

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item F-12**  
**August 28, 2018**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli**  
**Vice Mayor Frank Quesada**  
**Commissioner Pat Keon**  
**Commissioner Vince Lago**  
**Commissioner Michael Mena**

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**City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark**  
**Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias**  
**City Attorney, Miriam Ramos**  
**City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman**  
**Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia**  
**Information Technology Director, Raimundo Rodulfo**  
**Finance Director, Diana Gomez**

**Public Speaker(s)**

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Agenda Item F-12 [3:44:42 p.m.]

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article XIII Entitled "Procurement Code," by amending Section 2-607, "Exemptions" to include a Notification Requirement for Contracts over a certain amount; and, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

**Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes, F-12.**

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City Attorney Ramos: F-12 is an ordinance of the City Commission of Coral Gables, Florida, amending the City Code, Chapter 2, Entitled "Administration," Article XIII Entitled "Procurement Code," by amending Section 2-607, "Exemptions" to include a Notification Requirement for Contracts over a certain amount; and, providing for a repealer provision, severability clause, and providing for an effective date. This ordinance was drafted on behalf of Commissioner Lago, who's the sponsor. Commissioner, I'm happy to explain it or you can speak first, whatever you wish.

Commissioner Lago: Go ahead. Just some...

City Attorney Ramos: (INAUDIBLE).

Commissioner Lago: I'll fine-tune your comments after and use the examples that we have on the prompter, hopefully.

City Attorney Ramos: Very well. Section 2-607 of the Procurement Code lists a number of exemptions which are exempt from the Procurement Code. One of those exemptions is 24, which allows for the hiring of consultants for professional services to be exempt from the Procurement Code. And, it allows for the Procurement Director to do so up to \$25,000 plus related expenses, and the City Manager to do so up to \$50,000, plus related expenses. What this ordinance does is it requires that any contract over \$25,000 that's procured pursuant to this section would be notified to the Commission. The way that it is drafted, it says at the next scheduled City Commission meeting. However, it can arguably be done many different ways. It's up to the Commission if and how they would like to proceed.

Commissioner Lago: This is -- thank you, Madam City Attorney. Wow, this is loud, no? Is it new or is it like an echo? This is a pretty simple ordinance and discussion that I'm bringing before you. And, this is something that's not only affected here in the City of Coral Gables, but

that's also affecting Miami-Dade County, where they're spending hundreds of millions of dollars in regards to consultants. What I -- as you're aware, as the discussions that we've had over the past, I don't know, few months, there's been some consulting fees that have been paid or that have been used where they've been near the \$50,000 threshold. I think that, as a Commission -- and we've talked about this on multiple occasions today -- about transparency. I think that we, as a Commission, should be notified when certain thresholds of monies are being spent. And, I think that there is opportunities to really offer the public a little bit more transparency than what we're offering. So, for -- I'm going to give you just two quick examples. When you look at Doral, they're using a program which we kind of mimicked recently when I -- I think I brought it to the attention of the Manager about a year ago. But they use two screens. So, let me -- let's go to the previous screen, if you don't mind. In this screen, they're talking about capital projects. And here, what you see is the duration of the project, when the project was started, obviously, the name of the project, the cost and what is the completion. So, if you have an interest in that and you're in the public and you want to understand where these projects are, how much expenditures have been made, what are the change orders, where we stand in the life of the project, you can get a real understanding of where we are. And then on the second slide, to move through it quickly because I know we've been here all day, you can kind of see not only the vendor name, subcategory, general fund -- they're writing checks to the tune of \$60, so you know who's being paid even to very, very small amounts. I don't say we have to go to that length, you know, because that's pretty tedious and I don't want to give work -- that much work to the Finance Department, but I'm using these examples as opportunities to really, really, really be transparent. Another thing that I'm going to be doing now, September 30, when our fiscal year ends, I'm going to be writing a memo and the memo is going to be based on the \$5,000 of discretionary funds that each Commissioner has. I'm going to exhaust those \$5,000 because the remaining funds that I have left, which I have -- you know, probably like three thousand and change, I'm hopefully going to use them. I've invited anyone that wants to attend to buy some school supplies for Carver, and we're working on trying to find out what exactly the school needs, and hopefully, be able to do something exceptional for them. But, what I'm going to do is -- what I'm planning on doing is, first, clear it through the City Attorney, like I always have to,

