

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item F-2**  
**January 14, 2020**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
**Vice Mayor Vince Lago**  
**Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Michael Mena**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item F-2 [9:34 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables by amending Chapter 6, Section 6-4, “Administrative review by City Manager with approval by City Commission for retail beverage and retail liquor store licenses issued to non-restaurant facilities” to permit open air seating for non-restaurant facilities that have obtained approval to sell alcoholic beverages; providing for a repealer provision; severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago and Commissioner Fors, Jr.)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-2.

City Attorney Ramos: F-2 is an Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Gables by amending Chapter 6, Section 6-4, “Administrative review by City Manager with approval by City Commission for retail beverage and retail liquor

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store licenses issued to non-restaurant facilities” to permit open air seating for non-restaurant facilities that have obtained approval to sell alcoholic beverages; providing for a repealer provision; severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. Mr. Trias.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Mayor, based on the input that we received, we have a new version of the ordinance for outdoor seating, its simpler. It requires review by the City Manager and then one meeting by the City Commission. So, it retains the discretion the Commission has to approve, but it simplifies the process and makes it much more targeted. It deals with private and also with public only for Giralda and Miracle.

Vice Mayor Lago: Commissioner Fors.

Commissioner Fors: I have nothing to add. I have reviewed it. There is some slight language that I would change, not really substantively. I was going to give it to the City Attorney on that, that’s in C-1 and C-2. I think it would be a little more clear if it states that, in the case of facilities seeking, in the case of facilities located in the B.I.D. dot, dot, dot; and for C-2, in the case of facilities located in Miracle Mile or Giralda, dot, dot, dot. It doesn’t make it seem like that these facilities have to meet C-1 and C-2. Apart from that, the main distinction between Miracle Mile and Giralda and other properties within the B.I.D. is within the B.I.D. you are only allowed to do it in private properties. Is there anything other besides that, that you see is a major difference, besides the expedited approval process that Miracle Mile and Giralda gets.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: That’s the only distinction, and the added information is that both Giralda and Miracle Mile is a preapproved area, so...

Vice Mayor Lago: I think also the issue, Commissioner, that we are running parallel tracks, because I hadn’t bought in just yet to what you, for example, and I bought in and I see obviously what’s going on and you are 100 percent correct on that issue. Again, its conditional use, as we talked on this dais multiple times. We are bringing this back to simplify the process like you said. This was an arduous task for anybody to undertake and what we are trying to do is spur business. We are trying to spur these individuals to be able to offer some sort of quality of life, offer some sort of just entertainment outside on Miracle Mile, outside of Giralda, outside of these businesses that right now are in the process of being able to get their outdoor seating, which was incredibly difficult or was non-existent. So that’s the reason why its coming back and you are seeing a different iteration. Want to make a motion?

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: Just to clarify one additional difference. So, after the Commission would approve it, it would go through the administrative review and if the seating is on the right-

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of-way there is a user fee of \$15.00 per square foot annually. That's the difference between the public, the people doing the outdoor seating on public property versus private property.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes, but also the issue here, and Commissioner Fors was copied on the same e-mail I was copied on, one of the individuals that was hoping to apply this legislation on Miracle Mile was being hit with an \$11,000 fee, which has now been reduced to \$150.00, which is more in line with what we are trying to do. We are not trying to penalize people. We are trying to get people to, again, draw people to Miracle Mile and draw people to Giralda, draw people to our business sector which is important.

City Attorney Ramos: Absolutely. The question I've been asked whether there was another difference, that is another difference.

Vice Mayor Lago: No, no, no, I'm just giving you an example of one of the reasons why its coming back as some people asked, why are we bringing this back again.

City Attorney Ramos: Also, its technically not a conditional use anymore, because its in the City Code.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, we are codifying.

City Attorney Ramos: It will come to the Commission, but its technically not conditional use.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Any member of the public that wishes to speak? No. Commissioner Fors you want to make a motion.

Commissioner Fors: So moved.

Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes  
Commissioner Mena: Yes  
Commissioner Fors: Yes  
Commissioner Keon: Yes  
Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes  
(Vote: 5-0)

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[End: 9:38:00 a.m.]

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