

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-6
July 9, 2024
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Amos Rojas, Jr.

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Maria Cruz

Agenda Item E-6 [4:51 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code Article 15, “Notices” Section 15-102, “Notice” to require mailed notice for Mediterranean Bonus applications before the Board of Architects, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (06.12.24 PZB, recommended approval, Vote 6-1)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto E-6.

City Attorney Suarez: E-6 is An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Zoning Code Article 15, “Notices” Section 15-102, “Notice” to require mailed notice for Mediterranean Bonus applications before the Board of Architects, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. Mayor this is related to E-7, but E-7 is just on for your consideration, there will be no vote at this time. It’s a resolution amending the fee schedule.

Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Planning Official Garcia: So, I have one simple slide to show. So this is going to require a mail notice for any time the Board of Architects reviews applications for the Mediterranean Bonus. Our Mediterranean Design, they are asking for some kind of bonus. It will be required to have a mail notice to residents within 1,000 feet or if they are required to go through the whole conditional use process and rezoning that might increase 15,000 feet just because of ease, but its administered by staff and that's related to the resolution for additional, I believe it was \$4,000 for the fee to be paid by the applicant for staff to do that mailing. We discussed it at the last meeting. Any questions.

Vice Mayor Anderson: No. This pairs well. I really planned on bringing this myself, along with the Mediterranean Design improvements, conceptual review that's being heard by Planning and Zoning tomorrow. The proposed language is to have a mandatory conceptual review process and this will pair very well with that so that the Board of Architects was very, very clear that they wanted to hear public comment early on before they start tweaking the designs and someone goes back and forth several times to save everybody a lot of time to hear the concerns of the community at the time so you can look at the context. For instance, in the neighborhood early on rather than after someone has already moved further along in their planning stage. Commissioner, I planned on bringing this at the same time. Its good...for this to be brought now. I'm happy to move it.

Commissioner Castro: I'll second it.

Vice Mayor Anderson: Do you have any other comments.

Mayor Lago: Is there any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Maria Cruz.

Mrs. Cruz: I'm a little confused. It was a resolution, and it says ordinance on the paper, so we're talking about E-7, correct.

Vice Mayor Anderson: E-6.

City Attorney Suarez: E-6 is the ordinance that's on for the Commission to vote up or down, and then E-7 its just there for the Commission's consideration. It's a resolution that will be considered next meeting, if E-6 passes on second reading next meeting.

Mrs. Cruz: Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road and I support E-6 and E-7.

Vice Mayor Anderson: No, we won't vote on E-7 today, next time.

Commissioner Castro: And I second that motion.

City Clerk Urquia: Yes sir.

Mayor Lago: Go ahead, sir.

City Clerk Urquia: I'm sorry, who made the motion?

Commissioner Fernandez: Anderson seconded by Castro.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)