

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-6
October 11, 2016
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-6 [11:39:03 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Section 2-198 of the City of Coral Gables Code, allowing for all elected and appointed officials to administer oaths, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Cason: Let's move onto E-6.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, oh, by the way, I'd like to apologize before when you said E-6 and I read E-7. I had an older version of the Code, my fault. Sorry about that. Item E-6 this time, is an Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Section 2-198 of the City of Coral Gables Code, allowing for all elected and appointed officials to administer oaths, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification, enforceability and providing for an effective date. This is a public hearing item. I was the one who sponsored this item. The reason why is, there have been occasions where I've seen that elected and appointed officials

who sometimes serve in a ceremonial capacity may attend a function, and be asked to swear in a board or some other individual, an oath that has to be administered. I thought it was worthwhile that our City Code indicate that these officers can do that. Right now it says that the City Clerk and Deputy Clerks and I believe the Secretary of the Planning and Zoning Board can do this. So we are also updating the provision to reflect current practice, but now would allow elected and appointed officials, in addition to the City Clerk who everyone knows does have the ability to administer oaths. In addition, and also of course the City Clerk is unique because he can attest the document on behalf of the City, and that of course none of you will be able to do, but you will be able to administer oaths. The other thing that we are going to do between First and Second Reading is to make any sort of oath that's been given in the past, we are going to retroactively approve those just in case you did administer an oath.

Mayor Cason: Do we have any speaker cards on this?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: Close the public hearing.

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion.

Commissioner Keon: Second.

Mayor Cason: Second – Commissioner Keon – City Clerk.

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)