

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-7
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Agenda Item F-7 [10:22 a.m.]

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(Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next, F-7.

City Attorney Ramos: F-7 is an ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Section 2-79 of Chapter 2, Article III of the City Code, titled, "Order of Business" to establish an Open Public Comment section of the City Commission Meeting agenda, in addition to the public comments currently permitted in accordance with Sec. 286.0114, F.S., the Citizens Bill of Rights, and other applicable laws, to allow for members of the public to address the City Commission on any matter and providing for the imposition of time limitations; providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. This item is sponsored by the Vice Mayor.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Lago.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Vice Mayor, I'm sorry.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you, Mayor. I appreciate it. I'll be brief. Over the past few months, in an effort to try to get as much information as possible, I've been visiting some of our local municipalities that are adjacent to the City of Coral Gables in an effort to really understand what they're doing in regards to transparency and ensuring that the public input is accounted for. As you know, many of our residents in the past have contacted the entire Commission and our staff to really see how we can continue the process of transparency because we've done many great things. And I'll mention some of those in the near future as I continue my comments. But a lot of these individuals are working professionals or they have children, or they have elderly family members to take care of, so it's very difficult for them to find the flexibility to attend the Commission meetings or wait for a future proposed time certain item, as a result of their schedules not allowing them to be here. So, this ordinance proposes a consistent timeframe in which

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residents can appear to speak about an item on the agenda or not on the agenda for three minutes. I asked my office, like I mentioned before, to do research and we found dozens of cities -- I have the information here, if you'd like to see it. I could share it with all of you -- in Miami-Dade County that already have a similar policy in place on their agenda. This ordinance goes hand-in-hand with all the transparency initiatives we have passed, such as e-Comment, Zoom video commenting that was brought forth by Commissioner Fors, and the Transparency Portal, which I actually took and brought it into the City from Doral. This is an added measure to encourage residents to participate and voice their concerns and as a representative as to who we are as a city. For quite some time, I have discussed the possibility of starting Commission meetings after 5 p.m. I think this is a happy median and a good alternative for those who cannot stay around for the meeting all day to state their concerns or to give valid input, which we so appreciate as a Commission. I, along with my office, have received many calls from residents, as I mentioned, and board members who are excited to see this item proposed. It is nice to see this type of support on an ordinance that it has already received without actually being passed. The fact that there's buy-in from the community so early on this is telling on how involved our residents are and the fact that they're aware that this is an item on the agenda. So, what I look forward to is I ask for you today to give me your support. I think this is an opportunity. We'll limit it to City issues, obviously, City issues, you know, that are relevant and that are dealing with concerns in regards to the residents and the business community. So, I ask you for your support today and I look forward to your support. Thank you.

City Attorney Ramos: I would like to ask Deputy City Attorney to come up and walk us through exactly what's being done to the ordinance in order to effectuate this change.

Vice Mayor Lago: Perfect.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let me make something very clear. I have always, always scheduled for public appearances or for personal appearance anybody who has requested to appear, and we have some people here that can testify to that. I have never denied anybody the opportunity to speak. I

am very much for this ordinance as long, however, as the appearance concerns or the testimony concerns items before the agenda or items relevant to the City of Coral Gables. I don't want people speechifying in election years as to who -- you know, democrats, republicans, governor or senator or socialism in Cuba or communism in Cuba or, I don't know, the Sargasso Sea and contamination. I would like for it to be relevant, and I very much support your -- if you amend it in that way.

Vice Mayor Lago: So, like I mentioned -- and I put this very clearly -- it has to do with City-related issues. And at the end of the day, the Mayor has at his disposition the ability to say, you know, this is not an issue that's relevant to this Commission and to this city, and we can, you know, cut it at that point. But this is important. I want to, you know, give a little more credence to your statement. You've never not allowed somebody to speak on issues. And this is not the point of this legislation. The point of this legislation is to ensure that the -- that we have a vehicle in place that if someone is not able to wait for a time certain item that could be at 3 o'clock in the afternoon or 11 o'clock in the afternoon, that they have the ability just to leave their comments and for always their comments be considered and put on the record. Yes, ma'am. How are you?

