

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-1
February 14, 2017
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

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

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item I-1[11:06:30 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida regarding duties of Cultural Development Board Members and staff.

Mayor Cason: Let's take care of I-1, which is a Resolution, City Attorney.

City Attorney Leen: Thank you Mr. Mayor. Item I-1 is a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida regarding duties of Cultural Development Board Members and staff. I would like the Deputy City Attorney to present the item.

Deputy City Attorney Ramos: Good morning everyone. I received a call from the Historic Preservation Department asking about the best way to handle the proper review of applicants, grant applicants, as well as compliance with grant application requirements. So, presumably what happens from time to time is that some of the applicants offer tickets, and then the question becomes, should these Board members attend?- is it a gift?- is it not a gift?- and all of those

considerations. So, I reviewed it and I thought that it would be squarely within their official capacity to go attend these events, both to see what they are like, the quality of the event, but also to see if they are in compliance with the grant requirements. That is in fact what the Commission said last month at the meeting that you would like for them to do. So, in order to establish a true policy for them to be able to attend, and not have to report this, as a gift as we do not believe that it is, we want you to pass this resolution essentially directing them to attend in order to properly evaluate them for grant award, as well as to make sure that they are in compliance. We added to that, that a staff member should also attend for purposes of continuity. Now it is not a requirement at this time that the grant recipients provide the tickets, but if they would like to they can, and they should be sent to the department and the department will then distribute among on a rotating basis. Obviously, the entire Board is not going to attend, so if you let one Board member and one staff member on a rotating basis.

Mayor Cason: Motion?

Commissioner Lago: So moved.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion, the Vice Mayor seconds – City Clerk.

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Lago: Thank you.

Mayor Cason: Thank you.

[End: 11:08:32 a.m.]