City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting Agenda Item G-3 March 14, 2023 City Commission Chambers 405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

<u>City Commission</u> Mayor Vince Lago Vice Mayor Michael Mena Commissioner Rhonda Anderson Commissioner James Cason Commissioner Kirk Menendez

<u>City Staff</u> City Attorney, Cristina Suárez City Manager, Peter Iglesias City Clerk, Billy Urquia Public Works Director, Hermes Diaz Senior Transportation Engineer, Melissa DeZayas

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-3 [3:37 p.m.] Discussion regarding Electronic Speed Warning Signs (Sponsored by Commissioner Anderson)

Mayor Lago: Moving onto item G-3.

Commissioner Anderson: This is mine. Oh, yes. Electronic speed warning signs. We somewhat talked about it a little bit. I've asked staff to take a look at it and start the initial review. I make mention of the fact that 80 percent of the vehicles start to slow down and then we can start looking for further into using this to deal with situations where we don't want to put in too many traffic tables to slow down response times or in areas where it doesn't quite meet the criteria, but we still have some crazy excessive speeds. I think the Police Department would appreciate the data too. It does honeypots. Fishing holes, not honeypots.

Chief Hudak: [Inaudible – off mic]

Commissioner Anderson: Okay. Alright. It shows you that when a story is told a few times that it changes to honeypots. You have a few pictures for us.

Ms. DeZayas: I really only have one picture.

Commissioner Anderson: One picture is good.

Ms. DeZayas: So, this is what it looks like. This is a powered speed feedback sign. The cost as we discussed earlier was approximately \$5,300 for the sign, but there are some additional connection costs that might be needed to install this. I did get some feedback from Department of Transportation and there really is no process in place to have these installed, so its basically case studies, if you see an issue with speeding in an area, they might install them to help.

Public Works Director Diaz: And we already reached out to the county, but we don't have an answer yet. We may need an interlocal with them. We have a little more research to do, but we'll continue to push back.

Commissioner Cason: Can they be moved from time to time if you find that you want to move that to a different street.

Public Works Director Diaz: No. Those are fixed.

Ms. DeZayas: Those are permanent installations.

Public Works Director Diaz: They go in a pole, in a base, and I'm sure they need to have some kind of – the mobiles are ones the police uses with the shield which we use to collect the data for traffic calming and they do have a few of those, but those will not be movable.

Commissioner Anderson: The concept behind this too is slow down the vehicles, the cost is a lot less than a speed table, installation is a lot faster, so you have those three factors to deal with. Alright. We look forward to more information in the future.

Public Works Director Diaz: We'll do that.

Mayor Lago: Great job.