

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-10
February 15, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-10 [Start: 11:23 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission adopting a policy regarding City Commission review of renovations to existing City owned and/or operated surface parking lots and review of proposed construction of new City owned and/or operated surface parking lots. (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

Mayor Lago: G-10, before we go to the final item which is I-2.

Commissioner Anderson: This is a resolution to require the 40 percent level the city parking lots as they are being renovated and designed to come to each one of the Commission members. The impetus for this resolution was to try to optimize our green space, drainage space, and charging stations throughout the parking lots, and the 40 percent I've asked to have the measurements included in there so that each of us can have a realistic opportunity to provide comments to staff on tweaking the design to make our city parking lots looking more like Coral Gables outstanding parking lots, as opposed to the standard fair that you see throughout the Miami-Dade County.

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Mayor Lago: I have no issues with that.

Commissioner Anderson: Any comments?

Mayor Lago: I think its great. Any time that we can have a little more oversight or bring more ideas to the table, I think is something beautiful.

Vice Mayor Mena: You want to pass some kind of policy though that kind of gives guidelines to staff.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: So there's a policy attached to the item that details that when its significant renovations – Stephanie Throckmorton, Assistant City Attorney, existing city-owned and/or operated or proposed new, city-owned and/or operated surface parking lots; and its when the plans are at 40 percent, the engineering and landscaping plans will be provided to all of you for a period of time to review prior to having the opportunity to put it on a City Commission agenda to give feedback to city staff. It will show in sufficient detail what the Commissioner mentioned, the landscaping location of charters, etc., from our Public Works teams and our CIP teams to show those details; and its not a substitute for any approvals that we would need from you all, for instance, to purchase properties, build other larger structures, etc. This is just an additional level of review. Sort of similar to the tree policy that was adopted a few years ago, where you get a chance to review the staff decisions at some point and bring them to Commission agenda should you want to discuss further amongst yourselves.

City Manager Iglesias: And it will be at the 40 percent phase of the drawings so there is enough time to gather comments and implement them, if necessary.

Commissioner Anderson: No other comments, anybody, I'll move it.

Mayor Lago: I think it's great.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll second.

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Lago: Thank you Stephanie, appreciate it.