

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-8
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Presentation of Special Event Standard Operating Procedures for Event Permit Approval

Mayor Cason: Let's do H-8. And by the way, I gave you an e-mail on this from Mark Trowbridge. I think I gave each of you a copy of an e-mail you sent me, you probably haven't seen. Go ahead.

Mr. Couceyro: Good afternoon. So City staff in conjunction with outside counsel is drafting a proposed substantial revision to the City Code's Special Event provision, to add more clarity surrounding special events. This is a working draft that presents the Standard Operating Procedures for event permit approval. These procedures are intended to provide more guidance on the approval of special events and would likely be modified if and when, and it's when the Code is modified. I have a presentation that kind of presents the pertinent points of the procedure. So we start off with the Special Event Process. The Special Event Process starts with the Special Event Application. We ask the event organizer to put together an application; they are then scheduled to meet before the Special Events Committee. Special Events Committee is

comprised of several individuals from many different City departments and City divisions; Police, Fire, Risk Administration, Code Enforcement, and there are several more, Public Works, Sanitation, Public Service, Landscape Maintenance now. We do a review, the organizer comes in before the Committee, we do a review of the event, and then we issue conditions, revisions, requirements, could be a host of different things that we require for the event. On top of that we also ask for insurance compliance and that's the last piece before we approve the permit. Now the event types that we are looking at, they will vary from festivals, one day carnivals, events that a park such as Hartnett Ponce Circle Park, we've done weddings, there are all different types of events. We do approve all different types. There are some applications that we will deny or may be denied, if the event creates a conflict with laws, either local, federal, state laws. If it creates a safety risk in the opinion of the committee; if it features offensive or obscene content or is incompatible with the City's vision or brand. If the event causes severe disruption in the City; if the event organizer has not complied with the conditions that we set forth in our committee meetings, or if the event location is overextended. One of the changes that we are looking at for these procedures is looking at the event length. What we are proposing is the maximum number of consecutive days for an event will be four days. Whereas we haven't necessarily had a limit as we've had discussions here that events that had gone a week, two weeks. We are looking at a maximum four day limit.

Mayor Cason: For the same location?- if they went to two different locations?

Mr. Couceyro: In the same location; four consecutive days in one location; and then also feature those multiple day events that occur between Thursday and Sunday, we want to stay away from the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We also are looking at setup of special events to take place within 24 hours of the start time and also break down 24 hours from the end time. We don't want a three or four, five, six, seven day setup for an event because that creates an additional week of event time. In terms of the event locations; there are a few things that we looked at for event locations. Obviously, one of them that we discussed here is the 5K runs. One of the things we are looking at is we are going to create a lottery system where we are going to come up with three runs. We are working with a couple of race contractors hopefully to come up with an agreement they can help us with these new courses that we are devising to make sure that they have the proper setup and they are certified that we have the auxiliary services in terms of parking, setup for the beginnings of the race, the finish line. It's more than just the course, but we are looking at that, and then what we'll do is we'll have a lottery for all the existing runs that we have in the City, and we'll slot them, and then each successive year they'll be a rotation. So location one, two and three; the first year you have location one, the next year you have location two, the next year you have three, so you'll be in one location every three years. So the Granada Golf Course route which we've looked at trying to lessen the impact, you would only hit that course once every three years. In addition to the 5K location, we are also looking at special

events requests for certain areas which are used more than other locations; Biltmore Way area, Merrick Park area. If we get a new event that's not a pre-existing event, we'll look at alternative locations for that, try to spread it around in different areas of the City. There has been discussion here, like for instance, Miracle on the Mile when we do the redevelopment of Miracle Mile, there was discussion maybe we move that to Alhambra, the Carnival on the Mile, so we will be reviewing those and we'll consider locations for the organizers to use. One of the final things that you wanted us to put in is event locations with adjacent residential properties to limit those.

Mayor Cason: I've always been concerned about the definition of adjacent.

Mr. Couceyro: Well the way we've used the definition is, if it's right up to the property line or right across the street.

Mayor Cason: That's adjacent.

Mr. Couceyro: Yes.

Mayor Cason: Four hundred feet away is not adjacent?

