

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
September 28, 2016
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

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)

Agenda Item I-3 [12:38:30 p.m.]

Status Report regarding pending Nuisance Abatement/Abandoned Property Matters

Mayor Cason: Let's do I-3; I-2, I-3 and I-4 first.

City Attorney Leen: So Item I-3 is a Status Report regarding pending nuisance abatement/abandoned property matters, all of you have that in your packet. What I would ask is, Alex Palenzuela is actually out of the country and Miriam is not here today, because there is a family emergency, so I'd like to move it to the next meeting and I'd like to ask you if there is anything that you see on the report, if there is a specific property you would like us to focus on e-mail me the property. You've already told me individually of a couple of them, so they are going to be presented at the next meeting. If any of you have anything else or Madam City Manager, if you have another property let me know and it will be reported on, on the next meeting.

Mayor Cason: I think the main thing on this one when you look through it, table of contents, how many complied and completed there are.

City Attorney Leen: One thing you'll see is that, because these are all the properties that have been on this list, many of them are complied. We are making a real impact. I think it shows what can be done when the City Commission sets a clear mandate, the City Manager's office and City Attorney's office work together, look at this, its 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 of these properties, half of the properties already have complied. These were some of the most severely affected properties in Coral Gables, which were getting caught in litigation and foreclosures, and now we are seeing compliance, and eventually we are going to see compliance on every one; and I know that you want us to continue expediting that and we keep reporting to you a lot of our successes, but I really do need to thank City Manager's office, and also Code Enforcement, because Code Enforcement has been such a help, and then of course Alex Palenzuela and then also Izzy Reyes and Manny Guarch, because we just won that forfeiture hearing, which was a big win and we are hoping to continue to use that forfeiture ordinance. Obviously, in appropriate circumstances consistent with the Commission's resolution on that.

Mayor Cason: So since there is no report we don't need to do anything other than you'll bring it back next time at the appropriate time.

City Attorney Leen: Yes.

Mayor Cason: OK. So that takes care of I-3.

[End: 12:40:35 p.m.]