

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-1
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
Assistant Public Works Director, Jessica Keller

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-1 [12:26:47 p.m.]

A Resolution amending Resolution No. 30149, renaming the Traffic Advisory Board, decreasing membership and broadening the Board's purpose to include various transportation modes and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Cason: Let's move onto G-1. I suggest that G-2 to G-5, since they deal with Commission appointees that we do that at our next Commission meeting. So, if you have no problems, we'll defer G-2 through G-5 and take up G-1 now. G-1 is a resolution – City Manager.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Absolutely – a similar enhancement to the Board process, I'm going to ask Jessica Keller to come forward. We are looking at our ordinances and resolutions associated with the Boards and making their missions more meaningful and the Board participation more positive.

Ms. Keller: Good afternoon now Mayor, Commission, City Manager, I'm Jessica Keller, Assistant Public Works Director. Geddes Lane the Advisory Board Chair was here earlier and she wanted to speak, but she needed to step away. The change is actually pretty simple. When you adopted the Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan in June of last year, there was a recommendation that a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board be created. After speaking with the Traffic Advisory Board, it was determined that it would be more efficient that we incorporate all modes of transportation in the Traffic Advisory Board, so we'll be covering all modes, including transit and we will also be changing the number of members on the Board. Over the years they have had seven, but the actual resolution had stated nine, so really we are just changing the way we've actually been acting over the number of years. And they will have a very strong role in advising us as we move forward through the Comprehensive Transportation Planning process, and I also want to give the Board a lot of kudos. They are a very high functioning Board; they have helped us as the number of complaints of traffic congestion has increased over the past year, specifically since I have been the liaison on this Board. They've provided us a lot of good recommendations and oversight. Any questions?

Commissioner Lago: Do you feel that the Board will be more manageable and more responsive by the increase in membership?

Ms. Keller: There have only been seven members the whole time I've been here and for years before I was. So I'm really not changing the way the Board functions.

Commissioner Lago: You are not changing the make-up?

Ms. Keller: No.

Commissioner Lago: OK.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I move for approval.

Commissioner Lago: I'll second.

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

City Clerk

Commissioner Lago: Yes
Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes
Commissioner Slesnick: Yes
Commissioner Keon: Yes
Mayor Cason: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

[End: 12:29:54 p.m.]