and then I'm going to write a memo of every single expenditure, submit it to my colleagues, and then post it like I do all my other memos online, so people can see exactly what those \$5,000 were spent on. You know, spend the or you don't spend the money, it goes back to the general fund. So, the point of my ordinance, if you're interested -- and this is to make a long story short -- is that I think that we should have greater controls in the sense of transparency and knowing exactly what money we're spending in regards to consultants. I can go into a long detail of certain expenditures, but I think we've had a long day and I don't think we need to go into those details right now. And if it's something that interests you, I look forward to your support.

Vice Mayor Quesada: What item is this?

City Attorney Ramos: This is...

Commissioner Lago: This is Item F-12.

City Attorney Ramos: Item F-12.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: F-12, which we skipped because Commissioner Lago wasn't here.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah. I apologize. I was...

Vice Mayor Quesada: But that was City of Doral?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Lago: And, I'm going to give you an explanation why I wasn't on the dais. I was speaking with...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no.

Commissioner Lago: No, no. With Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart in reference to my TPO meeting on Thursday, so I apologize.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do I hear a motion?

Commissioner Keon: But wait...

Commissioner Lago: Frank wanted to mention...

Commissioner Keon: You want to talk about this.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah. No, that was City of Doral...

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: That you showed.

Commissioner Lago: I mean, you can get as tedious as...

Vice Mayor Quesada: That was awesome.

Commissioner Lago: A \$60 check or you can go all the way up to (INAUDIBLE).

Vice Mayor Quesada: The new transparency site that our IT Department has put together, which is awesome, it doesn't have that much detail, though, does it?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It doesn't go...

Commissioner Lago: No.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Down to that level.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I think it's awesome.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay. (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Keon: You think what is awesome?

Vice Mayor Quesada: The transparency like that.

Commissioner Keon: Of that level?

Vice Mayor Quesada: That (INAUDIBLE) -- yeah.

Commissioner Keon: To that detail? Would you like us to go to that level of detail?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah, I think it should be easy. It should be easy for a resident...

Commissioner Keon: I have no idea.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Right. You know why? Because when you look at our budget...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: It takes a while to get through it; it does. I think it's organized well. I think it's clear. I know we've won awards for doing it, but you've still got to open the pdf and

you -- what I do is, I do Control F, Control Find, looking for certain things. But that's like the next step, you know. That's the next step to have it sort of live and electronic like that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: So, make a motion.

Commissioner Keon: So, maybe they can -- we can ask them to do transparency in greater detail.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah. I think (INAUDIBLE).

Commissioner Keon: We...

Vice Mayor Quesada: I mean, how much interaction -- yeah, he's done a great job, I mean, from where we've been to where we're at. It's (INAUDIBLE), but...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The good news is Doral has actually...

Vice Mayor Quesada: But I guess that's an interplay where...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Called us for it.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Oh, did they?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But from their financial standpoint, we will call them.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: (INAUDIBLE)

Vice Mayor Quesada: Probably -- so, I guess you'll communicate -- you guys will figure it out.

Commissioner Lago: Well, I mean, I think I wrote a memo like two years ago on this and I sent it to you basically saying look at Doral.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I remember. I remember when we (INAUDIBLE) the first time.

Commissioner Lago: Doral is using -- but they were -- they had to do it...

Vice Mayor Quesada: But I've been...

Commissioner Lago: They had to do it for other reasons, because they were in a bit of a crisis.

