

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-1
January 23, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-1 [2:31:47 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 74 of the City of Coral Gables Code to make the act of obstructing lanes of traffic in commercial and mixed-use zones a code enforcement violation with prescribed penalties, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Lago).

Vice Mayor Keon: F-1.

City Attorney Ramos: F-1 is an Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Chapter 74 of the City of Coral Gables Code to make the act of obstructing lanes of traffic in commercial and mixed-use zones a code enforcement violation with prescribed penalties, providing for repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. There were some minor changes made between First and Second Reading, the Deputy City Attorney is walking into the room, just going to have them list them for you. They are basically what the exemptions are from the ordinance.

Deputy City Attorney Suarez: Good afternoon. The only changes are expanding the list of exemptions to include other government vehicles, transportation services for the elderly, waste services vehicles, and medical services providers; and also clarifying that police officers or anyone designated as a code enforcement officer can issue a citation for violations of this ordinance.

Vice Mayor Keon: Thank you. Commissioner Lago.

Commissioner Lago: Vice Mayor, if I may, I had a wonderful meeting with Kevin Kinney, our City Attorney, our Deputy City Attorney, in regards to this matter and we really talked about how we are, our efforts to migrate from the County and the effort that's going to take to really take the parking code under our control here in the City. I think that's it's feasible, I think Mr. Kinney feels comfortable, I don't want to put words in his mouth, but I think he feels comfortable, as long as he's got the support from staff and from the City Manager; and the Manager assured me that this is something feasible. Not only is it something that, I think will benefit the City financially, but I think it will grant us significant control. We are talking about potentially close to a million to over a million dollars a year in income that would come in to the coffers here in the City. I requested from Kevin and I asked him to see if we could potentially bring that legislation that would migrate us from the County by March. He told me he would do his best.

City Attorney Ramos: Working on it sir.

Commissioner Lago: We are working on it. I know that the City Attorney is working on it, so you'll probably be seeing the second part of this legislation coming in March or early April.

Vice Mayor Keon: Commissioner Mena.

City Attorney Ramos: This is a public hearing item.

Vice Mayor Keon: Any questions?

Commissioner Mena: No, no.

Vice Mayor Keon: Commissioner Quesada.

Commissioner Quesada: No.

Vice Mayor Keon: The only question I ask is with regard to the thing with the loading and unloading of people from medical vans, it's only during the time that they are actually actively loading or unloading not waiting, is that right.

City Attorney Ramos: That is correct. It says while actively loading and unloading.

Vice Mayor Keon: OK. Is there a motion?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Commissioner Quesada: Second.

City Attorney Ramos: It was a public hearing item. Does anyone want to speak on the item?

Vice Mayor Keon: Call the roll please.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes

(Vote: 4-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Absent

[End: 2:34:19 p.m.]