

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-1
January 11, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Assistant City Attorney, Naomi Levi-Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-1 [Start: 4:09 p.m.]

F-1: An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 1, “General Provisions” Section 1-109, “Construction Rules” to clarify that where the provisions of this Zoning Code vary from the applicable requirements of any law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or code, the most restrictive provisions which shall be deemed to be the higher standard of zoning shall govern, including provisions of zoning within the Miami-Dade County Rapid Transit Zone; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Mena) (Sponsored by Commissioner Fors)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto F-1.

City Attorney Ramos: F-1 is An Ordinance of the City Commission providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code by amending Article 1, “General Provisions” Section 1-109, “Construction Rules” to clarify that where the provisions of this Zoning Code vary from the applicable requirements of any law, statute, rule, regulation, ordinance, or

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code, the most restrictive provisions which shall be deemed to be the higher standard of zoning shall govern, including provisions of zoning within the Miami-Dade County Rapid Transit Zone; providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, codification and providing for an effective date. This is a public hearing item. Ms. Levi-Garcia.

Assistant City Attorney Levi-Garcia: Hello again. This last came before you last October. There have been no changes between first and second reading. Again, it just codifies a legal principle that whether it's a variation between regulations, be more restrictive standard which shall be deemed to be the higher standard applies. Happy to take any questions.

Mayor Lago: Any questions from the sponsors?

Commissioner Fors: No, not really. We discussed this at length. We had discussed doing this earlier and we've already discussed the larger issue of the RTZ in general. So, I really have nothing to add that we haven't discussed with you already.

Vice Mayor Mena: Same here.

Commissioner Anderson: I have nothing to add.

Vice Mayor Mena: I'll move it.

Commissioner Anderson: Second.

Mayor Lago: Mr. Clerk.

City Clerk Urquia: There are no public speakers for the item.

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)