

City of Coral Gables
Virtual Commission Meeting
June 9, 2020
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli

Vice Mayor Vince Lago

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Deputy City Attorney, Christina Suarez

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-1

An Emergency Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 62, Article VII, “Special Events and Parades” of the City Code to create Section 62-303, “COVID-19 Emergency Business Recovery Special Event Permit” to streamline the special event process in order to safely expand economic opportunities to businesses in the City impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; providing for a repealer provision; severability clause; codification; waiving pre-publication; providing for an effective date and an expiration date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Now we have F-1, Emergency Ordinances. Mr. City Manager.

City Manager Iglesias: F-1 Mayor is to allow a little discretion on my part concerning special events. Instead of having special events go to a committee they will go to our Parks Director, who's been doing this for 20 years, Police and Fire, and then and then look at it from – submit it electronically and with concurrent review. The idea is to produce news from three to four weeks

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to three or four days. I will let our Assistant City Attorney, Christina Suarez provide some additional information on F-1.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Christina.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: Hi, good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. Let me read the ordinance into the record first. An Emergency Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida amending Chapter 62, Article 7, "Special Events and Parades" of the City Code to create a section 62 – 303, "COVID-19 Emergency Business Recovery Special Event Permit," to streamline the special event process in order to safely expand economic opportunities to businesses in the city impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, waiving pre-publication, providing for an effective date, and an expiration date. Since it is an emergency ordinance it requires a four-fifths vote. As the Manager explained, the purpose of this ordinance is to give some flexibility and create a streamlined process for events that are organized to provide enhanced economic opportunities for businesses and establishments in the city that have been impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. It streamlines the review process and waives the application fee. The City Manager always has the authority to waive other fees for special events, and my understanding is a he will set forth parameters for waiving specific fees for these types of events. The processes for events that will be scheduled through January 15, 2021, and at that date this section of the code will also expire, unless extended by the Commission at a later date. There's also some flexibility provided with some of the standards or requirements for special events, specifically the time limitations of events, where the days on which they can be scheduled, and so forth at the Managers discretion. If you have any questions, please let me know.

City Manager Iglesias: These are for events where we are helping our business partners with the COVID-19 issues, and not for regular events that would come to the city.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: And just two quick points of clarification. We are going to specify we're going to make in addition to the definition of the COVID-19 recovery special event to just add that. It's where business or another establishment in the city impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. And then also, another change that was made and this version was updated on the record in Legistar, but just in case. The title of the Parks and Recreation Director, we're adding / community recreation since that is updated title.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Do I hear a motion? Do I hear any comments?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

City Attorney Ramos: This is a public hearing item.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Is there a second?

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Any members of the public who wish to speak?

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City Attorney Ramos: Can you hear me?

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

City Attorney Ramos: Okay.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Any members of the public that wish to speak on this ordinance? No members of the public. Mr. City Clerk are there any comments on this?

City Clerk Urquia: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. 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)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.