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1 get in before-hand Item E-8, Mr. Trias?

2 MR. TRIAS: Mr. Chairman, that's my

3 recommendation. It should be a routine item,

4 but a very good one. It's the open space

5 amendments to the Comp Plan. If I could have

6 the PowerPoint.

7 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: If it's okay with

8 everybody, I'm going to go ahead with --

9 MR. BEHAR: I'm okay with that, if we make

10 it quickly, yes.

11 MR. TRIAS: I think you can make it

12 quickly, because Fred has done a fantastic job

13 in the last two and half, three years.

14 MR. COLLER: Okay. I think we should read

15 into the record Item E-8. It's E-8, right?

16 MR. TRIAS: E-8, yes sir.

17 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Mr. Coller, would you

18 please?

19 MR. COLLER: Okay. Item E-8, an Ordinance

20 of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida

21 granting approval of proposed amendments to the

22 text and maps of the City of Coral Gables

23 Comprehensive Plan, pursuant to expedited state

24 review procedures and Zoning Code Article 14,

25 "Process," to provide updates and

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1 the City's strategic plans was to have that

2 ten-minute walk to a park within a

3 neighborhood, but to not have to have a family

4 have to cross a major roadway. So what that

5 did is, that kind of cut off some of our

6 radiuses, so it means we have to find some more

7 parks to make sure, because, in some cases, the

8 radius was over a waterway. There's no way

9 that someone, unless you had a canoe or kayak,

10 to get to that park. So we had to look at

11 changing those maps. And the rest of it --

12 MR. TRIAS: Yeah. So it's a plan document.

13 It's not the existing conditions, it's what the

14 City is trying to do. And the time line of

15 review is, today Planning and Zoning is looking

16 at it, the City Commission will do the First

17 Reading, date to be announced, then the

18 Department of Economic Opportunity of the State

19 has to review it, and then there's the Second

20 Reading of the Commission.

21 So Staff found the amendments consistent

22 with the Comprehensive Plan and recommended

23 approval for both, the text and the map.

24 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Somebody's cell phone.

25 Would you please silence that? Thank you.

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1 clarifications to the Recreation and Open Space

2 Element, Capital Improvements Elements, and all

3 corresponding map series; providing for a

4 repealer provision, providing for a

5 severability clause and providing an effective

6 date.

7 Item E-8, public hearing.

8 MR. TRIAS: May I have the PowerPoint,

9 which is only two slides, by the way?

10 We're here for a routine amendment to the

11 Comp Plan that has been the result of over two

12 years of very, very good work by a consultant

13 and by the staff of Recreation and Open Space.

14 There are two things that are being amended,

15 the text, and you can see a summary of the

16 changes, such as the level of service, the

17 facilities, the different district and regional

18 parks, some technical changes to the names,

19 nomenclature, that Fred could explain in great

20 detail, and the other amendment is the map.

21 The map, we're still working on it, but the

22 map basically shows you the level of service,

23 how you have neighborhood parks within a

24 minute's walk, generally, in most of the City.

25 MR. COUCEYRO: The amendment is -- one of

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1 Before we do that, I'd like to open it.

2 Are there any speakers for this item here

3 tonight? Anybody that wishes to speak for this

4 item? Jill, do we have anybody on the Zoom or

5 phone line?

6 THE SECRETARY: No?

7 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: No. Okay. At this

8 point, I'm going to go ahead and close it to

9 public comment and open it for Board

10 discussion. Robert?

11 MR. BEHAR: I will start. Thank you, Fred.

12 And looking at the map, what this map shows me

13 particularly is that we need more green space.

14 Whether they're small parks or large parks, we

15 need more space walking distance from the

16 residents, and we've got to do whatever it

17 takes, from the City, to promote to get more

18 green space.

19 I think you did a wonderful job. I don't

20 have any comments. If anything else? If not,

21 I'll make a motion for approval.

22 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Anybody else have any

23 comments from the Board?

