

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-5
December 10, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

City Commission

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.**

City Staff

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Police Chief, Ed Hudak**

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-5 [2:59:20 p.m.]

A Resolution approving a combined Interlocal and Mutual Aid agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the City of West Miami, providing for the creation of a joint enforcement zone, provision of law enforcement services and creating a multi-agency Anti-prostitution and Human Trafficking Task Force. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: A Resolution approving a combined Interlocal and Mutual Aid agreement between the City of Coral Gables and the City of West Miami. I mentioned it when this came up that I with Mayor Rebeca Sosa, at the time, signed an Interlocal Agreement with her at the corner of Eighth and Red Road, and I asked the City Attorney's office and maybe the City Manager's office to look for that agreement. I think it's a very good idea and if we've lost it, we should sign another one.

City Attorney Ramos: So Chief, I'm going to ask you to speak to speak to that. I think if the agreement was with Commissioner Sosa, it was probably with the County.

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Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I'm sorry, I said Mayor Rebeca Sosa from West Miami when she was Mayor.

City Attorney Ramos: Oh, I apologize, when she was still Mayor. So, I don't know if that agreement is still in place.

Chief Hudak: We have a long – we continue our standing Mutual Aid, it might have been expired, but usually what happens is all of our usual jurisdiction...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think it's a very good idea. We did this once before.

Chief Hudak: They do expire. So, we have to redo all of them, School Board, Miami-Dade, Miami. Some are three years, some are five years, we keep a running list in our office and then as we go, so I know the Manager and City Attorney are good to go.

Vice Mayor Lago: Chief, can you do me a favor before we get into this. Something that we've been working on for probably about a year now is Commissioner Padron in West Miami. Could you do me a favor and tell us effective the MOU that we have with the City of Miami is doing, the cooperation and the arrests, and all that kind of thing that you've been able to achieve that benefit, not only the City of Coral Gables, but also our neighbor.

Chief Hudak: Oh, I think it has a lasting impact with our crime reduction techniques as well as the City, and we used to do them sporadically in joint operations for prostitution, human trafficking. I said now this year alone, we've probably done about eight, off the top of my head, joint operations with the City of Miami on both sides. But more importantly than that, what the MOU does with the City of Miami, specifically both jurisdictional sides, because that one is a little bit more specific than our usual MOU, the fact that if our officers see something occurring in the City of Miami jurisdiction just in plain eyesight, we can actually take action.

Vice Mayor Lago: To 100 feet.

Chief Hudak: Right on either side of it. So, if we see the Valero gas station or something like that, there is a robbery, we can actually take action and affect an arrest on what we see. The same thing for the City of Miami. So, there is not kind of home-free where certain people can either walk the streets or conduct illicit business on either side of the street and worry if it's a City of Miami police officer versus a Coral Gables unit. So, it has been effective, it continues. I would always support moving forward in that operation throughout that entire corridor where we abut the City of Miami jurisdiction.

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Vice Mayor Lago: Having gone out there with you at night to see this in action, collaboration between department and cities, I just want to commend your team for really going out there and taking this seriously and understanding that just because the crime is not occurring in the City of Coral Gables there is a lasting effect, there is a ripple effect. And I think that using this MOU in West Miami, which again, our legal team has been working closely with City of West Miami. I know its been taking some time to iron out all the kinks, but I think this is a great opportunity not only to collaborate, but to share information. If you can share as much information as possible you can solve crimes and you can potentially, in most cases also send out a strong message that we are vigilant and that we are going to be working, collaborating in conjunction with municipalities who are our neighbors to ensure that we can stop the crime sending a strong message.

Chief Hudak: And to clarify the point on this specific MOU, as opposed to our long-standing MOU with the City of West Miami, which has always been in place. Its somewhere now the City of Miami relationship with us that if we are going up and down Red Road, depending on what side of the road, it doesn't make a difference anymore.

Vice Mayor Lago: You know of any other City that has an MOU which allows you to encroach 100 feet into another City. I think we are the first.

Chief Hudak: Off the top of my head, I can't think of any other arrangement. I can check with the Chief's Association tomorrow, we have a meeting, to see if there are any other municipalities, but I'm not sure.

Vice Mayor Lago: Madam City Attorney do I need to make a motion on it?

City Attorney Ramos: Yes.

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

City Attorney Ramos: Including the resolution.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there a second?

Commissioner Fors: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

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Commissioner Fors: Yes
Commissioner Keon: Yes
Vice Mayor Lago: Yes
Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes
(Vote: 4-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you.

Vice Mayor Lago: When you get a chance, I'd like to do a ride-along with you and maybe hit both West Miami and City of Miami once those are coordinated.

[End: 3:04:09 p.m.]