

City of Coral Gables City Commission Meeting

Agenda Item H-1

May 27, 2008

City Commission Chambers

405 Biltmore Way, Coral Gables, FL

City Commission

Mayor Donald D. Slesnick, II

Vice Mayor William H. Kerdyk, Jr.

Commissioner Maria Anderson

Commissioner Rafael “Ralph” Cabrera, Jr.

Commissioner Wayne “Chip” Withers

City Staff

City Manager, David Brown

City Attorney, Elizabeth Hernandez

City Clerk, Walter J. Foeman

City Clerk Staff, Billy Urquia

Public Speaker(s)

James Crosland, Attorney

H-1 [Start: 11:05:20 a.m.]

A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Coral Gables, declaring the City’s intent to participate in the Florida Retirement System for elected officials, effective on or about October 1, 2008; providing that all elected officials hired by the City on or after the effective date of the City’s participation in the Florida Retirement System shall become members of the Florida Retirement System; providing that all elected officials who are participating in another City Retirement Plan on the effective date of the City’s participation in the Florida Retirement System shall have the right to elect to continue participating in such plan or transfer to the Florida Retirement System; providing for the City’s purchase of past service credit under the Florida Retirement System for eligible employees; authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with the Florida Division of Retirement to accomplish the intent of this resolution; providing for withholding social security contributions from employees’ pay; providing for payment of required Florida Retirement System contributions by the City; providing for the establishment, maintenance and submission of such records as may be required for participation in the Florida Retirement System; providing that the City’s decision to participate in the Florida Retirement System shall be irrevocable; providing for repeal of all ordinances and resolutions in conflict; providing for severability; and providing an effective date.

Commissioner Anderson: I have a question, if we pass this, and I don’t have any problems passing it, but if I wanted to opt out of that, I don’t currently participate in the program as it stands, we pass this?- I can opt out via this?

City Manager Brown: Yes you can.

Commissioner Anderson: That's all I wanted to know, if I have the right to do that.

City Manager Brown: I'm going to ask Mr. Crosland to come to the podium, but what this does, it provides for the City Commission to now make an individual election; and we are going to come up with a form that's uniform for everybody, that will allow the Commissioners individually to stay in or opt out of the Coral Gables Retirement Plan into the Florida Retirement System – Mr. Crosland.

Mr. Crosland: The answer Mr. Brown gave is correct, and the rules I believe – I'm sorry, the answer Mr. Brown gave is correct, and the FOS rules I believe, provide that once the plan goes into effect – the FOS goes into effect, the individuals have a six month period to opt out.

Commissioner Anderson: Perfect.

City Manager Brown: Now, just one more piece of information, what this does do is any further elected officials do not have an opt out requirement, the new elected officials would automatically go to the Florida Retirement System.

Mayor Slesnick: Thank you Mr. Crosland.

Mr. Crosland: Thank you.

Mayor Slesnick: Do I have a motion?

Commissioner Cabrera: So moved.

Mayor Slesnick: Moved by Mr. Cabrera; second?

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: I'll second.

Mayor Slesnick: Seconded by Mr. Kerdyk; any further discussion?

Mr. Clerk

Commissioner Withers: Yes

Commissioner Anderson: Yes

Commissioner Cabrera: Yes

Vice Mayor Kerdyk: Yes

Mayor Slesnick: Yes

(Vote 5-0)

Mayor Slesnick: Thank you.

[End: 11:08:19 a.m.]