

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item 2-1
May 22, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

Jane Mass, Chairperson of Senior Citizens Advisory Board

Agenda Item 2-1 [9:49:24 a.m.]

A resolution of the City of Coral Gables Citizens Advisory Board requesting that the City of Coral Gables enter into discussions with Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management to explore the addition of shelters or in close proximity to the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Item 2-1, a resolution. Will you read it? Madam City Attorney will you read item 2-1?

City Attorney Ramos: Yes. A resolution of the City of Coral Gables Citizens Advisory Board requesting that the City of Coral Gables enter into discussions with Miami-Dade Office of Emergency Management to explore the addition of shelters or in close proximity to the City of Coral Gables. This is not a resolution of the City Commission, but rather the Coral Gables Senior Advisory Board.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK. I have a comment on this and I don't think that the City of Coral Gables should be involved in shelters. There is a tremendous risk there, resources that we don't have. We welcome shelters in Coral Gables or around Coral Gables, but we should not be involved in the provision of shelters. Go ahead.

Ms. Mass: Good morning, my name is Jane Mass; I'm the Chairperson of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board. We are very well aware that the shelters are the responsibility of the County. Our request was though that the City Commission of Coral Gables please enter into discussion with the County to expand the number of shelters and quite possibly have one located within the Gables itself. That's the request that we are making.

Commissioner Keon: Or I think at least near. I think the closest one to us now is South Miami High School.

Ms. Mass: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Is South Miami – so I think it was maybe to have the Manager's Office have a discussion with Miami-Dade County to see if they could locate one in closer proximity to the City and most likely to the northern part of the City where we have more elderly residents at this time. So I think it was just to, not that we would assume that responsibility, but ask them to maybe see if they could locate one in closer proximity to the northern part of the City of Coral Gables than currently exists.

City Attorney Ramos: You may pass a resolution urging the County to consider that.

Commissioner Keon: I would like to make the motion to urge the City to talk with the County on finding a shelter in closer proximity to the northern part of the City.

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK. So the way you are phasing it, I'm OK with. My interpretation what I read on the agenda is that we would have and operate a shelter.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, absolutely not, no.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I'm agreeing with the Mayor, I don't want to do that, but as far as urging the County to bring one closer to the area, I have no problem with that.

Commissioner Keon: Urge the County to look into...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I will second your motion.

Commissioner Keon: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 3-0)

(Commissioner Lago: Absent)

(Commissioner Mena: Absent)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Thank you so much for the good idea.

[End: 9:52:03 a.m.]