram, as well as the physical photo of the built environment, but we are asking your consideration and we will also seek confirmation from the Village of Pinecrest in our desire to assume all maintenance and liability responsibilities.

Mayor Cason: So presumably they'll be happy.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Excuse me?

Mayor Cason: Presumably Pinecrest will be happy they don't have to...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes. They are absolutely pleased with it, but we felt it was important to keep that proviso open until we formerly had their sign-off.

Mayor Cason: OK. Discussion? Motion?

City Attorney Leen: I did want to add one issue with this. Because part of the circle is outside the City and because there wasn't specific action, I did feel that it needed Commission action. So we are taking on a little bit of extra liability, but it's the same liability we would take on if the circle was in our City, so in my view as long as you believe that these things are warranted, I see no issue with taking on the liability. You just need to be aware of that.

Mayor Cason: Motion?

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Keon makes the motion, Commissioner Lago seconds. City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 11:35:46 a.m.]