

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Commission Chambers
Agenda Item G-5
October 13, 2020
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena**

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-5 [Start: 12:40 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, urging Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez to extend the county-wide curfew from 11:00 p.m. to midnight or alternatively, to rescind the curfew, allowing individual municipalities to impose curfews in their cities as needed and further directing the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the officials named herein.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner Mena.

Commissioner Mena: What's the item number again, I apologize.

Vice Mayor Lago: G-5.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Extending the curfew which has been done already.

Commissioner Mena: No, I know. I know. So, this is – yes, the county already extended the curfew. I'm open to the discussion with all of you. Here's my problem with the curfew. Its obvious to me that the motivation behind it from the county's perspective is to curtail activity in certain areas of
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the county, we don't necessarily have a big issue with. I think a lot of it is aimed towards young people and night life in South Beach and Downtown and Brickell. I hear from a lot of restaurants that have really been struggling with this, particularly that they have to close. The same meeting I referenced earlier, I was speaking to the operator of Sports Grill and she was explaining to me how she is having to send people home at half time of the Miami Heat games, basically, which were starting at 9 o'clock, and that she wants to get her employees out in time so that they are not out past curfew. To me, this is an issue that really should be up to each city to determine what's an appropriate curfew and what are appropriate hours for their businesses. I don't know why the county feels compelled to have a county-wide curfew and I think our restaurants, in particular, there is really no reason for them to be subjected to that kind of curfew, given where things are. I understand that the county already extended it to 12, but part of my issue is, the county may retract on that in two weeks or a month and we are going to be sort of going in circles. So, to me, its something that should be at the city's discretion, but I understand the county already extended it. I just wanted to bring it to your attention.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you Commissioner.

Vice Mayor Lago: And I agree with you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.