

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
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City Commission Chambers
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provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

A discussion regarding extending pilot shared mobility device pilots with Spin, Bird, or additional providers.

(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Quesada)

Update on the Spin scooter pilot program.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: H-9, Commissioner Quesada -- Vice Mayor Quesada, a discussion regarding extending pilot shared mobility device pilots with Spin, Bird or additional providers.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah. I want to have this conversation in conjunction with the report that we're going to get from Spin today. Mr. Mayor, I'm not sure if that was a part of my item or a part of...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We have three items related to...

City Attorney Ramos: Three different items.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Scooters.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Can we just...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Put them together? I think it makes most sense to start with the report....

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Of course.

Vice Mayor Quesada: On what...

City Attorney Ramos: I agree.

Vice Mayor Quesada: We've experienced so far.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so...

Vice Mayor Quesada: (INAUDIBLE) with staff (INAUDIBLE)...

Unidentified Speaker: Absolutely.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Under the City Manager's item, there's an update from Spin. We have Spin here. The other items, just for clarity, an ordinance regarding allowance to ride on the sidewalk. That is part -- and then you also wanted to talk about the possibility of expanding and...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: For other providers, so all three of them are related, but Spin today is giving us an update on ridership and the experiences that they've had so far. It's a new program.

City Attorney Ramos: And the update is J-2 in the agenda.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Perfect.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What?

Commissioner Mena: J-2.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I will turn it over to you. And I'll say so far we're very happy. You guys have been great partners so far.

Brian No: Well, thank you so much for having me. Mayor Valdes-Fauli, Vice Mayor Quesada, and members of the Commission...

City Attorney Ramos: If we could bring up the PowerPoint, please. I'm sorry.

Mr. No: Yes.

City Attorney Ramos: They'll bring it up for you.

Mr. No: Okay.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, no. That's not the right one.

City Attorney Ramos: The J-2...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can you state your name?

City Attorney Ramos: PowerPoint.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can you state your name for the record?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Okay, that's the one.

Mr. No: Yes. My name is Brian No. I'm the head of public policy for Spin. And as you know, we worked with each and every one of you and the City staff for the past several months on

starting our pilot. And we're here to give very preliminary results. Please keep in mind that we've only been operating for about a couple of weeks, so we still have a lot more learning to do and a lot more information that we want to share with both the Commission and the City staff. So, as you know, Coral Gables made a little bit of history last month when it became the very first city in the state of Florida to allow scooter share in -- for public use. And I think the results so far can speak for themselves as sort of a new model that other cities and communities in the state and across the country can look forward to and look to when they're contemplating bringing in an innovative mobility solution. So, this is just between August 6 and the 21st. One thing to keep in mind is, as we mentioned to you last time I was here, we usually have a different way of doing things when we first deploy and operate dockless mobility services, which is we want to start off slow and steady and grow very gradually because we think that is the number-one way to ensure the safety and responsibility of the fleet, and also, to ensure that there is no public backlash from, you know, deploying way too many scooters all at once and causing confusion. So, as you can see, over the course of this period, the average daily fleet size was only about 46. I think on our very first day we launched with about 20 scooters, and we're now deploying between 70 to 75 scooters. And I believe -- you know, the number of rides is now about 2,400. So, even since August 21st, we've seen really strong ridership growth. And in fact...

Vice Mayor Quesada: But remind me, we said -- we maxed you out at 75 scooters?

Mr. No: That's correct.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I see 8/21, we had 70 scooters.

Mr. No: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Since -- from the 21st to today, have you guys seen it go above that or...

Mr. No: No, no, no. We've been deploying them within 75, between 70 and 75, just depending...

Commissioner Lago: We're talking about deployment.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'm sorry?

Commissioner Lago: Is that deployment or is that usage?

Commissioner Keon: Deployment.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I think that's usage, right? 70 scooters were used?

Mr. No: No, no, no. We deployed...

Commissioner Lago: Talking about deployed.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Got it.

Mr. No: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, when you say 46 average fleet size...

Mr. No: Yes. So, because we start off with only a fleet of -- on our very first day when we launched it, we only put out 20 scooters.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Got it.

Mr. No: And we slowly just added to that each day to grow that number.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Then over that 15-day period, the average is 46.

Mr. No: Yes, per day.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, what about usage? So, if the average fleet size over those 15 days was 46 that you're putting out there, what was the average number that were used per day?

Mr. No: So, so far, we're seeing pretty consistently as of, I want to say, this week, about three trips per day per scooter.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Got it, for...

Mr. No: And...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Whatever's out there, whether it's 20 or 70 out there.

Mr. No: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Got it.

Mr. No: And so, we've been consistently putting out between 70 and 75 scooters per day. And obviously, part of this is trying to figure out, you know, what is appropriate further, you know, maximum fleet size for Coral Gables. As you know, Coral Gables isn't the largest city in the world. It's not the most dense. So, we're trying to find that right balance. Obviously, that usage will grow as more and more people are aware, which is why, you know, the first couple weekends when we launched, we sent out brand ambassadors to help educate and show members of the public, you know, how to use it, how to ride it safely, how to download the app, et cetera. The great thing so far is we've seen very few customer complaints. And it's my understanding --

after talking to City staff -- that they too also haven't really received many complaints whatsoever. And I really do think that is because of the fact that the City has decided to do this in a very responsible, slow manner. And it kind of attests to sort of what we have always long believed, which is if you start off slow and steady you can do this right. You're avoiding any of the negative headlines that a lot of cities are facing when they welcome a Wild Wild West situation. So, just to go on -- next...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Real quick, can you go back one slide?

Mr. No: Sure.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Average trip distance. I guess that's what I sort of assumed. I always assumed that people would be going, I don't know, from their office to a lunch meeting or to another office for a meeting during the day. I actually thought maybe it would be a little bit further, but I guess it's about right.

Unidentified Speaker: I thought it would be less.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Is that what you anticipated in the city, about a mile, or you didn't...

Mr. No: So, I do think...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Think about it?

Mr. No: You know, at any beginning period when people are first seeing this, they just want to kind of try it and not necessarily take it to go somewhere necessarily far away.

Vice Mayor Quesada: That was like me.

Mr. No: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I did the same thing, yeah.

Mr. No: So, we expect...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I took it a few blocks.

Mr. No: The average trip distance to grow as more and more people become aware of it...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Mr. No: And as we reach sort of the right fleet size that we think might make the most sense for Coral Gables. We, obviously, expect that to grow, but you know, part of the pilot is we don't actually know what that number will be down the road. And we were hoping to find out. So, you know, it's kind of hard to see, I realize, but the first -- the graph on the left is -- or sorry, the diagram on the left is, you know, all the start locations, a heat map of that. And obviously, they're very concentrated along the Miracle Mile because that's where we've been deploying them. The deployment spots, as you know, we worked with the City to get their approval first to make sure that they're in the right spots. And then the end location, surprisingly, it's dispersed because people are taking them from that one -- those specific deployment areas and taking them elsewhere. So, we're using this data -- and then the next slide is probably more interesting for you guys is the heat map of the trips themselves. So, even though most of our fleet has been very concentrated in the Miracle Mile area, we're seeing, obviously, a lot of usage down to Merrick Park, back and forth, in fact, and we actually think that will grow even more as, you know, we add a little bit more -- you know, depending on what the City would like us to do -- adding a bit more scooters to the fleet.

Commissioner Lago: So, you're actually finding some of these scooters outside City limits?

Mr. No: If they do, then we go get them, yeah.

Commissioner Lago: Everybody's running to Versailles.

Commissioner Mena: They're going to Versailles.

Commissioner Lago: So, have any of these been borrowed in perpetuity?

Mr. No: Actually -- so, that was one thing that I wanted to bring up with you guys. Yeah, so, the community response so far, we've been pleasantly surprised by how respectful and responsible the users here have -- so far...

Unidentified Speaker: (INAUDIBLE) the Gables.

Mr. No: I'm just saying that we've been pleasantly surprised. In fact, I don't think -- we've only had a couple scooters that we couldn't find a few and that's usually just because I think some of our users may be just hiding them temporarily because they want to use it again in a couple hours. So, you know, we don't think that's the worst issue. It comes with...

Commissioner Lago: Go check Quesada's. They're there for sure.

Mr. No: Okay.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I only have four.

