

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-4
November 10, 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 H-4 [Start: 3:34:13 p.m.]

A Resolution directing the City Manager and City Staff to undertake a study of the possible annexation to the City of Coral Gables of the areas known as “Little Gables,” “Ponce-Davis,” and “High Pines” and provide a report to the City Commission.

Mayor Cason: H-4.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: So Mr. Mayor we are seeking formal approval to commence a study on annexation for two areas, one Little Gables, which is bounded south at 8th Street, north of Mendoza, west of Salcedo, and east of Cortez; and the second area which is called High Pines, but also includes Davis-Ponce, which has a western boundary of Red Road, a northern boundary of Sunset, an eastern boundary of Irwin Road, and a southern boundary of North Kendall Drive. This is a study that we would bring back to you, we would be looking at what the

impact would be on Parks, Fire, Police, Public Works, Planning and Zoning, Building, and Finance, and we would also meet with the areas that would be affected by it and we would come to you with a recommendation as to how to handle this annexation question, which has been hovering for quite some time.

Mayor Cason: Are we the only City that sort of entertains to have these two?- don't we have competition?

Commissioner Keon: But it's by vote of the people within those – I don't know. I think they are the only ones that voted before was High Pines and they voted to join the City. I think that was the formal one at one time. I don't think Ponce-Davis ever got to the point where they could vote and I don't think Little Gables was ever given the opportunity to vote, so we can start that discussion and then do it.

Commissioner Slesnick: Ponce-Davis was very close but then High Pines wanted in at the same time and the county didn't want to release High Pines.

Commissioner Keon: Right – right.

Mayor Cason: So this was a study...

Commissioner Lago: Sounds great. I'm in favor.

Mayor Cason: Do we have a motion.

Commissioner Keon: Yes.

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

Commissioner Slesnick: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Vice Mayor Quesada: Yes

Mayor Cason: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 3:36:06 p.m.]