

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-3
December 8, 2015
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Vice Mayor Frank Quesada
Commissioner Jeannett Slesnick

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-3 [Start: 1:34:58 p.m.]

Status report regarding discussions with USPS regarding various matters and request for attendance by Branch Manager of local USPS branch.

City Attorney Leen: And then Mr. Mayor, Item I-3 is a status report regarding discussions with USPS regarding various matters and request for attendance by Branch Manager of local USPS Branch. I'm not sure if we have the local branch manager here, we do, they were outside. Let me speak briefly. We do have an Assistant United States Attorney here, is he outside too? Would you ask them to come in. Let me just give you a brief synopsis, we'll keep this quick I've spoken with, in response to your resolution, the U.S. Postal Service brought a lot of their top brass into a phone call with the Assistant United States Attorney and myself, and we discussed different options for seeking to resolve this matter, and we have the benefit of having the Assistant United States Attorney here today, and I appreciate you coming Anthony. In the discussion, what we

talked about was, and he cannot commit to anything here without getting the approval of the Postal Service, but the thought, the idea was, if the Postal Service goes ahead and delivers mail to these eight townhomes, would the City be willing to also take the position going forward for future townhomes that there would be centralized delivery, but that would be planned as part of the BOA process, so it would be in a manner that would comply with our Zoning Code. So going forward we would, and the reason why they've raised this issue is because the U.S. Postal Service has a policy now of moving to centralized delivery and that's an actual promogated policy they have, and it's a policy they apply nationwide, so they are asking us to work with them. They'll still comply with our Zoning Code, but we would agree to have the Board of Architects put it in a place that would comply with our Zoning Code and so everyone would know now and going backwards with this one development, and Anthony will tell you, that he did tell the developer in advance, but for whatever reason it just didn't happen, but for these eight townhomes that have actual mailboxes and they are not having mail delivered to them, the idea would be if the Postal Service approves it that they would receive delivery of mail.

Mayor Cason: Sounds to me like a good deal because we take care of the eight townhomes we've been quandering what to do and its easy enough for developers to put in the entranceway, like you see all over the country mailboxes.

Commissioner Lago: I think the next step for us as a City is we need to make sure we educate, so when someone comes before the City with a similar project, they have to be made aware of this immediately. Even if they are made aware of it, they have to comply with some sort of signature that their plans or there's going to be a denial throughout the review process at BOA, if this is not as per the Post Office's requirements you don't get approval. There has to be something that stops the process, because if not, we'll be back at square one.

Mayor Cason: Anybody disagree with that? Then let's do it.

City Attorney Leen: I have your authority. I will work it out with them, I don't need to bring it back, we can work it out and I'll keep the Manager updated.

Mayor Cason: Great. Thank you. Thanks for coming.

[End: 1:38:05 p.m.]