

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-4
October 25, 2016
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 E-4 [11:52:11 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Division 1 "Residential Districts," Section 4-101, "Single-Family Residential District," Section 4-102, "Multi-Family 1 Duplex District," Section 4-103, "Multi-Family 2 District," Section 4-104, "Multi-Family Special Area District," Section 4-204, "Special Use District," Section 4-301, "Commercial Limited District," Section 4-302, "Commercial District," and Section 4-303, "Industrial District," adding city parks as a permitted principal use for properties with single-family, multi-family, special use, commercial and industrial zoning designations; providing a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date. (08-10-16 PZB recommended approval, Vote 5-0).

Mayor Cason: E-4 also on Second Reading.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor Item E-4 is an Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida providing for a text amendment to the City of Coral Gables Official Zoning Code, Article 4, "Zoning Districts," Division 1 "Residential Districts," Section 4-101, "Single-Family Residential District," Section 4-102, "Multi-Family 1 Duplex District," Section 4-103, "Multi-Family 2 District," Section 4-104, "Multi-Family Special Area District," Section 4-204, "Special Use District," Section 4-301, "Commercial Limited District," Section 4-302, "Commercial District," and Section 4-303, "Industrial District," adding city parks as a permitted principal use for properties with single-family, multi-family, special use, commercial and industrial zoning designations; providing a repealer provision, severability clause, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Any changes to the last time?

City Attorney Leen: I did want to make one point. The Planning and Zoning Board on August 10, 2016 recommended approval by a 5-0. One point about this is, as I mentioned last time, this is something that in my opinion, the City could already do, could put City parks where it wished. My understanding was City staff wanted to have our Code reflect the practice; there is a section 3 of the ordinance which indicates that the City though would have this authority anyway, because its not expressly subject to the Zoning Code, that would be encoded as part of this just to protect the City's ability to put a park where it would want to in the future, although now you've provided for it in the ordinance, so I don't think anyone would have any confusion about that.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Any speaker cards?

City Clerk Foeman: No Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cason: Close the public hearing; Vice Mayor makes the motion, Commissioner Lago seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

City Attorney Leen: And Mr. Mayor, I just would like to make one note. The City Manager has informed me, City staff always is looking to try to comply with the Zoning Code as a policy matter. The issue is just as a legal matter they may from time to time an issue may come up where you have to act. So I feel my role is to preserve your authority, but the Manager has indicated that she always seeks to follow the Zoning Code as your policy.

Mayor Cason: OK.

[End: 11:54:20 a.m.]