

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item M – Discussion Items
May 8, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else to come before the meeting?

Commissioner Keon: You know what, I would like to thank the landscape crew from the City for the work they have done on Sunrise Park. They did a wonderful job in cleaning up the wall and painting...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: That is the Parks Department.

Commissioner Keon: The Parks Department – thank you very much for their care and attention to that little park. They’ve done a wonderful job. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: Just one quick thing. I sent you a memo yesterday in regards to the TPO. After working over the last six months, we've identified some monies that are coming from the federal government, it's for planning and implementation, and it's a funding criteria for the projects that must be used for either new routes with connectivity to the SMART Plan, new stations with connectivity to the SMART Plan, and new transit facilities with connectivity to the SMART Plan. So, I'm mentioning this right now because if you have any ideas, I need you to come and speak with staff immediately. The due date is May 21st. Staff met with the TPO staff, we had another meeting yesterday and when you get a chance it kind of goes into it here in the memo. The second point is, on point number two, and Ed and I had a conversation. I know we are all looking for in regards to a comprehensive update on transportation related initiatives. We are going to move that update to the 22nd, which I think will give the staff a little bit more time to put something together which deals with the interlocal agreement, traffic calming measures, and other pending updates we deal with the County. So we should have that update, I'm going to put that on the Commission Agenda for the 22nd. Everybody was concerned, but the Mayor has brought it up the last two meetings.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Attorney Ramos: Mr. Mayor, I'd like to just briefly mention on the recent win that the City had on the case of Cascar versus City of Coral Gables. This lawsuit was filed in 2013. It attacked our historic preservation ordinance and a subsequent denial of the demolition permit based on the historic designation; and it came to the tune of a \$7 million dollar potential liability to the City. So it's a huge win. It certainly can be appealed, we are hopeful that it will not be. Not only financially is it a win for the City, but also to our historic preservation ordinance.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Beautiful. Thank you very much. Meeting adjourned.

[End: 3:35:50 p.m.]