

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-7
April 24, 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
Planning and Zoning Director, Ramon Trias

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-7 [12:38:20 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-94, "Snapper Creek Lakes," to modify provisions related to ground coverage and building height, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: We have Snapper Creek, F-7, and that will be deferred. Those of you who are here for Snapper Creek that will not come up today.

Commissioner Keon: OK. I'd like to make the motion to defer it until...

Commissioner Mena: Let me be clear. I want to be clear. We are deferring this in response to the response we received from you all that you want it deferred for there to be more neighborhood input. I don't want you to think because you are probably sitting there saying, thanks for wasting my morning.

City Attorney Ramos: We are...to the May 8th.

Ms. Russo: On behalf of Snapper Creek, I represent Snapper Creek homeowners, can we request it be deferred until such time as after there has been a workshop with the neighborhood, so that we don't have to worry about...

City Attorney Ramos: That's not likely to happen by May 8th and I would ask for a motion to continue the item until such time rather than a deferral, which would require the next meeting.

Commissioner Keon: Motion to continue the item.

Commissioner Mena: I'll second.

Commissioner Keon: Until there is a workshop.

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

All: Aye.

Commissioner Mena: There are some confused faces. We are just continuing the item until you have a neighborhood meeting, per the request of pretty much all your neighbors, so that's all we are doing.

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Mayor could I have some clear direction of the expectation of that meeting and what you would like or if you have any thoughts in terms of the format, the way that we should notice it.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I would like staff to present what's been proposed and I would like the residents to give feedback yeah or nay or modifications therefrom.

Commissioner Mena: And, answer questions that I'm sure they all have about the impact of the changes to their neighborhood and whether or not there is some room for compromise on some of the issues or not.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

City Attorney Ramos: And for the record that is on item F-7, which is an ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, providing for text amendments to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, by amending Appendix A, "Site Specific Zoning Regulations," Section A-94, "Snapper Creek Lakes," to modify provisions related to ground coverage and building height, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. That has not been read, it is a continuance of that item.

Commissioner Keon: It's a continuance of that item – yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK.

Commissioner Keon: Could I ask that there be a courtesy meeting with the residents of Hammock Lakes so that they at least understand what the ramifications of the item that passed, so that they understand it, that's all.

Commissioner Mena: I'm perfectly fine with an educational meeting.

Commissioner Keon: Would you please notice and set up maybe within the next two weeks...

Planning and Zoning Director Trias: Yes.

Commissioner Keon:...a workshop or a meeting with the residents of Hammock Lakes, so they understand the increase in lot coverage as was passed. Thank you.

[End: 12:40:53 p.m.]