

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G – Boards and Committees Appointments
July 7, 2015
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)

Agenda Item G [9:27:22 a.m.]

Mayor Cason: Regarding Board appointments, the City Clerk has distributed to us earlier the Master Boards and Committee worksheet, which is a compilation of all the Board nominations updated as of June 30th. The Clerk has informed me that he has not received any requests from the Commission to pull any of the names from the Master Board List, to be further considered for discussion and review, other than those which we'll get to later that require a four-fifths residential waiver or those nominees that request an extension of length of service.

City Clerk Foeman: Mr. Mayor can I just add, we've had two requests in addition to that...

Mayor Cason: OK.

City Clerk Foeman:....to two Boards; one that has a three year term that's the Code Enforcement Board, and also the Health Facilities Board, which has a four year term, so those requests were made by Commissioners Slesnick and Lago.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor, Melinda Coleson needs a separate vote because she recently moved out of the City that was a request by Commissioner Keon who is the nominating Commissioner. So she should be the waiver that's heard first right before G-1.

Mayor Cason: OK. And who is the other nominee?

Commissioner Lago: Mayor, if I may, I have two appointments that I'm interested in making that I forgot, I apologize. One would be Meg Daley to the Green Task Force and the second individual would be a Board Appointment As-A-Whole for the Code Enforcement Board. He currently serves as Commissioner Kerdyk's, Vice Mayor Kerdyk's appointment, his name is Andy Murai, he would like to come in and continue his final two years of service and be the Board Appointment As-A-Whole.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Commissioner Keon: I'd like to support Andy Murai completing his term, but I'd also like to condition that when his two years are up that he is up. He has served on the Board for a very long time and he has served as Chairman, and he has given a great deal to the Board and he's been a very good member of that Board, but I would support him so that he could finish out the three year term that he has been appointed to, but at the end of that time he would no longer serve and someone else...would that be alright?

Commissioner Lago: I'm perfectly fine with that.

Mayor Cason: OK.

Commissioner Lago: In reference to Meg Daley, I'd be appointing her to the Green Task Force.

Mayor Cason: We'll add those names and if anybody does not want to pull those, have a motion to approve the list, including your conditions and your names and Commissioner Slesnick's.

Commissioner Keon: Is this the time to add someone as a Board appointment in general?

Mayor Cason: Yes.

Commissioner Keon: I'd also – I'd like to appoint Jeff Sullivan to the Anti-Crime, as my appointment to the Anti-Crime Board. His resume was included with the packet that you provided us with, Mr. City Clerk that you have that information.

City Clerk Foeman: Yes, we have it.

Commissioner Keon: He was also the Pastor that gave the remarks this morning and he would really like to serve on a City Board, so I'd like to make that appointment as well.

Mayor Cason: OK. So if there are no disagreements regarding the names that have been proffered on the original list, I will instruct the City Clerk to accept the names for recording and entertain a motion and a second to do so by unanimous consent upon assignment of a resolution number which will be memorialized on the marked-up agenda by the Clerk following the meeting and distributed to the Commission.

City Clerk Foeman: Mr. Mayor before you make your vote, I just wanted to also add Commissioner Slesnick had given the name of Gray Blackburn, also to the Code Enforcement Board as her appointee.

Mayor Cason: OK. Do I have a motion?

Commissioner Lago: I'll make the motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion; a second?

Commissioner Slesnick: Also I have somebody for the hospital, for the Health Facilities, Walter.

City Clerk Foeman: That is correct. You had Judy Rosenbaum.

Commissioner Slesnick: Judy Rosenbaum.

City Attorney Leen: Is the motion still going to be made with the addition?

Commissioner Lago: Yes, with the addition.

Mayor Cason: Second?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Question. Commissioner Keon, Mr. Sullivan is a Coral Gables resident?

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: And Ms. Rosenbaum?

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes.

Vice Mayor Quesada: OK. I'll second.

Mayor Cason: Vice Mayor seconds.

City Clerk

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Cason: We'll have the opportunity at the next meeting on August 26th for any other names you want to bring forward. I think there are probably a few vacancies still.

Vice Mayor Quesada: Well really we can bring it up at any meeting. We should have them all the sooner the better.

Mayor Cason: The meetings will start after the summer, I think, so we can get the names by the 26th.

City Attorney Leen: Mr. Mayor before we go to G-1, I just want to make sure we don't forget Melinda Coleson, I need a separate vote. Could you briefly explain why Commissioner Keon, if its OK...

Commissioner Keon: I had appointed her and she was a resident of the City of Coral Gables, she had been a very long time resident of the City of Coral Gables. She moved to High Pines very recently, I'd like to let her continue to serve on the Emergency Management Board. I've only appointed four people, so I'm just leaving the ones that I have in place.

Mayor Cason: OK. Do we have a motion?

Commissioner Lago: I'll make a motion.

Mayor Cason: Commissioner Lago makes the motion. Second?

Vice Mayor Quesada: Second.

City Attorney Leen: It's a four-fifths waiver vote.

Mayor Cason: Yes.

City Clerk

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 9:33:03 a.m.]