

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting  
Agenda Item K-1  
December 5, 2017  
City Commission Chambers  
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli  
Vice Mayor Pat Keon  
Commissioner Vince Lago  
Commissioner Frank Quesada  
Commissioner Michael Mena**

**City Staff**

**City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark  
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos  
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman  
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Report on settlement with the Property Appraiser's Office

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next is report on settlement agreement with Property Appraiser's Office.

City Attorney Ramos: Yes. I wanted to briefly report on a very favorable agreement that we had that resolved an issue that could have really destroyed our parking structure as we know it. The Palace parking garage provides public spaces as well as private spaces, and the County Property Appraiser's Office took issue with providing the exemption for those public spaces; and as you know, we rely on that exemption for public spaces throughout all our parking garages. So, they asked us to condominiumize them 2016, we did so, after that there was no problem, but we still have the remaining 2014 and 2015 which were being contested. Thankfully, the night before mediation we were able to settle for a very good amount, and the Palace has absorbed that amount, but more importantly we were not in a position to have to litigate the bigger issue that had we lost, although we felt we had a very strong position, but had we lost it could have been very detrimental to the City. Also, with the Mayor's permission, I'd like to bring up under City

Attorney's Items that the Constitutional Revision Commission will be meeting in January to discuss the area of the Constitution that talks about disabilities; and right now the Constitution only discusses physical disabilities. It doesn't talk about cognitive disabilities; and we'd like myself through Craig, who had spoken about this in our inclusion resolution, would like to propose that we adopt a resolution in favor of including cognitive disabilities in the Florida Constitution, so they are treated similarly to physical disabilities.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes, I'll move it.

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

All: Aye.

Vice Mayor Keon: How are we tracking the whole issue of the Constitutional Revision Commission? I'm really concerned about how they treat Home Rule; there are so many issues in this Revision Commission. I know myself I don't follow it as closely as I'd like it to be followed.

City Attorney Ramos: So, the League of Cities is very involved and keeps us posted on things that might be of interest to municipalities, but also Naomi is keeping track of those initiatives.

Vice Mayor Keon: Do we attend or do we plan to attend any of those sessions?

City Attorney Ramos: We can. Craig spoke as City Attorney on two items and as an individual capacity on one, but those hearings are open to the public, so any of us can attend if we wish to do so.

City Attorney Ramos: As you keep us alerted of the items that are coming forward, if you feel that they are something that is of particular significance, someone will go and....

City Attorney Ramos: Of course. If you instruct us to do that our office can...

Vice Mayor Keon: How do we do that? How do we address those issues?

City Attorney Ramos: I think what we would do is bring them to you in similar fashion and then you could say, we'd like someone either from the City Manager's Office, City Attorney's Office to go and present on that.

Vice Mayor Keon: I'm fine with staff doing it, but I want to make sure we don't miss.

City Attorney Ramos: I'm happy to do that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

[End: 12:53:26 p.m.]