

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting
Agenda Item C-3
July 11, 2017
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

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City Manager, Cathy Swanson-Rivenbark
City Attorney, Craig E. Leen
City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman
Deputy City Clerk, Billy Urquia
Assistant City Attorney, Stephanie Throckmorton
Sustainable Specialist, Matt Anderson

Public Speaker(s)

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Mayor's Comment

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida in support of establishing a goal of 100 percent clean, renewable energy in the City of Coral Gables and across the United States. (Sponsored by Mayor Valdes-Fauli)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: I would like to finish my comments and remarks that I started at 9 a.m. today. It's a Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, Florida in support of establishing a goal of 100 percent clean, renewable energy in the City of Coral Gables and across the United States.

Assistant City Attorney Throckmorton: Good morning. This is a resolution that the Mayor has proposed along with his attendance at the Resiliency Conference that he mentioned earlier, this is a related item. This has to do with the U.S. Conference of Mayors met at the City of Miami Beach to discuss 100 percent renewable energy goals by 2035. The Mayor has proposed a

resolution that sets that same goal without that same limit, sort of in line with the Sierra Club, Mayors for 100 Project, and I'll let Matt Anderson our Sustainability Specialist discuss it further.

Mr. Anderson: Thank you Stephanie. Matt Anderson, Sustainability Specialist with the City of Coral Gables. Yes, this is aligning with a lot of what other cities are doing around the country supporting clean renewable energy. We as a City have been doing a lot; we've waived City permit fees for Solar PV installations, when you've implemented LEED green building, we've done a number of sustainable initiatives and have become a leader, not only in South Florida, but around the country on sustainability and this aligns with that. A number of other cities around the country, even locally have done the same 100 percent renewable energy pledges, including Miami Beach, Orlando, Palmetto Bay, South Miami, and some of our neighboring cities as well, and we think this is another step in the right direction when it comes to supporting and promoting clean renewable energy, which I know two of our Commissioners have on their houses themselves promoting that as well, so this aligns along with that.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Is there any discussion?- Motion?

Commissioner Quesada: So moved.

Commissioner Mena: Second.

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Alright, it's been moved and seconded. If there is no discussion will you call the roll please?

Vice Mayor Keon: Yes

Commissioner Lago: Yes

Commissioner Mena: Yes

Commissioner Quesada: Yes

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Yes

(Vote: 5-0)

Mayor Valdes-Fauli: Thank you very much.

[End: 11:10:18 a.m.]