

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item F-2
February 25, 2020
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Governmental Affairs, Naomi Levi Garcia

Public Speaker(s)

Maria Cruz

Agenda Item F-2 [9:25:35 a.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, “Special Assessments,” Article III, “Repair or construction of streets and sidewalks,” by exempting single family residential and duplex properties from the sidewalk curb, and gutter construction requirements set forth in Section 58-57, revising the square footage and value thresholds of construction, providing for automatic annual adjustments based on the Engineering-News Record construction cost index, and authorizing the City Attorney to release covenants running with the land executed by exempted property owners prior to the adoption of this ordinance, providing for immunity, severability, repealer, codification and an effective date. (Sponsored by Commissioner Mena)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-2.

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City Attorney Ramos: F-2 is An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58, “Special Assessments,” Article III, “Repair or construction of streets and sidewalks,” by exempting single family residential and duplex properties from the sidewalk cur, and gutter construction requirements set forth in Section 58-57, revising the square footage and value thresholds of construction, providing for automatic annual adjustments based on the Engineering-News Record construction cost index, and authorizing the City Attorney to release covenants running with the land executed by exempted property owners prior to the adoption of this ordinance, providing for immunity, severability, repealer, codification and an effective date. This item is on Second Reading. It is a public hearing item – Ms. Levy-Garcia.

Ms. Levi Garcia: Good morning Mayor and Commissioners. There are no changes between First and Second Reading. This code amendment would exempt single family and duplex properties for the sidewalk, curb and gutter construction requirements. Any questions?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do we have a speaker – Maria Cruz.

Commissioner Mena: Real quick before Maria. I asked Miriam and Ed yesterday to please come up with a simple memo, a set of instructions for anybody whose already had these recorded what they have to do to get rid of it, so they are going to work on that and put something together. Like you said you were going to do something on the web page.

City Attorney Ramos: Put a form on our website, together with other forms, yes.

Commissioner Mena: OK.

Ms. Cruz: That’s exactly what I was going to suggest.

Commissioner Mena: I had a feeling.

Ms. Cruz: I suggest a little more than that. I think that we use legal notices for something like this. People need to know that this was voted on and if they do have a covenant on the property there is a process that they have to follow. I think it’s a shame, because I heard last time that we do not even know all the covenants are there. Well, we need to let people know in general, if you have a covenant related to this contact the City.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you Ms. Cruz.

Commissioner Mena: Thank you.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Mena: Motion.

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Vice Mayor Lago: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll please.

Commissioner Fors: Yes
Commissioner Keon: Yes
Vice Mayor Lago: Yes
Commissioner Mena: Yes
Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes
(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 9:27:50 a.m.]