

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-1
November 10, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

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City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-1 [Start: 3:21:38 p.m.]

Status report regarding potential ordinance legalizing ride-sharing networks in Coral Gables, under section 6.02 of the Miami-Dade County Charter.

Mayor Cason: Let's do I-1 and I-2.

City Attorney Leen: Yes sir. Agenda Item I-1 is a status report regarding potential ordinance legalizing ride-sharing networks in Coral Gables, under section 6.02 of the Miami-Dade County Charter. This matter came up at the last meeting. What this relates to is Uber, Lift and other ride-sharing networks. The Commission asked me to look into whether the City could do more than simply do a resolution supporting the legalization of Uber, Lift and other ride-sharing networks. I did look into the matter. I believe we could. I believe under section 6.02 of the Miami-Dade County Charter, we could have a higher standard of service or regulation and that part of having

a higher standard of service would be this option for our residents. Of course only if the Commission made the appropriate findings. So what you would have to do is have a public hearing as part of your ordinance, take evidence on the issue of or hear testimony on the issue of these ride-sharing networks, and determine that you believe that it provides a higher level of service than what's presently out there, if you did that seems to fall directly under 6.02. One caveat is that you could probably only legalize it within the limits of the City of Coral Gables because that's where your jurisdiction is. Now, I raised this issue with the County Attorney's Office, I spoke with them, and the County was aware of our resolution, of the City's resolution, your resolution, and was also aware of the assignment you had given me to look into the matter, and what they asked was, they are asking that the City give them 90 days to try to legalize Uber, Lift and these ride-sharing networks and if they are unable to do that then the City can go ahead and act. They don't necessarily agree with the City acting, but they've asked for this 90 day period. So ultimately that's up to you, but what I would propose is that you direct me to come back to you with an ordinance on February 9th.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Has the Police Department issued any citations related to this?

City Attorney Leen: My understanding is that the City has not enforced this. It has been purely through the County Code Enforcement and enforcement personnel, it's my understanding.

Mayor Cason: I suggest we give them 90 days, it's reasonable, and then we'll come back. If they don't...

Commissioner Keon: We'll discuss it in 90 days.

City Attorney Leen: So do you want to discuss or do you want something on the agenda.

Commissioner Keon: We can discuss it in 90 days.

Mayor Cason: Yes – 90 days.

Commissioner Keon: We can see where the County is.

Mayor Cason: You know the Mayor wants to do and I'm sure they've got a lot of things on their plate, so let's give them 90 days and then come back and discuss and decide what we want to do if they haven't done it.

City Attorney Leen: OK. So it will be back on the Agenda February 9th and I will get further direction from you at the time.

[End: 3:24:10 p.m.]