

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item C-2
August 25, 2020
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
Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Mayor's Comments

A discussion regarding Section A-12: Mediterranean Design Bonus.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's go on to C-2, discussion regarding Section A-12, Mediterranean design bonus. We have discussed this many, many times, and I, like all of us, I think want to put it behind us. Miriam, do you want to address it, and then we'll continue?

City Attorney Ramos: Mayor, you had asked me to address the pending litigation in the case of Alliance Starlight versus City of Coral Gables. Given that we're currently litigating the case, I don't want to get too much into the substance of it, but I will give a procedural update.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

City Attorney Ramos: There was an executive session, as you all know, that was held on July 27. As a result of that executive session, this office conveyed to opposing counsel a final offer as instructed by the Commission. The offer was not accepted. We did not agree to a further stay of the case because, at this point, if we've given a final offer and it has not been accepted, there's nothing further for us to do with regard to a stay. If, and when there s a Zoning Code change that applies to that area, that may or may not resolve that issue, that's fine. but in the meantime, the litigation will go forward, and accordingly, their response is due by August 31st.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much, Miriam.