

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Non-Agenda Item
September 11, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Public Speaker(s)

Non-Agenda Item [9:18:29 a.m.]

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I have a non-agenda item which is that yesterday our City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark presented her resignation as City Manager of the City of Coral Gables and we have a resolution here accepting her resignation and providing for transition, accepting her resignation. Would you read the resolution Madam City Attorney?

City Attorney Ramos: Would you like me to read the contents sir, all of it?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, read all of it; and it's not only accepting the resolution it's providing for the transition. Will you read it please?

City Attorney Ramos: Yes sir. It's A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF THE CITY MANAGER AND PROVIDING FOR TRANSITION.

WHEREAS, City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark tendered her resignation effective September 14, 2018; and

WHEREAS, at the City Commission meeting of September 11, 2018, the City Commission accepted her resignation with provision for compensation and transition; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Swanson-Rivenbark’s employment contract is set forth in Resolution 2014-249; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney has authority to interpret and provide opinions on behalf of the City regarding resolutions and contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission wishes to ensure a smooth transition with cooperation from all parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the resignation by City Manager Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark is accepted effective September 14, 2018, with provision being made for Ms. Swanson-Rivenbark to receive severance, as stated in her employment resolution.

SECTION 3. That Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias, will serve as Interim City Manager until such time as either a permanent City Manager is appointed or another individual is named Interim City Manager, whichever occurs first. Peter Iglesias will begin serving in the roll of Interim City Manager on September 11, 2018 but the City Manager will remain employed by the City through September 14, 2018.

SECTION 4. That the City Attorney is authorized to interpret and implement this resolution to provide for a Cooperation and Transition Agreement that will ensure the assistance of the prior City Manager after September 14, 2018, and that will effect the orderly transition to a new City Manager.

That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Mena: I’ll make a motion to accept it.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

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

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

[End: 9:20:56 a.m.]