

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item I-2
October 11, 2016
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

City Staff

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

Public Speaker(s)

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Status report regarding annexation and responses to Commission questions

Mayor Cason: OK. Annexation Report.

City Attorney Leen: So Mr. Mayor this is a status report regarding annexation and responses to Commission questions. With I-2, I'm going to extend this to the next meeting, because I'll give you a brief update and then explain to you why. On Thursday there was going to be a Town Hall meeting set up by Commissioner Sosa in Little Gables in which she was going to talk to the residents, and then she was going to send out a survey, and she had invited the City Manager and I to attend. She was then going to send out a survey and what would happen is, if a majority, in her view, based on the survey, if a majority of the residents supported annexation she would then support us in going forward with annexation of both Little Gables and High Pines-Ponce Davis. In the alternative, if a majority seems to not be in support of it, then she would allow us to go forward with the annexation of High Pines and Ponce Davis and not go forward with Little Gables, and she would support that. Because remember, in the past Commissioner Sosa and

County Commission, is my understanding has taken the position that if you are going to annex High Pines-Ponce Davis, we would also have to annex Little Gables; and I want to be very clear, the City Commission, at least based on its prior votes and the City staff's position has been at this point that we welcome both, that we are looking at both. In fact, we'd be willing to annex either, but out of respect for Commissioner Sosa, we wanted to make sure she was supported. Now the reason why I said that was set is, because she just informed me this morning, I received a text that, because of the Hurricane and some other things related to it, the logistics of the matter, she is going to be moving that to a future date, and that was what I was going to talk to you about today, but what I think is better is, City staff has been working on annexation along with Henry Iler and Craig Collard, our consultants. We are preparing a fact sheet that's going to be presented to the residents of Little Gables and High Pines-Ponce Davis regarding annexation, that's being finalized. Peter Iglesias is very involved in that, as have I, its going to go to the City Manager for her review, we'll send copies to you as well so you can take a look at it; and then that's what's going to be handed out, that's not quite ready yet though. So, what I would ask is that maybe at the next meeting we can come back and talk about that. Madam Manager, do you have anything to add?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No. We are very supportive of the concept of both Little Gables and High Pines and we look forward to meeting with the residents of both of those areas.