

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item M – Discussion Items
December 5, 2017
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Frank Quesada
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

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Commissioner Lago: Vice Mayor go ahead, ladies first.

Vice Mayor Keon: It's our last meeting before the holidays. I just would wish the public and my colleagues the merriest or happiest of whatever holiday you celebrate. May your families be well, may you love one another and find love, so enjoy.

Commissioner Lago: Madam City Manager, I went to the Crime Watch meeting the other day. It was a very nice event. They are asking that a liaison be appointed from the City, there used to be one from my understanding, I don't know if there was. They would like to have some sort of liaison involved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Would you like to be a liaison, you volunteer.

Commissioner Lago: OK. I'll be the liaison. No problem. Second thing is, the Holiday Park and festivities this past weekend, I want to make sure that we remember the job and we give thanks to the job that Fred Couceyro and all his staff, the police, the firefighters, they did an exceptional job. I know that you were out of town, but your wife was there, they have taken it to another level. I have gotten so many phone calls – the new toys, the layout, everything was done with such great detail...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The security.

Commissioner Lago: The security was exceptional, the cadets; I just want to commend everybody that was involved, they did an incredible job.

Commissioner Quesada: And, using both streets...

Commissioner Lago: Everybody felt very safe. It was a great presence. Final issue: I'm having a Town Hall meeting, I welcome you all to come December 12th, it's going to be riveting as always; Tuesday, December 12th, 6 to 8 p.m. We have a cool, cool speaker, Eric Eikenberg, the CEO of the Everglades Foundation; he is going to be speaking educating the community a little bit about the Everglades and the importance of saving the Everglades. So I welcome you, not only to come on the 12th, Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Adult Activity Center, but please I ask that my colleagues like before, come and get involved, so you can meet the residents. Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

City Clerk Foeman: Mr. Mayor, I have one item.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, go ahead.

City Clerk Foeman: I have a list of nominations I received from Commissioner Lago to the Blue Ribbon Panel, Mr. Mayor your appointment Jose Abreu.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I can't hear you.

City Clerk Foeman: Jose Abreu I believe was your nomination; Commissioner Lago had Carlos Castillo; Vice Mayor Keon had Jason Neil; and City Manager had Tom Norm; Assistant City Manager and Director of Public Safety had Robert Masrieh; and Assistant City Manager Operations had Charlie Danger.

Commissioner Quesada: And, mine is going to be Misha...

Commissioner Lago: Just say he's a great engineer.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in favor say aye.

All: Aye.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Opposed – good.

Commissioner Lago: Merry Christmas.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Meeting adjourned. Let's go outside to have our picture taken on our crosswalk.

City Attorney Ramos: Can we have a motion to adjourn?

Vice Mayor Keon: A second motion to adjourn.

[End: 12:57:23 p.m.]