Mr. Couceyro: No, but across the street – directly affected is how we look at it and so we are proposing a maximum 24 event days per year. So however you want to do that, if there are six events of four days, or if you want to do a few less and maybe lessen the weekday, you know, maybe do Saturdays and Sundays that kind of would help in terms of the feedback that we've gotten from residents in certain instances. The weekdays are more of a problem and a hindrance and it would lessen, in 24 days, would lessen certain areas certain events slates that were up to 40-50 days, so we really cut it back.

Mayor Cason: You think you'll be able to find three options for like the charity runs?- we have two now, but I mean...?

Mr. Couceyro: Yes, I think – we are trying to focus one up north. We've been in discussions with Police, we are looking at maybe using Alhambra, because there is a wide open area that you can do a start and a finish and you can have parking in certain areas. We are looking in the south area; we've looked at a run that would highlight the Villages. What we need to do is make sure that we can secure an area for parking and set it up; there are a couple of lots there, there is Maggiore Park as well, there are some options, but we need a little more work on them because we want to make sure that we are not affecting the residential area too much. It would be great if we can find a start and stop somewhere along a busier, maybe near U.S.-1 or something. So we are looking at trying to do a north-central, which will be the Granada and then the south. Some of

the other things that we are discussing are Code Enforcement. We looked at noise levels for those residents adjacent events lower from, we were at 85, 100 feet for the source in the decibel level and we want to bring it down to 75, which will be a reduction. In addition to that, we are going to require for those types of events that could be noise issue events, a deployment of a Code Enforcement officer; and that Code Enforcement officer will be a City employee and the event organizer will pay the City for that fee. It won't be paying the Code Enforcement officer directly, it will be paying the City, so the Code Enforcement officer will be working on behalf of the City and the City's best interest.

Mayor Cason: Are you going to have the Code Enforcement officer 100 fee away with a device?

Mr. Couceyro: Yes, that would be part of it. They will have decibel readers. We do that now when we have that, our park staff does, but we'll turn it over to Code Enforcement so they have the ability to cite and they are able to enforce.

Mayor Cason: And also resolve disputes when people think it's really loud and it's within Code.

Mr. Couceyro: Correct. Yes.

Commissioner Slesnick: And that would be off and on during the events?

Mr. Couceyro: They would be on there throughout the duration of the event. Whatever we assign for that time that will be determined.

Commissioner Slesnick: Are you saying like an off-duty police officer is there for four hours during the party?- so the Code Enforcement person would be there for four days, if they have four days of events the whole time?- and that the promoter would have to pay for the Code Enforcement officer?

Mr. Couceyro: Yes – and what we would do is through the committee review, our Code Enforcement staff that's there, they would determine the times that that Code Enforcement officer is needed. If the event goes from 12 to 10, from noon to 10, but they state that really the issues are from 6 p.m. to 10 (p.m.), then that's when we'll deploy the Code Enforcement officer. It will be at the discretion of our Code Enforcement personnel on the committee.

Mayor Cason: Makes sense.

Mr. Couceyro: And lastly, all the events they are reviewed by Police and Fire and Police and Fire determine several things; they determine the deployment of officers, how many for different

types of events, the street closures, the method of traffic control, whether we need on-site fire personnel or not, that is all reviewed and that will continue just as we do today. Another part of this is looking at the fee structure, it's another discussion we've had in the past and we want to look at changing the way we had our fee structure. So what we did is we proposed a non-profit fee and a for-profit fee. So what you have before you now is the non-profit fee, and what that is, is we have a base fee for three different categories, up to 500 persons per day at a site, up to 1,000 from 500 to 1,000, and then more than 1,000; and then what we did is we charge per day. You get a little bit of a discount if you go two days, three days, four days, but it's not one rate for a one day event versus a four day event. If you are having a four day event you are paying more, each successive day.

Mayor Cason: Will that cover setup and teardown?

Mr. Couceyro: No. That will cover the actual event day. The setup we don't currently have charging a fee.

Mayor Cason: We are still able, as we've done on many occasions to look at a particular case and waive the fees.