Deputy City Attorney Suárez: Good morning.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Deputy City Attorney Suárez: Cristina Suárez, Deputy City Attorney. Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. So, the proposed ordinance makes a change to the City Code to the order of business for City Commission meetings. It would delete the personal appearance section which is currently in our Code for order of business, and instead, creates a new section for open public comment following the presentations and proclamation section of our agenda. It provides that there will be an opportunity for public comment during which individuals may address the City Commission on items that are either on the agenda or not on the agenda, so long as they are within the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction. If an individual addresses the Commission on an item that is on the agenda during the public common section, they will not get another opportunity to

address the Commission once that item is called. Also, if an individual wishes to speak during a public hearing for a quasi-judicial matter, they should do so when the public hearing for that quasi-judicial matter is called. Individuals will be given three minutes during the public comment section, which can be extended by the Mayor. An individual addressing the City Commission must state their name, address and whether they are speaking on their own behalf or on behalf of a group.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: A lobbyist.

Deputy City Attorney Suárez: Yes. And then also an individual who speaks before the Commission should comply with our civility code and with the rules of decorum that are in our Code. The City Clerk may establish procedures such as requiring speaker cards and so forth. And also, the public comment section cannot be taken out of order without a majority vote of the City Commission.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much. We have somebody from the public that wishes to speak. Mr. J. R. Holmes. Mr. Holmes.

Jackson "Rip" Holmes: Hi. Jackson "Rip" Holmes. I live at 35 Sidonia, here in Coral Gables. Mayor and Commissioners, I'm really thrilled that you've got this up here now because I feel like, you know, our efforts in Coral Gables to improve the world, we got shot down recently on our plastic bag ordinance, which is a hurting experience, but we're not letting that stop us. Now, we've got this new ordinance that you're proposing. Miami Beach does it. I guess, to some extent, the County does it. I don't get over there that often. And just to give you one idea -- and some may love me or hate me for this -- but if and when this gets passed and I get to make a comment, I'll say, "Let's get misting machines in the downtown. We need to cool off in the summer." Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, sir.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you, Mr. Holmes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We have Aurelio Duran.

Aurelio Durana: Good morning, Mr. Mayor, Commissioners.

Vice Mayor Lago: Good morning, sir.

Mr. Durana: Speaking in support of the ordinance proposed by Vice Mayor Lago.

Commissioner Keon: We need your name and address, Aurelio.

Mr. Durana: It's on the card. It's Aurelio Durana, 322 Alesio Avenue. Duplicative, but happy to comply.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can you get closer to the microphone? Thank you.

Mr. Durana: The ordinance should be passed as proposed by Vice Mayor Lago. It should not be watered down at all. I mean, as bad enough as it is, we have a constitutional right to freedom of speech. We have a Commissioner who constantly preaches about allowing access to Coral Gables to people who don't live in Coral Gables, yet our own residents (INAUDIBLE) of a presiding officer as to whether we can address a matter of significance to us. In your own self-preservation, you want to provide a safety valve for your residents to vent. You don't want people parading in front of City Hall holding signs or putting up electorate signs, as has happened before. So, I do urge you to pass the ordinance as has been proposed. We sorely need it. Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you, Mr. Durana.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Mr. Durana, I wish to -- I wish for you to tell me one instance where I have not scheduled somebody to speak who has asked to be put in the agenda. I challenge you to give me one instance.

Mr. Durana: There have been numerous instances, Mr. Mayor...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: There haven't been...

Mr. Durana: Where...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Mr. Durana.

