

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-3**  
**August 25, 2015**  
**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)**

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Agenda Item I-3 [4:50:22 p.m.]

Status update regarding MPO membership

Mayor Cason: And the final is I-3, MPO membership.

City Attorney Leen: Yes. Mr. Mayor this is a status update regarding the MPO membership. This matter I circulated a memo to the Commission last evening. This is still an open issue, in my view. What I would like is, first what I should say is that the response we received from the County is not positive, they've looked at some of our authority that we've sent, but what they are saying is they believe it has to be done in the decennial census, every ten years, there has to be – that's when they'll relook at membership on the MPO, and just for those at home, there needs to be a population of 50,000 for a city to have a seat on the MPO and that's very important to have a seat on the MPO, as you get to be involved in the planning for this whole metropolitan area – transportation, there is significant transportation issues related to that as well, and I'm sure some

of the Commissioners may want to speak about that. My issue, what you've asked me to do is see if we can get membership along with the City Manager; and what I found is at this moment the U.S. Department of Transportation indicates that there is an inner-decennial census that can be done, that we have to pay \$200 to have them do an estimate of how much it would cost to do one. And I'm going to suggest today that you authorize that. Will then bring back the study to you and then get further direction. The other think I'd like to do is and Fausto Gomez, the City's Lobbyist will be meeting with the City Manager tomorrow, I'm going to go as well. He's told me that he knows a lot about this issue, and I believe the City Manager as well knows a fair amount about this issue. So we are going to work to see if we can get the Governor's Office or the County or whoever we need to take another look at this inner-decennial census issue. But I do think that its going to help our case a lot, particularly if we decide to use something like Chapter 164 or something like that, to press our case. Its going to help a lot to show that we actually have 50,000 people. So I do think we should start proceeding with the inner-decennial census....

Mayor Cason: We probably do have 50,000 people. The last five years what we had, 48,600 or something the last time, we certainly have more than 1,400 people...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And some of our numbers are 49-something, so its close.

Mayor Cason: Right. So you need a resolution then for I-3.

City Attorney Leen: It would be helpful to have a resolution asking us to continue with our work on this, the City Attorney, and to pay the money for the estimate to come back to you with that.

Mayor Cason: Who will make the motion?

Commissioner Lago: I'll make the motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago, Commissioner Quesada. City Clerk.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 4:53:12 p.m.]