

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
March 11, 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

**F-2 DISCUSSION REGARDING MEETINGS WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER CARLOS GIMENEZ AND REBECCA SOSA:**

Mayor Slesnick: Mr. Cabrera, I think you are...

Commissioner Cabrera: Oh, thank you, Mr. Mayor. I wanted to give you all an update. If you may recall, we had discussed the Commission allowing me to meet with Commissioner Gimenez as well as Commissioner Sosa on behalf of the City Commission, because I meet with them, well, I meet with them... Commissioner Gimenez on a regular basis, but.. with or without your approval. But, on this particular junket, the Manager and I met with both Commissioner Gimenez and Commissioner Sosa to discuss a number of topics that were important to the City of Coral Gables, specifically, road impact fees, and in the... in the discussion regarding road impact fees, both Commissioners were, I would say, supportive, however, both Commissioners expressed some reservations to be able to get this done, and I think that the genesis for the reservation had to do with the fact that they had 11 other colleagues that would probably begin to ask the same thing for their representative communities. But what they did say was, look, we'll figure a way to get you your money in a fashion that is predictable in a fashion that is equal to you know, the monies that you all pay in taxes. Commissioner Gimenez went as far as to say, give me a list of projects that you have pending and I will make sure that those projects gets the funds allocated from impact fees. Commissioner Sosa suggested that we have a meeting, a sunshine meeting between her office and Commissioner Gimenez' office and my office with our City Manager and other City Staff and bring those departments and the County, that may be creating some obstacles or delays of bureaucracies and get them to move on the issue. The point is, is that in the discussions with those Commissioners whose very apparent that the way .. I can't I can't do this...I am sorry, I can't. I apologize, but I can't, I can't concentrate with con... You know what? I am going to withdraw my commentary, and I am going to report on this at another time, OK, thank you.

Mayor Slesnick: OK, Mr. Manager, H-1.

Commissioner Withers: I'll move it.

City Manager Brown: Let me read it into the record. This is a resolution amending Resolution No. 27935 to waive garage sale fees for senior citizens 75 year of age and older.

Mayor Slesnick: I would like to... I would like to defer this until... This is Commissioner Cabrera's item, I would like to defer it until he comes back in the room.

City Manager Brown: Alright.

Mayor Slesnick: H-2. David.