Mr. Durana: Would you let me talk? See, that's part of the issue. You don't let people talk. You cut people off when it's not in support of whatever you're promoting. That's one of the issues, whether it's you or somebody else. It's a constitutional right that we have to freedom of speech. When that right is dependent upon you allowing me to speak or not, it becomes moot.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Have you ever asked to speak that I have denied...

Mr. Durana: Oh, not me but...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You the right to...

Mr. Durana: I have supported you in all of your campaigns.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: What?

Mr. Durana: I have supported you in all of your campaigns.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And I very much appreciate that and I am grateful for it. But one -- anybody tell me one instance where they have asked to be in the agenda and I have denied them that right?

Mr. Durana: You just...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I challenge you, Mr. Durana.

Mr. Durana: You just cut off people on the bike lane, what two weeks ago, three weeks ago...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Every...

Mr. Durana: A month ago?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You had 60 people testify, Mr. Durana. Sixty people stood there and spoke.

Mr. Durana: It's our right.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Mr. Durana: It's a democracy. It's a republic. It's in our Constitution. It's in the Constitution of the State of Florida. There's a Citizens' Bill of Rights that was passed by the Florida Legislature.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: You are changing the topic. I'm asking you one instance where I have denied the people the right to speak.

Mr. Durana: I just told you a month ago, and you said because you had too many because you have 60 of them.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We did.

Mr. Durana: Those are the facts.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: They all testified. They all testified...

Vice Mayor Lago: I think we're losing...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Mr. Durana.

Vice Mayor Lago: I think we're losing focus of the issue. This has nothing to do with anybody on this Commission allowing someone to testify or not. There's multiple opportunities.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, Mr. Durana.

Vice Mayor Lago: The sole purpose of this is very simple. If someone cannot wait -- and it happens all the time. How many times do you hear from somebody who would like to speak on an issue, but they can't wait because, again, things drag on longer than they should. We have items that take instead of an hour, take two hours, which is perfectly fine. But that person or that business owner cannot wait. So, at the end of the day, this is an opportunity to make sure that everybody's voice is heard, and that's why I'm proposing this ordinance.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, Mr. Durana.

Commissioner Mena: Let me -- quick -- there was one example that I'll get to, which -- and I say it in the following way because I think it's one of the questions I had for you as far as what you envision here. Before we finally took up the item on the bike path where, yes, everybody had an opportunity to speak, two meetings prior to that, we had a personal appearance by Ms...

Unidentified Speaker: Sylvia.

Commissioner Mena: Vasquez?

Vice Mayor Lago: Vasquez, yes.

Commissioner Mena: And there were probably -- I don't know -- 50 other people here that day, 30, I don't know how many. And we told them we're not dealing with that item today. It's not on the agenda. Therefore, only she will be making a personal appearance, as granted by the Mayor and as communicated to her in advance by the Mayor. The subsequent meeting, we had a personal appearance by Mr. Ruano, as everybody recalls. And then, in the third meeting, when we were actually taking up the item, everybody was given an opportunity to speak.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Sixty people.

Commissioner Mena: Correct. So, my question for you is...

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: On this, how do you envision handling, in an open comment section, right, if you have that first day scenario, right, where even though it's not on the agenda that day, you know, you have an organized group that wants 60 people to speak that day? Do you envision it having them speak that day in the open comment section or having them speak on the day that we're dealing with the actual item and voting on it? Because that was one of the questions I had...

Vice Mayor Lago: My approach...

Commissioner Mena: Just because there was a recent experience.

Vice Mayor Lago: My approach , if approved by the Commission -- Obviously, the Mayor -- it's at his discretion. The Mayor -- what I would do if I was Mayor, I would ask the individual to have one person speak on behalf of the entire party whose here, which is -- in an effort to try to address an issue, and then provide them, like we did with the bike paths on Alhambra, the opportunity to be heard at an entire Commission meeting. That would be my goal. That's the way I would conduct myself. But I think, at the end of the day, if somebody wants to come and speak before the Commission, they should be allowed to speak before the Commission.