Mr. No: Okay. You're one of the hoarders then. No, but honestly, we've been really surprised by how respectful the community has so far embraced and used our scooters. Our operations team, they tell us that, you know, every time they go out to deploy and pick up, people are

always stopping them to ask them questions to learn more about how to use them. As far as we know, we haven't gotten any requests to relocate because of an illegally parked scooter. But if -- should the City or you guys ever do receive those things, you know, again, we encourage you guys to pass it along to us because if we don't know, then we can't go respond to them. So, one thing that I wanted to also kind of give you an update on is, as you know, we ask all of our users each time that they unlock a scooter, to rate the parking job of the previous user. And of all the trips so far, only 3 percent were a negative rating. So, I think that kind of also speaks to the fact that so far our public education efforts and the community's respect for, you know, the shared use mobility thing has so far been working pretty well. The other thing I wanted to bring up is just kind of looking ahead. You know, we've been studying the data so far very closely in terms of, you know, what could be the maximum fleet size that the City of Coral Gables in and of itself could sustain. And we're currently thinking -- because I know that that was something that you had asked me to come back with when we gave you the update. We're currently thinking that, you know, for a city of this size and population, honestly, we don't really know yet because the weather has been really bad, as you know, the typical August weather. We're thinking about 150 might be the maximum that the City could actually sustain, you know, on an ongoing basis. In terms of trying to serve the core area and perhaps, you know, down south because I don't think too many people would want scooters deployed in active -- you know, in very residential areas with not much commercial access.

Vice Mayor Quesada: We -- and maybe you're right. I don't think we know yet, but yeah, potentially. A few thoughts. We have -- I anticipated Merrick Park because if you're going to a meeting or not, it's really not that far away and we have a trolley that goes back and forth and it's got a lot of ridership. And there's sometimes that I use the trolley that I don't get on because it's so full and it's just so easy -- time of day, you know. Have you looked at when it's primarily being used? Is it lunchtime hour? I would assume so.

Mr. No: So, yeah. I haven't...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because I know you guys end -- you take them off the street what, 8 o'clock, is it, is what we worked into the agreement?

Mr. No: Yeah. We currently deactivate the fleet around 8:30 or so.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Okay. I'm just using a ballpark area. I'm just curious time of day. I just assume -- I mean, my goal for this was really to make it easier during lunchtime hours because that's when we see the worst issues with parking and with traffic to really get people to move, you know.

Mr. No: And we can get you more specific numbers. But anecdotally from what I remember from looking at the data, it does seem to be -- the bulk of the rides seem to start at lunchtime...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Mr. No: And then some closer to the evening...

Vice Mayor Quesada: After work.

Mr. No: Yeah, after work.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Mr. No: So, those are the two sort of big chunks of usage that we see. But along those lines, you know, how are people using this and what are the (INAUDIBLE). So, we're going to be sending out a survey to all of our registered users in Coral Gables I think today or tomorrow. And the goal of this survey -- and we're happy to share this with City staff and the Commission -- is, A, first get the community's feedback. How are we doing? Do you have any complaints? Do you have any suggestions for us? And then we want to better understand our -- the users in this

community so that we can serve them better. What are the (INAUDIBLE) that they think would be most useful so that we can, you know -- maybe that will also help us and the City staff learn where else that we could deploy these. So, that's going to happen very soon. And then a couple more updates. You know, should the City be willing to sort of continue the pilot and let us grow our fleet a little bit more, then we're planning on introducing our new model scooter next month that we hope to bring to Coral Gables. And then, in terms of features, we're going to be introducing a user rebalancing feature in the app that will incentivize users to take a scooter to perhaps maybe a very low-density neighborhood, a residential neighborhood where there isn't much foot traffic. It will incentivize the user in the area to take that scooter back to a more populated area for, you know, either a discount or a free ride, et cetera. So, we should be implementing that soon. And yeah, those are the kind of major updates on our end and...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Something I'd like as well -- and I don't know if we -- I never looked at the final map of deployment. But most people don't realize -- obviously, we realize it -- but there's a big chunk of what people consider Sunset Place/South Miami that's actually Coral Gables. And actually, I go to that -- the Whole Foods quite a bit and that Publix quite a bit. And there's a lot of foot traffic, actually, that I think would -- ties in nicely with having the scooters deployed down there. Are they being deployed down there? Do you know? No. I didn't think so during the pilot program. So, I mean, I want to see us starting to sort of move in that direction. The biggest concern I have with that is we want to play nice with South Miami.

Mr. No: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because 57th Avenue there, obviously, it starts another municipality, and the last thing we want to have to deal with is, all of a sudden, starting getting calls from their elected officials and their staff complaining...

Unidentified Speaker: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: About how our scooters end up over there. And the end user doesn't care whether it's Coral Gables or South Miami.

Unidentified Speaker: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: They just want to go to their location, leave it, and use it like any other place. Have you spoken to South Miami? Is South Miami in any process that you're aware of to scooters (INAUDIBLE)...

Mr. No: So, we have...

Vice Mayor Quesada: You don't know.

Mr. No: Reached out to South Miami.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Do you know where they are in their process?

Mr. No: I think they are not ready to...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Enter this world of scooters?

Mr. No: Consider scooters as of now, but I don't want to speak on behalf of the City of South Miami...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Of course.

Mr. No: Because...

Vice Mayor Quesada: That's just your feeling.

Mr. No: I haven't spoken with them specifically but, you know -- and Vice Mayor, we can kind of feel you in maybe -- I don't know -- on how Spin...

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, we could call -- we can call...

Mr. No: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Them directly, staff to staff, to figure that out.

Mr. No: But, you know...

Vice Mayor Quesada: But I just know it's going to be an issue.

Mr. No: Right. And you know, we've done our part by reaching out to all of the surrounding municipalities. We, you know, reached out to and met with the City of Miami. We, you know, reached out to and met with UMiami. We reached out to South Miami. We're hoping to meet with them soon, just to let them know and to understand what we can do and what their concerns might be should a user bring it across boundary lines.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because I think that's our next phase of understanding how we handle that. Because even here in the trip route that you were showing us, where it says Silver Estates...

Mr. No: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I think that's a baseball field that's right there.

Commissioner Keon: Silver Bluff.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah, Silver Bluff. We lost that TV. But that's actually City of Miami, and it looks like there's a pretty decent amount of routes that are heading in there. So, I just want to make sure -- and it's not on you. I guess I'm really speaking to us, our team here, to make sure that we at least let them know or we at least have a plan to deal with those situations. The last thing we want is to start...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Creating issues for ourselves.

Mr. No: But you know, it's also on us too. You know, we can -- you know, if it does become an issue where maybe it's happening too many times. It's not just, you know, a once in a while thing, then we can try to educate our users more and make our geofence area more explicit, maybe even send automated warning emails every time they park outside the region. You know, there are little things that we can do. But in our conversations with at least some of the surrounding jurisdictions and areas, they seem to understand that, yes, some people will, you know, leave them there, and then it's on us because we'll go get it, you know, as soon as we can, if it does.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, Mr. Mayor -- Mr. Vice Mayor, to that point, this is a very complicated issue. It looked like it was going to be much easier, so it's good that we continue to understand and tweak and move forward little -- I applaud the little steps, but the City Attorney's even going to speak at a Florida League of Cities Conference on scooters, so it could be -- if it's the will of the Commission -- we reach out to City Attorney of South Miami, City Manager of South Miami, Public Works South Miami to chat about it. It is very exciting, but very complicated.

Mr. No: I think -- you know, it's fair to say, as the City Manager said, there are a lot of eyes on Coral Gables in terms of how the City is approaching shared use scooters. And I think the news to tell them is so far, so good. You know, we've been shocked that there haven't been as -- that we've gotten so few complaints. (INAUDIBLE), you know. And I think that's a testament to not only the community's embrace, but also, what we hope to think is our, you know, efforts to be as responsible as possible.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And if I can clarify. What's complicated is where they can go. The machine itself is not complicated. The process for using it is not complicated. But because of Florida Statutes, the Public Works and the City Attorney have really had to thread a needle as to where it can go. And I think we'll even be evolving that at the Legislature next session.

City Attorney Ramos: As well as today, if the ordinance passes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, I guess, to wrap it up with you, what do you suggest we go here? We've got 75 deployed. Are you saying that we should bump up to 150 at this point?