Vice Mayor Quesada: I didn't realize that they had it to that level of granular detail. That's it; all good.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Love it. What's not to like about it.

Information Technology Director Rodulfo: We will explore it with the current vendor, if they have this level of detail. At the same time, we are working with Finance on the revamp of our ERP system for our core financials. That's the one that Doral uses.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Got it. It's almost like we're uploading our QuickBooks. Essentially, is that -- do you use QuickBooks in the City or no? But you know what I mean, though, right? Yeah.



Information Technology Director Rodulfo: But, we'll look what we can do with the current product and then we will explore also what else.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah, that's awesome.

Finance Director Gomez: So, in our current transparency site, there's a lot of detail on the budget to actual. It doesn't go to the level of each individual check, but it does go to expenditure de -- you know, some detail as to what types of expenditures as well -- on the budget side, as well as the capital side. We have a lot of information on the transparency side, so you don't just have to go to the budget book.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah.

Finance Director Gomez: In the transparency, there is...

Vice Mayor Quesada: You're right. You have that.

Finance Director Gomez: We have that (INAUDIBLE) maybe...we have given the demo.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, but what I think...

Vice Mayor Quesada: You're correct. I forgot about that. You're correct.

Commissioner Lago: But what I think is interesting about this -- and again, obviously, I think give a little bit of a heads up to the Finance Director, so she can view it in the time maybe between first and second reading, if you want, or we can push it off, whatever you like. This is interesting because it shows you by date, so you know what check was written what day. So, you say, okay, today what was written? So, what vendors are owed? Why was there a \$60 check for so-and-so? Why was this paid?

Unidentified Speaker: (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Lago: That's number one, you know. And it's an interesting opportunity, you know, again...

Vice Mayor Quesada: So moved.

City Attorney Ramos: Well, okay, so there's two different...

Commissioner Keon: There's two different issues.

City Attorney Ramos: Conversations.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, there's two con...

City Attorney Ramos: There's the conversation about the transparency portal, and then there's the ordinance that's before you.

Commissioner Lago: And the second part, which I began talking about was the issue of -- there's a lot of other cities -- and we've done our -- we've done some pretty intensive research in regards to what other cities are doing. And we have cities like Coral Springs, Doral, Fort Lauderdale, South Miami; they're ranging in the range of about \$15,000 to \$40,000 for consulting, without having to notify the Commission. And, I'm a believer -- and I hope my colleagues agree with me -- that I like to see the utmost transparency. I like to see a threshold less than \$50,000. I like to see a threshold of \$25,000, where we'd be notified of that expenditure.

Commissioner Keon: Of what? Of any...

Commissioner Lago: Of consultant fees.

Commissioner Keon: By the Manager?

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

City Attorney Ramos: So, the question that I think remains is how would that notification occur? How would the Commission like that notification?

Commissioner Lago: We have all that backup information here, city by city, if you'd like to see it.

Commissioner Keon: Right, but you know...

Commissioner Lago: The City Attorney reviewed it and vetted it. Not only reviewed it, she's more responsible, if anything, for it.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. A motion has been made. Is there a second?

Commissioner Keon: I'll second it.

Commissioner Lago: No, no. Commissioner (INAUDIBLE) please.

Commissioner Keon: (INAUDIBLE) second it, but I'd like to talk about it. You know, I -- so, the Manager retains the ability to use \$50,000 for consultant contracts. It's just if it's over 25, then the Manager has to in some way report it. And, do you want to -- at the Commission meeting and how is it reported? Is it reported...?

Commissioner Lago: Well, what I...

Commissioner Keon: Just in a...

Commissioner Lago: And I'd also like it so that it's not broken up where, you know, a \$100,000 contract can be broken up in 25 and 25 to basically circumvent...

City Attorney Ramos: Well...

Commissioner Lago: The notification.

City Attorney Ramos: That's not permitted anyway under...

Commissioner Lago: No, no, but I'm being clear. I'm being clear.

