

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item M – Discussion Items**  
**November 14, 2017**  
**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, Craig E. Leen**  
**City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman**  
**Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item M – Discussion Items [2:33:16 p.m.]

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there anything else to come before the meeting on the agenda?

Vice Mayor Keon: I just had one question about – I wanted to know where we were on the extension of the median on Ponce from Salamanca where it ends to Eighth Street, I know that was the plan, is that budgeted or planned or anything?- the median on Ponce?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I think we called it in the book Phase 3 of the Ponce median.

Vice Mayor Keon: I wondered where we were on that Phase 3 of the median on Ponce.

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: We had an operational analysis completed and its actually being reviewed. The consultant – initially a streetscape was developed and after we had a number of accidents on the....we wanted to make sure that we did an operational analysis for safety for all modes of transportation that is being updated by the consultant right now. Once we have all their recommendations that will be incorporated to the design. So, it has been delayed in

order to complete that analysis, but we are still going to be moving it forward. I don't have an exact timeline right now.

Vice Mayor Keon: Is it funded?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: Yes. It's a JPA agreement, so we'll have it built.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: So what's going to happen?

Assistant Public Works Director Keller: I'm sorry, I don't have a timeline right now with me, but we can provide an update on process moving forward.

Vice Mayor Keon: Maybe just for information, just on when it will be. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And, Mr. City Attorney will you tell us about the FPL litigation?

City Attorney Leen: Certainly. The City filed a lawsuit against FPL yesterday; the lawsuit is consistent with the complaint that I provided previously in which the Commission authorized. We did meet with FPL, in my opinion we engaged in good faith settlement negotiations, bonafide settlement negotiations, but at this point I don't see a reasonable settlement that can be reached, so we preceded forwarding filing the lawsuit. Anything else I would like to discuss with you in Executive Session in an upcoming meeting.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Anything else?

Commissioner Lago: Yes, just one item.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: A part from our big performance.

Commissioner Lago: Madam City Manager, I have an address 4835 University Drive, that's basically right adjacent to Doctor's Hospital. We've had multiple issues with the neighboring property were its inhabited by UM students. Basically every football game there are two or three busses that are there. They have about a few hundred students there, they bring out port-potties, they are charging money, there is underage drinking.

Commissioner Quesada: Where is this?

Commissioner Mena: Where?

Commissioner Lago: You are planning on going? 4835 University – you set yourself up for that, both of you.

Commissioner Mena: Where is that?

Commissioner Lago: 4835 University Drive.

Commissioner Quesada: How do you know it's there?- were you at the last one? (Laughter)

Commissioner Lago: I plead the Fifth.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I took down the address sir. I didn't realize it was going on, but students have been really helpful with us.

Commissioner Lago: What they are doing is they also have City of Coral Gables cops there, police officer off-duty, so we need to deal with this issue.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Thank you.

Commissioner Lago: They carded me, I didn't bring my card. (Laughter). So, we need to make sure that we deal with this issue, because a lot of the residents are complaining.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I understand.

Commissioner Lago: Just for the record, I live two blocks away -- Right in back where they built those two very modern townhomes adjacent to it. The gentleman who owns that and rents it built his own driveway that he felt was appropriate and it was not appropriate. Ramon is very familiar with what I'm talking about.

Commissioner Quesada: Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes sir.

Commissioner Quesada: I would like to request, if it's OK with you Mr. Mayor, for the last official act at a public meeting of our City Attorney to be the same way that many of you don't know this, the way his first official act was with the City during his interview with a magic trick.

City Attorney Leen: That is true. I did. I believe I brought a magic trick to each of my individual meetings.

[Laughter]

Commissioner Lago: Can he take his job back now.

[Laughter]

City Attorney Leen: Commissioner Cabrera, he told me he was a magician, I remember, and then he told me you better not be doing this trick, and it was the exact trick I had brought.

[Laughter]

City Attorney Leen: So, I had to think quickly and I said well, we'll see, once I'm City Attorney then maybe I will do a trick. I think I've gotten away with not actually doing a trick at any meeting.

Commissioner Quesada: Until now – until now.

Commissioner Lago: This better be good. Let me tell you, he's done some pretty good tricks for my girls. He's done some great tricks.

[Note for the record: The City Attorney proceeded to do a magic trick for the Commission, after which time the meeting adjourned at 2:41:00 p.m.]