

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-5
February 28, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner James Cason

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

City Planner, Jennifer Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-5 [12:25 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 6, “Landscape,” Section 6-103, “Landscape general requirements,” and Article 16, “Definitions,” providing a definition, requirements, and review processes to utilize artificial turf within athletic fields in the Special Use (S) Zoning district; providing conditional use review and approval when such artificial turf athletic field are visible from the street; clarifying minimal usage and requirements of artificial turf; and providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (02 08 23 PZB Meeting - Board recommended approval; Vote; 6-0)

Mayor Lago: F-5.

City Attorney Suarez: F-5 is an Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 6, “Landscape,” Section 6-

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Ms. Garcia: Jennifer Garcia, City Planner. Currently our zoning code only allows artificial turf to be in the rear of single family property and prohibited anywhere else in any other zoning district. So this is going to be allowing athletic fields to have artificial turf, if not visible from the right-of-way from the street, but if it is visible from the right-of-way then they have to go through the conditional use process, which requires DRC, Planning and Zoning and City Commission.

Mayor Lago: Perfect – makes sense. Can I get a motion.

City Attorney Suarez: It’s a public hearing item.

City Clerk Urquia: No members of the public want to speak.

Commissioner Anderson: We’ve got three motions.

Commissioner Menendez: You can pick.

City Clerk Urquia: Who moved it.

Commissioner Menendez: I’m staying quiet.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Anderson.

Commissioner Anderson: I moved it.

Commissioner Cason: I’ll second.

Mayor Lago: Mayor Cason.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Cason: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

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(Vote: 5-0)

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