

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-3
March 26, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-3 [12:32:50 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4, “Zoning Districts,” Section 4-206, “Business Improvement Overlay District (BIOD),” to amend provisions regulating hours of operation and amplified music indoors and outdoors for establishments fronting Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Quesada)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-3, ordinance on Second Reading.

City Attorney Ramos: F-3 is an Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4, “Zoning Districts,” Section 4-206, “Business Improvement Overlay District (BIOD),” to amend provisions regulating hours of operation and amplified music indoors and outdoors for establishments fronting Miracle Mile and Giralda Plaza, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. This is a public hearing item,

Ms. Suarez.

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Deputy City Attorney Suarez: Good afternoon Mayor and Commissioners, there are no changes since First Reading. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer to them.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: I have just a few quick questions for the sponsor. Did you see the letter that was formerly sent by 10 Aragon, Vice Mayor Quesada?

Vice Mayor Quesada: No.

Commissioner Lago: Well, they obviously were in opposition.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: And I've gotten a few calls from residents in the area concerned about music. I just wanted to make sure we put it on the record.

Vice Mayor Quesada: One of the issues, we've been testing it for a year.

City Attorney Ramos: About.

Vice Mayor Quesada: And there hasn't been any issue?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There hasn't been any issue.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Zero. Here's what happened is, if you control the decibels then its very clear and the max we really get up to is 75 or 85, which you are not going to hear outside of that street, and the reason we put it at that level is because I didn't want whatever music the bar was playing to impact what La Dorado was doing across or the next door down. So, I think...

Commissioner Lago: So this strictly only for Giralda.

All: And Miracle Mile.

Commissioner Mena: Would that not include the Satchmo plaza area?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Here's what happens with Satchmo, they get, hold on a second, let me step back for a second. The complaints related to Satchmo Blues Bar, which is Fritz and Franz, those come from special events when they get a thousand people there, live band.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: But that's once or twice a year.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But that's a few times a year and that's its own special event issue at a time. This is not that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And that issue is specially for that.

Commissioner Mena: That's my point is that the letter from 10 Aragon cannot possibly be about noise from...

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, no, no, but I understand why they would send it, because they are concerned because they've had issues with Fritz and Franz.

Commissioner Mena: What I'm saying is, this is not going to impact a decibel level in the immediate commercial Satchmo's.

City Attorney Ramos: Correct.

Commissioner Lago: That's a block away.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: A block away. Are these decibels that we've put in this? No way does that music get there, it doesn't reach.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Make a motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I mean, look I would say this just continue to monitor, but again, we've had close to 18 months at this level.

Commissioner Lago: Have we had any, I don't know, Code is here, have we had any issues in regards to once we've been testing the decibel level, have we had any real complaints about noise.

City Manager Iglesias: The main issues are the special events and we are monitoring with code or through parks themselves.

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Vice Mayor Quesada: That's what happens. Special events is when the bands get louder, they turn up the radio.

City Manager Iglesias: We are watching closer.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: [Inaudible].

Commissioner Lago: So the issue is not really a Thursday, Friday or Saturday night.

City Manager Iglesias: Its mostly those special events that we do monitor.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Got it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: When we get those complaints is when Fritz and Franz is applying for something new. Even Giralda Under the Stars, does Aragon ever complain during Giralda Under the Stars? I don't believe so. No.

Commissioner Mena: Can I make a motion to approve?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

City Attorney Ramos: It's a public hearing item. I don't think anyone is present.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Commissioner Keon: Absent

[End: 12:36:30 p.m.]