Mr. No: I think that would give us the flexibility to make sure we know how best to serve the City. If it turns out that 150 -- because we wouldn't deploy 150 probably until next month is even if we got the permission, we would slowly increase it, as we've been doing this entire time. It's also -- you know, there's a lot of unknowns, as you know, because we've only been doing this for a couple weeks. We would want to see sort of -- you know, once the weather gets a little bit nicer and dryer, less rainy, it'd be interesting to see how that affects ridership. And as we grow our fleet, trying to actually find more deployment spots to serve more people. But yeah, our current thinking right now is, you know, 150 would be the maximum that seems appropriate for this city.

Commissioner Lago: Vice Mayor, if I may. Are you blending H-9 with J-2?

Vice Mayor Quesada: And...

City Attorney Ramos: And the actual...

Commissioner Mena: There's a third one.

City Attorney Ramos: Ordinance.

Unidentified Speaker: And there's an ordinance.

City Attorney Ramos: Which should be last, really.

Commissioner Lago: Okay, perfect. I just want to make sure I...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, if we can...

Commissioner Lago: Don't want to start blending conversations here if you want to stick to that.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Alright, so...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Can we just jump in for a little bit of administrative perspective?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah, that's fine.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And what our recommendation would be is you've been very responsive. You've worked through the issues. You know that they're complicated, but they're complicated because of Florida Statutes and bringing everybody on the same page; rider, City, you all. We would recommend that you continue the mini pilot, that you don't grow it, that we come back to the Commission with more feedback 60 days from now, and then the Commission can decide do you want to bring a bigger fleet, do you want to bring others in. But right now, we're still -- you've been out for how many weeks?

Mr. No: Since August 6, so three weeks.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It's not a long time.

Mr. No: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Not your fault, not our fault. It's not a long time. I believe our staff would like to see the existing fleet longer and us to come back to the Commission, but obviously, that's the -- what the staff recommendation is and I am fully supportive of it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Mr. No: Oh, and the only thing I would ask for the Commission's consideration and the City Manager's consideration is maybe, you know, not double the fleet size, but maybe just increasing it a little bit because we think that may actually help with some of the, you know...

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, maybe go to 100?

Mr. No: Yeah. I mean, I think, you know, even 100 might a little bit more flexible.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And so, I'm going to be more vocal than you probably want.

Mr. No: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But we appreciate the desire to grow. We also know that there are other groups that are interested in growing as a part of it. I don't think the Commission has made that decision yet, and we can't have you grow to the expense of them not being able to grow, if that's the wish of the Commission. So, our hope was keep where we are, learn it, perfect it, come back to them, and as they're making the decision to grow, it will be their prerogative to decide grow more with you or grow with others.

Mr. No: Understood.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You know, I'm not trying to...

Mr. No: Right. And the reason why I brought up the 100 figure is we think that is kind of that breaking point of what is a large enough fleet size that is sort of economically the most sustainable because 75 is a little bit -- you know, it's...

Commissioner Lago: So, why don't we -- you know, we've heard your comments and I'm taking them into consideration. Why don't we listen to the rest of the presentation and then we can kind of make the decision after, unless somebody wants to tackle that right now.

Unidentified Speaker: That's fine. That makes sense.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I'd like to...

Unidentified Speaker: From staff.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, no, staff and then three -- this is not a public hearing, but I will recognize the three people that have given me cards to speak.

Public Works Director Santamaria: So, good afternoon, Mr. Mayor and members of the Commission. Ed Santamaria, Director of...

Commissioner Lago: Thank you, sir.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Public Works. In my opinion, 75 is a good number for the time being, unless the Commission decides to bump it up to a greater number. There are some other communities around the nation that have been dealing with the proliferation of this new shared use technology and all of the ills that it's begotten them. And primarily, I know that there have been some articles regarding some activities in L.A., for example, where the scooters have been vandalized, the scooters have been thrown in the ocean. They've been burned, et cetera, et cetera. And that is primarily, in my opinion, because I think there are too many that are being deployed and they become so ubiquitous on the rights-of-way that they get in the way and they impede normal pedestrian access. And so, people get sick and tired of that and then they start taking these kinds of actions. There's even a website that -- or a LinkedIn account -- or, I'm sorry, a Twitter feed that shows what people are doing to these scooters. So, in our opinion, (INAUDIBLE)...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And we're not recommending that activity.

Public Works Director Santamaria: At all.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But at the same time, some of those cities that have had major eruptions are because they didn't have a plan in place. They didn't have procedures from the city attorney. We didn't have a very specific game plan. And so -- they didn't. And so, they're actually calling you all to say what are the procedures that you have in place.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Correct.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, we don't anticipate that type of response in our (INAUDIBLE) public.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: So, we continue with (INAUDIBLE)...

Commissioner Mena: (INAUDIBLE).

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is that it? (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Mena: I just have -- I have one quick question. I don't know what you know the answer to this. Do you know how many locations for, you know, start-of-the-day deployment there are? I don't know if that makes sense. The agreed-upon locations where you can deploy scooters, do you know how many there are?

(COMMENTS MADE OFF THE RECORD)

Commissioner Mena: Roughly.

Public Works Director Santamaria: Approximately 16.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Mena: 16, 17.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Mena: Okay, and you have -- so, okay. So...

Public Works Director Santamaria: And we vetted them with Spin.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Public Works Director Santamaria: We evaluated that they're actually good locations for them, sidewalks where...

Commissioner Mena: But you're talking about three or four scooters then at each of those locations?

Public Works Director Santamaria: I think so.

Commissioner Mena: On average. Have you...

(COMMENTS MADE OFF THE RECORD)

Commissioner Mena: So, there's like three or four scooters deployed at each location, or I guess some locations will have more than others.

(COMMENTS MADE OFF THE RECORD)

Commissioner Mena: Okay.

Unidentified Speaker: (INAUDIBLE) location.

Commissioner Mena: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: Another question, just to follow up on Commissioner Mena's. Do you see that there's been any individuals from staff that have heard from the residents or the business community saying that there's not enough availability for the scooters?

Public Works Director Santamaria: We haven't heard that yet, but then again, on the other flipside is we haven't really heard many complaints.

Commissioner Mena: I've heard that from some people.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, so have I.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: Have you heard that, Jessica, or no?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Can you come up to the microphone?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I've been watching social media...

Commissioner Lago: Okay.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: And so, the majority of my feedback really has been from social media. It has not been directly from residents or users. And I have seen online that there were not enough scooters available at a given period of time.

Commissioner Mena: A lot of users...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: But that's the extent of it. I haven't -- and for -- operationally, for us to not get those calls and complaints is wonderful. I have to give Spin a lot of credit for that.

Commissioner Mena: A lot of users are also not residents. There's a lot of people that work in the downtown area...

Unidentified Speaker: That's right.

Commissioner Mena: But that's still a good thing because we're keeping them out of their car, out of the parking garage.

Commissioner Lago: That's a great thing.

Commissioner Mena: You know, so, you know, I've heard from some people who work at bigger offices in the downtown area that said they wish there was like more outside their office building so that, you know, they could go to lunch every day.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, so what's the pleasure of the Commission, that we continue with...

Commissioner Lago: I mean, I...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The pilot program for another...

Commissioner Lago: I think...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sixty days?

Commissioner Lago: I'm of the belief that I think that we should continue for 60 days.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Commissioner Lago: I think that we should really vet this out, but I'd like to see a little bit of growth from Spin, maybe to bump it up to 100.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah. And I also want to try the area on the south Gables area near Sunset Place.

Commissioner Lago: I think that's great.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Obviously, I want staff to call and speak to South Miami first before we do that deployment because I want to be respectful to their -- it's going to happen. They're going to spillover no matter what.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Vice Mayor Quesada: But also intertwined with this topic is we -- if you recall last time when we did this and we approved it, I believe it was an add-on to the agenda and there was another company that we had been speaking to as well, which is Bird. And I think we have a decision to make whether -- and I know staff's opinion is to continue on -- because they've told me many times -- to continue on with Spin and Spin has been spectacular. I can't speak highly enough. You guys have been absolutely spectacular. But we did -- we're also having conversations with Bird. I know they're present here today. And the question is, in my mind, I've always thought is eventually we'd open it up and, through competition, we'd get the best product for us.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The issue is whether...

