

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
May 25, 2021
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge L. Fors, Jr.

Commissioner Kirk R. Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-3 [Start: 2:06 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to revise various Local Business Taxes by the Finance Department and Park Fees by the Community Recreation Department, providing for severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: Item I-3.

City Attorney Ramos: A Resolution of the City Commission amending Ordinance No. 2015-17, as amended, to revise various Local Business Taxes by the Finance Department and Park Fees by the Community Recreation Department; providing for severability clause and providing for an effective date.

Budget Director Kleiman: Good afternoon again Commission. So, I'd like to read it into the record. This item has two components to it. The first is an increase to the BTR, the Business Tax Receipts.

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The State Legislature authorize municipalities to increase local business tax rates by a maximum of five percent, once every two years as provided under Chapter 205.0535 of the Florida Statutes. Since the adoption of this legislation, the City of Coral Gables has increased local business tax rates every two years as authorized. The attached resolution increases each classification by five percent, effective for the July 1, 2021, beginning of Fiscal Year 22 Business Tax Receipts. The amended local business tax rates will adjust the annual revenue by approximately \$167,500. The second part of this is Park Fees. The Park Fees schedule is based on a five-year fee plan. Due to the pandemic the increase that would have been implemented last year did not occur. The new proposed fee plan will continue the five-year plan and, in most cases, fees are increased five percent every other year. There is a typographical error in the fee structure that was sent out, it has been corrected and submitted to the Clerk's office. Any questions. Fred is here to discuss the parks. I can talk about the BTR's.

Mayor Lago: Any comments? Mr. Clerk, anyone?

City Clerk Urquia: No sir.

Mayor Lago: Alright. I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Menendez: Motion.

Vice Mayor Mena: Second.

Mayor Lago: Call the roll.

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)