

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-1
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City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

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City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Parking Director, Kevin Kinney
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Public Speaker(s)

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Update on migration of parking code from the County
(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Commissioner Lago: I'd like to see if our Parking Director is here. I know we are moving rather expeditiously today. OK. Give me one second. I wanted to get an update in regards to our migration of the parking code from the County to the City, kind of see where we are today. Caught you off-guard Kevin, didn't expect to be moving so quickly.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Not before lunch but at this speed before breakfast.

[Laughter]

Parking Director Kinney: Actually, I was just speaking with the IT Director about this very topic. We are in the process of reviewing, at this point, four different technology companies that will

help kind of take us into the future. In fact, we have one scheduled, presentation scheduled on Friday; and we'll evaluate the different systems. We are looking for a system that not only will take care of the enforcement issues that we are talking about; one of the companies in fact, that we are talking about is proposing that we enforcement completely with LPR, and it's an intriguing idea and we are evaluating it. We have one more after the meeting on Friday that we are going to meet with and at that point, between IT reviewing the technology and Parking reviewing the operation plans, we'll begin to make a selection of who we are going to go with.

Commissioner Lago: So in reference to what we voted on, the item that I put forth, how many months ago was it?

Parking Director Kinney: It was June.

City Attorney Ramos: I believe the Second Reading was in June; First Reading in May, Second Reading in June.

Commissioner Lago: Have we been having discussions with the County so we can already commence, I know that we are looking for technology to implement the actual migration of the parking code from the County to the City, but I want to understand, are we already – I want to run concurrently that we are talking with the County and we are say, OK, we are going to be moving, we are setting up the necessary paperwork, we are building the infrastructure.

Parking Director Kinney: We haven't given them the notice, because we want to know what the timeline for our system is before we give them notice, but they are aware. In fact, the most recent conversation I've had with them they indicated to me that there, I don't know if they...

Commissioner Lago: But, why are we tying up so many loose ends. Why don't we just migrate first, I know that maybe you may need a little bit more additional manpower.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Because the County doesn't want us to migrate.

Commissioner Lago: I know. I know the County doesn't want it, but I'm saying why can't we just migrate over and then look for new technology later.

Parking Director Kinney: Because, at that point we would have people writing handwritten citations.

Commissioner Lago: What do we do right now?

Parking Director Kinney: We use the County system and it's electronic. It actually...

City Attorney Ramos: What would happen is we would lose the County system, so we'd have no system.

Commissioner Lago: I got it. But, we are already half way through almost September. What I don't want to see and I'm not picking on you, I'm not picking on the Parking Department. I don't want to be talking about this in January or in February, or in March. If you are having hurdles with the county, if you are having hurdles with...

Parking Director Kinney: No. The hurdles are not with the County...

Commissioner Lago: You need assistance from the Commission, you need assistance from the Commission to help you in these endeavor.

Parking Director Kinney: We feel as though we need to have a system in place so we can deal with appeals, so we can deal with collections or scofflaws. Right now if I sent the notice to the County and we move, we would have handwritten citations.

Commissioner Lago: I understand that.

Parking Director Kinney: And that would be, not only inefficient, I'm not sure how we would manage the appeals process; I'm not sure how we would...

Commissioner Lago: So let's work on a timeline. In the last four months, we've identified four firms; you are meeting with the first one this Friday.

Parking Director Kinney: No, this is actually the third one we've met with. We met with one company with the Mayor; there's another company we've met with. So after Friday, three of the four we've met with.

Commissioner Lago: Perfectly fine. When can we hopefully have everything put together so that we can chose a firm, maybe do an RFQ, whatever has to be done, go to the public, find the best firm so we can – I want to put a goal so we can say, OK, January, February, March, what do you feel comfortable saying that we are going to be able to deliver on this system and be on our own two feet away from the County?

City Attorney Ramos: Kevin keep in mind the dates to terminate all of those different agreements.

Commissioner Lago: That's why I'm saying.

Parking Director Kinney: We have to give at least 90-day notice to the County. I don't feel comfortable giving that date without talking to Raimundo, just because there is...

Commissioner Lago: Is Raimundo here? Raimundo come on over here.

Parking Director Kinney: I mean it will take time. They are experienced in putting in new systems for everybody in the City and it doesn't happen overnight.

Commissioner Lago: I understand it doesn't happen overnight and trust me, I'm very impressed with some of the things that our staff is doing. For example, I enjoy the free Wi Fi today on Giralda this morning when I was having breakfast, I mean it's the first time I've been able to enjoy that. That's a great amenity that we offer to people who are enjoying our City, but this is something if I don't put a timeline on it, two years from now it won't get done; and I want to make sure you have all the tools to get this done.

Parking Director Kinney: Well, I can tell you that the conversations with the County to date have been, you are going to get a notice soon as we figure out.

Commissioner Lago: That's OK, but it's perfectly fine, but let's get a notice. Let's work toward....

Parking Director Kinney: I guess the question that I would want input from IT on is once we select the system we have to, I'm not sure all what's involved, but we have to put our code into the new system, we have to put our operations into the new system, and I think those activities – it took you almost a year with Parks and Rec, I don't think it would be that long for us.

IT Director Rodulfo: Good morning Commissioners, Mayor. Depending on the technologies that will be selected, if the technology that we'll be using to integrate with the County system is the same system that you are using for the permits, so maybe it would be easier just adding another capability to the current system. If it's going to be a different system then we need to go through the procurement process. So there are different options depending on what technologies we will select for the implementation.

Interim City Manager Iglesias: Can we give you the timeline at the next Commission meeting because we have IT, we have Parking and we have to deal with the City Attorney's Office...
[Inaudible – off mic]

Commissioner Lago: And not only that, I imagine you have to deal with procurement, because procurement got to tell you exactly how long the RFQ is. It's going to be done in the open, we are going to have to open it so there are many companies who can provide this service, provide their information and then we'll make a decision or some selection committee.

City Attorney Ramos: Kevin also, I think you had mentioned needing a fulltime employee in order to run the appeals and all of that. Is that still the case?

Parking Director Kinney: Yes. There will need to be somebody to run the appeals process.

City Attorney Ramos: Oh, HR also.

Commissioner Lago: So what I'd like to see, maybe we can swing over this Commission item to the next Commission meeting and I'd like to see at that point, like the Manager, like Peter mentioned, a schedule of some sort, which encompasses not only Procurement, IT, Parking, Legal, because obviously they are going to get a notice, but if we don't get the ball rolling, first the County won't take us seriously and because they think we are not going to pull the trigger on this and I didn't waste time doing the research and bringing forth this legislation and getting it passed, because the amount of money is significant that the City is going to make here. It's going to save. It's going to be a lot of money, hundreds of thousands of dollars, maybe a million dollars a year; and the whole point is, why should the County make that money when we are doing all the legwork.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And, the County has also passed a resolution or they had decided not to increase the parking fine rates.

City Attorney Ramos: Actually sir they passed on First and now it's at the Committee level. It hasn't gone on Second yet, so they may still increase them. We don't know what's going to happen.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, but ...not to increase.

Parking Director Kinney: Right now the Clerk is anticipating that it will go to the County Commission in September, at this point in time, that's what they're anticipating.

Commissioner Lago: My issue is we are doing all the legwork and we are not reaping the benefits of it. Just want to make sure staff works on this and I appreciate all your efforts and let's put it on the next agenda. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. That takes care of Item H-1, which is that item.

[End: 9:41:28 a.m.]