

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-6
May 13, 2008
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Slesnick Donald D. Slesnick, II
Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.
Commissioner Maria Anderson
Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.
Commissioner Wayne “Chip” Withers**

City Staff

**City Manager, David Brown
City Attorney, Elizabeth Hernandez
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
City Clerk Staff, Billy Urquia
Assistant City Manager, Maria Jimenez**

E-6 [Start: 10:03:40 a.m.]

Discussion setting forth future City Commission dates

Mayor Slesnick: One last thing before we go to our ten o'clock, H-6 – discussion of future Commission meetings. We have an annual situation where Commissioner Kerdyk, Vice Mayor Kerdyk is compelled to travel to Japan to further the international world of golf and... but this is a worthy effort and every year we have tried to make accommodations for his travel, and so we have come to a point though where we haven't gotten full consensus, and the thing that I had suggested, that he will be here the week before, and he arrives back the day before the scheduled meeting in the late part of the month.

Commissioner Cabrera: Ah, I am tired, tired.

Mayor Slesnick: Yeah, so I suggested that we might consider moving it to the Thursday and Thursday of those two weeks which would make it those

times apart, and if anybody cannot make it, I understand Ms. Anderson that you would prefer not to do it, I ... We can go to Tuesday the 3rd, and I am willing to do that. I get back late the night before that one, and if we stay on Tuesdays, then Commissioner Cabrera can't make the second one. So, I thought in an effort to be kind of similar date hearings, if we did the 5th and I guess it's the 26th which are two Thursdays, it would...

Commissioner Cabrera: I am not sure I said that I couldn't make it. Did I say I couldn't make it?

Mayor Slesnick: No, I didn't say you couldn't...

City Manager Brown: No, you didn't say you couldn't make it.

Commissioner Cabrera: You said Commissioner Cabrera.

Mayor Slesnick: Oh, I am sorry, I meant Commissioner Anderson. I don't think I said Cabrera.

Commissioner Cabrera: I thought you said Cabrera.

Commissioner Anderson: Thursday the 5th?

Mayor Slesnick: Well, I didn't mean Cabrera, if I said it, it was a complete mistake. I said Ms. Anderson, or meant to say Ms. Anderson did not prefer Thursdays, that's all, and I respect...

Commissioner Cabrera: Okay.

Commissioner Anderson: No, I actually have, you know, things to do. I understand, not that I can't.

Mayor Slesnick: No, no, and I respect that, I just... I am just asking if there are people who cannot make it.

Commissioner Cabrera: Well, you know, it kind of shifts the calendar for all of us, but we understand, just bring us nice gifts if you can. I hear that when ...

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I am Okay with the Tuesday, the first Tuesday in June, that's no problem whatsoever; it's the second meeting that I have an issue with.

Commissioner Cabrera: Okay.

Mayor Slesnick: The first Tuesday is a week earlier than usual, and that puts it up right against our May... and I get back late the night before, so...

Commissioner Cabrera: From Japan.

Mayor Slesnick: Not from Japan.

Commissioner Anderson: Whatever you need to do, if I miss one, then I miss one you know, that's fine. It's not a problem.

Commissioner Withers: You are going to Homestead for the weekend?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes.

Commissioner Withers: We are trying to get you out of here right now.

Commissioner Cabrera: I hear when you go down... when you go to Japan...

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes.

Commissioner Cabrera: ... they think you are Tom Cruise. I hear that all the time.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Let me tell you, you know, they are not paying me enough.

Commissioner Cabrera: Yeah. You are a very tall man there.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yeah, very big. Yeah, endowed very deeply.

Commissioner Cabrera: I, whatever the Commission wishes to do. I am perfectly comfortable.

Mayor Slesnick: Chip, the two Thursdays?

Commissioner Cabrera: I live for this.

Mayor Slesnick: Chip, the two Thursdays is Okay?

Commissioner Withers: You win. You tell me, I am wide open.

Mayor Slesnick: Are you Okay with this?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yeah, I am fine. I am...

Mayor Slesnick: Maria, can you work that out at all? I mean...

Commissioner Anderson: I'll see what the dates are.

Mayor Slesnick: Okay, let's shoot for that.

City Manager Brown: The Thursday would be the 5th and the 26th.

Commissioner Anderson: I can't do two Thursdays. I'll miss one.

Mayor Slesnick: What if we go to the 3rd and the 26th Maria?

City Attorney Hernandez: Yeah, the 3rd is a Tuesday and the 26th is a Thursday.

City Manager Brown: Thursday.

Commissioner Anderson: Okay, that's fine.

Mayor Slesnick: I mean, I don't want anyone to miss one if they have to. I can tell you, and I get back about midnight the night before the 3rd, but I will pull myself together and be here for that.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yeah, and if it's such an inconvenience, you know, I can't make it to that one, then you can go ahead and have the meeting

without me, and that's also an option for you to, and I would be glad to accommodate your situations as far as that goes on the second Tuesday.

Commissioner Anderson: I don't have any problems either way, I mean, I just... If I have to miss one, I'll miss one, that's all.

Mayor Slesnick: We have heard your comments; and I will work with the City Manager on getting a proposed schedule out; and then please file any serious objections with us, and we will do the best we can.