

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item G-2
May 28, 2019
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Vince Lago
Commissioner Jorge Fors, Jr.
Commissioner Pat Keon
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item G-2 [12:01:55 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, directing the City Manager and City Attorney to request “Ball Park” estimates to underground all power and utility lines throughout the entire City from Florida Power and Light and other applicable utilities and present said estimates to the City Commission once they are obtained. (Sponsored by Vice Mayor Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Next item is Resolution getting ball park estimates to underground power and utility lines – Commissioner Lago.

Vice Mayor Lago: This is just a brief...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And you’ve got this presentation about FPL.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes. Yes, I did. I got that – we got that at the workshop that we had for about two hours the other day. I know that that was provided to the entire Commission and I hopefully its been put online, because I’d love to make sure that everybody who wasn’t able to attend the meeting. What the purpose of this resolution is, first of all, I want to say thank you to staff, the

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City Manager, our City Attorney, our consultants. They did a wonderful job in putting together a pretty detailed presentation of the steps moving forward in regard to undergrounding of our FPL lines. I think this is something that we've been talking about for years. Again, we don't have a hurricane we forget, but the moment that we do, we harken back to saying, I wish we would have done that when this became an issue. The purpose of this resolution is simple. I just want a commitment from the Commission to have staff not spend money, but move in a direction when we can get a very simple "ball park" estimate from our consultants or maybe we have to potentially look at a specialty contract or utility contract and have them give us some numbers and ideas of what the cost would be. Once that "ball park" number would come back to the Commission, after the summer, be very clear so we can have public input before this Commission makes any decisions about possibly going out to actually solidifying that price, which would, correct me if I'm wrong, Mr. City Manager we are looking at a number between \$500 to \$1 million dollars, we need to come up with a firm number.

City Manager Iglesias: Vice Mayor, FPL can come up with a "ball park" number, which tends to be an upper number and they will do so at no cost.

Vice Mayor Lago: What I was saying is the next step, in the summer, we believe that the "ball park" number is something that we want to move forward. We have to actually...

City Attorney Ramos: Its approximately one million dollars, about ten percent.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And FPL's number is probably very, very high.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes. So that would be something that would come to the Commission in September. The Commission would ratify, well, we should take the next step in spending that million dollars to secure if that number is correct.

City Manager Iglesias: That number would be a good number from FPL, its about one percent of the construction cost. So, it could be about one to two million dollars, somewhere in there. And what that would do is, is that would solidify that ball park number for 180 days.

Vice Mayor Lago: The whole point here is, the purpose of this resolution is let's get a ball park, and let's present it in September before the Commission so that the residents and the business owners can have their say.

City Attorney Ramos: And Vice Mayor this ball park will also include undergrounding, the other two, the phone and cables, since they would all go together.

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes. Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. OK.

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City Manager Iglesias: Have to underground all facilities because we would be moving the pole lines.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Will you make a motion?

Vice Mayor Lago: So moved.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Second?

Commissioner Mena: Second.

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

Vice Mayor Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Fors: Yes

Commissioner Keon: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

[End: 12:05:00 p.m.]