

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item J-17
July 10, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item J-17 [2:21:52 p.m.]

A Resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agency Agreement between Miami-Dade County (MDC) and the City of Coral Gables (City) to perform traffic engineering functions.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We'll go to J-17, which is traffic calming, and this involves D-3, D-4, D-5, also, which are a part of the consent agenda. J-17, please.

City Attorney Ramos: J-17 is a resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agency Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables to perform traffic engineering functions.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Good morning. I mean, good afternoon.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Good afternoon.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Why don't you present the item, and then there's also some companion items and you could also speak to those, so that the Commission knows the full approach of what we're doing.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Absolutely, Madam. Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor, members of the Commission. Ed Santamaria, Director of Public Works. Before you is a resolution authorizing the execution of an Intergovernmental Agency Agreement between Miami-Dade County and the City of Coral Gables to perform traffic engineering functions. This is Item J-17 on your agenda, and it essentially gives us the opportunity now to move forward with a lot of our traffic calming initiatives citywide. I'm happy to take any questions that you might have.

Commissioner Keon: Does this permit us to be able to now install sidewalks -- I mean, crosswalks on Coral Way?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Crosswalks on Coral Way would be a different...

Commissioner Keon: That's because...

Public Works Director Santamaria: Matter.

Commissioner Keon: Of state?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Well, in that section, it's a County road and it also is not -- crosswalks are not included in traffic calming -- as one of the standard traffic calming improvements that can be done, unless they're associated with a four-way stop.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, I thought I saw sidewalks on this thing. Sorry.

Commissioner Lago: So, if we approve this today, we're ready to go, move forward? The County has already provided their...

Public Works Director Santamaria: If we approve this today -- I'm sorry, go ahead.

Commissioner Lago: No, no. Go ahead.

Public Works Director Santamaria: If we approve this today, it means that we have an agreement, in the substantially attached form, meaning that there may be some fine tweaks to the agreement, but this is essentially the same agreement that other municipalities have enjoyed with the County for some time, with the exception that we have new criteria, which pushes the envelope in our existing criteria.

Commissioner Lago: And, that existing criteria has already been laid out and it's been -- the County's told us to move forward on that...

Public Works Director Santamaria: The exist...

Commissioner Lago: And it's detailed here?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Yes, Commissioner.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: So, we can...

Public Works Director Santamaria: The existing criteria...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Install the traffic calming devices that...

Commissioner Lago: That was my next questions.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We wanted to install...

Public Works Director Santamaria: We can...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next week, let's say?

Public Works Director Santamaria: We can begin to install traffic calming devices. So, it does have to be codified with the County. The County Commission has to also ratify the agreement and allow for the execution on their end, but we feel comfortable moving forward with the installation of certain traffic calming...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, but if you have to -- if the County has to authorize it, then what's the point of this?

Commissioner Lago: They have to authorize this MOU?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Okay, so -- no, no. That's what I'm clarifying for the Mayor.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct.

Commissioner Lago: It's not that they have to, like in previous cases, approve every single traffic calming endeavor that we're doing. This is just they have to, obviously, ratify this MOU between the County and the City.

Public Works Director Santamaria: They have to...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Ratify the MOU, but not the locations that we...

Public Works Director Santamaria: That's correct.

Commissioner Keon: No, they just...

Public Works Director Santamaria: That's correct.

Commissioner Keon: Need...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And, how long do you think it'll take them to ratify the agreement?

Commissioner Lago: Can you get it on the next agenda?

Public Works Director Santamaria: I can't speak to how the County process -- how long the County process is going to take. And so, I don't know. It's possible also that we may be able to do this administratively.

Commissioner Lago: Can I get maybe a County Commissioner -- just one of us get a County Commissioner to sponsor this at the next agenda?

Public Works Director Santamaria: Absolutely.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Sure.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you?

Commissioner Lago: Okay, perfect.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Alright, do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Lago: Madam City Manager, will you do me a favor and remind me after today's Commission meeting to make sure that we put this before Commissioner Suarez or Commissioner Sosa? Thank you.

Commissioner Keon: I'll move it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It's been...

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Moved and seconded. Will you call the roll, please?

City Clerk Foeman: Commissioner Keon?

Commissioner Keon: He's not here.

City Clerk Foeman: No, I said Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Lago: I'm sorry?

City Attorney Ramos: Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, yes.

Commissioner Keon: I'm sorry. I thought you said Mena.

Commissioner Lago: I heard the same thing.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 3-0)