Mr. Couceyro: Yes. There are exceptions and waivers. Yes, I'll cover those in a second. We also have a for-profit, it's the same categories, the fees are higher. We do have a condition and that is part of the exception and waivers, and what it is, is the for-profit organizations they are eligible to receive the fee reduction to the non-profit rate, if the event meets certain green initiatives that we are working on setting forth with Sustainability, like bike parking, recycling, maybe not using plastic bags, obviously the polystyrene, all that stuff is what we are looking at. Another exception and waiver that we are looking at is that with the exception of these fees...

Mayor Cason: One question on non-profit, do they have to be registered as a 501(c)3 or just generically...?

Mr. Couceyro: No, we check, we check to see if they are registered.

Mayor Cason: They don't have to be if they haven't gotten around to it?

Mr. Couceyro: We've looked at – we've checked. I'm trying to see...

City Attorney Leen: They are not always exactly the same, because sometimes you could have a city or university or something like that, that might not be a 501(c)3, but would be non-profit.

Mayor Cason: Yes. Correct.

Mayor Cason: Put a definition somewhere of what non-profit means.

Mr. Couceyro: Right – we can put that together, yes. In addition to these fees, there are some additional City services, whether its barricades, obviously we talked about police. There could be some trash pickup, there could be electricity needs that these events has, so we'll have additional fees for those, and those we base on the cost providing it. For instance, you are doing an event and you are using Merrick Park and you need electricity, we will charge you for the rate of what it takes to have that electrician here for the duration of the event. So that's what we are looking at. The guideline decisions of permitting, approval will be made by the Special Events Committee, but the City Manager can make exceptions or additions if it's deemed to further or be compatible with the City's interest. Last exemption or waiver is special events that are organized by the City of Coral Gables are exempt from these guidelines.

Mayor Cason: Have we ever made any kind of agreement with Miami-Dade for use of that portable stage that we see sometimes on Ponce Circle Park?- we don't have them, a portable stage.

Mr. Couceyro: No, that's a show mobile...

Commissioner Slesnick: Is that Miami-Dade?

Mr. Couceyro: Yes it's for Miami-Dade. We have used them in partnership before, they used to be at a reasonable rate and when it got to the point where even the government price was higher than what we were able to get from another vendor that's when we stopped using them.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Commissioner Slesnick: And is there anyway of regulating the non-profits on how much funding they get for these festivals from the organization that's hosting it?

Mr. Couceyro: I mean we can.

Commissioner Slesnick: So that the non-profit or the for-profit organization is using the non-profit just to have the non-profit rates, or so forth.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: This also came up Commissioner related to liquor licenses and so you all wanted us to make sure that when somebody was using a non-profit to access that

liquor license that the non-profit was truly benefiting, and so as a part of that we said that we said that these Special Events Committee could ask questions regarding the nature of the relationship.

Mr. Couceyro: Correct – and I think as we move forward with the Code, the Code provision, we can actually look at whether we are capable of putting in language that could have some sort of criteria or...yes. We have to look at legally what that would be, but I think we can look at that.

Commissioner Slesnick: But it could be legally done, I mean one percent of the profits, twenty percent of the profits.

Mr. Couceyro: Sure. We would just have to determine what we found would be amenable, what we would think would be acceptable. Is one percent acceptable?- maybe, maybe not; is two?- ten?- what is it?

Commissioner Keon: I wouldn't agree with you Commissioner Slesnick. We see that there are some restaurants, places in the City that will, that host events regularly and they will tell you that they, some of the profits go toward or they make a donation to a non-profit or whatever. In that case, are they charged a non-profit fee?

Mr. Couceyro: No. If they are for-profit organizer, they are charged the for-profit fee. The non-profit – they would have to be the organization. Like Carnival on the Mile, that's the Kiwanis, they are non-profit; Gables Hispanic Cultural Foundation, they are a 501(c)3, so that would be non-profit. Some of the businesses that do events and then have a charitable component, they are still a for-profit.

Commissioner Keon: They are charged the for-profit fee.

Mr. Couceyro: They are a for-profit entity.

Commissioner Keon: OK. Thank you.

Mayor Cason: What do you want to do sponsor this e-mail we have from the Chamber?

Commissioner Lago: I had a quick question just in reference to that. They stated that there are currently six 5K races on the docket to be held in the area of North Gables among North and South Greenway, is that correct?

