

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-3
January 26, 2021
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 Jorge Fors

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
IT Director, Raimundo Rodulfo

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-3 [Start: 10:40 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to conduct an additional Community Meeting prior to the February 9th City Commission meeting; regarding the Zoning Code update with extensive notice provided, for the purpose of staff explaining the proposed changes to the community and obtaining input from the community and further directing that the Zoning Code Update Ordinances be set at 5 p.m. time certain at the February 9, 2021 City Commission Meeting. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: G-3 Commissioner.

City Attorney Ramos: G-3 is a Resolution of the City Commission directing the City Manager to conduct an additional Community Meeting prior to the February 9th City Commission meeting; regarding the Zoning Code update with extensive notice provided, for the purpose of staff explaining the proposed changes to the community and obtaining input from the community and

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further directing that the Zoning Code Update Ordinances be set at 5 p.m. time certain at the February 9, 2021 City Commission Meeting.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you Mayor, thank you Madam City Attorney. I think we have discussed this ad nauseum and I thank our Zoning Director for being here with us. I've requested and I had made this request via e-mail to my colleagues after the last public meeting that we had. I sent a memo at 8 o'clock in the morning the next day. Today, I had no issues waiting today to make this decision. I just wanted to give our staff as much flexibility to be able to move forward as quickly as possible to meet the February 9th deadline and not be kind of a conundrum in regards to whether limited dates were available, and I wanted to make sure that everybody come. So basically, the purpose of this resolution is to ensure a third public meeting that I've called, along with having a time certain 5 p.m. for the second reading of the zoning rewrite. So, I ask you for your consideration on this and I ask you for your support, because this is a great opportunity again, to get as much public comment before we have the second reading of the zoning rewrite on February 9th. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

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

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And the date.

City Manager Iglesias: We would like to have the presentation on February 1st at 5 p.m. There will be a brief presentation by Ramon Trias, our Assistant Planning and Zoning Director and then there will be a question and answer and input from everyone.

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Vice Mayor Lago: Mr. Mayor, if I may, I just want to go back to the last meeting that we had, and I gave these comments to the Manager and to the staff. I think Mr. Trias and Mr. Cejas did an incredible job really laying out the ground game and understanding and explaining what the residents want. The purpose of this final meeting on February 1st, which I think is an appropriate date, is to just give a five minute overview, just an introduction, and then let the residents put their concerns or their questions on the record and we just have a Q&A until the last resident has been heard.

City Manager Iglesias: And that's what we intend to do.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Manager, I appreciate that.

Commissioner Keon: I have asked the Manager and I know Ed Santamaria and our IT Department to put a link on the Home Page that makes it much easier and much quicker for residents to be able to access the presentation that was given before, and the information in case they want to look at it before they attend the next meeting.

City Manager Iglesias: Commissioner, our IT Director is working on that and he probably will have it done today, and we are also going to try to put that link tomorrow on E-NEWS.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. It's hard to find. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: And also, the final point, as we discuss, just to put it on the record. Just to make sure it's a one click, one click to get into the next meeting.

City Manager Iglesias: Kind of make it as simple as possible.

Vice Mayor Lago: We had a resident that brought it up. Again, it was very visible, it was very easy, but I want to make it as simple as possible for anybody who wants to attend the meeting, just click it and they don't have to go through multiple layers, may be can be on the first page of the website, if possible.

City Manager Iglesias: Our IT Director, Vice Mayor, is working on that right now, as I told Commissioner Keon.

Vice Mayor Lago: IT is doing a great job, by the way, and so is Rodulfo. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very good.

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Vice Mayor Lago: Look, the man with the key to the city. I don't even have a key to the city. What's going on here? (Laughter)

IT Director Rodulfo: Yesterday we also added it to one of the menus on the Home Page, so its under I-1 too, and we will continue finding other places where to put it to make it more visible. But it is on the Home Page now, one click under I-1 on the main menu.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you sir. I appreciate that.

City Manager Iglesias: So, we talked about it last night and he did it today, so it's done.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you very much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.