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: I want to be clear. Okay, what I would like is -- I'm open for a discussion in regards to how...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: We can be notified. We can either be notified through the consent agenda. We can be notified on the agenda. There's different ways. I mean...

Commissioner Keon: Do you want to be notified on the agenda? Can -- I know like Procurement sends out a thing that says what is under the Cone of Silence...

City Attorney Ramos: Some cities -- I'm sorry. Some cities allow it via email, via memo, just so that you know that there's a plethora of...

Commissioner Keon: When -- I think you know that I feel strongly about allowing staff to -- the authority to operate and to fulfill their roles. I think, you know, a \$50,000, you know, approval level for the Manager is appropriate, just as, you know, I wouldn't question Miriam, you know, for attorney's fees that -- when they hire outside attorneys, which, you know, (INAUDIBLE) we have, you know, a very, very large amount of money in outside, you know, counsel fees. And you know, it's -- she's the City Attorney. I trust her judgment. I mean, yes, she has three other in-house attorneys, but we go outside for expertise. You know, if we don't trust her judgment, we should find a new City Attorney. I feel the same way about Walter and their office. They have an expenditure level. I feel the same way about the City Manager. You know, if you just determine that they have an expenditure level, you know, you give them the ability to do that. Now, if you want them to give us a list of vendors, I don't think there's anything wrong with that and I don't care. Semi-annual and you provide it or quarterly you just provide it, so we know what's going on in the City for informational purposes. And if you want that done, I don't need to limit it to 25. I would ask for, you know, all of the consulting contracts we have on a quarterly basis, just so that we're aware of it, because I was really surprised when you brought up the item before and only Frank and I -- Commissioner Quesada and I were aware that we had that contract, yet they did work for -- significant work for the Mayor. So, I was surprised that he wasn't aware of it. But you know, it's the -- you know; if you're not going to trust the Manager, don't trust the Manager. Tell her, I don't trust you. But, you know -- or else give her the authority to do her job or his job or whoever is in that space. And have them report to us on some basis, you know, and it can be quarterly. I don't -- you know, it can be way of memo, you know, what are the continuing contracts we have. But I know I have an item here on the agenda today, you know, dealing with some of these planning contracts and there is -- there's issues that -- you know, those contracts are generally going to go over \$25,000, and I would like to see us be able to move forward with them, because the ones that we have done today have been quite successful and have been very good for the City other than, you know, maybe one that was a

little problematic. But in general, it's been a good thing. So, you know, to me, it's -- you know, I don't want to -- I really am willing to give, you know, a certain amount of freedom, you know, to our staff to be able to do their jobs, and I don't -- that particularly goes to the Manager, who manages this whole city.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: So...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We appreciate...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Wait, let me...

Commissioner Lago: I want to respond.

Commissioner Keon: (INAUDIBLE).

Commissioner Lago: No, I want to respond.

Commissioner Keon: We can do it by way of memo.

Commissioner Lago: What I'd like to do is I'd like to respond to that...

Commissioner Keon: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: Because you know, when I started working with the Manager and the City Attorney to get each one of my colleagues a little bit of discretionary funding, so that they could pay for some of the things that we have to do to get the message out. For example, town halls, whatever it is that we're working on. And we set \$5,000 as the number.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Lago: We put a level of transparency required and oversight and that was the City Attorney. Again, are we telling that they -- do the people not trust us with \$5,000 a year? Well, they trust us with a \$200 million budget.

Commissioner Keon: Well...

Commissioner Lago: But -- no, go ahead.

Commissioner Keon: No, go ahead.

Commissioner Lago: No, no, no, no.

Commissioner Keon: But I think that was new, so I mean, I think, yeah, we (INAUDIBLE)....

Commissioner Lago: But, I mean you're talking about...

Commissioner Keon: Go ahead, go ahead.