Mr. Couceyro: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: How many of those races are from entities that are local to Coral Gables? Again, a lot of these charities benefit, individuals, and businesses in South Florida, which in turn benefit City of Coral Gables, but I'm talking about directly linked with City of Coral Gables.

Mr. Couceyro: Off the top of my head, I think the Chamber is the one.

Commissioner Slesnick: I think the Chamber, especially and Doctor's, I mean...

Commissioner Lago: Miami Children's.

Commissioner Slesnick: Children's Hospital.

Mr. Couceyro: Children's Hospital, but that's outside.

Commissioner Lago: That's outside, but again we want to help the Children's Hospital, everybody in this community depends on Children's Hospital. I want to help all the charities, let me correct myself, but there has to be a little give and take in reference to the neighbors that have had an onslaught for such a long time of so much activity. I want to side with the Chamber on this issue, more importantly because I didn't realize that they were number one, the first the longest running 5K race in the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Cason: Twenty-one years.

Commissioner Lago: Twenty-one years – and that they've raised over \$25,000 for Coral Gables High School, so again, we know the commitment that the Chamber has to our City. I don't have a problem making these changes and moving forward, but I would ask for maybe an exception for the Chamber, if that's possible.

Commissioner Slesnick: I'd like to really make an exception for some of our longest organizations that have been here doing it, versus the newer ones that have come on in the last 15 years.

Commissioner Lago: Because there is a lot of great benefit to running in the Gables; safety, traffic, how beautiful the City is, but we've also got to remember the individuals and entities that are our greatest partners.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'm against limiting. I think we should continue having a lot of events and really work – and I know you mentioned that and you guys have studied it for different locations so it doesn't overly burden the Greenway area.

Commissioner Lago: But I'm not limiting; I'm talking about...

Commissioner Slesnick: Making exceptions.

Commissioner Lago: Making just one exception...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't want the exceptions to come into play, because I don't want to have any limitations on how many 5K's have we had. I think we get a lot of benefit out of having these 5K's bringing outsiders to come spend money in our downtown.

Mayor Cason: I agree.

Commissioner Lago: But this is not about limiting 5K's; this is about there is a rotation that we are discussing...

Commissioner Slesnick: A lottery.

Commissioner Lago: That's what...

Mayor Cason: They won't be in the rotation because they don't want to have City Hall as a backdrop.

Commissioner Lago: They won't be in the rotation like the Mayor just said in reference to the potential three different locations that are being proposed by the Director of Parks.

Mayor Cason: I agree with you. I love these events, because first of all, we are helping charities in general, we are showing the Gables to people that might not otherwise come in. Some of them may buy a home, but they are certainly going to park and they are going to pay, and they are going to go to the restaurants a lot of them. So I think it's good, it's a good image for the Gables, but I think in terms of the rotation, if you can find three routes, but I think most of the ones that fire the cannon or like the cancer, sort of South Florida in general, there are a couple that are more specific to the Gables. I'm in agreement that we give a break from this rotation to the Chamber.

Commissioner Slesnick: Are you saying there could be a possibility of having 24 days of races around the South Greenways, the North and South Greenways?

Mr. Couceyro: No. Right now we have – the way we have treated 5K's is we haven't accepted any new ones unless one goes away, or goes under, or doesn't do any more, then we would entertain a new one. So we kind of capped it at six and the intention would be to have, in this case, if we...we'll have the five and they'll rotate, so at any given year under that rotation and taken into account the Chamber provision, you may have three.

Commissioner Slesnick: Well six is not really an abnormally large number to have around the Greenways.

Mayor Cason: You live off and I live off and I don't have a problem. It's for one hour and then they are gone.

Commissioner Lago: And the issue too, again I don't live in the area, I want to be considerate of individuals that live in that area, especially two individuals on this dais, you know you have setup, it's a Saturday and Sunday. So it's a discussion of people cherish their Saturdays and Sundays.

Commissioner Slesnick: It's really all in and out in 24 hours; I mean they set up late Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Couceyro: And we've had some provisions where we've had some new things put in in terms of giving the residents the ability to call and then you'll have a motorized police officer will go to your house and take you out of the race, out of the route if you need to...

