

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
June 13, 2023
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Melissa Castro

Commissioner Ariel Fernandez

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Attorney, Cristina Suárez

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-3 [4:52 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission approving the petition language for an amendment to Cocoplum Phase 1 roving patrol Special Taxing District to expand the scope of services to include additional security measures including but not limited to security cameras. (Sponsored by Commissioner Menendez)

Mayor Lago: Moving to I-3.

City Attorney Suarez: I-3 is a Resolution of the City Commission approving the petition language for an amendment to Cocoplum Phase 1 roving patrol Special Taxing District to expand the scope of services to include additional security measures including but not limited to security cameras. Assistant City Attorney Gus Ceballos will present the item.

Assistant City Attorney Ceballos: Good afternoon again, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Assistant City Attorney Gus Ceballos. Before you is a petition from one of our special taxing districts requesting a change in the original district itself. What does that mean? So, those districts have to be created by the county, we do not have the authority to create the district. Once they are created by the county, they can go through the process, if they are wholly within the municipality, transfer to the city. This one was transferred years ago; one of the most important things we need

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to realize is once it's transferred to us, we are limited to the original creating ordinance. The original creating ordinance in this case was only for a security roving guard district. This petition is requesting to expand the district to include additional security measures. That may be cameras, or anything else they believe is appropriate, maybe even lighting that the district thinks is appropriate. As part of the amendment process, once the district becomes part of the City of Coral Gables, we create this process, it comes to you, for petition, the petition gets approved, and then gets circulated by the petitioners. At that moment we'll find out what the level of support is and then we will take that next step. This is the first initial step to approve the petition. As I said it before, the purpose and the proposed changes to expand the scope of the district to include additional security measures, such as security cameras and allow future related security measures to enhance the security guard district. If you have any questions, please feel free.

Mayor Lago: Commissioner Menendez, this is your item.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes. On this matter, I had residents approach me and we quickly realized as technology evolves and especially in the security field, it was sort of prudent or wise to expand what our limited uses of those funds, to expand a little bit gives more wiggle room, so that every time a new technology comes up or an updated technology comes up, you don't have to continue coming back to City Commission, because its time-consuming and tedious. This gives them a little bit more wiggle room within the parameters of security to be able to more on an expedited, more streamlined way to address the needs of their particular area.

Mayor Lago: Perfect. Okay. I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Menendez: I'll move it.

Vice Mayor Anderson: I'll second.

Mayor Lago: Are there any comments, public comments?

City Clerk Urquia: No sir.

Mayor Lago: We have a motion and a second.

Commissioner Fernandez: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Vice Mayor Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Castro: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

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(Vote: 5-0)

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