

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting  
Agenda Item E-10  
November 15, 2016  
City Commission Chambers  
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Jim Cason  
Commissioner Pat Keon  
Commissioner Vince Lago  
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada  
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark  
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen  
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman  
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia  
Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item E-10 [3:16:18 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida electing to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments levied within the incorporated area of the City stating a need for such levy; providing for the mailing of the Resolution; and providing for an effective date. (This public hearing is a necessary step to utilize the November 2017 Miami-Dade County Tax Bill to collect assessments imposed on the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Improvement Projects).

Mayor Cason: E-10 – Resolution.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, Item E-10 is a Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida electing to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments levied within the incorporated area of the City stating a need for such levy; providing for the mailing of

the Resolution; and providing for an effective date. (This public hearing is a necessary step to utilize the November 2017; Miami-Dade County Tax Bill to collect assessments imposed on the Miracle Mile and Giralda Avenue Streetscape Improvement Projects). It is a public hearing item.

Mayor Cason: We have any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: So we'll close the public hearing. Basically this is if we choose, right Craig, we did this four years ago in anticipation of the beginning of the Streetscape, we put it on the taxpayer, didn't we do it four years ago?

City Attorney Leen: It was less than four years ago, I think it was a couple of years ago.

Mayor Cason: Couple years ago we did this under Pat Salerno, looking forward to how we were going to collect money.

Finance Director Gomez: We might have done it earlier on, yes, but we never used it, we don't have to use it. At this point the debt has been taken out, so we plan to start collecting.

Mayor Cason: So if we don't do this we won't be able to use the tax.

Finance Director Gomez: We won't be able to use the tax, but we can still send our own bills out.

City Attorney Leen: You are absolutely right Mr. Mayor, this is a necessary thing to do or else we would lose millions of dollars, is that correct?

Mayor Cason: OK.

City Attorney Leen: Before you vote on that...

Finance Director Gomez: We would just have to bill it on our own.

City Attorney Leen: We would have to bill it on our own.

Finance Director Gomez: Right. This is just to use the Tax Bill in order to collect the assessment.

City Attorney Leen: Well you know what happened with the garbage fees, so this is a very effective way to collect.

Mayor Cason: My colleagues are very eager to move this one, so we have the Vice Mayor made the motion and Commissioner Slesnick seconded it – City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 3:18:12 p.m.]