

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-5
July 9, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Senior Sustainability Analyst, Matt Anderson
Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-5 [10:34:18 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, encouraging the Florida Public Service Commission to set meaningful, impactful, and ambitious energy efficiency goals.
(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And now we are at a time certain 10:30, Agenda Item G-5, Vice Mayor Lago's Florida Public Service Commission.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you. I want to see if we can get some of our members from staff here, if they want to come up and discuss a little of the finer salient points in regard to what we are trying to achieve here.

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Mr. Anderson: So this is a resolution just basically, every five years – in 1980 the state passed a statute called Florida Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act and every five years they revisit it. The Public Service Commission revisits it with the utility companies in the State of Florida in establishing energy efficiency goals, and we are coming up on that five year term now and they are going to be meeting in a couple of months; and this is a resolution basically asking the Public Service Commission to work with utilities on adopting higher energy efficiency goals for the utilities. Unfortunately, in the State of Florida compared to the rest of the country, it's a lot lower than most places around the country, so its really pushing the Public Service Commission to work with the utilities in adopting higher energy efficiency goals.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you make a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: I just wanted to change one thing, maybe in the resolution that talks about, I want to see if my colleagues are interested in potentially changing the word ambitious to cost effective goals. I want to make sure that its not just ambitious, because its very ambiguous. I want to make sure that its cost effective, because when you talk about cost effective goals, you are talking about not only what's in the best interest of the community as a whole, but also the business community. I want to make sure that its where we are getting right to the core of the issues that, not only about sustainability, its also about saving as much money as possible. And its been proven that solar, obviously works in both accounts.

Mr. Anderson: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can you also add conservation conscious?

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes – whatever you like. Yes, I think its great.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Conservation conscious.

Mr. Anderson: OK.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: With those two amendments are there any other?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you make the motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Keon: Second.

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

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you – great work.

[End: 10:36:36 a.m.]