

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item – D-4
February 26, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

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

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Maria Cruz

Agenda Item D-4 [9:27:00 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida authorizing the renewal of a Joint Participation Agreement (JPA) between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the City of Coral Gables for disbursement of FDOT funds in the amount of \$60,340.00 for 12 months to the City, for the maintenance of turn and landscape areas within FDOT's right-of-way on State Road (S.R.) 5 South Dixie Highway, S.R. 976 Bird Road and S.R. 959 Bird Road (East side only).

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Ms. Cruz, D-4.

Ms. Cruz: I have a very short comment. I was surprised to read this, because this means that what we've been told several times was not true, because every time we complained about the upkeep of 57th Avenue, Red Road...grass and the swale, we've always been told that's DOT, you know that's not our problem. If we are getting money from DOT to upkeep it, it is our problem and we should be working on it, right? That's all my comment.

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City Manager Iglesias: This JPA is specifically for U.S.-1.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: OK.

Vice Mayor Lago: And if I may, Mayor, in reference to Ms. Cruz' comments. I met yesterday with the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager, Ed Santamaria, and I requested to know the latest in regards to the project that's going to span from Bird Road to Ponce on 57th Avenue. My understanding is there is going to be a landscaping that's in the works and I know that Brook Dannemiller, last time I spoke to him, he said that that was being, that they were working on the scope and getting all the approvals necessary in reference to planting some landscaping, some frangible landscaping which did not interfere with standards. So I think that's forthcoming.

City Manager Iglesias: And this specifically is for U.S.-1. In fact, we have additional landscaping that we pay to Delta so that...she pays us what they normally pay for normal landscaping.

Vice Mayor Lago: Since she brought up 57th Avenue, I asked yesterday if 57th Avenue project, the corridor project for landscaping that I be notified in regards to when is that forthcoming and when is that going to commence.

City Manager Iglesias: Yes, Vice Mayor, we will do that.

Vice Mayor Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion on D-4?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Quesada: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in favor.

All: Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed – likewise.

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[End: 9:29:08 a.m.]

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