

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-6
November 9, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-6 [11:39 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution Number 2022-175, to establish a revised peafowl mitigation policy pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Chapter 5 “Animals and Fowl”, Section 5-16 “Taking of peafowl prohibited; municipal opt out.” (Sponsored by Mayor Lago)

Mayor Lago: F-6.

City Attorney Ramos: F-6 is a Resolution of the City Commission amending Resolution Number 2022-175, to establish a revised peafowl mitigation policy pursuant to the Code of Miami-Dade County, Chapter 5 “Animals and Fowl”, Section 5-16 “Taking of peafowl prohibited; municipal opt out.”

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Good morning. This item was sponsored by Mayor Lago. As you may recall, a few months ago, you all adopted a peafowl removal policy which Levi-Garcia presented to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners last month. Last month at the BCC meeting the Commission conditionally approved the city’s policy contingent on the city clarifying

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a few items, including making more clear the language about humane removal and relocation of peafowl and exploring the possibility of implementing a neutering program for peafowl. The peafowl mitigation policy has been updated with the suggestions from the BCC, and is before you today for your approval.

Mayor Lago: We already have, we are working on a strategy when residents call. I have a lot of residents calling me. Obviously, we have these issues, especially on the corridor of LeJeune where the boundary between the City of Miami, Coconut Grove and the Chinese Village, that area there where we just have the new park that we just inaugurated. Do we have a plan already in place when residents start calling on how to start the positive removal of the peafowl.

City Manager Iglesias: Mayor, we are trying to find, once this passes we will have companies that will remove them and also, the county wanted us to make sure that they were humanely treated, so we are finding those companies now to be able to take care of it ourselves and provide that to our residents.

Mayor Lago: You need to keep reminding people that these are not native species, they're not. They are like the iguanas, the python, beautiful, beautiful, but just like there are some residents that love them, also residents that really are not happy with the situation; and please, please, do not make the situation worse. You have two issues of this right now, especially one around the Chinese Village, do not feed the peafowl, please. Do not take cat food and put cat food on the sidewalk, because its just attracting dozens of peafowls and we are all getting the e-mails, we are all having to deal with it, even Legal is involved. I'm trying to stop this, the feeding of the peacocks. Beautiful in nature, but again, let's not do that, please.

City Manager Iglesias: Unfortunately, we have a national park just west of Krome Avenue and if this gets there, it would be another destructive species there. So this is very serious.

Mayor Lago: Thank you. I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll second.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)