Vice Mayor Quesada: How about this?- and this serves a dual purpose, have you thought about partnering or speaking to Fairchild about having run 5K's through their property? I'm just saying talk to Nanette and talk to Bruce.

Mr. Couceyro: I could talk to them.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because the 5K is typically occur 7 or 8 in the morning, before Fairchild is open to the general public.

Mr. Couceyro: Correct.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So it would help two ways. First of all, it allows people to do the 5K within the City, Fairchild gets more exposure to people who maybe have never been there, or haven't been there in a while, and it's not going to impact Fairchild and obviously they are going to work on some logistics, and you do maybe one or two laps and that could be a 5K.

Commissioner Lago: And they could actually benefit financially from some sort of...

Mr. Couceyro: We could look at it. The only thing that we did look in that area is what you have to worry about is the traffic of, if you have a big run. If you have like a couple thousand runners and then Old Cutler Road.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But Fairchild can handle with the parking that they have at six in the morning.

Mr. Couceyro: Right, but when you exit out like at 10 then you have all that boat traffic also on Old Cutler because they are getting to Matheson Hammock, so that's another thing we have to consider. I'm not saying you can't do it, I just know that's something that we've looked at in the past with traffic.

Mayor Cason: Are you distinguishing that 5K, for example, the Down Syndrome which is a walk, it's not 5, are those separate?

Mr. Couceyro: Down Syndrome – well no, they've turned it into a run, it is now a run and we actually moved them away from that, they were the seventh one and they were over at Ponce Circle Park, and we got to alter that route a little bit, we didn't get positive reviews on the route, so we are going to change that a little bit.

Commissioner Slesnick: Fred, do you think by having other locations that would encourage more 5K runs in the Gables?- I mean it's an attractive City, so I can see why people might want to be here.

Mr. Couceyro: I'm not sure. I know that for the runs the allure is Granada Golf Course, because it's such a beautiful property and when you run it's a nice environment, so I know that the allure for these runs has been the Granada Golf Course. In our discussions letting them know that this is a possibility of doing this rotation, they all stipulated that they would rather stay around Granada Golf Course, if given the opportunity.

Mayor Cason: Alright. In terms of the Chamber, we agree that we'll give them a break, give the Chamber a break.

Commissioner Keon: Give the Chamber a break, yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes.

Mayor Cason: So we'll give the Chamber a break from the rotation.

Commissioner Keon: The rotation – they could be permanently assigned over there.

Mr. Couceyro: So do we want to continue the rotation, because I heard maybe, maybe not, the lottery.

Commissioner Keon: I think that they should be rotated. I know we get – I've gotten a number of complaints from people in the North Gables that because the streets are blocked off its harder to get in and out or whatever else on the weekends, and they are taking kids to practice or whatever, running errands, so I think it would be a good idea to...

Commissioner Slesnick: I think some of the complaints are mainly because the residents don't know about it if somebody is planning a garage sale or a breakfast at their house, or something on a Saturday morning and then no one can get in.

Commissioner Lago: That's why I think it's a good opportunity now that you brought that up is that we should advertise, it's beneficial for the actual charity, maybe we should advertise like two or three weeks in advance on our weekly newspaper saying, look there is a run coming.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Or make a minimum requirement for all those runs to at least notify each one of those homes in the affected route.

Mr. Couceyro: We do and if they are not getting the message out...I know we used to run into that and you would let me know.

Commissioner Slesnick: We haven't gotten many or any for like five years.

Mr. Couceyro: Then we'll look at that.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Or maybe what we do is we require them to pay for the postage and we send it out, so we know that it goes out.

Mr. Couceyro: Yes, we can do that.

Commissioner Slesnick: And we have a lot of e-mails, I mean we have e-mails for everybody around North and South Greenway.

Mr. Couceyro: We can do that – absolutely.

Mayor Cason: OK. So anything else to discuss on this?

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Maybe post a notice at the Liberty Café and at Burger Bob’s every time that happens, maybe a little sign, run this weekend.

Commissioner Slesnick: Information is wonderful.

Mr. Couceyro: We do have a couple of runs coming...