Commissioner Lago: Other cities have million-dollar budgets, you know, cities. Cities have million-dollar budgets, 250, 300,000 per Commissioner, per Mayor, certain municipalities do. Again, this is just an issue of there's certain expenditures that were committed here in the City that, in my opinion, I was opposed to. One of them actually resulted in a cancellation of a contract that was my legislation. So, what I would like to see is -- and I can never have enough transparency. So, to me, it's using a program like the ones that I mentioned up there to show individual checks, to show completion numbers, duration, cost, start dates, the actual name, making it simple for the business community and the resident -- you know, residents to

understand whether money's being spent. And number two, why do we want to support, you know an ambiguous approach? Let's be more transparent. So, if we reduce the Manager's expenditure account from \$50,000 per line item to 25, anything with \$25,000, she has to come for Commission approval. I mean, I think that's pretty...

Commissioner Keon: That's not what this says.

Commissioner Lago: I think that's pretty acceptable.

Commissioner Keon: That's...

Commissioner Lago: Or she has to notify the Commission. I'm flexible, as always.

Commissioner Keon: But that's only -- yeah, but...

City Attorney Ramos: Right, so those...

Commissioner Keon: There's a difference between...

Commissioner Lago: I'm flexible.

Commissioner Keon: Notified...

Commissioner Lago: I'm flexible.

Commissioner Keon: And getting permission. That's (INAUDIBLE)...



Commissioner Lago: Well, we have to -- well, by the way, we have to notify -- I have to notify the City Attorney and get her permission when I spend \$30 at, you know, OfficeMax to buy paper for my town hall meeting.

Commissioner Keon: Right.

Commissioner Lago: You're talking about a person -- excuse me one second. You're talking about a person who is elected by the residents of this community, elected, to oversee a \$200 million budget. You're telling me I got to go -- got to go to the City Attorney and say, hi, I'd like to buy this for my next town hall meeting, so that I can get the word out so that I can educate people about some of the great things we're doing in the city. But, I can't ask for a little bit of oversight to...

Commissioner Keon: Well...

Commissioner Lago: The City Manager?

Commissioner Keon: Absolutely, we can.

Commissioner Lago: Okay.

Commissioner Keon: And that's what I'm saying to you. I think the manager of a city of this size and with this budget should have authority up to \$50,000. If you want, you know, her -- if you want that manager to make us aware of the contracts that they have signed or for services -- they really are simply for professional services -- you know, then, on a quarterly basis, you know, send out a report that says it and make it part of the record, or put it on the website. Put it on -- I don't really care. But I don't think, you know -- I think you either -- you know, you hire good people. Until you have reason to not trust them, you trust them. You give them the

authority that they need to do their job. And if they don't, you fire them. You don't just keep chipping away at them. You fire them.

Commissioner Lago: I'm not chipping away at anybody.

Commissioner Keon: So, I think if -- I mean I don't...

Commissioner Lago: If I was chipping away at somebody, when the Manager threatened to leave, I would have told her to leave.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I...

Commissioner Lago: Which I did not.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I would like (INAUDIBLE)...

Commissioner Lago: No, wait, wait, wait. I mean, you're -- because you're -- I don't want to make this personal. This is about transparency. I don't want to make this about the Manager. This is very, very simple.

Commissioner Keon: Let me say this though then.

Commissioner Lago: This is very simple. No, no, but this is very simple. So, then -- I really believe we spent a lot of time working on this. It's very simple. You can either vote it up or you can vote it down. I don't want to get caught up in this back and forth. It's -- the ordinance here - - I will make a motion. If you disagree with it, vote no. If you're happy with where we are right now...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: If you make a motion, I will second it. I think it's a wonderful idea, and I think it makes -- the more transparency, the better it is for us. And if you make a motion, I'll second it because I think it's a wonderful idea.

City Attorney Ramos: I think there was a motion and a second, Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Foeman: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: I seconded the motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, then I won't second it, but...