Commissioner Lago: And I agree with you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: And what I would like to do is I would like to hear from Bird to see if maybe what we do is -- maybe we would have two involved in this process. Just because we've been speaking to them for a long time, just like when -- obviously, we were speaking to Spin first.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. Because if we're building towards an ultimate like RFP, right...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And we also have Lime...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Here.

Commissioner Mena: If we're building towards an ultimate RFP after a pilot program or however we're going to end up proceeding, one of the things I think we need to assess is does more than one operator work for us, right? That's one of the many topics I think we need to address. And so, that's why I had thought that you -- we'd want to know, through a pilot, how that works. And then, maybe at the end of the pilot, we say, no, it's too much and we want to go with an exclusive -- with one company on an RFP. Or maybe we say, you know, it's working great. Here are some adjustments we can make. But that's one of the things I think we need to, at some point, flesh out.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah. And...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Go ahead.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I did want to say that today, at our level, we aren't ready to open it up. We'd like to see how one vendor works for a longer period of time. Should we start getting the complaints and I see it start turning into what color is the scooter, what does it say on it, for us trying to figure out how do we contact which vendor. And so far, it's been, you know, a situation where if we don't want to mess up what's working very, very well right now. So, I would like to see the current pilot remain with one vendor and see how it works for the next couple weeks, the next Commission, a month, and then consider opening up to other vendors.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Mr. Mayor, I hate to do this, but I just realized the time. I need to be on the phone with a judge in about 60 seconds. You guys could continue the topic. I know this was my topic, but I have to step out to...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: (INAUDIBLE)

Vice Mayor Quesada: (INAUDIBLE) call.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: (INAUDIBLE)

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't know if you want to break for lunch, if that's (INAUDIBLE).

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no. Let's finish this issue. Let's finish...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I should be back in 15 minutes. I'll be back.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We'll finish this.

Vice Mayor Quesada: (INAUDIBLE) very quick.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Your recommendation is that we continue with the pilot program for a period of time, with the same number of scooters. We see how it works, and then we open it up or don't or whatever.

Commissioner Lago: Should we...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: That's your recommendation.

Commissioner Lago: Should we increase the scooter, you think? Would it be too much to increase to 100 to try to get even more data so that we can do what Commissioner Quesada stated about potentially...

Unidentified Speaker: No.

Commissioner Lago: Delivering these scooters to that Sunset/57th Avenue area?

Commissioner Keon: (INAUDIBLE).

Commissioner Lago: That's what I'm saying. Do you...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Well, we have a good relationship with South Miami. We're happy to reach out to them and gain a temperature and we can speak to you about that later on today.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yeah. We would certainly need to expand the number of scooters if we expand the geographic location. Without a doubt, but under those conditions, I would absolutely support expanding...

Commissioner Lago: So, would you say like to 100? You think 100 is appropriate?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: If we expand the geographic area...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: If we expand the geographic area.

Commissioner Lago: No, I'm asking so I know. I'm not a professional when it comes...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Thank you, Jessica. Thank you, thank you. We have three people that wish to speak. This is not a public hearing, but I will recognize you for two minutes each. Maria Estupinan, 21 Madeira Avenue.

Maria Estupinan: Hi. No, this is very simple. I mean, we have enough problems with bicycles.

Unidentified Speaker: (INAUDIBLE)

Ms. Estupinan: We have enough problems with the bicycles to have now scooters also on the -- you know. So, that's it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The second one is Jorge Conforme, 1801 Coral Way, number 315. Good morning.

Jorge Conforme: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Good afternoon.

Mr. Conforme: Good afternoon, Mr. Mayor. Vice Mayor left. Commissioners. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you before such a hot topic issue like electric scooters. Like the Mayor said, my name is Jorge Conforme and I represent Skip Scooters.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You represent who?

Mr. Conforme: Skip Scooters.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Skip Scooters.

Mr. Conforme: Yes. Skip Scooters is currently operational in the Portland area, the Oakland area, southern California and Washington, D.C., where Skip is actually the recipient of the first permit for electric scooters nationwide. Most of you probably -- you know, other than my reaching out to most of you, most of you probably hadn't heard about Skip Scooters. And there's one key (INAUDIBLE) reason why, and that is Skip's culture and approach to expanding its operations. Skip works collaboratively with municipalities to meet their transportation needs and operates on the framework that works for all parties involved, the City, Skip, most importantly, the residents and visitors who make use of these scooters. Skip has not and will not deploy scooters in Coral Gables or anywhere else until such framework is established and a relationship with Coral Gables exists. Skip has not received a cease and desist letter from Coral Gables or any municipality or anywhere else, for that matter. This includes Florida, the northeast, California, you name it. There is none on record for Skip. And from my conversations with most of you, it's encouraging to see that the City values partnering with companies and providers that work the proper channels and authorities and it doesn't reward

providers or users that -- or providers or companies that have contravened these rules or regulations. Having said all this, I know that the Commission is considering expanding the project to other providers. I urge you to please look for other companies that are trying to work with you and do things the right way, rather than going rogue and deploy now, comply later.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Conforme: With that said, thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Vivian Myrtetus, 13621 Southwest 103rd Avenue. Good afternoon.

Vivian Myrtetus: Good afternoon. Thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to speak today. Mayor, Commissioners, thank you again for the opportunity. I work with Lime. We launched just down the street at the Village of Key Biscayne. That was our first deployment in the country. We also, through a competitive bid process, are -- have an agreement with the University of Miami and have the -- been awarded the right to deploy the bike share services there, and at the moment, requesting action from the City of Coral Gables to clarify our permission to operate there. And because the City has streets there, we're looking to satisfy an agreement with the University to be able to operate there. As I mentioned, the company -- I just started just last week with the City -- excuse me, with Lime, and I'm a native of South Florida. I grew up swimming in the caves of the Venetian Pool and just joined Lime last week. I'm the Community Affairs Manager and I'll be a local point of contact to work with the City. And our goals are to be proactive and not reactive.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can I ask you a question?

Ms. Myrtetus: Yes, sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What made you think that you could just dump X number of Lime scooters in the City without getting permission, without notifying us, without whatever? What made you think that?

Ms. Myrtetus: I think our goal was to work with private businesses in your city. Our intention was not to go rogue.

Commissioner Mena: You did, but you say that, though. Come on.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: How can you say that?

Commissioner Mena: This has happened in a lot of places already and it's been in the news for months and months that you people have deployed scooters and bikes in cities without permission. It's not a secret. It's kind of the core issue relating to your business. How can you say you didn't know? I mean, they were lined up on Ponce at...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Mena: Public transportation stops.

Ms. Myrtetus: I can't speak to our actions prior to me getting here other than I can tell you that our -- moving forward that that is not our intention. I have spoken our CEO. He visited here last week. He spoke to the Mayor, and I can tell you that our intention moving forward is to work with municipalities. My job being hired is to work with municipalities and our intention is to work hand in hand with you.

Commissioner Mena: I have a -- and the other question I have is I met a week or two ago with the gentleman in the back in the lime shirt from Lime and another representative. At the time, I was told that you have an agreement with the University of Miami for scooters.

Ms. Myrtetus: Yes. Not with scooters. It's currently bike share with the option to go to scooters in the future.

Commissioner Mena: Okay. I'm going to be honest with you. That wasn't clarified to me during our discussion, which was about scooters. That caveat that you just gave was not communicated to me in that meeting. We were talking about scooters. In fact, we had a full-fledged conversation about the complicated factors that would come about if scooters were on the UM campus from one vendor, coming off campus into the City and the sort of logistical complications that it would present for us because you had the UM contract for scooters. And then a few days later, I find out there is no UM contract for scooters.

City Attorney Ramos: In fact, Commissioner, UM has told us that they are not contemplating scooters at this time.

Commissioner Mena: Right. So...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I was told that -- I was told also that they already have the UM contract.

Unidentified Speaker: Yeah.

Ms. Myrtetus: Right, we have the contract -- and I'm happy to provide you a copy. It's a contract pending signature, waiting for clarification because they have the streets -- the City streets in -- you know, on their property. And so, they're just pending clarification from the City that it's okay to move forward with that.

Commissioner Mena: That's a detail that matters...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Mena: When you're having a conversation with somebody that you have a contract with an institution that is probably the biggest institution in our city.

Ms. Myrtetus: Absolutely.

