

**City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting**  
**Agenda Item I-4**  
**March 28, 2023**  
**City Commission Chambers**  
**405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL**

**City Commission**

**Mayor Vince Lago**

**Vice Mayor Michael Mena**

**Commissioner Rhonda Anderson**

**Commissioner James Cason**

**Commissioner Kirk Menendez**

**City Staff**

**City Attorney, Cristina Suárez**

**City Manager, Peter Iglesias**

**City Clerk, Billy Urquia**

**Public Speaker(s)**

**Maria Cruz**

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Agenda Item I-4 [2:16 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for Project Victory, a program that assists young adults with disabilities by providing work skills and employment training within the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago: Moving onto I-4. We already passed that, right.

City Attorney Suarez: No, we have not done this one yet, Mayor.

Mayor Lago: Okay.

City Attorney Suarez: I-4 is a Resolution of the City Commission authorizing the City Manager to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, for Project Victory, a program that assists young adults with disabilities by providing work skills and employment training within the City of Coral Gables.

Mayor Lago: I love it.

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Commissioner Anderson: I thought we already did it.

City Attorney Suarez: We adopted the principles of inclusion, but we haven't approved this.

Deputy City Attorney Throckmorton: This item renews the program for an additional year.

City Manager Iglesias: It's a program extension.

Mayor Lago: So, do we have a motion?

Commissioner Anderson: I'll move it.

Commissioner Menendez: Second.

Mayor Lago: Do we have any public comment, Mr. Clerk?

City Clerk Urquia: Yes, I do, Ms. Maria Cruz.

Mayor Lago: Ms. Cruz.

Ms. Cruz: Alright, this is another good one. Twenty-sum years ago, when I was still teaching, oh, Maria Cruz, 1447 Miller Road. I don't want to be accused of not giving my information. Like I said, twenty-sum years ago when I was a schoolteacher, we had Project Victory. We had kids that were transported from Beach High, before lunch I think, because they had lunch, at Mercy Hospital. They went from the school to work at Mercy, exactly what you all do now. I did not know whether they did it for government, but I think this is fantastic. This is a wonderful idea and I really think that if we just started it, we are a little behind the times, but it's very good. Okay.

Mayor Lago: Madam City Attorney, we're not just starting this now, we've actually been doing this for some time.

City Attorney Suarez: I believe this will be our second year, yes.

Mayor Lago: So, just to clarify the record. Are there any other further comments?

City Clerk Urquia: No sir.

Mayor Lago: Alright. Perfect. I'll entertain a motion.

City Clerk Urquia: I have a motion, Mr. Mayor.

Vice Mayor Mena: Yes  
Commissioner Menendez: Yes  
Commissioner Anderson: Yes  
Commissioner Cason: Yes  
Mayor Lago: Yes  
(Vote: 5-0)