Commissioner Keon: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: And I just don't want to -- and I don't want to say that -- and I just want to be honest with you. The idea that I'm chipping away at somebody -- I don't -- I'm not chipping away at somebody, because when the Manager before threatened that, you know, she was going to leave, did you see me jump on that opportunity to force her out the door? I did not. I did not. I actually found a way here with Frank and with Ed to find some sort of resolution to move this process forward. What I'm doing here is -- and I've been very kind, because I could start naming the issues that I have with certain contracts that I thought should not -- some expenditures that should not have been made to the tune of a few hundred thousand dollars, but I'm not. I'm refraining from doing that, because I want to be -- I want to take this moment and not make this about anyone. I want to make this about government and transparency; that's it. If you have a difference of opinion, that's why, you know, we can talk about it.

Commissioner Keon: Alright. (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Lago: But, don't make it about -- don't make it about the Manager.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's call the roll.

Commissioner Keon: What I'm asking you is...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Come on. We've discussed this enough.

Commissioner Keon: What I've asked -- what I'm asking of you is that rather than having to come for -- this doesn't say -- it's just to notify us. And, I'm telling you that someone should have the ability to enter into a contract, up to \$50,000, and inform us of what those contracts are.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Commissioner, a motion has been made and...

Commissioner Keon: I'm asking you...

Commissioner Lago: I want to hear...

Commissioner Keon: I'm asking you...

Commissioner Lago: I want to hear Commissioner Keon.

Commissioner Keon: You know, is it -- can it be by memo or does it -- you know, it doesn't limit the ability to go to \$50,000. It -- the issue in this as I read it is that it's a matter of informing us if it's over 25. So, all I'm saying to you is she can -- or the Manager can contract for professional services up to \$50,000 and will make us aware of all contracts over 25. That's what this says.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: Let me...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Wait, wait, wait, wait.

City Attorney Ramos: Yes, and it's at the next scheduled meeting.

Commissioner Keon: (INAUDIBLE) want to do it by...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: The motion has been made and seconded.

Commissioner Keon: No, and I'm sure that you would be...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Well, but we're going over and over and over the same thing.

Commissioner Keon: So, do we...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's finish, please.

Commissioner Keon: So...

Commissioner Mena: I couldn't hear the City Attorney's response.

Commissioner Lago: That's what I wanted to hear, too.

City Attorney Ramos: That at this time -- I was remembering what (INAUDIBLE) -- that at this time it says at the next scheduled City Commission meeting. That's what it says at this time. It could be notification any other way. That's...

Commissioner Keon: That's all I'm asking.

City Attorney Ramos: Your prerogative.

Commissioner Keon: That's what I'm saying to you. Can we do it by memo?

Commissioner Lago: You're going in circles.

Commissioner Keon: But I'm asking...

Commissioner Lago: You're going in circles.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Right, that's the point.

Commissioner Lago: My whole point -- listen, let me explain it to you. Commissioner...

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: I don't know how else to put myself out there. I'm incredibly flexible on these matters. I just want to be -- I just want to be notified on how we're spending money. You would be in the...

Commissioner Keon: I am, too.

Commissioner Lago: You would be upset -- I know you, known you for too long -- if you had pieces of legislation that were cancelled, that were cancelled, and then you have to sit in front of a resident and the resident is the one that's notifying you that that piece of legislation is cancelled. And then I hear from another colleague of mine that, you know, how come you didn't know about that. We all knew about it. You know, and that's a problem. And mistakes are made and I got it. It's okay. And, there are certain other things like we mentioned before that I

was opposed to; investigations and expenditures and things that I don't -- I wouldn't agree with. Now...

Commissioner Keon: Okay. All I'm asking you is for operational purposes...

Commissioner Lago: For efficiency purposes.

Commissioner Keon: Does it have to -- for efficiency purposes, does it have to be placed on an agenda or can it be by memo?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, it has -- the motion has been made and seconded.

Commissioner Keon: I know, and I'm asking him...

Commissioner Lago: How do you feel? Where do you -- how do you feel?

