

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item E-10
August 26, 2014
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Jim Cason

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Pat Keon

Commissioner Vince Lago

Commissioner Frank Quesada

City Staff

Interim City Manager, Carmen Olazabal

City Attorney, Craig E. Leen

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item E-10 [Start: 06:16:58 p.m.]

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Article II of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, entitled “Retirement System for City Employees”; amending Section 50-89, Quorum; amending Section 50-121, Establishment, Members and Chairman; repealing all ordinances inconsistent herewith; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Cason: Alright we are going to move on to E-10 and then I’ll ask if you all want to defer everything else to the next meeting. E-10 is a...go ahead and read it.

Finance Director Gomez: E-10 is an Ordinance.

City Attorney Leen: Oh E-10 is an Ordinance, can I have E-10?

Mayor Cason: Yes.

City Attorney Leen: E-10 is an Ordinance amending Chapter 50, Article II of the Code of the City of Coral Gables, entitled “Retirement System for City Employees”; amending Section 50-89, Quorum; amending Section 50-121, Establishment, Members and Chairman; repealing all Ordinances inconsistent herewith; and providing an effective date. My understanding this is a Second Reading?

Finance Director Gomez: This is First Reading.

City Attorney Leen: Oh this is First Reading. Public Hearing.

Mayor Cason: So, basically we add to people to the investment committee and two people to have a quorum so that it is clear what the quorum is.

Finance Director Gomez: Correct. The current Ordinance, or the past Ordinance lists it at six which is not a majority, maybe it is something that was not done when we increased the Board composition, so this is increasing the quorum to seven members to have a majority of the thirteen member board, as well as adding two members to the investment committee, which is something that the Retirement Board did make a motion to ask for since we have a larger overall board they wanted to increase the six of the investment committee.

Commissioner Keon: I had asked Carmen, I know that when we passed adding the additional members, I thought it was four members, I thought there were two staff members and then two members of the public that were to be added to the Board.

Finance Director Gomez: When it was added it was a Finance Director and the HR Director.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Finance Director Gomez: ... and the two City Manager appointees.

Commissioner Keon: That is what I am asking, and the two City Manager appointees were supposed to be from the public.

Finance Director Gomez: Not necessarily.

Commissioner Keon: I think so. Weren't they supposed to be people who had expertise in the area, they weren't supposed to be staff. When we talked about it, it was two people from the public who had expertise in this field.

Interim City Manager Olazabal: I spoke to Craig about it.

City Attorney Leen: The Resolution the way it was worded did give a discretion to the Manager and she chose to appoint those people. I did give an opinion that it was legal. So she could pick them in her official capacity.

Commissioner Keon: So now there are four City employees on there, on the Retirement Board.

City Attorney Leen: There are, there doesn't have to be, it could be changed, but that is the way it has been, she had the authority to do that.

Mayor Cason: Any discussion in terms of the quorum issue? Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Quesada: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Quesada makes the motion, Vice Mayor seconds it. City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Quesada: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes.

Mayor Cason: Yes.

[End: 6:15:32 p.m.]