24 Just one question, this is all supposed to

25 be connected by sidewalks, correct, if I

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1 recall?

2 MR. COUCEYRO: Well, that's part of the --

3 the strategic plan. Through the Master Plan,

4 one of the strategies and the goals is to have

5 linkages and access to the parks.

6 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Okay.

7 MR. COUCEYRO: It's not sidewalks, per se,

8 throughout the City, but it's linkages to the

9 parks.

10 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Okay. Thank you.

11 We have a motion. Is there a second?

12 MR. TORRE: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Venny seconded. Any

14 discussion?

15 Jill, call the roll, please.

16 THE SECRETARY: Claudia Miro?

17 MS. MIRO: Yes.

18 THE SECRETARY: Venny Torre?

19 MR. TORRE: Yes.

20 THE SECRETARY: Chip Withers?

21 MR. WITHERS: Yes.

22 THE SECRETARY: Robert Behar?

23 MR. BEHAR: Yes.

24 THE SECRETARY: Alex Bucelo?

25 MR. BUCELO: Yes.

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1 definitely have to be out of here by nine

2 o'clock sharp. So I don't know if we're going

3 to be able to --

4 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Well, I'm hoping we

5 do, and I will ask, when the time comes at nine

6 o'clock, if any Board Members would like to

7 extend, and at that time, we will take a vote,

8 as required. Thank you.

9 All right. If everybody would please take

10 their seat. It's 6:15. We would like to get

11 the item going. If everybody would take their

12 seats.

13 At this time, we will start with Agenda

14 Item E-1. Mr. Coller.

15 MR. COLLER: Item E-1, an Ordinance of the

16 City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida

17 providing for text amendments to the City of

18 Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4,

19 "Zoning Districts," Section 2-100, "Residential

20 Districts" and Article 5, "Architecture,"

21 Section 5-200, "Mediterranean Standards;" to

22 remove the Mediterranean Bonus of height for

23 Multi-Family 4 (MF4) properties south of

24 Biltmore Way; providing for severability,

25 repealer, codification and for an effective

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1 THE SECRETARY: Eibi Aizenstat?

2 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Yes.

3 Thank you very much.

4 Since we have a 6:15 time certain, it is

5 6:12. We finished a little bit quicker than I

6 anticipated. Craig, do we need to hold off

7 until 6:15 or can we start with the first item?

8 MR. TRIAS: Mr. Chairman, I would recommend

9 you wait until 6:15, given the fact that that's

10 the way it was advertised, and I don't think we

11 have time to really do any other items.

12 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Yeah, we don't have

13 time.

14 MR. TRIAS: One minute, Craig.

15 MR. COLLER: I would wait.

16 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Okay. Thank you. We

17 are going to take a two-minute break, please,

18 everybody, and I apologize. Thank you. Thanks

19 for your patience.

20 (Short recess taken.)

21 MR. BEHAR: Mr. Chairman, while we wait,

22 I --

23 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Silence, please, in

24 the Chamber. Thank you.

25 MR. BEHAR: Just for the record, I

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1 date.

2 Item E-1, public hearing.

3 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Thank you. Do we need

4 to read Items E-2 and E-3, since they're

5 related, at the same time or do we wait on

6 that?

7 MR. COLLER: I don't have --

8 MR. TRIAS: Mr. Chairman, those are not

9 related.

10 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: They are not related

11 to E-1?

12 MR. TRIAS: They are related to themselves,

13 but not to E-1.

14 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Okay. So I misread

15 that. Thank you very much. Go ahead, please.

16 MS. CABRERA: Good evening. I'm Suramy

17 Cabrera, Development Services Director. And I

18 think this is the first time I'm in front of

19 this Board.

20 CHAIRMAN AIZENSTAT: Welcome.

21 MR. CABRERA: So I'm here today to talk

22 about something very, very specific, and I'm

23 sure everybody here behind me is for the same,

24 exact reason, which is, as we went through the

25 Zoning Code update in 2021, there were some