Mayor Cason: Alright. Thank you.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, I just have to add, at the next meeting you are going to be receiving a motion, pardon me, a proposed ordinance on a noise ordinance and also a proposed special events ordinance. They amend the provisions in the Code. The noise ordinance ties into what you were saying, but it also tries to incorporate some of the issues that came up several months ago, and I think Vice Mayor, you specifically had mentioned the noise ordinance, you wanted us to take a look at it. I believe the City Manager’s Intern also looked at it at that time and my office looked at it, and we put something together that I think you’ll like, but...

Mayor Cason: I’d like you to include persistent barking dogs. You walk around sometimes you hear, people leave the dog in the backyard and they bark for five hours straight, we need something in there about that.

Commissioner Lago: It’s funny you mention that, because I was at a friend of mine’s residence the other day, this past weekend, and I swear to you his backdoor neighbor, I asked him, I go, doesn’t that bother you?- there is somebody that has like seven or eight dogs and they were just barking all day.

Commissioner Keon: That’s against the law.

Commissioner Lago: I’m guessing it was seven or eight, I mean just by the amount of noise and the continued barking, it could have been four or five or it could have been three, but it just was so constant.

Mayor Cason: And you know what happens it's people that go away and they leave the dog in the backyard, they don't hear it, but the neighbors do. You can hear sometimes a block or two away, because when I walk around the golf course sometimes I hear the dog just barking, and barking, and barking. So do something about it.

City Attorney Leen: It doesn't presently address that expressly, but we can add something.

Mayor Cason: Put it in there because that way the Code Enforcement...

Commissioner Lago: So what does Code Enforcement do when somebody makes a complaint based on that?

City Attorney Leen: They can still violate the noise ordinance; it's an unreasonable noise and they have to use their judgment and they look at how long it's been and how loud, and we've had several cases on that.

Commissioner Lago: I think we should clarify.

Mayor Cason: Do some research on other communities.

Commissioner Keon: What we did recently, I mean we did have an incident that created a lot of problems for someone, is that although they would call Code Enforcement and they would call the police when the dogs were barking, it's not an emergency thing or whatever, so by the time the police got out there they weren't barking any longer or whatever. It was hard to identify who it was. It was hard. But you know what they did was allow a neighbor to provide video evidence, like on your phone, you know that you could take a video of it and submit it as evidence to Code Enforcement for how long it went on and that it was....

Mayor Cason: So I think it's a good opportunity to address that because it's been bothering me for a long time.

Commissioner Keon: I mean is that in our Code that you can use video evidence, it doesn't have to be cited by the Code officer or by a police officer if you can provide some evidence.

City Attorney Leen: Under our Code a third party can present an affidavit or evidence, that's not prohibited. Typically the Code Enforcement officer likes to go out there themselves and observe it, in most cases, in this case we did something different as you mentioned, but in most cases we prosecute the cases, Code Enforcement, which is under the City Manager, they enforce, so we work together very well. So what they've told us is they prefer to be on site and observe it

themselves because then they don't have to rely on hear-say, or they don't have to rely on the witness coming, they don't have to rely on a question of credibility if there are like two witnesses and one says one thing and one says the other, and they are both interested parties, then the Code Enforcement Board has to weigh it. So they much prefer to come in and have observed it themselves, and typically, I would like to tell you, before they go before the Code Enforcement Board and the Magistrate, the City prevails in almost every case, and I feel like we are always reasonable, we work very hard to be reasonable those cases and we almost always prevail. So that's good. Now there are specific circumstances like this one with the barking dog where the Code Enforcement officer goes out there and then the dog stops barking, or perhaps maybe one dog is barking but not three or four, and so we've said that in those circumstances video evidence or a recording can be helpful, because that's not just based on the observation of the witness, but that's something objective, but we are still going to need that person to come in and testify to the authenticity of the video, to the recording, and the other thing people need to remember is it's not legal in Florida to record your neighbor speaking to you without their permission. You can't like surreptitiously record people and I want to make that very clear on the record, so you just need to be aware of that. But assuming it's a legal recording or a video tape, we can use that and we can prosecute the case.

Mayor Cason: Alright. Thank you.

[End: 1:28:56 p.m.]