Commissioner Mena: No doubt.

Vice Mayor Lago: Which is something that we, as a Commission, have always allowed. But I think that where we fall short is, like I mentioned, where individuals who want to speak on a certain item cannot wait for that time certain. And that's happened on multiple occasions.

Commissioner Mena: Right, but that assumes the item is on the agenda that day.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yeah, but I'm just giving you an example.

Commissioner Mena: That -- so my thing is...

Vice Mayor Lago: Or...

Commissioner Mena: If it's not on the agenda.

Commissioner Keon: I...

Vice Mayor Lago: We still should allow for the open forum. That's my -- I'm of the opinion and I -- and many other cities -- I can give you the list. I have a memo of -- I should have sent you the

memo -- offer that already. And it's basically the status quo, and it's an opportunity, again, to continue in the path that has made us leaders in transparency and open government.

Commissioner Mena: I have no problem with that. The only thing I...

Vice Mayor Lago: Sure, you don't.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. No, the only thing I would say is I think it's important -- and I don't know if it needs to be part of the ordinance or what. Here's what I don't want. I don't want -- you have an open comment section, an issue that's not on the agenda that day is addressed. And what I don't want is the Commission then taking an ad-hoc action, voting on something that day that wasn't on the agenda.

Commissioner Keon: But you can't...

Vice Mayor Lago: You can't do that.

Commissioner Keon: Yeah, I don't think you can do that.

Commissioner Mena: Right. But I wanted that to be clear that that's not...

Vice Mayor Lago: Yeah.

Commissioner Mena: The -- whatever the subject matter of the open comment, if it's not something on the agenda that day, that we will not be able to take action on it that day.

Vice Mayor Lago: And by the way, Commissioner -- and I don't want to speak for everybody. But we're a community of reasonable people. And when you have 60 people show up here clamoring over an issue, obviously, there's an issue that needs to be addressed. And if...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And we have always taken...

Vice Mayor Lago: And if you...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It up.

Vice Mayor Lago: And if you -- a hundred percent. I agree with you. And it's at the Mayor's discretion at that point to designate one, two or three people to speak on behalf of the entire group, and then designate a day where this can be addressed fully, like we did with the Alhambra bike path project.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Like we did with the bike paths.

Vice Mayor Lago: Exactly.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, Mr. Durana.

Vice Mayor Lago: And I appreciate your comments, by the way, because your comments are correct. And it's something that we need to, you know, be considerate of, obviously, when...

Commissioner Mena: What I...

City Attorney Ramos: Commissioner, it's something I would have, in either event, advised the Commission not to vote since it's not on the agenda. But we'll add it to the ordinance so it's crystal clear.

Commissioner Mena: Something simple...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: That says if the item addressed...

Vice Mayor Lago: I don't have...

City Attorney Ramos: No vote will be taken.

Vice Mayor Lago: I don't have a problem with that amendment.

Commissioner Mena: If it's not on the agenda that day of the Commission...

City Attorney Ramos: No vote will be taken.

Commissioner Mena: We're not taking any action on it.

City Attorney Ramos: No action will be taken.

Commissioner Fors: I think it's a great idea. I started thinking about it, slept on it. You know, for a second I started considering maybe the idea of limiting it in some capacity in terms of time period, even if it's two hours maximum, that could be 40 people. I don't know if it needs a limitation. What I was concerned about was sort of a filibuster situation, where we're not allowed to -- we never end up being able to proceed with our meeting...

Vice Mayor Lago: Make sense.

Commissioner Fors: Conduct our meeting if somebody speaks for too long. But I guess we'll worry about that problem if it actually happens.

Vice Mayor Lago: Commissioner Fors brings up a...

City Attorney Ramos: That's a good point. We could say at no time should the open public comment section last more than...

Vice Mayor Lago: An hour.

City Attorney Ramos: One hour.

Vice Mayor Lago: Forty-five minutes.

