

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-5
May 14, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Items G-5 [11:48:50 a.m.]

A discussion regarding metal roofs
(Sponsored by Commissioner Keon)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Discussion regarding metal roofs.

Commissioner Keon: This is also another issue that keeps coming up and keeps coming back.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And keeps getting turned down.

Commissioner Keon: Well it keeps getting turned down, but you know there are still a lot of people that believe that there is an appropriate place for metal roofs and there are appropriate homes for metal roofs and there are appropriate areas of the City where you could have a metal roof. I think it has long been discussed and agreed on that you don't, you do not want metal roofs in and around the historically designated areas of the City. But we have a lot of communities that are further south along Gables by the Sea and some of those areas that are mostly the other side of Sunset but are quite far from us from this more historic center of the City, where they may be appropriate

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with design and for homes that are designed for them. I know sometimes it takes a lot of conversation and coming back over and over again to even begin to have a discussion as to the appropriateness of this item. I've put it on the discussion item only to see if there is any appetite to discuss this or to have the Planning and Zoning Board look at it or have our Planning staff look at it. If not, we'll wait another ten years, I don't care.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We'll wait another ten years.

City Manager Iglesias: Well Commissioner Keon, we are looking at deciding south of Sunset and we are looking at during the zoning update. So, we'll be addressing...

Commissioner Keon: You are looking at it then?

City Manager Iglesias: Especially south of Sunset.

Commissioner Keon: OK.

Commissioner Mena: For the area to be annexed?

City Manager Iglesias: No, no, no. For use of metal roofs on south of Sunset. So, we are looking at it during the zoning update.

Vice Mayor Lago: I just want to put my comments for the records. I have been a supporter of this since being elected six years ago and I think you are happy that you put this on the agenda today. I think it makes sense for certain areas. My only concern is a conversation I had with the City Manager is in regard to loads and homes that transition from existing tile and you remove tens of thousands of pounds of load from a home. That's my only concern.

Commissioner Mena: That's really like a permitting, building code issue that we can address.

Vice Mayor Lago: And we currently do have metal roofs in the City in areas that were annexed and also in a certain, I think it was maybe two dozen homes that there was a tight window, there was a window where they were allowed. So, there are some benefits. If its not done properly there are some drawbacks. Again, I agree with every single one of your comments in regard to historic preservation, in regard to the look and the opportunity. I would like to have a discussion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK.

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Commissioner Keon: We'll wait until they do with the zoning code update and the workshops that are going to be scheduled, we can have that conversation.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Look like you support it or oppose it, we cancel our votes.

[Laughter]

Commissioner Keon: Duly noted.

Vice Mayor Lago: The good thing is that we can have a discussion.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Thank you.

[End: 11:52:11 a.m.]