Commissioner Mena: And again, that wasn't made clear to me, so I was a little disappointed when I found out after that UM's not even contemplating a contract at this time. That's straight from the horse's mouth. So...

Ms. Myrtetus: I apologize for the mis...

Commissioner Mena: You know, it is what it is. We are where we are, but so far, those are issues that are concerning to at least me and I think my colleagues as well.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You want to conclude?

Ms. Myrtetus: Well, again, I want to come before you again to let you know that our goal is to move forward, to be corporate citizens. I'm here locally, and really look forward to working with the City to work towards its goals to provide safe and affordable transportation, you know, for your citizens and hope to be given the opportunity once you feel comfortable with your pilot and move forward with giving other vendors opportunities that we have the opportunity to do so as well.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Ms. Myrtetus: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you very much.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else on this matter?

Commissioner Mena: There is a gentleman from Bird as well who I think Commissioner Quesada and I devised would have an opportunity to speak.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sure. And he didn't fill a card.

Jose Felix Diaz: We have been on the agenda on the MOU approval, so we had submitted a PowerPoint presentation to introduce ourselves.

City Attorney Ramos: Mr. Mayor, they're under H-9.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: You want to (INAUDIBLE) right now?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sure. Go ahead.

Mr. Diaz: So, yeah, we wanted to introduce ourselves more formally. We have been negotiating with the City for a while. And at this point, we've met with each and every one of you. I have extra copies of the presentation. My name is Jose Felix Diaz, 2 Alhambra Plaza, Suite 102, Coral Gables, Florida 33134, on behalf of Bird. As you can see here -- and it's no -- it's not new information to you. But in cities around the world, urban congestion is reaching a breaking

point. We have an unprecedented opportunity and responsibility to reduce car trips. Thirty percent of car trips are under two miles, as the data showed. A Bird is a last-minute electric vehicle sharing company dedicating to bringing affordable environmentally friendly transportation solutions to cities. And we're currently operating in 40 cities across the United States in 20 different states. We partner with cities to bring affordable, accessible and shared transportation service that reduces short car trips. And what makes us different is that we do so in a way that provides some financial benefits to cities as well. So, not only are we working to free congestion, but we're also investing in the cities that we're operating in to make sure that they have the infrastructure upgrades that they need to accommodate to this new world. As you can see here, one Bird is the equivalent -- I'm sorry, one car is the equivalent of 15 Birds. We have an app, much like the app that Spin has. Much like Spin, we also have an opportunity for people to take a photograph of where they're parking the unit. Our operations, as you can see here, every single night, after a scooter is deployed, we take it down. We use community vendors to charge the scooters, so we actually help people that are part-time pay their bills by working with Bird. We typically charge one dollar to unlock the scooter and 15 cents per minute to ride. We also have a low-income plan for the financially disadvantaged and we have discounts for veterans. These are cities that we're currently operating in. Commissioner Lago had asked for some big cities that we're currently working with. Right now, we're in Denver and Los Angeles and Dallas, and we're growing fairly quickly. Our Birds are picked up every night, which is a benefit. They do stop working at 9 o'clock at night. You have to be 18 years old to ride it, which is a distinguishing thing from some of our competitors. Our population grows responsibly, rather than come up with an arbitrary number of how many scooters we believe should be in your city. The way that we've grown in other cities is by providing data to the city itself and proving that each scooter is being ridden at least three times per day. If the aggregate number does not average three rides per day, we remove scooters from the streets. If it goes above three rides per day, in agreement with the City, we increase the fleet. We call that a utilization cap, as opposed to a hard cap. Every market has a saturation point and this helps us determine that saturation point rather than just rely on arbitrary numbers. As I mentioned previously, we do believe in investing in the communities that we are operating in, and that's

what we offer to this city and every city that we operate, one dollar per scooter per day. That number adds up very quickly, especially if you require all participants to invest in the city. If you have 100 scooters, which is the number you have now, you know, that's north of \$36,000 a year. I mean, that number increases as the utility cap increases. We are capped at 15 miles per hour. That's a state statute. You had talked about the state law. We will be working with state lawmakers next year to change a state statute. Currently what the state statute says is that local governments can allow scooters on sidewalks and sidewalk areas, bike path/bike lanes. State statute does not clarify how old you have to be to ride it, but we -- we're on the side of caution and we request that cities put an 18-year-old cap to make sure that we don't have young teenagers riding these. Obviously, we work with the cities to respect law, traffic laws and making sure that if a city doesn't allow it, which you would have to, we don't ride on sidewalks. So, you would have to pass your other ordinance for us to do that.

City Attorney Ramos: So, just for the record, Mr. Diaz, we have a difference of opinion on the bike lane issue.

Mr. Diaz: Okay.

City Attorney Ramos: And I've opined that they are not allowed on bike lanes at this time.

Mr. Diaz: Okay. What the statute says is sidewalk and sidewalk areas, and there is a secondary reference in state statute that talks about sidewalks, bike lanes and bike paths, which I can get to you later. I don't have it off the top...

City Attorney Ramos: We saw it, and we also saw the part about bike lanes not letting motorized items on it, so we just have a difference of opinion.

Mr. Diaz: Okay.

City Attorney Ramos: I think it's all going to get fleshed out at the state level, but just so you know.

Mr. Diaz: Yeah. And I don't think that there's that many bike lanes anyway...

City Attorney Ramos: There aren't. It's not a big issue.

Mr. Diaz: In Coral Gables, so it's just, I guess, a conflict in the statute. What happened is the state statute was not ready for this. The state statute talks about scooters, they're really talking more like mopeds, so we really want to update state statute to make sure that they're thinking specifically about this. That's our presentation.

Commissioner Mena: Can I ask you a question? You said you don't ride on sidewalks?

Mr. Diaz: We're saying that we can't unless you approve it.

Commissioner Mena: Understood.

Mr. Diaz: So, no riding on...

City Attorney Ramos: The ordinance...

Mr. Diaz: Sidewalks until...

City Attorney Ramos: We have on today.

Mr. Diaz: You approve it.

Commissioner Mena: Understood.

Mr. Diaz: Because the state law won't allow us.

Commissioner Mena: Correct.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, Mr. Diaz. Very good presentation. Thank you. Alright, anything else?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Just as clarification...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Staff is already reaching out to South Miami to get any type of appetite for the interest in the scooters.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. You'll report back to us.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yes, sir.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you. Okay, we'll take a break until 2 p.m.

City Attorney Ramos: Sir, sir. I think -- we need two votes.

Commissioner Mena: Can we...

City Attorney Ramos: One is what we're doing as far as the pilot program and the extension...

Commissioner Mena: I'd like to ask that we defer taking the vote until after lunch so that Quesada can join us...

City Attorney Ramos: Oh, okay.

Commissioner Mena: Being that it's...

City Attorney Ramos: Very well.

Commissioner Mena: His item.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: He has texted me his interest in the item, so I'm sure he would be supportive of it.

City Attorney Ramos: Fair enough.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, 2 o'clock.

(BREAK IN AUDIO)

Commissioner Keon: After the break, we were waiting for Commissioner Quesada to come back.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No, no.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And also, you had asked us to reach out to...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: South Miami. We have texted. We have phoned. I believe they have an election today.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: They do.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, it is difficult to get them on the phone. We're happy to follow up later on.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, but...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We don't have that information for you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Go ahead.

Commissioner Mena: Are we going to -- should we deal with scooters or...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah. Let's deal with scooters and let's -- you had a motion saying to continue...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah. Thank you for that. My apologies, again, for stepping out of turn there. What I'm going to suggest is -- I really do want to work in the South Gables area. I know that we've been speaking to the (INAUDIBLE) for a long time, and again, I cannot reiterate enough how Spin has been spectacular throughout this process. I want to be very clear about that. But again, I think it's for the benefit of the City, for the benefit of the residents to have some competition here. I do want to bring Bird in, but as during the -- sort of a testing period, evaluation period in the South Gables area. Let's sort of keep them separate. Keep Spin in the current location where they're at, functioning downtown. Have Bird running in the South Gables

area or the Sunset Place area, the Coral Gables side of it, and we'll see how that works out. Now, obviously, Spin is going to have to talk to staff and they can't deploy or do anything until staff feels comfortable about the locations and has a conversation with South Miami and sort of deploy at their -- at staff's comfort in this. And I realize that'll take a little bit a time, but that's an area that we do have a lot of foot traffic and sometimes it's -- again, it's another downtown we have that we sometimes forget we have. So, again, I frequent those locations quite a bit and they do have a lot of foot traffic in the area and I think it's going to make a lot of sense.

