

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-4
June 16, 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

City Staff

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 E-4 [10:01:28 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste in the City of Coral Gables, Florida describing the method of assessing solid waste costs against assessed residential property located in the City; determining the solid waste cost and the initial solid waste service assessments; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Cason: The next item before we have a time certain at 10:15 will be Agenda Item E-4.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, I just wanted to clarify one issue. The City Manager is correct. There are limitations on nighttime uses next to residential districts, there is a lot of them and there is our noise ordinance, but that's all I could find. So I know that staff is going to look at that, but you were correct.

So Item E-4 – A Resolution of the City of Coral Gables, Florida relating to the collection and disposal of solid waste in the City of Coral Gables, Florida describing the method of assessing solid waste costs against assessed residential property located in the City; determining the solid waste cost and the initial solid waste service assessments; directing the preparation of an assessment roll; authorizing a public hearing and directing the provision of notice thereof; and providing for an effective date.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: And I'm going to have Diana Gomez present both items on E-4 and E-5.

Mayor Cason: The question is, is the public hearing on the Second Reading or on this one as well?

City Attorney Leen: There will only be one reading on this – Oh I understand. This is the preliminary resolution, this sets the maximums. There will be a future one where people can appear and challenge it.

Mayor Cason: So this is not a public...

City Attorney Leen: For review.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Ms. Gomez: So again, this is the preliminary assessment resolution that identifies all the properties – the current balances that currently exist on these past due accounts, if payments are made from now to the time that it has to be put on the assessment roll, those items will obviously come off. We have sent out a bill, another bill to inform everybody. We sent it to the property address on file and then there is also the information that we can get from the County in terms of mailing address on that same folio. So we sent it to everyone that we have information for to make sure that somebody gets it. We'll send another bill out in July and their last day to pay is August 28th. If they don't pay before then, then it will go onto the tax roll.

Mayor Cason: Maybe we should also put it on E-NEWS. I know we sent letter after letter after letter for the last year or two, and some people have paid, and we have almost \$3 million worth of outstanding bills that people just keep ignoring.

Commissioner Lago: What was the starting off point when you brought this to light?

Mayor Cason: \$3.7 million was – but that included garbage, code, bid, other fines, but it was roughly \$3 million. I think about almost a million dollars had been paid, what happens every time we get a new cycle we get bills on it.

Ms. Gomez: Exactly.

Mayor Cason: But there are some that are \$12,000 to \$14,000, which means that for 15-16 years they've just ignored it and we've liened the homes.

Ms. Gomez: Correct. Anything over \$1,000 we've put a lien on; and so anything that's going to be over \$850 at the time that we put it on the bill, which is more than one year, right, so we will be putting it on the tax bill if we haven't received payment or some kind of...

Mayor Cason: And other cities do this as well, so.

City Attorney Leen: And Mr. Mayor we've listed it as a public hearing item though.

Mayor Cason: Do we have anybody from the public?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: So we'll close the public hearing portion. Discussion? Motion?

Commissioner Lago: I'll make a motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion, the Vice Mayor seconds.

City Clerk

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: And thank you very much.

[End: 10:04:54 a.m.]