

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-1
October 23, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-1[10:47:45 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 74 – Traffic and Vehicles of the City of Coral Gables Code in order to amend ordinances allowing use of motorized scooters on certain City sidewalks providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Ordinance on Second Reading, F-1.

City Attorney Ramos: F-1 is an Ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 74 – Traffic and Vehicles of the City of Coral Gables Code in order to amend ordinances allowing use of motorized scooters on certain City sidewalks providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: As you all know; this is coming back to you on Second Reading a little different than it was on the first time. Initially this body codified the permission for scooters on all sidewalks, but also codified the prohibition on Miracle Mile, Giralda Plaza,

and those six blocks on Ponce. We brought it back to you after Commissioner Mena requested that the prohibition on Ponce be removed. So last time we brought it to you on First Reading, it only removed the prohibition on riding scooters on Ponce. This time after our discussion on the dais, we removed all codified specific restrictions and just restricted it to where posted.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: I want to make one clarification and just ask direction from you all. Currently there are signs on Miracle Mile that prohibit bicycle riding and skateboarding. If the Commission wants to continue to prohibit scooters on Miracle Mile, we would need to add a line to that sign, not a new sign, but a line to that sign. Similarly, there are signs on Ponce de Leon from the information we got the last time, we want to remove the restriction on scooters there, so we would leave that as is, just bicycles and skateboards; and I understand there's been discussions about putting signage on Giralda Plaza, so if the Commission wants to prohibit scooters on Giralda Plaza we would like some direction from the Commission as to those locations.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Add the line, I have no issue with that. Seems like the...

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: On Miracle Mile.

Vice Mayor Quesada:...easiest, cheapest method for everyone involved, so you can look back financially. Man, I would hate to put a sign on Giralda, but if we need to under the Code, then we need to.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: I understand that there's already been contemplated a sign about bicycles.

City Attorney Ramos: Bikes and other things.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: And, traditionally it has been posted with a sign on Giralda is removed for streetscape.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Then my vote is to add it to that and that's my motion unless anyone else has.

City Attorney Ramos: The larger question is you want to continue to ban them on Giralda for now.

Vice Mayor Quesada: If you ask me personally, no. But, the will of this Commission was to continue banning it, so that is correct.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a second?

Commissioner Mena: Second.

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

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No

(Vote: 4-1)

[End: 10:50:13 a.m.]