City Attorney Ramos: We'll also need direction on how long the pilot is going to be with both entities and then the number, what we're going to max each one of them out at.

Unidentified Speaker: The idea...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Just so that I understand because we're the ones that are going to have to live it every day, the -- in addition to moving forward in the mini pilot for a period of time -- we were suggesting 60 -- you may want 30. Then also activating the South Gables location for a scooter site, and you wanted a different company to do that?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes, correct.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, one company doing the downtown, one company doing the Gables side of South Miami, and is there a period of time that you would want that?

Vice Mayor Quesada: I was thinking 60 or 90 days on both, so we get better input, so we get some better feedback.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Instead of just three weeks. And obviously, for south -- the South Gables site, it's going to take a little bit of time to deploy. Obviously, Spin is already on the ground and they're moving. And actually, if they're at 75 now and we haven't had problems, I'm actually thinking even maybe bump that up to 100, incremental, just to make (INAUDIBLE) more...

Commissioner Keon: I think they're at 70.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'm sorry?

Commissioner Keon: They're at 70.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No, they were at 70 on August 21st, but...

Commissioner Keon: Oh, okay.

Vice Mayor Quesada: They reached 75 over the last week or so.

Commissioner Keon: Oh, okay.

Vice Mayor Quesada: If you think about it, if they've gotten to 70 and they're all being used -- I think you said on the average, three times a day -- in two weeks, that's a -- I think that's a pretty good ramp up. Did you have any thoughts?

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. My only...

Mr. No: 75 is the cap for us.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct, but you hit that cap comfortably without any problems other than the few comments that you said that you had the ten that were just more app based, if I recall

correctly. So, you hit the 75. People are using them and people are happy, three times a day in three weeks. So, I think we can absorb another 25 without having -- without being overwhelming for our downtown at this point.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, my -- I guess my question is, one, what are you envisioning happening at the end of the 60- or 90-day period? Would it go to then a permanent RFP or would we just...

Vice Mayor Quesada: You know, so that's the...

Commissioner Mena: That's an...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Question I don't know the answer to. And I think this will help us -- tell us that. One of them could perform spectacular and the other one could flounder, or they could both perform spectacular. And then we say, hold on a second. The open market here (INAUDIBLE) having two or three or whatever we feel at that time and we'll make that judgment call at that time.

Commissioner Mena: My other concern is the idea of having a second operator, but limited to that part of the Gables. I don't know if they can really get a critical mass there, you know. Like you're not going to -- I think 25 scooters for that neighborhood is too much. I don't -- maybe -- I don't know if anybody from Public Works would agree or disagree. But just from -- while it's sort of downtown-ish, it's not. There's not that many, you know, destinations for people to go to and from on scooters. I think you could have a few there and it would be fine, but how many could you realistically have in that area?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I don't want to predict what would actually work, but you know, we can work with Spin. If they -- I'm sorry, not Spin.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Bird.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Bird -- in the same manner that work with Spin and work slowly and methodically. I would feel comfortable. I don't want to say 25 is the magic number...

Commissioner Mena: No, right.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: At this point in time.

Commissioner Mena: What I'm concerned is that 25 -- I don't even know that -- I think 25 might be too many for that area, and I don't know that if it's less than 25 it makes any sense for...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't think we know that number right now.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Well, no.

City Attorney Ramos: But we need to know (INAUDIBLE)...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: What I would tell you is that when we went down the path of scooter land, you know, my approach was let them decide what is going to work for them financially. We get the benefit of a last-mile solution and they're not going to hang around if they're not making any money. So, as long as we work closely together, I'm comfortable.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Any thoughts?

Mr. Diaz: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, sir.

Mr. Diaz: Can I go through you?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Of course, go ahead.

Mr. Diaz: So, you know, we have not talked about this. This is a new idea. But I could tell you right off the bat, if you looked at their heat map, there was no presence down south because there's no sort of relationship with South Miami. So, if -- the point of a pilot program is to see what's sustainable and what's not sustainable. I could almost assure that we're like destined to fail in that part if that's the only place we're in. If we're supposed to spend more of our resources there than them, that's okay, but what we're negotiating with the City and what was on the agenda today is a similar program, a pilot program that looked like theirs because we've been negotiating in good faith at the same time. You know, the big cities that we're in, in the Denvers, the Washingtons, those are places where you have three, four or five hundred scooters. If what we're looking at is getting scraps -- and frankly, that's what we're looking at -- I don't know if I could tell my client in good faith that going to spend resources to have ten scooters in a part of Coral Gables that you need to have permission to go into South Miami to really make it work.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Mr. Diaz: It just is unsustainable.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, I'm just -- what I'm trying to do is -- I guess I was trying to come to a solution that I thought made sense. But I mean, I see your point. It's well taken. I am trying to, you know -- the first two that we dealt with were Spin and Bird. So, I'm trying to -- try to find a solution that is fair to the both of you because you guys were the first ones dealing with us. and

at the same time, trying to make it in a way that staff doesn't actually want to kill me. They just might be upset with me. You know, I'm trying to get -- I'm walking a fine line there.

Commissioner Mena: But why are we afraid of the overlap? I mean, like if we're learn...

Mr. Diaz: That's how it works in every other city.

Commissioner Mena: If we're learning...

Mr. Diaz: There's overlap in every city.

Commissioner Mena: No, no. If we're learning...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Well, I understand...

Commissioner Mena: If we'll learn in 60 days like whether or not it functions or not, and if it doesn't, then we go a different direction.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: And you know, what we -- have been successful in our current approach, which is controlled...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Incredibly successful.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: And regulate -- and we've only been operating this way a couple of weeks and I would like -- it's my recommendation that we extend with a single vendor for another period of time before introducing -- obviously, it's the will of the Commission. If you'd like to add additional competition, vendors, we will make it work.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Your recommendation is that we continue this for 60 days with a single vendor.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: That's -- yes. That's my recommendation.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And that's the staff and the Administration's recommendation only because -- little steps because there are lots of -- it's a complicated matter. And then come back to you with what are the parameters that will work. We'll toss it to you all to say decide how you -- how big you want it, who you want to do it. We're not trying to close out options. We're trying to create a good path forward so that the community is successful in its scooter initiative.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. All those in favor of the staff recommendation, say "aye."

Commissioner Mena: Alright, but -- what -- so, are we...

Vice Mayor Quesada: No. I'm not in favor of that.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. I'm not in favor...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: Of it either.

Commissioner Keon: What are you in favor of?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. What are you in favor of?

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'm in favor of bringing in -- I'm in favor of bringing in Bird.

Commissioner Keon: You know...

Vice Mayor Quesada: But at the same time, I don't think it makes sense to do 75 and 75. Then we're going to have too many at the same time. But I also want to incorporate in the south part of the Gables, so that's why I came up with that idea of...

Commissioner Mena: I think you can incorporate the south part, but I think you can have overlap throughout.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Let's do it like that then.

Commissioner Mena: You know what I mean? Like I don't think...

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, then, what, we...

Commissioner Keon: I know, but I think (INAUDIBLE)...

Commissioner Mena: I just don't think we should have 25 scooters in that part of the Gables.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So what? So, we do 70 -- so hold on a second. So, then it's a numbers question. You know, do we do 75 Spin and 50 Bird as a ramp up overlap so that we max out at 125 and we (INAUDIBLE) further? And we pick some spots in the South Gables. I'm okay with that.

Commissioner Mena: I'm open to that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. Will you...

Commissioner Keon: I think they're asking you, though for their -- the purpose of them -- their data collection. Their data collection and their analysis and their guidelines that they will develop for the use -- for this program is just to give them those days. Now, if you only want to limit it to 30 days, and then open it up after that when we have a -- you know, instead of going 60, you know, go ahead. Open it up after 60 and, you know, bring everybody -- I mean, after 30 days, and you know, bring the others in. But you know, let them -- they've only been doing it for two weeks. They have to write and they have to come up with the parameters for the use of these scooters or whatever; how they're going to be used, how they're going to park. They have a whole administrative piece that they have to deal with that they're trying to collect data on and come up with a price that will work for the City, so give them that opportunity. Now, if you don't want to extend it for 60 days because you feel like that's too long, then just let them finish it up in 30 -- can you do it in 30 days or no?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I would feel better with more time. And if 30 days is what we get, then 30 days -- we will make it work. You know, we do -- we have the legislative piece we haven't talked about today...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: That I think is also important to this discussion.

