

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-6
February 25, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-6 [9:15:00 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables approving the petition language for the Hammock Oaks Harbor Security Guard District to allow for a roving security guard and an expanded security monitoring system.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We will take out of order item F-6. This is a resolution...

City Attorney Ramos: Go ahead sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables approving the petition language by the Hammock Oaks Harbor Security Guard District to allow for a roving security guard and an expanded security monitoring system.

Assistant City Attorney Ceballos: Good morning Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners. So, the item before you is a petition. I don't know if you recall the last time, we had an amendment to a special taxing district, we had certain issues with the petition language and certain residents

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didn't feel like they received sufficient notice. So, you as our Commission made a change to our special taxing district policies which now creates this additional step or layer of protection. The petition has to come before you, you need to review the petition and if you like the language, it then goes to the petitioners and they will then circulate it for the signatures, which will then come back once again to the Commission.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We have Peter Zubizarreta here who wishes to speak. Good morning.

Mr. Zubizarreta: Good morning. Good morning Mayor, good morning Vice Mayor, Commissioners, City Manager and City Attorney. I'm the President of Hammock Oaks Homeowners Association and we've had a little bit of a rash of crime in the last couple of years in the South Gables. They usually come in with hoodies in the middle of the night, 3 o'clock, 4 o'clock in the morning. They actually tried to open one of my sliding glass doors, but you know, mostly what they do is break into cars and try to rummage and see what they can take from the car. So, we submitted a letter of intent to the City to request a petition to have our taxing district modified to include a roving guard and some other security measures, and we have that signed, according to City policy by 20 percent of our homeowners. So, all we are doing is requesting a petition for our community to modify the taxing district. Thank you.

Assistant City Attorney Ceballos: It should be noted that we did send out notice to all of the residents in the area of this meeting, so they were noticed of this petition.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

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

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 9:17:37 a.m.]
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