Commissioner Keon: If he will discuss a friendly amendment that says you will quarterly...

Commissioner Mena: As long as we get notice, I don't care how we get it.

Commissioner Keon: That quarterly, you send out a memo listing all of them. I don't care if there are even 25.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, point of order. Hey, point of order. If the motion is defeated, then we will go back to discussing it.

Commissioner Mena: Right now...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll, please?

Commissioner Mena: Right now, it's at the next Commission meeting, right?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll, please?

Commissioner Keon: Okay, but I was asking, as a friendly amendment, that you would allow it to go to -- by -- you know, quarterly, by memo.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you accept the amendment?

Commissioner Lago: Well, if I may add -- hold it. What is the difference between waiting two weeks and waiting a quarter? I mean, you're talking about one month? I don't...

City Attorney Ramos: Can I split the baby?

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, yeah, of course, split it.

City Attorney Ramos: A memo within 30 days.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Do it.

City Attorney Ramos: Not on the agenda, not quarterly.

Commissioner Keon: But, a memo within 30 days does that...

Commissioner Lago: Okay, done. We're moving on besides that. Next thing, really quick...

Commissioner Keon: Okay.



Commissioner Lago: What do you want to do with this?

Commissioner Mena: We have to vote.

Commissioner Lago: I know, I know.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah, we have to vote.

Commissioner Lago: But do you...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: (INAUDIBLE)

Commissioner Lago: No, no, no, but I want to give direction to the Manager. Do you like this or no?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: I think it's great.

Commissioner Lago: Is it worth exploring?

Commissioner Mena: Is it feasible from the IT side? I'm sure it is.

Commissioner Keon: But can we do -- we vote on the item?

Commissioner Lago: Yes, we can.

Vice Mayor Quesada: So, technically, it was my motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you call the roll, please?

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: And I'm asking if you accept...

Vice Mayor Quesada: And my...

Commissioner Keon: A friendly -- that amendment.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Pat, let's call the roll, please.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Wait, wait, wait.

City Clerk Foeman: Commissioner Keon?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: No, no, no. He's calling the roll.

City Attorney Ramos: On which motion?

Commissioner Keon: Which motion?

Vice Mayor Quesada: The motion on the resolution for the 25,000...

Commissioner Keon: As written?

Vice Mayor Quesada: The way it's written is my motion, because it was a point of order and we've got to respect the process and I'm going to keep it the same way.

Commissioner Keon: But in the process, can't I make a friendly amendment?

Vice Mayor Quesada: If it comes back, it comes back on a Second Reading and we can discuss it on Second Reading.

City Attorney Ramos: He's not accepting your friendly amendment.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: He's not accepting your...

Commissioner Keon: He hasn't told me that.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Let's just discuss it on second reading. Let's just discuss it on second reading.

Commissioner Keon: Alright.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, we're in the middle -- will you continue calling the roll, please?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 5-0)

Commissioner Keon: We'll have the opportunity to discuss this on Second Reading.

Commissioner Lago: And I will make a point...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So...

Commissioner Lago: Do you want to have -- excuse me, Mr. Mayor, if I may, very briefly. Do you want to have the Mayor, with Diana, our Finance Director, to see if this is feasible? I don't want to put any more pressure on that team. They have a lot of pressure, but I thought this was very interesting.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I would love to explore it with you.

Commissioner Lago: I thought it was interesting.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I would love to explore it.

Commissioner Lago: I thought it was something interesting.

Commissioner Keon: I think you need to include (INAUDIBLE)...

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yeah, I thought we agreed on that already.

Commissioner Lago: No, I just wanted to make sure...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: I believe there's an issue with our ERP process right now, but if we can do it, we will. And if we can't, we'll explain why and we'll explain when we can.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: But I'm told, from an ERP standpoint, we don't have the capability right now.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Item H-1.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Because it's like (INAUDIBLE).

Vice Mayor Quesada: Okay, thank you.