Commissioner Fors: There's a second reason for doing that, and it's that -- how it will affect the ability to give other time certain unless we would take a break in between the public -- the open comment section and then take a time certain.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can I have a suggestion? Can I have a suggestion? Let's pass this, see how it works and then we'll amend it.

Commissioner Fors: That's what I'm saying, yeah.

Commissioner Keon: I want to -- I'm sorry. Are you done?

Commissioner Fors: No. Yeah, I'm done.

Commissioner Keon: You know, I worked for -- as a policy and legislative aide to Jimmy Morales when he was a County Commissioner for a long time. In the County -- and the County always had a personal appearance section. And when I came here, I noted on the agenda and I asked about it and was told that there was a personal appearance section here and that they could move forward. And there are -- in the County, they were not unfrequently, but not as frequently as you would

think that they would -- someone would come into the Commission office with an issue and would tell you that they were having trouble having this addressed or whatever. And you would say to them -- I mean, I know as working in the office, you would say to them, okay, you can -- and in the County at the time, it was the agenda coordinator who would put the item on the agenda or place it on the agenda. And you would -- you know, you would say to them -- you know, we would call the agenda coordinator's office and they would say, you know, so and so would like to make a personal appearance to discuss a particular matter. And it didn't have to be something that was on that agenda for that day. It could be something that maybe someone had been trying to address and just hadn't been successful for whatever reason in addressing it. And so, they were given the opportunity then to make their comments to the Commissioners that were present at that time on the dais. And you know, it was fine. And so, I always thought we did have that, but because we have it so rarely, it seems -- although -- and I will agree with you. Whenever anybody has asked, you have always granted them that sort of thing. So, you know, maybe -- I don't know how you see how this personal appearance gets on the agenda because it would generally be -- you would have to do it after the agenda is published so they would know if the item is on the agenda, if they want to speak to an item on the agenda. So -- or if someone wants to speak or address an issue that they believe to be a significant issue within the city, that they just can't seem to get addressed for one reason or another, whether, you know, limiting it to just what's on the agenda, I think, does limit it some. I think it should be any issue that is a -- that a resident believes is of a significant nature. And it's generally that individual that -- I know how worked it worked in the County. It was that individual that was allowed to speak. It wasn't a whole coalition of people.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: They have always...

Commissioner Keon: So that's why I'm asking -- yeah. So, those are the couple of things I'm asking you is would it still go through -- from -- in reading this, it looks like it would still go through the Mayor's office.

City Attorney Ramos: No. Commissioner, it's an open -- there will be -- after we do protocols and presentation, we will say anybody wishing to speak, please -- have whatever procedure Billy wants. There's probably going to be a speaker card and please line up. They would come one after the other for three minutes apiece and speak. And we could add the -- up until -- for a one-hour period, not to exceed a one-hour period, as Commissioner Fors mentioned.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yeah. So, that's -- I wanted to amend -- with Commissioner Fors' approval -- limiting it to an hour, if he thinks...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

Vice Mayor Lago: That's appropriate.

Commissioner Keon: Okay. But...

Commissioner Fors: I could vote for it either way, honestly.

Vice Mayor Lago: Do you think two hours? What do you think, an hour?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no, no.

Vice Mayor Lago: I think an hour's appropriate.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do it one hour.

Commissioner Keon: I think you ought to give it a -- why don't you give it a chance to see how it works. And if it becomes...

Commissioner Fors: Unwieldy.

Commissioner Keon: Extensive, then maybe you can go back and limit it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's do it one hour.

Commissioner Keon: But otherwise...

City Attorney Ramos: The other issue that's been brought up to me is staff is concerned that someone's going to bring something up that they're not prepared to present on and the Commission's going to call...

Vice Mayor Lago: You know what's okay to say?

Commissioner Keon: They can say that.

Vice Mayor Lago: We're not ready.

City Attorney Ramos: Okay.

Vice Mayor Lago: Which is okay or we're currently researching that. We're in the process...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's do it.