Commissioner Keon: They have a lot of work to do. And I think -- you know, and I know that we have great respect for staff, but I think sometimes in our desire to move things along, you know, we don't listen to them. And when it doesn't work, we blame them. So, I would like to give them the opportunity to do what they need to do and you can determine the date and then open it up and (INAUDIBLE), but give them the chance, you know, to write the rules and to, you know, write the legislation...

Commissioner Mena: I thought we have...

Commissioner Keon: And whatever.

Commissioner Mena: The legislation before us today.

Commissioner Keon: Do we?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well, no, we just...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: But we haven't had a discussion about it yet.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

City Attorney Ramos: It's on the agenda.

Unidentified Speaker: (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Keon: Oh, that's only if they're allowed to ride on sidewalks. But some of them, I think, would have to do -- what are the items that you are looking at?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I'm sorry?

Commissioner Keon: What are the items that you feel you need to look at before you would close this pilot?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: So, ultimately, we want the last mile solutions program to be successful. That's what we want. We want there to be an adequate number of scooters available to users. We want to work with a company that is a good performer. And we -- and we don't want the residents of -- and business owns of the City of Coral Gables to be

disappointed in, you know, the operations. And so, so far, it has been great, but I just don't want to move too quickly to open it up. And ideally, we would at least get two more Commission meetings to see what happens.

Commissioner Keon: I mean, they're the ones that are going...

Commissioner Lago: I'm not in a hurry. I just -- I don't want to -- I hate to rush into things.

Commissioner Keon: But I would give them the time that they ask. You know, when you talk about the buck stops there, it's going to be -- it's going to fall on them if this becomes problematic. If they're asking us to give them the time to do it right, give them the time. It's not a long time.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: It isn't a long time. And I would like to...

Commissioner Keon: 30 days takes us through -- to the first meeting in October.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: And I would like to talk with the City of South Miami so that we can expand into the other downtown of Coral Gables. I do want to service them, and I do think that they make a good point about not sure the value that Bird gets out of 25 scooters, and do we want 150 scooters with two vendors tomorrow.

Vice Mayor Quesada: No. I think 150 is too many right now.

Commissioner Keon: But...

Vice Mayor Quesada: We've been successful and it was the summertime, which is typically a little bit slower, so I agree in the sense that we're going to get more valuable data in the next 30 to 60 days.

Commissioner Keon: Right

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because we just have more -- there's just more people.

Commissioner Keon: The weather will allow for it.

Vice Mayor Quesada: There's just more people around.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Commissioner Keon: So, let them go.

Vice Mayor Quesada: (INAUDIBLE) raining.

Commissioner Keon: I mean, yeah. And you know, I would just let them go. I know that we will bring them in...

Commissioner Mena: But I don't...

Commissioner Keon: Over any other -- whoever comes in, bring them in.

Commissioner Mena: I'm not as reluctant, but I can hear what everybody's saying. I guess my thing is, I don't want to keep having another dog and pony show with all the scooter companies here again in a month. You know, I know where I'm at with that, so if what we're going to do is push this 30 days, then can we at least go ahead and say, at that point, we're going to -- you're

going to come back with a plan on how to fold Bird into that and make it some sort of equitable, you know...

Commissioner Keon: Well, I think an additional scooter company is here too. I mean, (INAUDIBLE)...

Commissioner Mena: Yeah, they're all here. So, that's why the decision of...

Commissioner Keon: Right, so I know...

Commissioner Mena: Right. That's what I'm saying.

Commissioner Keon: We need to, you know...

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, if I understand you (INAUDIBLE) that makes sense. We don't need to have...

Commissioner Mena: Are we going to do this again in 30 days?

Commissioner Keon: No.

Vice Mayor Quesada: It's also (INAUDIBLE)...

Commissioner Keon: And you know what, if we don't put it on the agenda, it doesn't come up.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Mr. Diaz: Commissioner Quesada, can I mention something?

Commissioner Keon: The onus is on us.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, hold on. Let me just make sure I understand what Commissioner Mena is saying is -- I think what you're saying is, okay, let Spin continue at this point and then have sort of an automatic built-in ramp up period so we don't have to have continuing Commission meetings. And if there's a problem, staff will come tell us, hey, we reached a point or we're having trouble with X company or Y company so that it's built in and it grows at the pace that staff feels comfortable with. Is that what you're saying?

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. We'll finalize an MOU with them where they get brought into the fold 30 days out, or whenever is...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So, Vice Mayor, if I can ask a question of the City Attorney. So, really, the first step would be that the Commission wishes to waive the Procurement Code, correct? Because these are not...

City Attorney Ramos: So, my question was going to be, if we're going to -- if we're going to...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No. I'm just trying to develop a path forward if that's what they want to do. I believe that there's a procurement process that needs to be followed.

Commissioner Lago: Let me...

City Attorney Ramos: So, my question...

Commissioner Lago: Let me ask you a question.

City Attorney Ramos: In order to answer your question, I need to ask a question. Commissioner Mena, when you envision it, are you talking about then...

Commissioner Mena: A longer pilot.

City Attorney Ramos: Okay. So, if it's a longer pilot, no. We're not going through a procurement process. If we are now establishing who's going to be our providers, then I recommend we either waive it or go through a procurement process.

Commissioner Mena: I said this and I just want to reiterate it because one of my concerns is (INAUDIBLE) I think before we conclude a pilot and go to an RFP, which I think is what we should be building towards...

City Attorney Ramos: I agree.

Commissioner Mena: I want to know what it looks like with more than one operator so that we know what we want to do once we put it out for an RFP. How do we know that until we pilot that? And so, that was my understanding of what we were going to be doing today. There was an MOU...

City Attorney Ramos: That's correct.

Commissioner Mena: Being negotiated...

City Attorney Ramos: It was a pilot.

Commissioner Mena: With Bird...

City Attorney Ramos: Always a pilot.

Commissioner Mena: To bring them in to try to evaluate that. And now, it sounds like it's going a different direction. And so, I just want to -- I want to move forward with a pilot with two operators, see how it looks, and then, at the conclusion of it, whether that's six months or whatever it is that's appropriate, then an RFP either for an exclusive provider or for multiple providers, depending on what we learn during that pilot period.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you make a motion?

Commissioner Mena: That's how I envisioned this, but I -- you know.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you move it?

Commissioner Keon: But they're asking you for the time to complete with one. Can you give them 30 days to finish up where they are now, and then roll somebody in once we have the rules written?

Vice Mayor Quesada: That makes sense.

Commissioner Keon: I mean, just let them write the rules.

Vice Mayor Quesada: That makes sense.

Commissioner Keon: And then roll somebody else in, but let them write the rules.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: And you know, also, I'd like to continue to look at the ridership. You know, right now, it's a novelty. And so, it's growing, but we don't know if it may drop off. And then, do we need, you know, multiple providers. You know, like I said, I want the program to be successful, regardless of who our provider is.

Commissioner Lago: Great.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: And so, I want a successful -- I want the environment to be just right so that we have a good place for someone to come. And I don't want to dilute the pool either because, again, that will -- you know, that's not a good environment for the providers to come into either. So, I would like additional time so we can watch what the ridership does over the next at least 30 days. And then, again, deal with the legislative side of things. That would be -- that is my request and my recommendation.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. And look, I hear you guys. All I'm saying then is, again, everybody's here today alright. We've heard from all of the representatives. We've been having ongoing conversations with at least one of them -- two of them, excuse me. Why don't we just go ahead and approve who the second provider will be when you're ready to bring the second provider into the fold?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: But I -- staff has not had the conversations with the other provider. The Commission has been having...

Commissioner Mena: Who have they been having conversations with?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Not with us.

City Attorney Ramos: It was the agreement -- basically, the same agreement that Spin has, it was the agreement that Bird...

Commissioner Mena: The same agreement.

City Attorney Ramos: Essentially agreed to.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

City Attorney Ramos: And that was it. The only thing that changes, which we need from you all, is term, when it starts, when it ends, how many we're going to allow each of them to have, and then staff would sit down and say these are going to be the areas and these are the areas that are excluded.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Which actually is fine because that gives the 30-day ramp up period to have those conversations before Bird would come in under what Commissioner Mena and Commissioner Keon were saying. Alright, I'm going to wrap this up. I'm going to make a motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Really?

