

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item D-1
May 28, 2019
City Commission Chambers
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
Finance Director, Diana Gomez**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item D-1 [9:43:16 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending Ordinance 2015-17, as amended, increasing Local Business Tax rates by 5 percent, covering fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021; as provided for under Chapter 205.0535 of the Florida Statute; providing severability clause and an effective date.

Commissioner Keon: I'd like to talk about D-1 just for a minute. It's the increase in the local tax rates of five percent. And ask about it because the Chamber has asked about it and the question was, although we are allowed to do it every two years, should we do it every two years just because we can?- is that the practice of the City that if you can raise fees do you just do it?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I asked City of Miami and they do it and most other cities.

Commissioner Keon: That's all I'm asking.

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Finance Director Gomez: We have always raised it. We do have increasing fees for inspectors that go out and inspect the businesses and salary increases, things like that, expenses. So, its every two years the State allows it and so, we do.

Commissioner Keon: And you have increasing costs related to this, and so you increase the fees in order to keep up with the cost.

Finance Director Gomez: Correct.

Commissioner Keon: Is that right?

Finance Director Gomez: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: That's all I wanted. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Consent Agenda – all those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed.

City Clerk Urquia: I need a motion Mr. Mayor.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed. Thank you.

[End: 9:44:25 a.m.]

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