

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item H-1
February 13, 2018
City Commission Chambers
405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Raul Valdes-Fauli
Vice Mayor Pat Keon
Commissioner Vince Lago
Commissioner Frank Quesada
Commissioner Michael Mena

City Staff

City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
Assistant City Manager, Peter Iglesias
City Attorney, Miriam Ramos
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

Agenda Item H-1 [4:02 p.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida, establishing a Blue Ribbon Committee to review, analyze, and provide recommendations to the City Commission based on the recent experiences with Hurricane Irma and on the City of Coral Gables' current level of preparedness for future natural disasters.

(Sponsored by Commissioner Lago)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay, the next item is a resolution of the City of Coral Gables establishing a Blue Ribbon Committee. Commissioner Lago, I think it's met once and it's very successful.

Commissioner Lago: Yes. Which one are you on?

Commissioner Mena: H-1.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: H-1, I'm sorry.

Commissioner Mena: Page 10.

Vice Mayor Keon: Page 10.

Commissioner Lago: I don't have it. I have the old agenda. I apologize.

Vice Mayor Keon: Here.

Commissioner Lago: Thank you. No, no. I think it went well. My understanding is that the individuals that all of you appointed are excited.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: They're really looking forward to serve. I think we're going to get some good positive feedback. I just had a request for the Manager. And, that was I want to see -- because the Charter review was such a fruitful endeavor, which is obviously headed by our esteemed Mayor here -- that I would like to see if we can potentially treat it in the same fashion where, you know, it's in the Sunshine. Obviously, there's -- it's recorded and that we can put it online, so people can see it.

City Attorney Ramos: It's definitely in the Sunshine, sir.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

City Attorney Ramos: As far as putting it online, we would have to move the location, I think.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think it would be great.

Commissioner Lago: I mean, just so people can see it, because I've had people tell me, hey, listen, when are you going to meet. And I said, you...

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: We tape-recorded it.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Which we're happy to make a copy for you. We didn't have a television camera in the...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Can we transmit it? No?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It was in 427.

Commissioner Lago: Okay. We'll have our second meeting -- can we have our second meeting -- maybe they can have it here.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: I'd love to have it here on the dais. Does anybody object to that or no?

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I think it'd be great.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: It was a great -- it's a great committee. I'm not sure they want to hear any more about debris. They heard about it for about an hour and a half.

Commissioner Lago: Well, we're moving from debris. We're moving on to the future, so...

Commissioner Mena: I like the idea. I just -- I'm just thinking through...

Commissioner Lago: You don't want anybody to sit in your chair?

Commissioner Mena: No. Please, they could they have -- I think we just need to be wary of some of the items they're discussing might be, you know...

City Attorney Ramos: I mean, it's open...

Commissioner Mena: I don't know.

City Attorney Ramos: To the public.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah.

City Attorney Ramos: People certainly can attend.

Commissioner Mena: Sure.

City Attorney Ramos: Obviously, it's easier, if it's televised, to attend than...

Commissioner Mena: Right.

City Attorney Ramos: If you have to come here.

Commissioner Mena: Yeah. I just want to be...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Mena: As transparent as possible.

Commissioner Lago: Does anybody...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I like it.

Commissioner Lago: I'll make a motion.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: And it's very instructive.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: You don't need to do so.

City Attorney Ramos: I just have one question regarding the composition. Right now, it's eight members.

Commissioner Lago: Yes. That's a good point.

City Attorney Ramos: And so the only question is, do you -- there was a discussion about a ninth Commission at-large versus leaving it at eight.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's leave it at eight. I mean, everybody has...

Commissioner Lago: Fine...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Let's leave it at eight.

Commissioner Lago: Let's leave it at eight.

City Attorney Ramos: Very well.

Commissioner Lago: So, we don't need to give -- the Commission doesn't need to give direction formally?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: No. We'll just change the location.

Commissioner Lago: So, we'll have it here in the chamber and...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yeah.

Commissioner Lago: We'll televise it.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Yeah.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: Is it -- Wednesday -- it's not Thursday, so it doesn't conflict with Board of Architects. I think that they'll be a non-conflict, or we'll pick a different date.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Pick a different date, yeah.

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: The next meeting is March 7.

Commissioner Lago: Yeah, perfect.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

Commissioner Lago: Perfect.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright. The next item is...

City Attorney Ramos: Wait. I need a motion...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: J-1.

City Attorney Ramos: On the resolution.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Why?

City Manager Swanson-Rivenbark: On her resolution.

City Attorney Ramos: On the resolution creating it. I need a motion.

Vice Mayor Keon: Oh.

Commissioner Lago: So move.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Vice Mayor Keon: Call the roll.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: All those in favor?

Commissioner Lago: Yes.

Commissioner Mena: Yes.

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes.

(Vote: 4-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I thought this was an update. Why do we need a resolution?

Commissioner Mena: No.

City Attorney Ramos: There was never a resolution creating the actual...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Oh, okay.

City Attorney Ramos: Committee. There was a vote, but not a resolution. So, this is just a...

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Okay.

City Attorney Ramos: Ratification.