Commissioner Keon: Make two separate ones. You need to make one with the extension of the pilot program.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, I want to extend the pilot program with Spin. Timing, what are you guys thinking of timing?

Commissioner Keon: You -- what do you need? You need until when?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: At least 30 -- at least...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah, but I don't...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Two Commission meetings.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I don't want to -- here's the thing, I don't want to...

Commissioner Keon: At least two Commission meetings.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Say 30 days. I don't want to say 30 days because 30 days, we're still testing with just one provider.

Commissioner Keon: Right, but...

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, if I just say 30 days, that doesn't work. Then we have to come back to this in 30 days. I don't want to do that.

Commissioner Keon: We're going to come back the first Commission meeting in October is what she's saying.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'm going to say 90 -- I'm going to -- my motion is -- yeah, I'm not going to make the motion yet. I'm explaining to you what they both are and then I'll make them. An additional 90 days for spin right now, okay, with, at the 30-day point -- that's my first motion. The second motion is to bring in Bird approximately 30 days from now, depending on staff's consideration when to roll them in, to do it for 60 days, so they both end at the same time. So, the next time we're talking about this is in three months. And at that time, we're going to have a good representative sample of one provider on their own for 60 days on their own and then another 60 days with two providers. Then we will get the information and we'll be able to get adjusted and say let's go RFP for one or let's go RFP for twelve. And I think we have a good data set and it still gives staff a ramp up period to deal with Bird and educate and...

City Attorney Ramos: And what do you want to cap each one at?

Commissioner Keon: (INAUDIBLE) -- do you want to leave that to staff to make a determination...

Vice Mayor Quesada: (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Keon: As to how many scooters should be out there on the street and let them work it out with them and not us tell them?

Vice Mayor Quesada: I think it's 100 percent deference to staff, but to not exceed 150 total.

Commissioner Keon: Well, I'd like -- yeah. I would really like to let staff design...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Is that...

Commissioner Keon: The parameters...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Is that fair?

Commissioner Keon: Of their...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I...

Commissioner Keon: Pilot.

Commissioner Mena: What do you think of a combination...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I think that...

Commissioner Mena: Of a hard cap...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I really do believe that 150 is an arbitrary number right now.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I really want to watch what happens with the ridership.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Okay.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: You know, again, like I said, I was watching social media and social media was where I was finding that there weren't enough scooters available. And so...

Vice Mayor Quesada: You mean comments where there weren't enough available?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: Alright.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Alright, so that's good. It's a good sign.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: So -- it is a good sign.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: And that's at 70. So, I don't know. I don't want there to be the scooter clutter all over the place.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Of course.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I -- you know, I'm considering that.

Vice Mayor Quesada: That's why we're leaving it to you.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: But if everyone's riding the scooters -- they've got 200 scooters out and everyone's riding them, that's also a good thing. So...

Commissioner Mena: Well, that plays into...

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I think that we can work with the providers and come up with the right number and grow slowly.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, but can I ask one question...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Good point.

Commissioner Keon: Also then? If this period that you're looking at -- the total is 90 days?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Commissioner Keon: Is that what you're saying? So, it's a 90-day pilot...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Right? So, at the end of that 90 days, then we go out with an RFP?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Is that right?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Because -- right. Because we're not going to waive the...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Permit (sic) code -- the...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Because we want to be...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Respectful of the Procurement Code.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you make a motion, please?

Commissioner Keon: But we're not going to waive the Procurement Code.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Right.

Commissioner Keon: We're going to use this as a pilot. We're going to introduce a second provider.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Sometime -- 30 days from now, sometime in...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Staff will decide approximately...

Commissioner Keon: October, probably.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Approximately 30 days from today.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

City Attorney Ramos: Spin is moving -- literally moving and they are -- we don't want them to stop and have to re-deploy is my understanding.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

City Attorney Ramos: So, if you're okay with it, we're just going to have an amendment signed today that extends the period...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

City Attorney Ramos: And leaves the number open and left up to staff.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: So, it's going to be 90 days.

Unidentified Speaker: It'll be a total of 90 days.

Commissioner Keon: 90 days.

City Attorney Ramos: No, 90 starting today.

Commissioner Keon: 90 from today.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Spin is 90.

City Attorney Ramos: Spin is what I'm talking about because (INAUDIBLE).

Vice Mayor Quesada: Bird will be 60.

City Attorney Ramos: Right.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Starting at a point where they feel comfortable.

Commissioner Keon: Sometime in October.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Or 55 or 50, depending on what staff is...

Commissioner Keon: You'll work it out. I'd really like to let staff do it.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, I want to make a motion to extend...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Please do.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Spin's pilot for an additional 90 days.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: An additional -- please, come on.

Unidentified Speaker: It was important.

Commissioner Keon: It's important. Go ahead.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Make a motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I made the motion.

Commissioner Keon: And...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I moved to extend Spin's pilot for 90 days. I think it's got to be...

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Two motions.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. All those in favor, say "aye."

The Commission (Collectively): Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed? Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: My second...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Motion is to give Bird a pilot to run concurrent with Spin starting 30 days for now and the term of that is -- that pilot for Bird is 60 days.

Commissioner Keon: And with the discussion of staff.

Unidentified Speaker: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: As the number and whatever.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Consistent with the conversations that we've had here that staff will determine the total number of deployment and locations...

Commissioner Lago: And you feel comfortable...

Unidentified Speaker: So...

Commissioner Lago: With 30 days or you would like to see something like 45, 60 days? What do you feel comfortable with?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: No, I'm comfortable.

Commissioner Keon: So, you know what, it's going to be January or the end of December before we talk about this again, right?

Unidentified Speaker: Yeah.

Unidentified Speaker: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, good.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. All those in favor of the motion, say “aye.”

The Commission (Collectively): Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed? Thank you. Thank you very much.

City Attorney Ramos: Sir, if we could call F-15, which is related.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

City Attorney Ramos: F-15 is an ordinance of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 74 -Traffic and Vehicles of the City of Coral Gables Code in order to authorize the use of motorized scooters on certain City sidewalks...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right.

City Attorney Ramos: And, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. This ordinance is on first reading. It'll come back on September 11.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Lago: Quick question. How does this apply to Miracle Mile?

City Attorney Ramos: So, presently -- and I'll let...

Commissioner Lago: Because I remember that we had -- I remember that we had had extensive conversations where we do not want people riding bike on the Mile and...

City Attorney Ramos: So, the...

Commissioner Lago: To the point where I've had people come to me and say, hey, listen, there isn't sufficient bike racks on the Mile, which are -- I don't know of any on the Mile.

Unidentified Speaker: The way it's written now, it prohibits the riding of scooters on Miracle Mile, on Giralda Plaza and those three blocks north and south of Miracle Mile, on Ponce, where it's posted no riding on the sidewalks. So, that's how we've been implementing the pilot program with Spin. That language is written into the ground operations of the agreement as it currently stands and would be as renewed by you all today.

Commissioner Mena: You know, I just want to -- in the long-term, I want to revisit the streetscape Giralda portion. I've promised Peter that for at least the pilot, we're going to leave it as is. But I do think it's a bit of an issue that we have to consider when we roll this out for a longer term solution because if you're trying to ride anywhere on Miracle Mile, there's no lawful way to get there. You can't ride on the street. You can't ride on the sidewalk.

City Attorney Ramos: Now, by December, maybe the Legislature could (INAUDIBLE). We also have to see where that goes.

Commissioner Mena: And I have that exact situation that happened to me the other day. I was riding it somewhere on Miracle Mile and you can't go on the street and you can't go on the streetscape, so you have to go around the block and then kind of stop short of -- and frankly, my -- from my impression of the scooters is they're not as bulky and as like, you know...

Commissioner Keon: They don't go as fast.

Commissioner Mena: Well, and they don't -- I don't think they would damage the streetscape the way a bicycle might if you kind of like throw it down and stuff like that. The scooters are pretty lightweight. They're pretty easy to park, so that's a conversation for another day. I'm just bringing it up now for future consideration.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Unidentified Speaker: (INAUDIBLE) a motion.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in -- will you call the roll, please?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.