

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-10
May 10, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Assistant City Attorney, Naomi Levi-Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-10 [4:29 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to draft an Ordinance creating a “Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board” in compliance with Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III “Boards, Commissions, Committees”, Division 1 “Generally”, Section 2-57 “Creation of New Boards.” (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto G-10.

City Attorney Ramos: A Resolution of the City Commission directing City Staff to draft an Ordinance creating a “Coral Gables Golf and Country Club Advisory Board” in compliance with Chapter 2 “Administration”, Article III “Boards, Commissions, Committees”, Division 1 “Generally”, Section 2-57 “Creation of New Boards.”

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Mayor Lago: I think it's a great idea by Commissioner Menendez. I'm happy you brought it up and sponsored it. Excellent idea.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll turn over the mic to Naomi. Like I said a little while ago, we have an advisory for the Merrick House and other city assets. The timing is perfect as the city takes control and the management supervision of the Country Club to time it with community input, resident voices to be heard, and its community. So, to have an advisory board, I think is the appropriate step, it's the right step, it's the Coral Gables way.

Assistant City Attorney Levi-Garcia: So, as a permanent board, it will have to be created by ordinance, two readings. This is a great opportunity to let me know if there are any specific provisions you want to include in the creation of the board. I understand you want the members to be both Coral Gables residents and members of the Country Club, but if there are any other parameters, you'd like to include let me know.

Mayor Lago: Why don't we do this, why don't we take into consideration Naomi's comments and then we'll give those comments to the Manager, and he can provide them to Naomi.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, I think its an excellent idea. I think we could probably bring this back some time in June and second reading in July, the latest August, Commissioners, so we have time to get a lot of things done and also get membership, we don't have membership right now. But I do think an advisory board for the Country Club would be excellent with Gables members, Country Club members and Coral Gables residents.

Assistant City Attorney Levi-Garcia: And as a new board, between first and second reading, the City Manager will furnish you a report with his recommendation as to the creation of the board and the functions and who he thinks should staff it, etc., that's commonplace with every new board and required by the code. So, we'll make sure that you have that as well by the time it comes for second reading.

Commissioner Menendez: That's outstanding. Thank you so much.

Commissioner Anderson: We need to move it.

Mayor Lago: A motion.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll make it.

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Commissioner Anderson: Second.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)