Vice Mayor Lago: Of addressing that. It's okay to say you that don't know. I'd rather have somebody tell me they don't know -- they don't have an answer for something than just blurt something out...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's do it one hour.

Vice Mayor Lago: That leads somebody in the wrong direction.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And if it's -- if it doesn't work, we'll amend it.

Vice Mayor Lago: And staff -- and when is -- I've never seen staff ever come up here and be, number one, unprepared. And if they're not prepared, they're always candid, which is the key.

City Attorney Ramos: Agreed. I just wanted to express the concern...

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Vice Mayor Lago: And I don't want...

City Attorney Ramos: That's been expressed to me.

Vice Mayor Lago: To get too complicated. Let's not get lost in the weeds.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. We have...

Vice Mayor Lago: This is about transparency.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Maria Cruz that wishes to speak. Ms. Cruz. Maybe she'll bring up a new point.

Maria Cruz: Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road. I love the way it's been presented. I think, as a recipient of many public -- personal appearances, I do appreciate the fact that, number one, people will have an idea of when they're going to talk. That's very important so they can come say it and then leave if they have to. I think that's wonderful. I think limiting to an hour to begin with so it doesn't get -- because you know what? If we have 20 people here to talk, they can always come

the next meeting, if it's not something that's going to come up. Once people come here and look at the agenda, they may say, "Okay, no, I'm not going to do it at the beginning. I'm going to wait for the item." You know, people read. People know what's going on. I think that we must remember that even when it's not a public hearing, we are able to speak if a Commissioner moves it and two others agree. So, you know, in this place, if people want to talk, there are ways to do it. And I think this is wonderful. And I think it's -- most people will agree that this is good.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you, Maria.

Vice Mayor Lago: And the good thing is that we can...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Lago: Tweak this ordinance. We're going to go to a second reading. So, there's always an opportunity on the second bite of the apple that we can address concerns. But I agree with Commissioner Fors' comments. I think that we need to maybe limit it to an hour.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you make a motion?

City Attorney Ramos: Okay, so I need some direction on the hour because I think you all are split as to whether to limit it now or limit it later.

Commissioner Mena: Can we just say that we have the discretion, after an hour, to...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, to (INAUDIBLE).

Commissioner Mena: Continue...

Vice Mayor Lago: Let the Mayor...

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Commissioner Mena: It to the following?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you make a motion?

Commissioner Mena: And I -- by the way, I say that because of the second point that Commissioner Fors made, which I thought was a good point, which is the time certain issue.

Commissioner Keon: Time certain so the other time certain...

Vice Mayor Lago: The schedules.

Commissioner Mena: Otherwise, you can't have a time certain -- if you do the two hours, you can't have a time certain before 11 a.m. technically because you wouldn't know how long...

City Attorney Ramos: Correct.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: It needs to be at the beginning of the meeting.

Commissioner Mena: So...

Commissioner Keon: I just want to confirm also, Commissioner Lago, is it only related to items that are on that day's agenda? It's open to any commentary?

Vice Mayor Lago: As long...

Commissioner Mena: City related.

Vice Mayor Lago: As long...

Commissioner Keon: Well, as long as it's...

Vice Mayor Lago: I was very...

Commissioner Keon: Under the purview of the City.

Vice Mayor Lago: I was very clear.

Commissioner Keon: Okay, thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: Very clear that this is about, again...

Commissioner Keon: Very good.

Vice Mayor Lago: This is -- it has to do with purview of City items -- under the purview of City items, and that it addresses any concern that a resident or businessowner may have in regards to quality of life, their everyday activity with the City or interaction with City government. So, I want to make sure that there's an opportunity and it's simple. We don't have to get too...

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

Vice Mayor Lago: Complicated. Well, the motion's been made taking into consideration...

Commissioner Keon: Second. I'll second it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Call the roll, please.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Commissioner Fors: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.