

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-1
February 15, 2022
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Vince Lago

Vice Mayor Michael Mena

Commissioner Rhonda Anderson

Commissioner Jorge Fors

Commissioner Kirk Menendez

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias

City Attorney, Miriam Ramos

City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Deputy City Attorney, Cristina Suarez

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item F-1 [Start: 10:33 a.m.]

An Emergency Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 3-600 of the Zoning Code to create Section 3-612 “Covid-19 Testing Site Temporary Use Permit” to allow for the siting of Covid-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment sites operated by Federal, State, or Local Government Agencies through February 15, 2023; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Lago: Moving onto F-1.

City Attorney Ramos: F-1 is An Emergency Ordinance of the City Commission amending Section 3-600 of the Zoning Code to create Section 3-612 “Covid-19 Testing Site Temporary Use Permit” to allow for the siting of Covid-19 testing, vaccination, and treatment sites operated by Federal, State, or Local Government Agencies through February 15, 2023; providing for severability clause, repealer provision, codification, and providing for an effective date. This is an emergency ordinance. It requires a four-fifths vote and it will not come back to you on second reading. Deputy City Attorney Suarez.

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Deputy City Attorney Suarez: Good morning, Mayor and Commissioners. This ordinance would allow for federal, state and/or local governments and/or their contractors who want to have a Covid testing, vaccination or treatment site in the city, to do so kind of on a simplified basis. The Manager is authorized to prepare a simple application and then there is concurrent reviews by various city departments that are listed in the ordinance, and it would just basically facilitate that because there is currently still a demand for those services. And the reason why its an emergency is because my understanding is that there is a pending request for such a site.

Mayor Lago: Are there any questions, any statements.

City Manager Iglesias: They would work with our Emergency Manager Chief de la Rosa to make sure that these sites are the appropriate sites for our city, and we will eliminate all the sites that are not either county, state, or federal.

Mayor Lago: I'll entertain a motion.

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Menendez: Second.

City Attorney Ramos: Sir, any public comment?

City Clerk Urquia: No ma'am.

Mayor Lago: We have a first and a second.

Commissioner Menendez: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Mayor Lago: Yes

Mayor Lago: Thank you.