

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-5
September 26, 2017
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Frank Quesada
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Deputy City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-5 [9:55:44 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida identifying the duties and powers of each member of the City Commission (including the Mayor and Vice Mayor in their roles as Commissioners) and creating Section 2-29 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables entitled “Commissioners; Duties and Powers,” establishing the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Office of Commissioner; providing for a repealer provision; severability clause; codification, and providing for an effective date.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, Item F-5 is an Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida identifying the duties and powers of each member of the City Commission (including the Mayor and Vice Mayor in their roles as Commissioners) and creating Section 2-29 of the Code of the City of Coral Gables entitled “Commissioners; Duties and Powers,” establishing the functions, duties, and responsibilities of the Office of Commissioner; providing for a repealer provision; severability clause; codification, and providing for an effective date.

This item is a public hearing item on First Reading; it's sponsored by Commissioner Lago. I would also note that this item in a more general sense came before the Commission previously as a discussion item. It was discussed and the ordinance was drafted consistent with that discussion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: This is a public hearing – no members of the public.

Deputy City Attorney Ramos: I would just like to note that I took your comments from the time when we discussed it in kind of a memo format and numbers 6, 9, 10, and 12, I've added language about when appointed or when approved by or when asked for by the City Commission, so that Commissioners are acting kind of as your representative when they go and speak before another board or that the individual Commissioner comes here and asks for a vote before 164.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very good. Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Lago: Madam City Manager can we discuss, I haven't looked at the full detail, can we talk about budgets, is there anything you want to discuss here on that issue?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Or, you can bring it up at your budget hearing workshop, whatever is better for you.

Commissioner Lago: That's fine. We can bring it up at the budget hearing.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: A process that allows for incidentals in the annual budget.

Commissioner Lago: I appreciate that. Thank you.

Deputy City Attorney Ramos: And, I'll note that number 5 here talks about having an office budget in an amount determined in the City's budget.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Quesada: Second.

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

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes
Vice Mayor Keon: Yes
Commissioner Lago: Yes
Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 9:57:37 a.m.]