

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-4
July 11, 2017
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, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-4 [2:34:37 p.m.]

A discussion regarding smart parking technology
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: G-4 is the next one please.

Commissioner Lago: We can move that to the next Commission meeting. What I would like to do is if we can, just immerse yourself a little bit about smart parking technology.

Commissioner Quesada: With the app and it tells you if there is a space and all that.

Commissioner Lago: No, no, but not only that. I'll be very brief and we'll talk about this and I hate to do this to Kevin, because I know you've prepared.

Commissioner Quesada: We've got no time, just say it, what is it?

Commissioner Lago: Very quickly. There are different entities out there and I've been talking about this for two years. I wanted today to bring a company here who is doing work in Moscow, London, and all over the world.

Commissioner Quesada: What do they do?

Commissioner Lago: They do the smart technology which lowers congestion 30-35 percent, 40 percent.

Commissioner Quesada: What is the cost? I'm just trying to get it through quickly. I'm trying to help you.

Commissioner Lago: I can't do it justice, OK. The point is, Kevin buys in, the Manager buys in, everybody thinks it's important to do smart technology in regards to parking, so that when you come into the City you know how many parking spaces are in the parking lots, and also, you know how many street parking spaces there are, so people are not driving around looking for spaces.

Commissioner Quesada: Fully supportive depending on price.

Commissioner Lago: Hold on, listen to me. I would like for the City Manager for the next Commission meeting with Kevin Kinney to have one of these vendors. We are not obligated to use them. I just want them to come, so they can educate all of us on the importance of street smart parking.

Vice Mayor Keon: I think that when regardless of whom we go with to do the garages, when Allen Morris and Related did their presentation, they did a pretty significant presentation on smart parking.

Commissioner Lago: But, they did not include surface parking, which is something that I wanted to give you a little bit of an idea on, because yes, you are talking about the parking garages, but most of the congestion doesn't come from the parking garages. It comes from the people driving in circles around the downtown looking for a parking space, because they want to park as close as possible to their ultimate destination. When you look at this presentation you will understand that it doesn't matter who we go with, there are like four or five firms in the world that are capable of doing this. The idea is, how do you finance it?- how does it make sense for the City?- and what technology is appropriate for Coral Gables? So what I would like, please, I'd like the Commission to support me on this, is for the next Commission meeting in August that Kevin

Kinney and staff work with one of the vendors to give a simple presentation about what they have done in Mexico, in London, in Paris, and what the results have been.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Good.

Commissioner Quesada: Agreed.

Commissioner Lago: Agreed? Are we good?

Commissioner Quesada: Agreed. Done.

[End: 2:37:07 p.m.]