

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item D-2
October 10, 2017
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

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Mayor's Comments

Update regarding Mayor's meeting with the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: My first comment regarding Mayor's comments is, we met with the Superintendent last Thursday, Superintendent of Schools and their counsel and his leadership team, and Cathy our City Manager, the City Attorney, and Naomi went with me to meet with them. It was a very, very constructive meeting. I think we put behind us many of the not bitterness, but discussions in the past. He started the meeting by saying that he was glad that we were there, because there had been 20 meetings where they had been acrimonious and back and forth and he said, let's turn the page and let's not discuss the past. I think we are going to reach a resolution; we are going to reach a very satisfactory solution having to do with zoning issues, conditions of the schools in Coral Gables, attendance by Coral Gables students to public schools, and the quality of the schools and Chapter 164 meetings. I can't go on to specifics because the

School Board has to meet, but I think it was a very, very constructive meeting and we are well on our way to be better partners in the future and to solve our problems and the problems were discussed.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It was good.

Vice Mayor Keon: Will we be able to create an agreement or a compact and education compact with the City based on some of the thing that you discussed?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We are going reach a comprehensive agreement, yes.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you.

City Attorney Leen: So, the Chapter 164 process is still continuing and we did allow them to go forward with the construction as to West Lab and they did agree to a zoning process and I thought that the Mayor did very well in the meeting. I thought it went very well for us, so did the Superintendent. It was a very positive meeting.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very positive.

[End: 10:29:28 a.m.]