

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-6
October 14, 2025
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 Richard D. Lara

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez
City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Planning and Zoning Director, Jennifer Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-6 [Start: 11:37 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article 5, “Architecture” Section 5-510, “Trussed Rafters,” to provide requirements for metal trusses; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability, and an effective date. (09 17 25 PZB recommended approval, Vote 6-0)

Mayor Lago: Moving on to E-6.

Staff Speaker 7: E6 is an ordinance of the City Commission providing for tax amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code Article V Architecture Section 5-510, trusts rafters to provide requirements for metal trusses providing for a repeated provision severability clause, codification, enforceability, and effective date.

Planning and Zoning Director: Good morning again.

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Mayor Lago: Welcome back.

Planning and Zoning Director: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Anderson: It's a busy day for you.

Planning and Zoning Director: So right now, in our zoning code, since I believe 1930, the original building code, our city has required that any truss throughout the entire city be two by six. Now in 1930, they probably meant wood trusses. So right now, we're clarifying it. So, if you're a wood truss, obviously you'd still have a two by six requirement, but if you're doing a metal truss, then we require it to be hot rolled steel. So, it's kind of just a clarification and dividing up between wood and metal in our zoning code.

City Manager Iglesias: Through the Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Yes, sir.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, normally when you have a designation two by six, two by four, two by eight, and so forth, it refers to wood. It's understood that that's a nominal wood size, and it refers to a wood product. And so, this further clarifies that. I don't see an issue with the way it is now, but this just further clarifies that a two by six is a wood number as is the standard in the construction industry.

Mayor Lago: Okay. Anything else? Mr. Clerk, do you have any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Lago: All right, I'll entertain a motion.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Fernandez: I'll second.

Commissioner Lara: Yes.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes.

Commissioner Castro: Yes.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes.

Mayor Lago: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)

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