

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-4
March 26, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

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

City Staff

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-4 [12:27:33 p.m.]

A discussion regarding Earth Hour on March 30, 2019
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We can do G-4.

Commissioner Lago: Yes, we can do G-4. G-4 is simply inviting you to an Earth Hour celebration on March 30th that we are putting together. I was reached out by...

Commissioner Mena: Are you guys ready or not yet?- just checking.

Speaker: Through the Chair, I've been waiting for Mr. Kline to finish, so I'm standing outside.

Commissioner Lago: So basically, the issue of Earth Hour, we are going to have a great evening here in front of City Hall. I had a nice young lady, who happens to be a Coral Gables resident reach out to me about putting together this Earth Hour event. I celebrated for the last two years, this would be the third year that I celebrate at 8:30 of that evening we turn the lights off in our home

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for the rest of the evening. Its supposed to be for one hour, but we do it for the rest of the evening, just to symbolize saving electricity, but I want to have somebody from staff, maybe talk about the event. Want to come up. How are you?

Mr. David Lindsey: Good – good. David Lindsey, Administrative Analyst, Public Works Department. So, we are going to have an Earth Hour event Saturday, March 30th, this Saturday, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the City Hall Courtyard right outside. It’s an event, basically we shut off all of our electronics, we are going to shut off the lights here at City Hall. We are going to have a little acoustic guitar playing.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Electric or not.

Mr. Lindsey: No, no electric. We are going to have some poetry reading and then we are going to have a tent set up to talk about the City’s sustainability initiatives, energy, water conservation and how you can reduce your carbon footprint.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Perfect. We encourage everybody to attend.

Commissioner Mena: Say when that was again.

Commissioner Lago: I want to give you a quick shout-out March 30th at 8:30.

Commissioner Mena: At 8:30 – OK.

Commissioner Lago: Here in the courtyard. Late last year a Coral Gables High School student, who is a resident and President of Miami Sierra Club Student Coalition, named, Isabella Martinez, came to me regarding an idea she had for Earth Hour. She was inspired by a trip she had taken to Germany where she witnessed a celebration of Earth Hour. Ms. Martinez was incredibly enthusiastic about this event and she wanted to see this event take place in Coral Gables. This is a great event. I ask you to please come out and support it and maybe we can start adopting this in your own homes for that simple one hour. Hang out, read by candle light, talk to your family, turn the TV off.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Very good.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Play some bongos.

Commissioner Lago: Play some bongos.

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Vice Mayor Quesada: Throw out a pony tail.

Commissioner Lago: Throw out a pony tail. Ride your scooter, don't break your arm.

[End: 12:30:18 p.m.]